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The Spirit



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Charlie's Church Chuckles

Valentine's Day will soon be upon us! The greeting card industry will make a fortune, along with the chocolate makers and florists. All of this will be done in the name of love. In an attempt to prove their love, men and women will spend a fortune! God understands that idea. As a matter of fact, The Lord God gave His one and only Son so that you and I might know eternal life! He spent more than you and I can even fathom, to show His love for us.

There is nothing wrong with loving someone and expressing that love in appropriate ways. Please don't think that I am down on the card people, the chocolatiers or those who grow and/or sell flowers. As a matter of fact, I usually get my wife a card and some flowers on Valentine's Day. What I am challenging you to do this year, though, is to remember that true love is more than any of those things. True love is patient, kind, etc. (cf. 1 Corinthians 13).

Now, on a lighter note, here's a story about a husband and wife who had a young son. After Sunday School one day, he came home and said to his Mother, "You told me we were created by God, but Dad said we were descended from monkeys. Who is right?" The Mom thought for a moment about how much she loved her husband and how much she loved her son, and then replied, "Well, your father is just talking about his side of the family."

There is a song that the Emmaus Community sings entitled, "We Love You with the Love of the Lord." That song sums up the way I feel about each of you. You are loved! Nothing would make me happier than to talk to you about that in person. I probably won't offer you a card, a box of chocolates, or flowers, but I can offer you an understanding ear, a safe place, and a prayer to the One who loves us all so much that He would die for us! Call if you need me.

Yours and God's,

Charlie Green, Pastor



Freely you have received, freely give. — Matthew 10:8

Church News and Upcoming Events

CONGREGATIONAL COVERED DISH LUNCH will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5th, at 12 noon in the Family Life Center. Bring some of your favorite recipes and come introduce yourselves, as we invite all new members that joined in 2011 and our visitors to join us for this special time of fellowship and good eats.

YOUTH GROUP SUPERBOWL PARTY will be held at Al & Deedee Smith's house on Sunday, Feb. 5th. Meet at the FLC at 5 p.m. to ride a van there. Grace Bible Church will join us again this year.

MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP supper for Wednesday, Feb. 8th, will be poppy seed chicken, rice, green beans, and salad. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. in the FLC gym. Adults are invited to stay and fellowship with one another after dinner. FaithBuilders, for children 4 years to 5th grade, meet for praise & worship, games, and crafts. Middle and High School students will continue their mid-week study called the Amazing Bible Race. Please make dinner reservations for both adults and children by Tuesday at 12 noon. A love offering will be accepted to offset the expense of food and paper products.

CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER'S VALENTINE LUNCH will take place in the gym at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9th. Please call the CLC office to make reservations by Tuesday, the 7th.

SCOUTING MINISTRIES SUNDAY is on Feb. 12th this year. We will have a special recognition of all Scouts (both boys and girls) and their leaders at the 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary.

TASTE OF CHOCOLATE, an annual Alpha Delta Kappa scholarship fundraiser for Education majors, will take place on Sunday, Feb. 12th, in the Family Life Center from 1-2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available from area educators and administrators.

RABUN AREA UNITED METHODIST MEN are offering tickets to a Valentine's Day dinner (Feb. 14th) at the Dillard House for \$20. Tickets are available from our UMM including Trey at Goin' Postal.

2012 LEADERSHIP-MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES should be ready by Feb. 12th and will be available at the office and at Sunday services.

LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES Basic Course is offered again this year beginning Thursday, April 12th at Gainesville First UMC. This 4 week evening class partners laity with clergy to extend Christ's message in the church and community through sharing education, filling pulpits, leading small groups, encouraging stewardship, organizing evangelism, and more. Registration forms are available at the

Clayton First United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Charles Green, Pastor
11 a.m. Order of Worship ~ Feb. 5th, 2012
5th Sunday after the Epiphany

*Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rev. Charlie Green
Dr. Bill Sharpton

GREETING & PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr.
Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

OPENING PRAYER Charlie
*APOSTLES' CREED UMH No. 881
*THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" No. 133

THE MORNING PRAYER TIME

Directed Thoughts Charlie
Silent Prayer The Congregation
The Pastoral Prayer Charlie
The Lord's Prayer The Congregation

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Charlie

*HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420

OFFERTORY PRAYER Charlie
OFFERTORY Choir Anthem
*DOXOLOGY No. 95

SERMON The Dance of Resurrection Charlie
Jer. 17:5-10 & 1 Cor. 15:12-20 (Pew Bibles OT pgs 677-678, NT pg163)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 15

