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Adairsville Christian Church

Family News

Characteristics of ourselves can often be seen in our parents as well as our children and grandchildren. These traits can often be recognized in extended family like aunts, uncles and cousins. It not just inherited traits; it goes beyond biological ancestry. Some things are the result of learned behaviors. Happy smiling babies are often the result of happy smiling parents. Well-adjusted children are often the result of well-adjusted parents. For those of us who are not well-adjusted and cranky, God provides grace to our children.

Some characteristics involve physical characteristics (nature). These are genetic based characteristics that often include hair, color or lack of both, height and roundness. Some characteristics can be good while others such as history of heart problems are not so good. Other characteristics like temperament and attitude can be influenced by parenting (nurture).

We are called to be the children of God. There should be some identifying characteristics in our spiritual make-up. We know we are made in His image, however our physical nature is marred by sin. Fortunately we can overcome sin through the nurture (instruction) of His love and grace. Peter reminds us that God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness (II Peter 1:3). My personal definition of godliness is the ability to possess and demonstrate the characteristics of God - things like compassion, kindness and forgiveness. As His children we need to reflect His character. Peter goes on in that same chapter listing those qualities we need to incorporate in our daily lives. Often referred to as the Christian graces; these include faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness and love. Possessing these qualities allows us to be productive, fruit bearing children of God.

Several years ago I read an article about a man who looked like Jesus (at least

the Hollywood version.) He has walked from place to place dressed in a robe and carries a blanket on his back. He does not wear shoes and usually walks everywhere he goes. For food and shelter, he relies on the goodwill of the people he meets along the way. He does not claim to be Jesus. He says he tries to model his life on Jesus' example. People often trust him with their private lives conveying stories of depression and addiction. Others ask him to pray with them. Some have reported since meeting with him their lives have been changed.

As God's children our task is simple – reflect the qualities of God in our lives. As Christians we are the representatives of Jesus on the earth. It is not necessary for us to be barefooted and dressed in Biblical style clothing to furnish people a sense of the presences of Christ. We are given the opportunity every time we step out our front door. Wherever we go, the beautiful aroma of his presence should surface. Chaos gives way to calm, fear to hope, and indifference to genuine concern. People will begin to trust you, ask you to pray for them, and take heart from your concern. Such a presence changes situations and people for the better.

We are to re-create the presence of Christ. Treat people so they will know that someone with the characteristics of God who “looks like Jesus” came to visit, listened to them and gave them hope. The secret isn't clothing – it is attitude. Jesus taught us how to love, forgive and serve others. He demonstrated humility and the importance of putting the things of the kingdom first. Paul remind us to imitate him as he imitates Christ (I Cor. 11:1).



BACKPACK BUDDIES/OATMEAL

Thank you to all who bring in donations for our Backpack Buddies and Oatmeal ministries. If you are unsure of what to bring, they accept anything which a child can prepare with ease or eat without preparation. Microwavable pasta containers, Ramen noodles, juice boxes, individual fruit containers, cereal bars, etc are all good. These items will be delivered to the school after the last Sunday of the month to be placed in the backpacks of children whose families need a little extra help. Also, please continue bringing in oatmeal for North Bartow Community Services. Other churches are responsible for other pantry staples and together we feed many needy families!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, April 14th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend this time of wonderful Fellowship and Devotion.

LACE MEETING

Our next LACE meeting will take place on Sunday, April 8th. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy some Fellowship, a short devotion and to help plan events for the upcoming year!

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BRUNCH

The Mother/Daughter Brunch will take place on Saturday, May 5th at 11:00am. This year's theme is Walking in SONlight. There are sign up sheets in the back for food and for table decorating. Start inviting your loved ones to what promises to always be a wonderful event!

SUMMER CAMP

There has been a change in Camp Weeks. Pre-teen, grades 4th, 5th and 6th will be going June 10th through the 13th. