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Why We Are Here: Christ Presbyterian Church is called by the God of all Grace to be a transforming agent in the lives of those who live and work around us. It is our desire to touch them spiritually, socially and culturally through the power of the Gospel.

10TH ANNUAL Chili Cook-Off: ALL GOOD!

A decade of deliciousness? Already?!? Yes, it has been 10 years worth of chili. We had a great turnout this year: 14 different chili concoctions were entered in this year's cook off. We had everything from "Just Plain Old Chili" to "Missouri Roadkill." Some were better than others, some were hotter than others, but they were all good!

In an effort to create a new tradition (and save a little money in the mean time), we decided to go in a slightly different direction with the prizes this year. With helpful suggestions from several of the women, the three categories were:

- **Top Chef** – exactly what it sounds like: the chili that the judges deem is the *best overall*.
- **Good-n-Hot** – the *hottest* chili that is also good and edible.
- **Original Recipe** – the *most unique* chili of the group. It still needs to be chili but it is definitely a variation on the theme.

The prizes were trophies that corresponded to the winning category and each winner will inscribe his/her name on the trophy for future bragging rights.

The **2009 winners** were:

- **Top Chef** - James and Justin Spradlin were awarded the "Chef's Hat" for the best overall. Great job boys!

- **Good-n-Hot** - Bobby Conaway was awarded the "Oven Mitt" for the hottest chili. His version wasn't as hot as it looked but it definitely stayed with you a while.
- **Original Recipe** - Bill Manning was awarded "The Apron" for the most unique entry! "Holy Smoke," as it was named, fooled a few people – it referred to the great smoky flavor of the chili, not the potential heat factor.

Many thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped, especially *Jenny Shumake* and *Tonya Brown* (the creator of the trophies). And our judges who did a great job sampling all that chili. For the other 11 of us that didn't win, we have 11 months left to work on and perfect our chili for those trophies in 2010!



Jenny Shumake, Bill Manning, J. Spradlin, Bobby Conaway, Keith Brown

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By Assistant Pastor Buddy Eades

ONE DAY SERVICE PROJECTS: MEETING NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

When I began to think about how we as a church would learn more about mercy ministry and also have an impact on the local community, I thought up the idea of *One Day Service Projects* that our Fellowship Group could do. During the fall our small group began by going to Coweta Pregnancy Services, serving that organization by doing a short work project, cleaning both the inside and outside of the Newnan building. This February we are going to *One Roof Ecumenical Outreach*. One Roof is located on Temple Avenue in Newnan and for the last year and a half has been meeting the needs of people in our community. At their building, they house a food bank and a store where they resell donated items and give clothing to those who are in need as well as provide some assistance for overdue utilities.

My interest in One Roof began as a result of reading about the needs of the homeless in our local paper. I drove to One Roof and was given a personal tour by *Derenda Rowe*. Ms Rowe is responsible for much of the ongoing vision and growth of One Roof and works with two part-time staffers to coordinate volunteers and to coordinate One Roof ministry projects with others in the community. She works with the Homeless Task Force and local churches who work alongside One Roof to coordinate their efforts and resources to meet the needs of many who would have been coming to their church doors. When Ms. Rowe gave me the tour, I began to talk to her about our church and our desire to get to know more about local ministry opportunities. We are not a large church but we have people and time. I asked her if we would be able to come and do a *One Day Service Project* for them.

