

First Christian Church

Jonesboro GA

"A Love for God...A Heart for People!"

March 2020

Communicator

STARTING POINT

Are you new to FCCJ or want to learn more about who we are and our mission? Join us for our Starting Point Class. This class is the last Sunday of each month following our service. Lunch is provided. Please register online at fccjonesboro.org/startingpoint.



Set your clocks ahead 1 hour when you go to bed on March 7th.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Hey church, it's not too late to join our Financial Peace University group that will begin this Sunday at 4:30PM. The cost is \$99 per person or married couple. Class materials ordered today may not arrive in time for the first class, but that will be OK. Use this link to join: fccjonesboro.org/fpu.

MEN'S CONQUER SERIES

According to a recent survey, 68 percent of men in the church view pornography on a regular basis. This is an epidemic that is weakening our relationship with our Heavenly Father, and destroying intimacy within our marriages. Even if you don't struggle, you know someone who does. Join us on March 3rd, we are beginning a 10 week series for men called CONQUER, where together we will implement a battle plan for purity. The group will meet each Tuesday night at 6:30. If you will attend, please register online at fccjonesboro.org/conquer, or return one of the Conquer cards to the drop box located at the Information Center.

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FCC Missions Supported

Bethshean Mexico Mission
Bread Coffee House (Emory CCF)
Central India Christian Mission
Central Japan Christian Mission
Globalscope Campus Ministry
Good Shepherd Clinic
Crosswalk Ministries
Jesus Place Inner City Mission
North Georgia Christian Camp
Samaritans for Clayton County
Southwest Christian Care
Tim Mantai

MAC GROUP "Celebrate Spring"

Sunday, March 22nd @ 12noon

Make plans now to join us as we "Celebrate Spring" at our MAC Group event for March! We are asking everyone to bring your favorite casserole (meat or vegetable), salad, and/or your favorite dessert, enough to share for lunch. Drinks and tableware will be provided. We will also discuss details concerning a possible trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum later this Fall. Sign up for March 22nd at the Information Center March 8- 18.

GIRLS FOR GOD

GfG will start March 3rd at 6:30 with a new 7 week study: 20/20 Seen. Chosen. Sent. by Christine Caine. We will continue to meet in Room 101.

CARE GROUP LUNCHES

On Sunday, March 8th, Colin Slay and Mike Cater will be hosting their care groups for lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Chicken will be provided. Each family will need to bring either sides, desserts, drinks or other meats. A reminder postcard has been mailed out.

On Sunday, March 15th, Paul Ballard and Don Whitman's care groups will be having a care group lunch. The meat and tea will be provided. Each family will need to bring a side or dessert, enough to share. A reminder postcard has been mailed out.



Parenting Small Group

We're starting a brand new six-session study on March 1. We'll be watching one video each month from Tony Evan's series, Raising Kingdom Kids. There's a participant's guide that Robert will bulk order. We'll eat lunch, watch the 20 minute video together, and enjoy some great discussion. Looking forward to getting together again!

We're doing lasagna!

We'll bring the main dish. Bring a side, dessert, or drinks to share.

Let us know who's coming on our Facebook group at www.fccjonesboro.org/parenting/facebook or our sign up form at www.fccjonesboro.org/parenting.

Family Sunday

March 29th

This month will be a regular Family Sunday where elementary children join their parents and grandparents to experience how they praise and worship Jesus. Then on April 26th we'll switch it up and have parents and grandparents join their elementary children to experience how they worship. This is a great opportunity to follow God's commands in Deuteronomy 6, passing our faith on to our children and grandchildren.

Easter Egg Hunt & Family Picnic

Bring your Family and Friends on

Saturday, April 11, at 11am

and join us for this fun celebration of the free gift of eternal life we have in Jesus.

FOCUS 2020 VBS

Mark your calendars! We are beginning to prep for FOCUS VBS this year. We have decided to host this event in the evenings from 6-8:30pm. If you have children or know someone that has children from ages 3 through 5th grade, we would love for you to spend the week with us.

Be on the lookout for more details and registration coming soon.

Dates & Times:

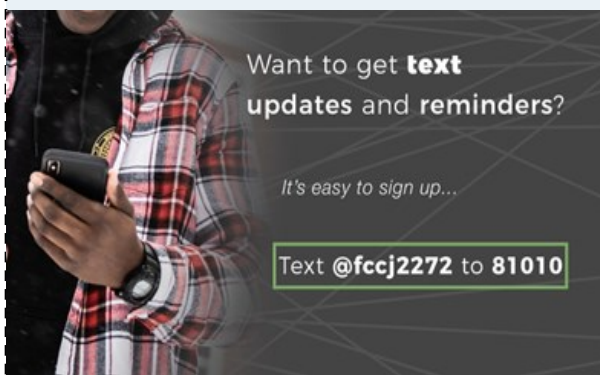
June 22 - 26

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Age 3 through Grade 5

Who's ready to volunteer for VBS?

