

FAMILY INFORMATION

January 7, 2024

Worship 250

Class 174

Contribution \$15,221.31

Nursery Attendants

Jane Law

Christi Richardson

Sunday Morning

Worship 9:30

Bible Class 10:45

Sunday Night

In-home Small Groups

Devotional at building 5:00

Wednesday Night

Bible Class

7:00

Scan the QR code below to
complete an attendance card.



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Shepherds

Jay Estes	404-313-3976
Darryl Harper	678-492-4167
Reagan Holland	404-456-4290
Keith Lawson	404-539-8100

Sunday In-home Small Groups
Contact host for details

Thad & Rachel Bartlett	770-286-2440
Louis Dinkins	404-518-2989
Church Building (D. Harper)	678-492-4167
Bo Gray	678-557-4729
Gary & Libby Gray	770-408-8959
Ricky & Stacy Gray	770-713-5790
Reagan & Karen Holland	404-456-4290
Alan & Jonna Way	770-655-5012

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

A Relationship with God –
Jay Estes and Lee Bradshaw

The God of Scripture – Keith Lyda

Mended: Pieces of a Life Made Whole –
April Estes and Amber Miller

Wednesday Night Classes

Ladies' Service Class – Kim Davenport

Encountering God – Paul Ellison

Discipleship – Darryl Harper

Minister:
Ricky Gray 770-713-5790

Youth Minister:
Austin Gray 314-484-3932

Secretary:
Libby Gray 770-713-5197



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For God and Others

Serving Paulding, Cobb, Coweta,
Fulton, Polk, Douglas,
Haralson, Carroll Counties

Church of Christ

January 14, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

779	I Love You, Lord
Welcome	Reagan Holland
167	Hosanna
Slide	Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer
Prayer	Ivan Atkins, Sr.
Slide	Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Communion & Contribution	Brad Lister
74	Praise the Lord
Slide	Behold Our God
Dismiss to Wee Worship (2-4 year-olds)	
Scripture Reading	Fred Campbell
Sermon	And More
Slide	In Need
290	Shine, Jesus, Shine
Prayer	Alan Way
Praise Leader	Brian Lassetter

WELCOME GUESTS!
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

- Be sure to sign an attendance card and place it in one of the boxes as you exit the auditorium. You may also scan the code on the back of the chair in front of you or on the back page of the bulletin to complete a card online.
- Attended nursery for birth through two-years-old is provided during worship in room 119.
- Wee Worship for 2-4 year-olds is available during the sermon.
- Bible classes for all ages will begin immediately following worship.

FROM RICKY'S DESK

Like the majority of the world population, snakes are not my thing. I don't suffer specifically from ophidiophobia (the irrational fear of snakes—and yes, I had to look up that one). I am just not a fan. One of my family members, however, is an enthusiast. In fact, a fun time for him and his friends in high school was to stomp through the swamp in the dead of night and catch snakes. Their purpose was not to kill them, but rather to catch and identify them. That's all well and good. But I'll stick with identifying birds. It seems a much safer hobby than hobnobbing with reptiles.

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made" (Gen. 3:1). This is our first encounter in Scripture with a snake (or a snake-like creature). It is described as crafty (also: cunning; wise and understanding; clever; smart). The serpent convinces Adam and Eve that the prodigious plenty provided by God is actually not enough. The serpent implies that God is holding back from humanity. God has deceived them by being dishonest about the true nature of "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." According to the serpent (the actual deceiver), God is only protecting his own interests. God is being selfish and domineering. There is no good reason, the serpent might say, that humans should not take part in the delicious, succulent fruit of the "forbidden" tree.