My desire is that the One Day Service Projects will provide a way for all our members to find a ministry where they would be called by God to serve. Our church is not highly program driven and as a result much of our ministry should be in our community, in our neighborhoods and as we go about our daily lives. One Roof is one of the main places where we are able to meet the needs of the homeless, through donating food, clothing and also serving at the ministry. Derenda has just this fall noted that she is making an effort to establish a relationship with local churches through finding individuals who would be able to coordinate volunteers from each church. She would then be able to call that coordinator with any needs and opportunities to serve. Saturday February 7th at 9am we will be going to One Roof to help them organize donated items and make them ready to be placed in the Store or given to individuals and families. We need volunteers to help us! Children who are able to work with the supervision of an adult are welcome but there is no childcare available. Teenagers are welcome to work as well. If anyone needs transportation, please contact the church office and we will make sure you get a ride. Directions to One Roof will be in the bulletin and also on our website. Please pray for One Roof, consider making a donation and also come serve with us and get to know this ministry better.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ONE DAY SERVICE PROJECT

MEET AT **ONE ROOF**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009 AT 9:00AM
320 C TEMPLE AVENUE, NEWNAN



“and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2



Gospel Man. Two words not often placed beside one another. Just who is a gospel man? I have thought about the term since I first heard it used by Harvey Kirkpatrick the man behind the conference. Harvey and I both go back a ways and have a few connections. One connection is that we both went to Furman University, (he was a few years before me) and we also worked for the same campus ministry. These two shared experiences help me see why Harvey has such a passion to see Men changed by and a desire to know more of the gospel in his own life. First, as we both faced the challenges and benefits of going to Furman we learned how to think from a Christian Worldview as we faced a university that was growing more secular by the year and yet we found in the midst of that place a group of men and women who saw the need for believers to be disciples. As Harvey and I were on staff with Worldwide Discipleship Association we also grew in our understanding of the need to help others grow in their faith. So to have a passion to see men grow in their faith, able to be disciplers of other men is a core value. Like much of men’s ministry there is a need for men who are mature in their faith to disciple younger men. Paul and Timothy are a great example of this. Paul calls Timothy my dear son. Timothy shares years with Paul during his early missionary travels and is with Paul as he writes the early letters to churches that were planted by that team.

Yet discipleship and a passion to help people grow can lead to intellectualism and pride as a Pharisee heart can develop even in those who commit themselves to full time Christian ministry. After 11 years of campus work, I found myself face to face with my own sinful pride and self righteousness. My gospel was not Jesus alone; I was trusting in my own good works and faithful service to God to provide those things my life lacked. I had read plenty about the grace of God and I knew the words – that my salvation was not by works that no man could boast, but I had lost my joy. I was at the end of my seminary training, looking toward my first pastorate and I was angry at God for my being single and poor. Was Christ enough? That was the beginning of a renewal in my life. God peeled back my sinful ugly heart and showed me that I was trusting in me for salvation. I knew shame and guilt but I didn’t see GRACE. Not deeply. I hadn’t seen the gospel go deep into my heart! I had to let God open up all that nastiness inside that wanted God to meet my needs and make my life better, giving me a wife and a good job and money and friends and the list went on and on. Maybe your story is a bit like mine? I majored in Music at Furman but what I really learned was how to be a Pharisee! The Gospel doesn’t let us do that! It forces us to be honest with God and other men. Most men however will admit that they live lives that are closed off to others, especially other men.

The gospel man is someone who has come to the point when he can no longer play games with God or with other men. He must come as a broken sinner who is able to admit his brokenness. He is one who knows that the path to sanctification and spiritual growth is to have an increasing awareness of his poverty and sinfulness. Paul would say O wretched Man that I am! So do we! But the gospel man doesn’t stay in the pit. He sees that as the gap between himself and Holy Holy Holy God increases due to his sin, the cross that once was small in his estimation at his conversion has grown greater and greater. As gospel man sees that Jesus Righteousness is the only righteousness that counts. My goodness smells like dirty rags to God. Yet God shows his grace to me in that while I was yet in sin, Christ died in my place. I am more sinful than I ever imagined but also more loved than I dare believe. ***We are inviting all men to come to Ivy Creek Church in Lawrenceville GA this April to the Atlanta Gospel Man Conference.*** This isn’t just another Promise Keepers, it is a conference that helps us see that Men need Men who know and live out the gospel.