Snacks, Crafts, Games, Storytelling, Decorating, Material Prep, Small Group Leaders, Worship Leading, Welcome & Registration -- it all matters as we FOCUS on leading kids to Jesus this summer.



STUDENT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

Our Wednesday night program Pulse is starting a new series titled Save the Date. In this series we will be talking about how to have healthy relationships . This Wednesday, March 4th, is a theme night, the theme is tie-dye.

Typically on Sunday mornings the student ministry has a time of Bible study. This starts at 9 am, and consists of a 30-minute lesson/study. After our large group time we break into different small groups to dive deeper into what we have been learning together, and talk about how we can personalize and apply these lessons to our own life in our own context. We are currently in a series that we will be staying with for a couple of months where we are working on the spiritual discipline of memorizing scripture together. This past week's verse was Proverbs 20:11 "Even children are known by the way they act, whether their conduct is pure, and whether it is right."

Our college students meet in room 101 for a laid back Bible study and discussion which is shaped using the "Next Level" teachings through Ozark Christian college!

PRAISE & WORSHIP MINISTRY

I have always loved playing with LEGO. There is a new tv show on I have been watching called LEGO Masters. Each week the "Master Builders" are instructed to build these elaborate, impressive designs. It got me thinking about how LEGO are much like the church. Hear me out. If you take a look at individual LEGO bricks, some are long, some are short, some are certain colors, and some are oddly shaped. Each designed specifically for a certain purpose. By themselves they don't look really impressive but when used in conjunction with other bricks, it can make something truly beautiful. "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12). We each have our unique gifts and abilities. We were designed with a purpose. It is once we are using our skills and talents to create something beautiful. It creates one body the way God (the master builder) intended it to be. Beautiful, working in unity, and working together for one purpose.

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February 2020 Averages

Sunday Bible Study	80
AM Worship	195
General Offering	\$11,099.53
Missions	\$2,798.43
General Fund Weekly Budget...	\$10,144.00
Total Offerings	\$44,398.13

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

For those with

CANCER & OTHER MEDICAL ISSUES

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next men's breakfast will be Friday, March 20, at 7am at the Bridgeview Restaurant in Stockbridge.

NO CHILD HUNGRY

For March, the emphasis is fruit or applesauce cups. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry children in our community!

VOLUNTEERS FOR JESUS PLACE

FCCJ goes to Jesus Place the 2nd Sunday of each month to help with the worship service and hand out necessities to the homeless. If you can volunteer to help with this vital ministry, please sign up for one or more Sundays that you will be available. We have plenty of spots open for the rest of the year. We leave church at 10:15am. See Clay Wagner if you have any questions.

From Your Minister

This month I wanted to use this space to announce, and recruit for, two new ministries that we are beginning at FCCJ. One of them will be seen in action every week, and I'm sure will make a positive impact on our guests. The other will not be seen in action, but hopefully will also be beneficial to our church. One of them requires good people skills, while the other only requires good listening and observation skills. Let's start with the latter. I am in need of a few good men and women to be part of a new unadvertised, top-secret, covert ministry team that will work directly with me, so if your up for the challenge, and are the kind of person who has an eye and ear for detail, have the "gift" of constructive criticism (but without having a negative spirit), and are the kind of person who, without looking back, has already noticed – and cringed at – the fact that I used "your" instead of "you're" above, and that this is a run-on sentence, you're the right person for the job! If I've piqued your curiosity, and you meet the qualifications, contact me. The other new ministry is called Section Hosts. This team will serve to reinforce our Greeter team but in a different way. While the Greeters welcome people as they enter the building or the auditorium, Section Hosts will move around in the auditorium prior to the Sunday worship service, and take more time to talk to people – especially visitors – who are already seated. While we have a very friendly church, and a lot of that happens naturally, there are times when conversations are going on all over the room among our members, while first-time visitors are sitting silently with no one talking to them. The Section Host team will ideally have six people serving each Sunday – two in each of the larger center sections of seats, and one in each of the side sections. We will need a large team of volunteers so we can spread out the rotation. If you've got a friendly, outgoing personality, can commit to being at your section 20 minutes prior to the service when you're scheduled, and want to help the church make a great first impression, join us for a very brief meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, March 8. If you're already serving as a Greeter, you can still volunteer to be a Section Host. We'll make sure you're not scheduled to do both the same Sunday. Thanks for being such a great church!

I love you,



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