



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | CARROLLTON GEORGIA | MARCH 2025 – VOLUME 70

# Begin Planning Now

## *Who Can You Invite on Easter?*

Sunday, April 20 is going to be an exceptional day at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church!

- magnificent free brunch
- a world-class grits bar
- soul stirring music
- an inspiring message of hope
- gifts for your guests
- drawings for prizes

**Easter Sunday** is always a grand celebration, but it's more than mere celebration—it's God's invitation to life, and our opportunity to share it. Somewhere along the line, someone, and probably several people, told you the greatest news ever announced: God loves you, and has made a way for you to be reconciled to Him. Now it's our turn to share it. Invite someone to worship on Easter Sunday, and share the power and love of Jesus.

***This Easter, share the gift of Easter*** by inviting your friends to worship at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church. Make your list. Make the calls. Get a "yes." Pray for your guests. Trust in God.



# 1<sup>ST</sup> CHRISTIAN CHURCH NIGHT OF WORSHIP SATURDAY, MARCH 8th @ 6 PM

Join us for a special night of worship in the Family Life Center lead by the 306 Worship Team. This Night of Worship is dedicated specifically to worship through music; it's a time to gather together in song, giving all glory and honor to our God.



## Prayer Requests

- Van Ministry
- 1st Kids Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Good results from Dick Ingle's India trip
- Good Friday & Easter Services
- Wednesday Night Bible studies
- Night of Worship
- Open Hands





Brittany Vibhakar  
& Beth Morgan



On February 13th, we had the privilege of leading over 50 students in a time of worship, devotion, and prayer at the Carrollton Upper Elementary FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) huddle. It was wonderful to see several of our kids participating that morning!

On March 5th, we will have the opportunity to visit Central Elementary and share with all the third graders what it's like to work in children's ministry during their career day event. We are very excited that we will also get to see several of our kids during that time!

#### Sunday Mornings:

Our goal this year is for every elementary age child to learn the order of all 66 books of the Bible. Each month, we are adding on six additional books. For March we are focusing on memorizing Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings.

We are also encouraging them to learn their monthly memory verse. They earn prizes when they memorize the verse:

Preschool: "And the Power of the Lord was with Jesus." -Luke 5:17, NIV

Elementary: "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do." - Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Please help them work on the books of the Bible & memory verse at home. When they have learned all 66 books of the Bible, they will be able to pick out their own special Bible.

Beth & Brittany would love to come watch a game or recital this spring, if we can make it work with our schedules! Please email your kid's game & recital schedules to Beth and Brittany at :

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Jake McPike  
Youth Minister



# MIRACLES

## THE MARVELS OF JESUS

1<sup>ST</sup> CHRISTIAN CHURCH

For the months of February and March, Pipeline Student Ministry is in a five-week series on Wednesday nights, looking at five of the miracles of Jesus. This series is all about Jesus's authority and how his deeds (miracles) validate his words.

The study is laid out as follows:

Week 1- Turning water into wine. -John 2:1-12

Week 2- The healing of the royal official's son. -John 4:43-54.

Week 3- Jesus calms the storm. -Mark 4:35-41

Week 4- Jesus and the legion of demons, -Mark 5:1-20

Week 5- The healing of Malchus's ear. -Luke 22:45-53



We would like to thank the youth who helped out at our Married People event in February. These students helped with setting up and serving tables throughout the evening. Those who helped make this event possible were Grayson Faircloth, Emory Faircloth, Samuel Faircloth, Warren Faircloth, Hannah Hembree, Mercedes Hembree, Dylan Sapp, Charley Evans, and Daniel Johnson.

# Where Are You Serving?

Jesus said He came not to be served, but to serve. Then He instructed His followers to do the same – serve others. Sometimes we Christians get it backwards. We “come to church” for what we can get out of it, rather than coming to 1) give God our very best, and 2) serve our guests and fellow members.

Serving others on Sundays is an important opportunity to aid in the growth of one’s faith. It helps build strong believers and a strong, supportive community. When you serve, you help share the love of Christ while meeting the needs of others.

So, where are you using your unique gifts for the benefit of others? There are lots of ways you can serve at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian church, including:

- a teacher or assistant in the children’s ministry
- mentoring and guiding teens through our youth ministry
- playing an instrument & singing with the praise team (9am) and the band (11am)
- greeting guests and members on Sunday mornings & Wednesday nights
- stacking chairs for Pickleball immediately following 11AM worship
- helping our van drivers bring kids to church on Sundays
- cleaning the church facilities

If you are ready to obey God’s call to serve, please contact [Paul@1stChristianChurch.com](mailto:Paul@1stChristianChurch.com).

No matter your role, every act of service brings glory to God and adds to the mission of the church.

