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Wayne's Wanderings

October Greetings. Oh how I love the first cool weather! Every year I am CERTAIN that Fall will eventually bring in cooler weather and for me a time of refreshing. Being certain is usually good, but in following God's will, many times God doesn't make what we call, "common sense". Was it common sense for Gideon to cut his army down to 300 or for Noah to build a boat on dry land with no water in sight? If you walk by faith, many times you are not certain what will happen in your mind but you are certain it will happen in your heart. God always leads us to new levels that call for us to trust His leading while not knowing how it will all play out. If you calculate all the factors and come to the conclusion that it just won't work, BUT you know that God has brought you to this point, then you have a choice to trust God's leading or to fall back on your calculations. Certainty is the mark of the common sense life but gracious uncertainty is the mark of the Spiritual life. It is by Faith that we can be certain in our hearts while our heads are asking "How can this be?" The key is to seek God's mind on the matter and when He directs, we are CERTAIN in our hearts while our heads struggle to catch up. There is a verse that I hold on to, "He who began a good work in you is faithful to complete it." (Philippians 1:6).

I have been a Pastor for almost 30 years, and I have seen God come through 100% of the time, so for me, it is fun to be certain while uncertain. Just about the time I start to panic in the mind, God comes through and I have joy again. I want to encourage you to seek God's mind on your life, then hold on while you fight the fight of faith, certain that "He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it"! I want to see you in church.

Wayne

P.S. As a church, we have been through a long hard summer. We have walked through some trying times, and are now back on the path to health and growth. We need all of you to be faithful in your giving and serving. We are the Body of Christ, we have been and will be faithful to do God's will and work! We need you to give to the budget and also help do the work of the church. Some of you need to get back here and get with the program. Pray and obey God's lead. The work of God is too important to ignore.

Thanks, Da Rev.



ELDERS AT THE TABLE

- October 3 Ken & Susan Ellis
- October 10 Jeff Cooper & Karen Cowan
- October 17 Fred Bennett & Chuck Bailey
- October 24 Cindy Ashlock & Bob Brown
- October 31 John & Lynda Hathaway

SERMONS FOR OCTOBER

- October 3 – Stump Preaching
“On Wings of Eagles”
Isaiah 40:28-31
- October 10 - Rev. Wayne Ashlock
“Rivers of Living Water”
John 7:37-39
- October 17 – Rev. Wayne Ashlock
“Many Gifts, One Spirit”
I Corinthians 12:4-5
- October 24 – Rev. Wayne Ashlock
“What If You Are Wrong?”
Matthew 7:13-23
- October 31 – Rev. Wayne Ashlock
“Haunted By God”
Psalms 25:12-14

WEDNESDAY MEALS

- October 6 Chicken & Broccoli
- October 13 Baked Potato Pile-On
- October 20 Nacho Pile-On
- October 27 Soup of the Day

OCTOBER CLASS HOSTING AND COMMUNION PREPARATION

- Class Hosting Pairs & Spares
(Led by Alice)
- Communion Susan Ellis

ATTENDANCE & GIVING REPORT

		Attendance	Reg Offering	Other Giving
Aug	22	127	\$1,930.04	\$296.51
Aug	29	135	\$2,450.45	\$25.50
Sept	5	112	\$5,623.36	\$121.00
Sept	12	132	\$3,388.58	\$221.00
Sept	19	124	\$2,796.39	\$200.50

FCC CELEBRATES 143rd BIRTHDAY!

Back in 1867, a retired Confederate Major from the Civil War moved to the area and became a leader in the founding of our town and county. Major E.M. Heath is one of the persons pictured on the panorama at the Wright Building, down town Cleburne. He was an Elder in the new evangelical movement of the day founding churches throughout the South. The Christian Church was the fastest growing denomination of the late 1800's and Major Heath and others got us started here in Cleburne. Our first church building was built in 1880 on Wardville Street and the bell in front of today's church was first rung there to call folks to church on Sunday mornings. Our church has had a major impact on the life of Cleburne all these years and we plan to continue that impact until the Lord calls us all home.

On October 3rd, we will celebrate our 143rd birthday with stump preaching, gospel singing and a good old Pot Luck dinner following worship. We will have communion by Intinction (it is World Communion Day also!) and we invite all of you to come dressed country. This would be a good Sunday to bring a friend and for you rarely seen members to get back to worshipping with us. We will see you Sunday and be sure to bring a great dish of southern hospitality food!

SIGN UP TODAY (Call 817-645-4479)!

WE NEED some of you to sign up for the Chili Cook-off, October 24th, 6 PM!

WE NEED some of you to sign up to bring desserts for same event, two of same kind, one to eat, one to auction!

WE NEED some of you to volunteer to go on the Mission Trip on March 12-18 (Spring Break), 2011!

WE NEED some of you to sign up for the few spots left on the Chancel Flower list (esp. Oct. 31st!)

WE NEED some of you to be a Sunday morning worship leader, call the office!

WE NEED some of you to help cook on Wednesday, either as a team leader or as a helper!
WE NEED many of you to sign up for Blood Drive on October 3rd and all to register on the Bone Marrow registry.

WE NEED all of our members to commit to give regularly to the General fund and Building fund.

NEW MEMEBERS.....

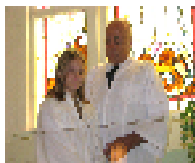
Lilly Ewing



We also want you to welcome Lilly Ewing who joined our church family by statement of Faith. Lilly is a retired school teacher living here in Cleburne and she is already active in the ministry of FCC.

