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low through on that desire. Watch for his successes and be quick to acknowledge his progress.

Ladies, never underestimate the power of prayer. Let's join together to pray for the men of our church. Our leaders, our members, and our first-time guests, all need prayer for many things, I'm sure. Let's pray for them regularly and be ready to witness God's answers to our prayers. If they can be courageous, we can be devoted. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." (Colossians 4:2)

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR FEBRUARY:

- Mar. 7 - Turkey, potatoes, vegetable, bread, & dessert
- Mar. 14 - Bring a Covered Dish (*drinks will be provided*)
- Mar. 21 - Sloppy Joes, french fries, & dessert
- Mar. 28 - Breakfast for Dinner (*scrambled eggs, pancakes, & sausage biscuits*)

Monthly Ladies Lunch is the third Thursday of the month! For March, we are going to meet at Applebees, in Perry. So, see you there on March 15, at 11:30 a.m.! *For more information, contact Diane South at 988-9718.*

Monthly Ladies Get-Together. Some of the ladies got together and talked about meeting monthly to play games and fellowship, and / or work on the Love Bears and Christmas stockings. So you are invited to join them in FCC's Fellowship Hall, on the **first Thursday** of the each month, at **1:00 p.m.** Bring a drink or a snack if you would like, but come on and get to know one another. *For more information, contact Diane South at 988-9718 or 860-908-6687.*

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 *
(- Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)*

Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Meal (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 6:45 p.m., Youth classes
- 7:00 p.m., Adult Bible study



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.
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**First Christian Highlights
MARCH 2012**

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



This year's **Women's Retreat**, "God's Big Giveaway," will be at Norman Park, Ga., **March 16 - 17**. **\$80** per registrant covers lodging, 3 meals, and supplies (*we will be bringing our own snacks*). A carpool group will leave the church at 4:00 p.m. on that Friday (let us know if you require a later departure). Sign up in the foyer—the last day to register is **March 4**. For more info., contact Pat Presse at 951-3956, 988-7959, or presse1722@windstream.net.

On Sunday (Palm Sunday), April 1, at 10:00 a.m., we are going to have a special time of worship, reflecting on the Life, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We invite you to bring your family and friends, and let's recognize and worship the One who lived, died, and rose again, for us!



“The Marriage Ministry at First Christian Church would like to acknowledge the hard work and wonderful presentation done by Brandy and Tim Nasworthy during the four weeks of Bible study based on the movie, Courageous. We met on Friday nights and covered our Courageous Call (It takes courage to fight for my family), Courageous Priorities (It takes courage to value what matters most), Courageous Legacy (It takes courage to impact future generations), and Courageous Faith (It takes courage to stand with Christ). Everyone who attended learned a lot and were challenged to live a life bringing glory to Jesus Christ.”

Ken Presse

Casas por Cristo

Back in September 2011, Jason Laffan came to FCC and shared with us the vision and impact of a life-changing ministry called Casas por Cristo.

“Through cross-cultural partnerships, volunteer teams are presented with an amazing opportunity to build a home for a family in need. And in just one week teams transform an otherwise empty lot into a safe and secure home - complete with cement foundation, electricity, windows and doors. As a result of this experience, each family receives a tangible symbol of the faithfulness and unconditional love of Jesus Christ. As volunteers gain perspective on the extreme poverty that exists in our world, so do these families better understand God's plan for their lives and His deep desire to take care of their needs.”

FCC will be supporting this mission this year! For more information about the mission, go to www.casasporcristo.org.

First Family News is FCC's weekly e-newsletter (if you have not been receiving this email, check your email SPAM or JUNK folder). To receive this email, and/or add prayer requests, make it known on a Connection Card, email us at fcc-staff@firstchristian.net, or just give us a call at 987-5428.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 3/4 - David, Robin, Dalton, Lynn, Margaret, Kelly, Allen, and Jeanne
3/11 - David, Krystal, Veronica, Robin, Dalton, Brenda, Lee, and Linda
3/18 - Larry, Kayleigh, Carolyn, Virginia, Ann, Kastina, Johnny, and Tara
3/25 - Larry, Michael, Kendall, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Carolyn, Ken, and Cheryl
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NURSERY SCHEDULE:

- 3/4 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie
3/7 - Lisa A.
3/11 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh
3/14 - Melinda L.
3/18 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER
3/21 - Brandy
3/25 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl
3/28 - VOLUNTEER
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CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:

- 3/4 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Pat P and Brian A; sh3: Jen and Griff C
3/11 - sh1: Steven K and Elizabeth C; sh2: Mike and Mary K; sh3: Bryan and Twyla S
3/18 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Cheri R and Leigh S; sh3: Carolyn B, Virginia S, and Ann V
3/25 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Amanda L and Allan L; sh3: Robert and Belinda M

Courageous Wives

by Jennifer Pierce

On Sunday morning, a number of men in our church stood and made a commitment to be courageous. They signed a commitment that gave some specifics to the command in Joshua 1:7, which says, “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.” The resolution the men repeated was a strong promise to love God, serve their families, provide for them, and see to it that their household would serve the Lord.

This article is for the ladies. The first part is for the wives of the men who stood, but if you aren't one of those, please don't stop reading. What is our part as the wives of these courageous men? We must love, respect, and support them. We must forgive their past mistakes and shortcomings and give them the opportunity to begin anew under this new resolution and then every day (or every moment of every day, if we want to be most like God). We must love them unconditionally and sacrifice for them as well. Their commitment to lay down their lives for us will be easier to keep if we also are willing to lay down our lives for them.

We must respect them. It took a lot of courage to sincerely make those commitments and to open themselves up to our accountability. We can respect them for their courage if for nothing else. But I encourage you to look for new things about your husband to respect and admire.

We can support them. We first need to pray for them, and then do what we can to make their jobs easier. It would be ridiculous to say you love your husband and respect them, and then to insult him. So, please be supportive and encouraging.

Ladies whose husbands didn't sign or who don't have husbands, let me encourage you to think of the man you wish was up there, committing to live a life closer to God. Pray for him that he will eagerly desire to follow God, and that he will fol-

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