## Baptism

We are filled with joy and gratitude as we celebrate the recent baptism of Jenny Herrick, which took place after the 11 AM service. Jenny's connection to Greg and Joanne Shackelford exemplifies how God uses us within friendships outside our church. We are so happy for Jenny to be a part of our FCC family!





# PARENT POWER

*Randy Barnhart  
Senior Minister*

## Time keeps on Slippin', Slippin', Slippin'

Is there anything more rewarding (and challenging!!) then being a parent? Maybe, but the list is mighty short, and most have escaped my notice. Much like athletes need to circle back around to the fundamentals to make sure they're getting the basics right, parents, too, need to check and re-check how they are doing with basics. Some foundational principles, if not consciously attended to, can slide unnoticed right off the family table. Here are two fundamental practices every parent should keep in mind:

**1. Set Clear and Consistent Boundaries:** Your kids thrive when they know what is expected of them. Your role to make the expectations clear. This is not accomplished by a one-time moment of instruction, no matter how powerful. Expectations require you to regularly underline and highlight. Inconsistent discipline makes kids confused and anxious. It's not enough to simply "talk" once or twice about the rules—you must apply them with love and resolve. When a child knows there will be consequences for their actions, they develop a sense of responsibility. Boundaries are not a sign of control; they are expressions of love.

**2. Spend Time with your kids – both kinds of time.** It's not about choosing "quality" time over a "quantity" of time. That's a false dichotomy. It's about being a regular (daily) presence not a constant (helicopter) presence, and at the same time making sure you build in focused, meaningful moments (quality). It can be reading the Bible together, talking about events in the world, playing catch, or having a one-on-one conversation. It's not just the quality, it's both. Prioritize meaningful interactions without sacrificing the daily interaction.

## Married People Event

Many thanks to Jason and Lindsey Faircloth, our hosts for the Married People event, and to all who contributed to making it such a great success! We had over 150 attend plus a lot of volunteers who served.



# Library News

When Margo and Ron Shepherd moved to Carroll County in 2002, they immediately found places to serve here at our church. This was during the ministry of Fred Skinner and Rex Wisely. When Rex found out Margo had library experience, he asked her to take over the book collection of the church. Early on, Buvena Rooks had organized a library for congregational use, but by the time of Margo's arrival, the library had become the dumping ground for people with books to unload and no one responsible for them.

Rex probably wondered who this mad librarian was when her first move was to get rid of three fourths of the books and ask for a healthy budget for buying books. Soon, however, an easy to use and attractive library began to take shape in the open space at the end of the walk-way from the auditorium. A few years later, Margo imagined a coffee bar and mentioned it to Cindi Bass who worked her magic with good lighting, some seating, and a drink/food serving area. This addition has proven to be much appreciated and well used.

After more than twenty years of service, Margo has turned over the library to Carrie Veal. Carrie has proven her willingness to serve the church in many ways from overseeing Children's Ministry, to learning to operate a sound system, to decorating the tables for Easter and Mothers' Day luncheons. This new task should be a good fit for Carrie's skills since she is the librarian at the Ruth Holder Library in Temple.

Again, the leadership of the church reminds each member to be on the lookout for a place to serve. Find your niche. You will be blessed far more than you would expect from putting up furniture, cleaning an area, or calling on shut ins. You chose where and when to serve.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

3/2 -Celebrate Recovery 4 PM

3/3- Pickleball 6-8 PM

3/5 -Wonderful Wednesday 6 PM

3/8 - Night of Worship 6 PM

3/9 -Celebrate Recovery 4 PM

3/10 - Pickleball 6-8 PM, Omega 6 PM

3/11- Food Pantry 9 - 10 AM

3/12– Alpha 10 AM, Wonderful Wednesday 6 PM

3/16 - Celebrate Recovery 4 PM

3/17 - Pickleball 6– 8 PM

3/19 - Wonderful Wednesday 6 PM

3/23– Celebrate Recovery 4 PM

3/24 - Pickleball 6-8 PM

3/26 -Wonderful Wednesday 6 PM

3/30 - Celebrate Recovery 4 PM

3/31 - Pickleball 6– 8 PM

4/20 - Easter Services @ 9 & 11 AM, Brunch at 10 AM

## WAYS TO GIVE



Text 1stcc to 73256



Sunday (Giving boxes)

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### Weekly Offering Needed

### February Numbers

\$17,211.54

	<u>2/2</u>	<u>2/9</u>	<u>2/16</u>	<u>2/23</u>
Attendance	284	256	248	281
Offering	\$24,982.00	\$10,129.86	\$8,880.15	\$10,016.43
YTD Received	\$135,835.61	\$145,965.47	\$154,845.62	\$164,862.05
YTD Needed	\$86,057.70	\$103,269.24	\$120,480.78	\$137,692.32