“The Gospel Men Conference is a time to help men reflect deeply and enjoy the grace of God in Christ. The Gospel itself is the source of ongoing power to change us into men that enjoy and glorify God. The conference seeks to explore the implications of His grace in all the areas of a man’s life over time, facilitate men in local churches growing together, and point us toward a lifestyle of 2 Timothy 2:2 influence in other men’s lives.”

See Buddy Eades for more details.....

WOMEN'S RETREAT: AN INVITATION FROM CARRIAGE LANE PRESBYTERIAN

We have been invited by the 'Ladies on the Lane' to attend their spring retreat in March! The retreat is open to any lady from 18 – 99 years old, including nursing moms with infants. The title of the retreat is *Family Matters: Loving, Equipping and Serving God's Church* and will be lead by *Sue Jakes*. Sue serves as an education specialist for the Christian Education Committee of the PCA and is also a teacher, trainer and educational consultant for Great Commission Publications. She is a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Georgia where she has served as the children's ministry coordinator. Sue received a Masters Degree in Education from West Georgia College, taught in the public schools and home schooled for twenty-two years. She is co-author of "Heart of the Home", a Bible Study ministry for moms; creator of "Who's Building Your House?" a video study of Psalm 27 for women; and was creator and editor of Ready...Set...Teach! a newsletter for teachers and parents.

During the retreat on March 20-21, Sue will be speaking to participants about their role in 'Loving, Equipping and Serving God's Church'. Through this two say study, Sue hopes to convey to everyone how important our roles as women in the church are to the family of God.

MARCH 20 – 21, 2009
CAMP CALVIN
13550 WOOLSEY ROAD
HAMPTON, GEORGIA

\$85.00 PER PERSON
NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$20 DUE FEBRUARY 22, 2009**

REGISTRATION: FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 20TH AT 5:30PM
DINNER AT 6:00PM

What to bring:

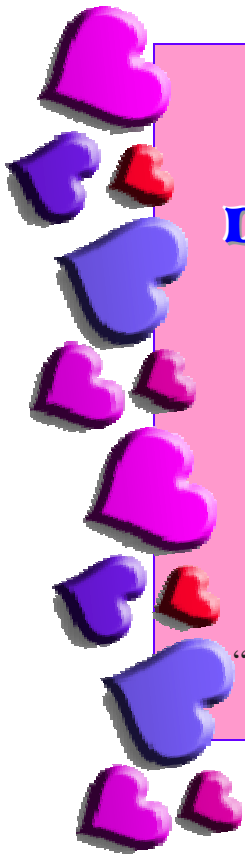
A willing, teachable spirit, Bible, a snack to share after dinner and between sessions, and a craft to work on (optional).

Saturday afternoon will include some free time for rest or hike around the grounds and/or lake and craft time. You can bring a craft to work on or learn a new craft from one of our ladies.

DIRECTIONS: From State Rte 85 take Goza Rd. East to Highway 92, turn right going south. Take left onto Hampton Rd. This becomes Woolsey Rd. Continue to: Calvin Center, Camp Calvin 13550 Woolsey Rd., Hampton Georgia.
From Carriage Lane take 54 East turn right on Glynn St. – state route 85/92 south, then left to 92 (at Rite-Aid) then right onto 92 then left onto Hampton/Woolsey Road.

**Please see AMY COX, if you are interested – Amy has our registration forms. This is a wonderful opportunity for our women to participate in a retreat by joining a larger group of women. As we understand from the organizers, we can stay together as a group in our own cabin -- stay tuned for more details from Amy!





Christ Presbyterian Church's
1st Annual

Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dinner

Dads, treat your daughter(s) to a special night out.
All ages welcome.

**Saturday, February 7th at
5:30pm
The Olive Garden**

“Don't forget to dress up for this special occasion and
remember the carnation!”

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Happy Birthday to our
children born in
FEBRUARY:

**JONAH CONAWAY
MARK JELLEMA
Lily Waddell**