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Close to Thee" No. 407

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH Charlie
POSTLUDE "Sound the Trumpet" Donald Lee Moore

Assisting with Worship: Acolyte, Alyson Ramey; Cameraman, John Pearce; Sound Tech, Ken Muller; 11 a.m. Greeter, Gwen Fink; Usher Captain, Ray Kunzer; Altar Guild, Dianne Bernier and Carolyn Kidd; Tuesday Counter, Anita Deal; Communion Stewards, Mack & Joye Spates
Thanks to Eli Black for providing musical accompaniment for our choir this morning!

Membership News

ATTENDANCE

Jan. 29, 2012

8:30 a.m. Worship 23
9:31 a.m.. Connections 101
11 a.m. Worship 93
Sunday School 95

IN MEMORY OF

Marjorie Gorday
Family Life Center

by Velna Yarn Group
by Allan White
by Gene & Sylvia Hodges

Marjorie Gorday
Creative Learning Center
by Kathy Barnes

Sue Henard
Apportionments
by Beverly Wright
by Mildred Whittaker

Darla Wisler
General Music Fund
by Gene & Sylvia Hodges

Special Days

BIRTHDAYS: Feb. 12-18

Feb. 12-Hilda Miller
Feb. 13-Dr. Larry Gillespie
Feb. 15-Jann Fulp
Feb. 16-Dick Lesley
Feb. 18-B.J. Martin
Feb. 18-Joy Smiley

ANNIVERSARIES: Feb. 12-18

Feb. 14-Mike & Myra Chapman
Feb. 17-Bob & Jeanette Lackey

My sincerest apologies for listing an incorrect anniversary for Chubby & Anita Lioce in the last issue of the Spiriten. Their actual anniversary is January (not February 9th). Along with that error, I omitted the following two anniversaries for Friday,

Feb. 10-Larry & Jennifer Mason
Feb. 10-Bill & Sandra Reeves

General Conference Listening Session

Everyone likes to complain about the General Church. "Boy, if only they knew what it was like at the local Church level," we say. Well, here is your chance to listen (and speak) to our General Conference delegates who do have the ability to do something about it! They will be in a Listening Session at Gainesville 1st UMC on Saturday, March 3rd, between the hours of 10:00 and 1:00. They will be listening to what the people of the Conference have to say to them concerning proposed legislation for the upcoming General Conference (April 24th—May 4th). The General Conference is the only group that is authorized to speak for the United Methodist Church, and this is also the group that has the capability of re-writing the Book of Discipline. If you are interested in going, let Charlie know. Maybe we'll get up a van load!



Our Mission Statement: We are an open community of faith, cultivating disciples and ministering to the spiritual hunger and other needs of all peoples, in the spirit of Christ.

If you have **UMW pecan money** that has not been turned in, please be sure to get with Mary Frances Summers, Treasurer of the UMW. They need to close the books on pecan money for 2011.



Church Calendar

Sunday, February 5

8:30 a.m.-Early Worship in the Sanctuary-Jeremy Noffsinger
9:31 a.m.-Connections Praise & Worship in the FLC-Rev. Charlie Green
9:45/10:45 a.m.-Sunday School Classes and Small Groups
11 a.m.-Worship Service in the Sanctuary-Charlie
12 noon-New Member/Visitor Lunch-FLC Gym
5 p.m.-Youth Group: Superbowl Party at Al & DeeDee Smith's House

Monday, February 6

6 p.m.-Kickstart Job Ministry-Senior Room

Tuesday, February 7

9 a.m.-Christian Believers-Upper Room
5 p.m.-Handbell Choir Practice-Education Building
6:30 p.m.-Connections Praise Band Practice-FLC
6:30 p.m.-Disciple Bible Study I-Upper Room

Wednesday, February 8

4:30 p.m.-UMW Executive Committee Meeting-Library
5:15 p.m.-Prayer Group-Senior Room
5:45 p.m.-Mid-Week Fellowship-FLC
6:45 p.m.-Finance Committee Meeting-Senior Room
6:45 p.m.-Choir Practice-Education Bldg.

Thursday, February 9

11 a.m.-CLC Valentine's Lunch-FLC gym
5:30 p.m.-Diabetic Support Group Meeting-Senior Room



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