

Church Calendar of Missions and Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, March 15:	All Church Meal to honor new members and eldership
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
After worship	All Church Meal
After meal	Deaconate will meet
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday, March 16:	
10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
3:00 p.m.	Cello Lessons
7:30 p.m.	Mary Magdalene Circle at Yolanda's home
Tuesday, March 17:	
9:30 -11:30 a.m.	MOPS in Social Hall and Nursery
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Interplay
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
4-6 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
7-9 p.m.	L'Arche in Carmack Room
8 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Wednesday, March 18:	
4- 6 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
6 p.m.	Dinner and Seminar on "Simple Living: Life as a Work of Art"
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 19:	
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
2 p.m.	Retired Teachers
4-6 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
Saturday, March 21:	
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
Sunday, March 22:	GA Marathon
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

Spiritual Formation Each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

"Exploring the Bible" in Carmack Room

"Pathfinders Class" in the Pathfinders Room

This Week: "Lord, Give Me Patience! And give it to me right now!" by James Moore and Bob J. Moore.

"The Nature of True Community" Bible Class. Study texts include Dietrich Bonhoeffer's **Life Together**.

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Numbers 21: 4-9

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. **5** The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." **6** Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. **7** The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. **8** And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." **9** So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:14-21

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. **17** "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **18** Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. **19** And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. **20** For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. **21** But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 You were dead through the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. **3** All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us **5** even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— **9** not the result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community

- On Monday, March 9, a full house gave thanks to God for the gift and gifts of **Dr. Fred Craddock** (1928-2015). **Dr. Tom Long** from Candler School of Theology at Emory led a fabulous, gracious worship experience there at Cherry Log Christian Church in Blue Ridge, GA. The funeral for Fred was lovely and "just right" with lots of singing and celebrating for a life well lived for the glory of God. Please keep **Nettie Craddock** and her family in your prayers.
- **Barbara Powell** asks for prayers for **Roy Lee**, member of Shiloh Christian Church, who has been placed on dialysis.
- **Don Middour** is in Budd Terrace, 1833 Clifton Rd. NE, Room 518, Atlanta, GA 30329.
- **Ruth Lutz** said, "**Mary Caroline Harris**, my sister's mother-in-law passed away on Tuesday. Her funeral will be on Monday."
- **Nancy** and **Steve Oliver** share, "Prayer's are needed for **Steve's** sister, **Kathy Williams**, who was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease."
- **Tumara Jackson** offers, "**Baby Benji**, my newest nephew, (6 weeks old) underwent a successful surgery to repair one of his kidneys. We give thanks to God. We initially thought that the kidney had to be removed. He is recovering well. Continue to pray for her brother, **Fred**, and his wife, **Carissa**, as they care for him at home."
- **Geraldine Davis** asks for prayer for the **Day** and **Davis Families**.
- **Queata Cassell** says, "Glory to God, my aunt **Tutu** just celebrated her 70th birthday on Saturday and my mother celebrated her 70th birthday in January, and my father turned 70 in September. Prayers of comfort, strength & healing for my boyfriend **Steve Jackson's sister Mel Jackson** who recently had two strokes but is in recovery and in good spirits. She is a believer and has a beautiful spirit. She is currently at DeKalb Medical in Decatur."
- **Betty Brewer-Calvert's aunt Ann Brewer Berry** (1934-2015) was celebrated at a lovely funeral service in Hiawassee GA last Saturday afternoon. **James Brewer-Calvert's aunt Charlee Bergstrom** (his mother **Buffy's** eldest sister) is back in the hospital in the Boston area. Charlee had a procedure to get her heart rhythm regular.
- **Sandra Brundage** said, "I would like to thank you for your prayers for my friend **Maxwell James** who is in the Army stationed in Africa. He is still there. Please keep praying for his safe return."
- **Mary Frances Early** asks for prayers for her friend **James Camp** and his family.
- **Wilton "Wolf" Hugh Thomas** (2/18/42 – 2/24/15) was a Charter Member (1995) of Gentle Spirit Christian Church. His Memorial Service will be on May 3 in Candler Park at 10:30 a.m. He will be missed.
- **Mary Ellen Fountain** asks for prayers for her neighbor **Laura Seaman** who recently moved to a nursing home.
- **Randy Finley** asks for prayers for his mother **Sue Finley** who is hospitalized with pneumonia.
- **Barbara Powell** said, "**Polly Brock** fell Friday night. She was in the hospital but she has been moved to Eastside Heritage Rehab, 2160 Fountain Drive, Room 115, Snellville, GA 30078. No visitors please."
- **Mary Jobson** asks for prayer for the family of **Bob** and **Lauchi Castro**. **Bob's** mother, **Helen Therese Castro** broke her hip last week is under hospice care due to complications and organ failure.
- **Larry Todd** asks for prayer for his brother-in-law **Terry Tolbert** who is awaiting surgery for a kidney stone removal.
- We continue to lift up **Furat** and **Deb Almauhy**, **Glen Alsobrook, Sr.**, **Johnnie Barber**, **Betty Carroll**, **Julia Glenn Carter**, **Elizabeth Cunningham**, the **Delk Family**, **Jeanette Duncan**, **Willie Mae Durr**, **Sylvia Ennis**, **Hank Ferry**, **Shannen Ferry**, **J.D. Fleming**, **Mary Ellen Fountain**, **Dottie Gill**, **Adei Grenpastures**, **Barbara Hennig**, **Clara**

Holley, **Jackie Hudson** and daughter **Alexis**, **Nicolas Jordan**, **The Kidd Family**, **Patti King**, **Blair Lewellyn**, **Jay Love**, **Monte** and **Sarah Mathis**, **Judy McMahan**, **Carol Givens (Evans)**, **McGinnis**, **Lynn Nabers**, **The Norton Family**, **Mary Beth Powell**, **Ramona Rathel**, **Kim Stanley**, **Lee Stanley**, **Tate Family**, **Terry Tolbert**, **Mildred Trott**, **Carol Wheeler**, **Nancy Williamson**, and **Ellen Young**.

The Family of God

By Bill Gaither

For I'm part of the family, the family of God.

- (1.) You will notice we say "brother and sister" 'round here-
It's because we're a family and these folks are so near;
When one has a heartache we all share the tears,
And rejoice in each victory
In this family so dear.

*Refrain I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God-
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

- (2.) From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King-
No longer an outcast, a new song I sing;
From rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong,
I'm not worthy to be here,
But, praise God, I belong!

*Refrain I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God-
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

Yes I'm part of the family, the family of God.