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Be on the lookout for areas of service! If you want to serve and don't know how to, pray about it. God will bring opportunities your way.

Jennifer Pierce

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR OCTOBER:

- Oct. 5 - Hot Dogs, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, & dessert
- Oct. 12 - Pasta with meat sauce, salad, bread, & dessert
- Oct. 19 - Chicken & rice, peas, bread, & dessert
- Oct. 26 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cream corn, bread, & dessert

F.I.T. Get-Together, October 23rd, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED). Please call 987-5428 or email kevin@firstchristian.net to let us know how many are coming.

Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study, *Cappuccino with Colossians*, starts on **October 25th**, at **7:00 p.m.**, and meets in the Connection Café. Sign up in the foyer by Oct. 9th (\$11 for the book—Virginia Stewart will be picking up the books).

An Intentional Love Marriage Conference! Make plans now to attend this fun, fast-paced marriage conference with **Dr. Randy L. Carlson**, *Marriage & Family Therapist, host of Intentional Living radio and best-selling author*. Conference will be at Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins, on **Nov. 5th, 1 - 6 p.m.** / Cost: \$34 per person.

For group rate, **sign up in the foyer by Oct. 9th** (fee must be paid to Ken or Pat Presse). For more information, contact Pat at 988-7959.

First Family's Annual Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, November 20th, Perry Fairgrounds,
Ag Center Building, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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 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.
- Friday.....8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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First Christian Highlights
OCTOBER 2011

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



Second Wind Ministry

in concert at FCC

Wednesday, October 19th
6:45 p.m.

Couponing 101! Every Thursday in October, beginning Oct. 6th, in the Connection Café. For more information, contact Brandy Nasworthy, at 957-1949.

FOOD DRIVE for Salvation Army, Houston County Chapter.

FCC will be collecting canned foods through Sunday, October 9th. Monetary donations will be used to purchase meat and frozen vegetables. Place food donations at the donation station in the church foyer. For more information, please contact Tonya Hipps, at 987-2626.

NEEDS: Canned Goods (vegetables, fruit, tuna, chicken, beef, pork, soups); **Other Pantry Items** (peanut butter, jelly, flour, rice, mac & cheese, pasta, dry beans, shelf milk, bread, cereal, snack items); and **Baby Items** (formula, baby food, diapers, cleaning supplies).

Annual Camping Trip, October 7th - 10th, at Veteran's State Park in Cordele. To reserve your campsite, call 1-800-459-1230, or go on-line at www.gastateparks.org/georgiavet.

Annual Fish Fry: Sat., October 8th, 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!!

Christmas Stocking Project 2011: Stocking Stuffer Party (covered dish carry-in) will be on **October 17th**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Diane South, at 988-9718, if you want to be involved in this.

Ladies, this month's **lunch** is going to be at *The Swanson* in Perry on Thursday, **October 20th**, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Diane South at 988-9718.

BAPTISM:
Kendall Price

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

10/2 - Larry, Carolyn, Kayleigh, Veronica, Marlene, Kastina, Johnny, and Tara

10/9 - Larry, Virginia, Ann, Jimmy, Kendall, Carolyn, Ken and Cheryl

10/16 - Charles, Susan, Elizabeth, Harold, Lynn, Pat, Allen, and Jeanne

10/23 - Charles, Amanda, Allan, Susan, Margaret, Brenda, Lee, and Linda

10/30 - Phil, Krystal, Veronica, Virginia, Kayleigh, Kastina, Johnny, and Tara

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

10/2 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie

10/5 - Lisa A.

10/9 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh

10/12 - Melinda L.

10/16 - Nina, Kastina, Brandy

10/19 - Brandy

10/23 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl

10/26 - Brandy

10/30 - Linda, Angela B, VOLUNTEER

CONNECTION CAFE SCHEDULE:

10/2 - Sh1: Virginia S; Sh2: Brian A & Elizabeth C;
Sh3: Jen & Griff C

10/9 - Sh1: Ken B; Sh2: Amanda L & Allan L;
Sh3: Virginia S & Cheri R

10/16 - Sh1: Pat P; Sh2: Mike & Mary K;
Sh3: Robert & Belinda M

10/23 - Sh1: Virginia S & Jessica J; Sh2: Ann V & Leigh S;
Sh3: Bryan & Twyla S

10/30 - Sh1: Pat P & Jessica J; Sh2: Brian A & Pat P;
Sh3: Ken B & Leigh S

Fundamentals of the Faith, part 3—

Another fundamental to the Christian life is service. You may think this is over-rated or even optional, but Jesus said to his disciples, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35). How else can we show that love if not through acts of service. Service is crucial both inside the church body and outside. We must serve one another and we must serve the world.

Service has several benefits: First, it provides us the opportunity to serve God in a tangible way. We can't wash Jesus' feet with our hair like Mary Magdalene or cook him dinner like Martha, but we can serve the people around us.

Second, it blesses the people we serve. Have you ever had a need and someone helped you? Think of how it felt and then realize that you have the opportunity to surprise someone with your kindness, generosity, and humility.

And third, it blesses the server. While your motivation should not be self-benefit, it is a definite reward. Serving others helps you feel useful, humble, and more aware of others. It helps you feel better because for the amount of time you spend serving, you are actually focused on someone besides yourself, which is the way God made us to be. We are designed to be focused on Him and others.

Service to those outside the church can win non-believers to God. Service to those inside the church can help other believers grow in their faith and in their trust in God's ability to meet their needs. I would think there are many people who would be willing to trust God, but have a hard time trusting other believers. Service to them can change that.

Service to those inside the church can take many forms. There are many different areas that need volunteers within the programs of our church. Be on the watch for the ones that interest you. It's not just the big ones that matter. Jesus taught in Matthew 10:41-42: "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

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