Kamryn Coffia

We want you to welcome Amanda and Kamryn Coffia to our church family. Kamryn made her confession of Faith and followed our Lord in baptism. Kamryn is a 4th grader and loves her family and church. Her mother Amanda moved her membership into our church, transferring by statement of Faith. Amanda is a single mom, her other child is Matthew and she works at a store here in town.



Don & Liz Haywood



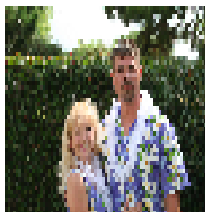
We want to go also get to know Don and Liz Haywood, who transferred their membership from a church in Florida. They live at 3420 CR 423 and their phone is

817-556-0665. Don is a handy man and Liz is not currently employed, having recently worked through having cancer.

Pick up the pictures of these new members and put them in your Church Pictorial Directory

A Grief Observed...

After a valiant fight against cancer, Brenda



Anderson got to go where there is "no more tears, no more sickness". Brenda passed away at M.D. Anderson on August 29th and the funeral was held at our church on September 3rd. Pray for Kenny, Blaine and her

parents and family as they grieve this courageous young lady's death.

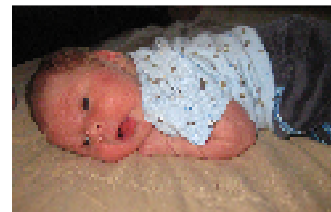
Another Grief to share...

On September 19th, Wanda Morris passed away. Wanda is the mother of Kevin who died of Lou Gehrig's in February and part of Pastor Wayne's family (Cindy's aunt). Wayne did the funeral in Burleson on September 22. Be in prayer for this family, especially Kathy and Clint, as they now have faced death twice this year.

BABY NEWS!!!!

Isaiah McDowell

Brad and Lisa McDowell are the proud parents of Isaiah, born on Thursday Sept. 16 2010, weighing 9lbs. 8oz. and cute like his mom.



Congratulations and thanks be to God!

Michael Frances Anderson



Perry and Adrienne have a new grand baby, the first grandson, Michael, born on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010 to Warren and Jen Anderson. All are well and

Grandpa and Grandma are just full of pride, thankfulness and joy!

BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 3RD.

We will join the Presbyterian Church in the bi-annual Blood Drive on October 3rd. The Fall drive is at the Presbyterian Church and you can sign up or just drop by and give. It runs from 12:30 PM until after 5 PM and we need at least a dozen to give. The last drive we had to shut down due to lack of donors. We also need all of you to go by and become a Bone Marrow Donor person. You must be age 18-60 and there are other restrictions that you need to note. To register they only have to swab the inside of your cheek, no needles at all. Sign up to give blood or just go by and become a bone marrow registered person if you can!



OCTOBER YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

October 2010

For Jr. High and CYF:

October 3~Youth Group 5-7

October 9~ CYF DAY @ TCU 11:45 AM

October 10~ Youth Group 5-7

October 17~ Youth Group 5-7

October 24~ NO YOUTH chili cook-off

October 31~ NO YOUTH Halloween

SIGN UP FOR FALL RETREATS

Chi Rho Fall Retreat~ November 5-7 \$40

CYF Fall Retreat~ November 19-21 \$40

For Pre-k – 5th grade

October 30- Halloween Party @ Smalley's
4:00-6:00 PM.

If you have any questions PLEASE call me at 309-267-1588 or email me! If you want to help with any activity please call or email as well.
Thanks and PEACE~Emily

NO WONDER THE PREACHER JOINED WEIGHT WATCHERS!

Oct. 3rd, after the Stump preaching, Gospel sing and World Communion Sunday Worship, we will have an **Old Fashioned Pot Luck Dinner!** You are to bring your favorite dish, cooked from scratch if possible, to share with the Congregation. This is the church's 143rd year in Cleburne and we will celebrate!

Oct. 5th, some men are going to the **Catfish Fry** at Riverbend Camp. There will be a great speaker and great food and great fellowship. We leave the church at 5:30 pm, come be a part!

Oct. 17th on Stewardship Sunday we will have what we are calling our "bean counting day", so the Elders will serve you **Beans and Cornbread** and more after Worship. This is a free meal, a thank you to all of you for being a faithful part of FCC. The whole church is expected to be a part!

Oct. 24th, at 6pm, we will have our 5th Annual **Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction.** We will have 10-12 pots of chili competing for the honor of being #1 for 2010 (Jerry Nixon is the reigning champ for 2009). We also will have 10-12 desserts that will try to become #1 and be the last to be auctioned (the reigning dessert champ is Jerry McDearmon). Come to this and judge by eating some of each one before you waddle over to the voting box.

Besides this, remember that every Wednesday we have a **supper cooked for you** so you won't have to cook. The cost is very minimal and the object is fellowship and relief for those who work their jobs and would like a meal with no dishes. These suppers always start at 5:45 PM.

WE ARE STILL REACHING OUT!

You can help feed the homeless on Oct. 14 as we go to the Lodge here in Cleburne and bring them to our church for a high class meal. The meal starts at 6 PM but we will start the process before then. If you can help in any way, give Jane Silvey a call! Also remember that we start Snak-Pak this month, the blood drive on Oct. 3rd and Operation Blessing food on the 12th. The Kairos team needs cookies by the dozen, special recipes, call Becky Hightower or Alice Finley on that. Find a need and fill it, find a hurt and heal it!

JOKE FOR OCTOBER

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(See Matthew 6:19-21)

09-27-2010

I'VE BEEN STORING UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN MY WHOLE LIFE, AND I FIGURE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO STORE UP A FINANCIAL ADVISOR AS WELL