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TABLETOP BABY SHOWER

Congratulations to Brad and Ashleigh Lister as they anticipate the birth of a baby girl in February. A tabletop shower will be held in their honor next Sunday, January 21. They are registered at Amazon or would appreciate diapers and wipes.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

As we begin the new year, Trujillo Christian School is also beginning their new school year! The teachers and staff are preparing to begin classes in February. We will have a special contribution on January 28. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 on the 28th to provide needed resources for the school. Please make checks payable to TCS.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Make your plans now to attend a congregational meeting during class time on Sunday, February 4.

CHILI COOK OFF

Our annual Chili Cook Off luncheon will be February 11. We celebrate 25 years as a congregation this year! Additional details and sign-up sheets will be available soon.

PRAYER LIST

Long term prayer requests: Marilyn Buttram, Jo Campbell, Jane Clark, Marilyn Crowe, Barbara Denney, Kelsey Denney, David Doom, Peggy Ellison, Linda Gray, Rick Hagerty, Elizabeth Hamm, and Eric Tabor.

-Ken Davenport had surgery Wednesday and is home recovering.
-Continue to pray for Barbara Denney as she battles cancer.

VALENTINE'S DINNER PARTY

"Under the Tuscan Sun"

A couples Valentine's Dinner party is scheduled for Friday, February 16, at 7:00. The cost is \$15 per person. A sign-up sheet is posted in the message center or see Kim Prather to sign up and pay.

BRAVES GAME

Join us Monday, June 1, at 4:10 for an outing to Truist Park to watch the Braves take on the Oakland A's. The Hank Aaron Terrace Garden tickets are \$104 and includes food, drinks, indoor and outdoor seating. See Penny Lassetter to secure your ticket. You may put down a deposit now and pay the remainder in March.

NEW QUARTER CLASSES

Sunday

A Relationship with God: God created us in order to be in relationship with us. Because of sin, however, that relationship has suffered. How do we grow deeper in our relationship with God? Using topics from Ken Chott's book, *A Relationship with God: Discovering Life Beyond Religion*, this discussion-based class will explore how to have a better and deeper relationship with God. Facilitated by Jay Estes and Lee Bradshaw.

The God of Scripture: The Bible is filled with people, stories, relationships, statistics, and events. It contains tragedy and triumph, misfortune and miracle, betrayal and reconciliation, and much more. At its core, however, the Bible is a book about God. Scripture reveals to us the person, nature, character, and activity of the great God of Heaven. In this class we will look at God in Scripture in order to see him more clearly and connect more firmly to him.

Ladies' Class: We will be studying healing past wounds using Angie Smith's book, *Mended: Pieces of a Life Made Whole*. April Estes and Amber Miller are teaching. Also, owning the book is not a requirement. But if you would like a copy, it is available at both Amazon and Lifeway.

Wednesday

Discipleship Class: Darryl Harper will continue this gospel-based class. With help from the book, *The School of Christ: Learning Character from Jesus*, by Jacob Hudgins, this is a class in which we focus on sitting at the feet of Jesus in order to learn from Jesus how to be his disciple.

Encountering God: We see in Scripture that God has many "roles." He is Creator, Redeemer, Warrior, Counselor, Judge, and many, many more. In this class we will encounter God in several of these roles, especially focusing on what we learn about God along the way.

Prayer Meetings: There is no better way to grow deeper in our relationship to God than to spend regular time with him. Therefore, on the final Wednesday of each month in the first quarter (January 31, February 28, and March 27), we will meet together in the auditorium for a time of prayer and worship.

FROM RICKY'S DESK CONTINUED

And so it goes from that day to this. In opposition to the benevolent God, the deceiver continues his malevolent work in our world. The serpent is crafty and ancient. He can be convincing. Yet from the beginning, our munificent God has given us all we need, and more.

--Ricky

SPRING LADIES' RETREAT

Ladies! Register now to attend our 2024 Ladies Retreat on March 22-23 at the 4-H center in Columbiana, Alabama. Scan the QR code to register before February 20. There will be worship, fellowship, devos & fun! Meals include Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch (\$115 for a double occupancy room, \$165 for single).

