

Ladies Bible Study: ***Sweeter than Chocolate! Mindset Learning and Living the Will of God*** (An Inductive Study of Romans 7 by Pam Gillaspie). **Tuesday evenings at 7:00**, in FCC's Café Conference Room.



Annual Camping Trip: October 7 - 10, at Veteran's State Park in Cordele. Reserve your campsite on-line at <http://www.gastateparks.org/info/georgiavet/> or call 1-800-459-1230.

Annual Fish Fry: Sat., October 8, at 5:00 p.m. Plan on coming to Veteran's State Park in Cordele and enjoy the food and fellowship! We look forward to spending time with you on this fun-filled event!!



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Weekly at FCC:

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service & nursery
10:25 a.m. Junior Church, 1st - 5th Graders

Tuesdays

7:00 p.m. Ladies Bible study (Conference room)

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)



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First Christian Highlights
JULY 2011

"Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others"

Dear Church Family,

I get a "daily thought" sent to me from Real Simple each day: some good, others better; and there are some worth passing along. This week I received this one: ***"We have to work to be good people... goodness always involves the choice to be good."***— Liv Ullman. She is right. Doing good requires a choice on our part. During the month of July, I want to challenge you to be a good person: work at it.



When tempted to act otherwise, just remember: the Holy Spirit is working in you to bring about some real good qualities. (***"But the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."*** Galatians 5:22-23). Now, try to be good!

Sermon ideas. Several of you suggested topics for sermons in July. Some of the suggestions will be combined and others will stand alone. On July 17, *Families and Children*; July 24, *Good Samaritan – doing the right thing*; July 31, *Thoughts from the Apostle Paul*; and on September 11, *Guilt* (this one was already scheduled).

AUGUST IS FIRST FAMILY MONTH.

This is when the First Family gathers together once again from summer vacations and travel. I have a series of sermons especially designed for the family, and I am looking forward to our time together in August. Make plans to be with us every Sunday in August.



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Thank you. The office complex you built is simply wonderful. A few weeks ago I walked out of the office into the Connection Café and a sense of “gratitude” came over me. I am truly grateful for the wonderful environment you have created for the staff. Thank you once again.

Pastor Ron

Wednesday Night Activities

REMINDER: **Wednesday Night Activities** were stopped for June and July to accommodate summer vacations and give those who serve on Wednesday nights a small break. This includes youth group Bible studies, adult Bible studies, and our dinners (*Worship Team rehearsals will continue as usual throughout the summer*). We will resume our normal Wednesday night activities in August. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Rob Shawhan or Lee Dunbar.

Ladies, we would like to start having a **Monthly Ladies Lunch**. The first lunch is planned for *Olde Time Buffet* in Warner Robins on July 13, at 12:00 noon. If you would like to join us, please contact: Corrinne Van Etten at 987-9385.

One Harvest Ministries is a ministry (*similar to Angel Food Ministries*) that provides quality food products, in bulk at an affordable price, to feed your own household or donate to less fortunate households. If you would like to purchase food from One Harvest, contact Chelle Hollon at (478) 287-5035, or check out their website (www.oneharvest.com).



FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 7/3 - Charles, Susan, Elizabeth, Harold, Kayleigh, Kastina, Lee, and Linda
7/10 - Phil, Amanda, Allan, Lynn, Margaret, Kelly, Johnny, and Tara
7/17 - Phil, Krystal, Veronica, Samantha, Kendall, Pat, Ken, and Cheryl
7/24 - David, Robin, Dalton, Virginia, Ann, Brenda, Allen, and Jeanne
7/31 - David, Dalton, Marlene, Kayleigh, Robin, Kastina, Lee, and Linda

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

- 7/3 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie
7/10 - Diane B., Donna, Leigh
7/17 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER
7/24 - VOLUNTEER, Kathryn, Cheryl
7/31 - Linda, Angela B., VOLUNTEER

CONNECTION CAFE SCHEDULE:

- 7/3 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: Brian A & Pat P; Sh3: Jen & Griff C
7/10 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: James C & Samantha S; Sh3: Bryan & Twyla S
7/17 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: Cheri R & Virginia S; Sh3: Robert & Belinda M
7/24 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: Pat P & Elizabeth C; Sh3: Jen & Griff C
7/31 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: Virginia S, Amanda, & Allan L; Sh3: Tonya H, Amanda, & Allan L

Literature & Latte Monday, July 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m. Connection Cafe

Ladies, we hope you will join us as we discuss the book, Almost Heaven, by Chris Fabry! For more information, contact Tonya Hipps, at 987-2626.

Independence Day is Monday, July 4...



In 1775, people in New England began fighting the British for their independence. On July 2, 1776, the Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence was published two days later on July 4, 1776. The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence was on July 8, 1776. Delegates began to sign the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776. In 1870, Independence Day was made an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1941, it became a paid holiday for them.

The first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations" throughout the United States. However, the term "Independence Day" was not used until 1791.

Interestingly, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on July 4, 1826 - exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration. It is also important to note that Native Americans lived in the country and each tribe had its own nation and government prior to the European settlers.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!