



ANGEL FOOD: Orders for the month of Mar. will be taken through Sunday, Mar. 13. Delivery will be on Mar. 19, 11:30 a.m. - noon.

Menus are available in the church foyer and on-line at www.angelfoodministries.com. For more information, contact Nancy Bartlett at (478) 224-3467, nancyb@comsouth.net, or ncy@firstchristian.net.

It's M & M's Time Again! You can show your support for our youth group and Christ-In-Youth by eating M & M's! That's right! FCC provides you with M & M's (in tubes) and you get to eat the good stuff. Then, we ask you to fill the empty tubes with money (each tube holds \$22 in quarters) and bring the money-filled tubes back to FCC. All proceeds go to help fund this summer's Christ-In-Youth Conference.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR MARCH:

- Mar. 2 - Sloppy Joes, French fries, salad, & dessert
- Mar. 9 - Spaghetti Pie, garlic bread, salad, & dessert
- Mar. 16 - Chicken Alfredo, egg noodles, green beans, bread, & dessert
- Mar. 23 - Spiral Ham, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, bread, & dessert
- Mar. 30 - Baked Potato Bar, salad, & dessert

Ladies, start reading now! The next **Literature & Latte** will be **Thursday, April 14th**. The selection is entitled **And the Shofar Blew**, by Francine Rivers.

In the Old Testament, God called his people to action with the blast of the shofar, a ram's horn. In this novel, dynamic young preacher Paul Hudson is committed to building his church—but at what cost? As Paul and those around him struggle to discern what it truly means to live out their faith, they must ultimately choose between their own will or God's plan. *For more information, contact Tonya Hipps at 987-2626.*

Weekly at FCC:

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service and nursery
- 10:25 a.m. Junior Church, 1st - 5th Graders
- 4:30 p.m. Palm Sunday musical rehearsal

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 6:45 p.m. New Testament Survey
- 6:45 p.m. Youth classes (*Youth Ctr.*)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult study (*nursery in Worship Ctr.*)



Ministry Staff

- Ron Nolen, *Pastor*
- Kevin Adkins, *Minister of Worship & Connections*
- Rob Shawhan, *Youth Minister*

Office Hours:

- Monday-Thursday.....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday.....8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

**The Final Chapter
 in the**

Youth Center Renovation



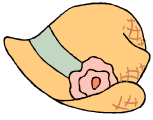
I am pleased to announce that after over 7 months of hard work by many faithful volunteers, the Youth Center remodel is finally coming to a close. As this newsletter is being put together the final few finishing touches are being put into what has turned out to be a great project. We now have more classrooms than we had before and windows everywhere to help us keep an eye on all of the students during events and such. I must say that it looks awesome and should remain that way for a long time. Now that it is finished we have some really exciting things coming up in the way of fun events and fundraisers.

I wanted to recognize the people who have helped make this happen. Please forgive me if I unintentionally leave anyone out. When you see them please help me thank the following people for their hard work: Judy Dalton, Billy Gray, Brian Hipps, Larry Holten, Lynn McCall, Glenn and Jeanie Roberts, Carl Vogt, and all of the volunteers who came out on the Saturday work days and other days to help out.



We will have a **Youth Center Open House on Sunday, March 6th**, right after worship (complete with drinks and snacks), and we invite all of you to come and view the finished product and see the wonderful job that has been done.

In Christ Alone,
Rob Shawhan



Ladies—

You're probably familiar with the story of Moses and Pharaoh, but you may not have realized that the root of his problem was the temptation of seeking approval. Hebrews 11: 24-28 gives us Moses' life in a nutshell. Not only can we see his actions, but we also see the motivation behind them.

Verse 24-25 tell us that Moses refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter because he chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. Would you rather be mistreated as a Christian or enjoy the temporary pleasures of sin? When your friends, family, or neighbors are doing something you know is unwise or sinful, what will you do – risk being criticized or join in the fun?

Verse 26 says he regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt because he was looking ahead to his reward. If your focus is on your eternal reward, then the criticism of a few friends or the feeling of exclusion you'll experience temporarily may be painful, but not worth giving up the reward of eternal life in heaven with God.

There may be times when standing up for what's right causes anger from others. What should be the response then? In Moses' situation, he did not fear the anger of the king because he saw the approval of Him who is invisible. So, which do you see – your peers' response or God's response? Which will you choose to focus on?

If your focus is on God most of the time, you will be more likely to obey Him no matter the circumstance. If it is on those around you or on short-term gains, you may have a harder time being unconditionally obedient. How do you shift your focus? Moses' focus was on God because he saw Him. We can see God in Scripture, in worship, and in prayer. The more you see God, the more you will be aware of His response to your actions and the more likely you will be to make the right choices. Look for God this month and watch how it changes your life!

Jennifer Pierce

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 3/6 - Charles, Veronica, Samantha, Susan, Virginia, Kelly, Allen, and Jeanne
- 3/13 - Charles, Susan, Ann, Marlene, Jimmy, Brenda, Lee, and Linda
- 3/20 - Phil, Elizabeth, Harold, Kayleigh, Lynn, Kastina, Johnny, and Tara
- 3/27 - Phil, Margaret, Kendall, Amanda, Allan, Pat, Ken, and Cheryl

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

- 3/2 - Lisa A.
- 3/6 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie
- 3/9 - Jeanne E.
- 3/13 - Diane B., Donna, Leigh
- 3/16 - Angela B.
- 3/20 - Nina, Kastina, Brandy
- 3/23 - Brandy
- 3/27 - VOLUNTEER, Kathryn, Cheryl
- 3/30 - Brandy

CONNECTION CAFE SCHEDULE:

- 3/6 - sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; sh2: Brian A, Mike & Mary K; sh3: Jen & Griff C
- 3/13 - sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; sh2: Elizabeth C & Nina C; sh3: Robert & Belinda M
- 3/20 - sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; sh2: James C & Samantha S; sh3: Bryan & Twyla S
- 3/27 - sh1: Steven K & Virginia S; sh2: Virginia S & Brenda S; sh3: Virginia S & Tonya H

Take a walk back with us* to the 1960's and help solve **"Who Dun It?" at the Dixie Diner**
(Located in the Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 12, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10 per couple / Dress: 1960's apparel

Some of you will be investigated and others will be investigators in the mystery.

(Babysitting available upon request at \$10 per family, payable to FCC Youth Ministry.)

(Sponsored by FCC's Marriage Ministry)

Homebuilder's class is starting a brand new study and they wanted to make you aware of it! Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical solutions?

God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. The answer to religious complacency is NOT working harder at a list of do's and don't's--it is falling in love with God! And once you encounter His love you will never be the same again because when you love someone, it changes everything.

Join Homebuilders Sunday School class beginning **March 6th** as they begin this **10-week study** called, "**Crazy Love,**" by Francis Chan.

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