### WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR NOVEMBER:

Nov. 7 - Shepherd's Pie, bread, & dessert Nov. 14 - Baked Potato Bar, salad, & dessert Nov. 21 - NO MEAL / HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Nov. 28 - Soup Night



## Ladies Fellowship & Christmas Stocking Stuffing

Thursday, November 1, at 12:00 p.m. in FCC's Fellowship Hall

For more info., contact Diane South at (478) 988-9718.

### **ANNUAL BELK CHARITY SALE!**

Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds of every \$5 ticket go to Family Promise of Greater Houston County!!

This sale is Saturday, November 3.

To purchase the tickets, contact Twyla South at 952-2065.

# LEADERSHIP MEETING Sunday, November 11, at 11:15 a.m. in FCC's Café Conference Room

### Ladies Lunch

Thursday, November 15, at 11:30 a.m. at Stevi B's in Warner Robins

For more info., contact Diane South at (478) 988-9718.

# 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, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 classes7:00 p.m., Adult Bible study



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# First Christian Highlights NOVEMBER 2012

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



Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving on November 18!

First, join us the morning of November 18, at 10:00 a.m. for

# **Old Time Religion**

Worship, that morning, will be different than usual. You won't want to miss this special time of remembrance!

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# First Family's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

Perry Fairgrounds, Georgia Building

Sunday, November 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

You are invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Our very own FCC Worship Team Band and Singers <u>and</u> our Youth Band, "Outlive," will be there, providing the evening's entertainment. It's always a great time of fun, food, and fellowship. *See next page for details...* 

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Sign up lists will be provided (beginning this Sunday) and you are asked to bring **two dishes** (enough to feed 12 people) and drinks. Volunteers are needed to cook and carve the turkeys and hams that will be provided by the church and handed out the Wednesday before the meal.

For more information, contact the church office at 987-5428, or email us at *fcc-staff@firstchristian.net*.

# BAPTISM:

Gina Wall

From Ron, Kevin, and Rob:

"Thanks so much for the cards, phone calls, encouragement, and gifts—especially during the month of October! Thank you, First Family, for the gracious outpouring of love and support you have shown for us. We thank God for you and it is a pleasure to serve Him with you at FCC!"



### CHILD DEDICATION CEREMONY November 25 during Morning Worship

If you would like to have your child included in this ceremony, please let us know as soon as possible by calling the church office at 987-5428, or by simply sending an email to: <u>fcc-staff@firstchristian.net</u>.

## CAN YOU SERVE IN FCC'S NURSERY?

If you would like to serve in our nursery, especially on Wednesday evenings, please contact the church office at 987-5428, or email us at *fcc-staff@firstchristian.net*.

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 11/4 Lynn, Allan, Kendall, Harold, Amanda, Brenda, Ken, and Cheryl
- 11/11 Phil, Michael, Krystal, Margaret, Kayleigh, Kastina, Allen, and Jeanne
- 11/18 Phil, Kelly, Veronica, Virginia, Robin, Pat, Lee, and Linda
- 11/25 Larry, Elizabeth, Jimmy, Ann, Jen, Carolyn, Johnny, and Tara

### NURSERY SCHEDULE:

11/4 - Gayle H., Carolyn B., Melanie J.
11/7 - Brandy N.
11/11 - Diane B., Brandy, Leigh S.
11/14 - Brandy N.
11/18 - Brandy N., Kastina R., VOLUNTEER
11/21 - Brandy N.
11/25 - Brandy N., Kathryn D., Cheryl P.
11/28 - Brandy N.

### CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:

- 11/4 sh1: Steven K and Pat P; sh2: Virginia and Isa L; sh3: Gary and Teresa Hawk
- 11/11 sh1: Steven K and Pat P; sh2: Carolyn B and Brian A; sh3: Bryan and Twyla S
- 11/18 sh1: Steven K and Elizabeth C; sh2: Isa L and Pat P; sh3: Griff and Jen Cox
- 11/25 sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2:; Pat P and Ann V; sh3: Cameron S and Virginia S

# Love Is Patient

### by Jennifer Pierce

Last month, we talked about the importance of love above everything else. This month, let's begin to describe love. According to 1 Corinthians 13, love is patient. These words are familiar to us, but what does it really mean for love to be patient? It means persevering bravely when troubles come and being mild when offended or injured by others. Patience does not seek revenge or punishment for mistreatment. It is thick-skinned when it comes to offenses. It doesn't retaliate easily.

It seems at times that it is easier to be patient with some people than others. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 tells us to be patient with everyone, not just the people who make it easy. At first glance, this seems impossible. When God tells us to love others and to be patient, does He really understand what He's asking us to do? Doesn't He understand the people we live and work with, how difficult they can be? 1 John 4:19 says, "We love because He first loved us." God commands us to love patiently out of experience. He knows what it's like to be patient. He's been doing it far longer than we will ever need to!

Patience is closely tied to the second coming of Christ. We can patiently endure our trials because Christ is coming again for us. God's patience with mankind means salvation for more of us. It's the reason He doesn't come back right now. He wants more people to be saved. Our patience with others also leads more people to Christ. It isn't natural, so it stands out in a world of people who just do what feels right.

Be patient with others. Be patient in traffic when someone pulls out in front of you. Be patient in stores when someone is rude or selfish. Be patient at home when a family member does that one irritating thing for the thousandth time. Let's show the love of God to others even in the most stressful times. It's not easy, but it's what God commands us to do.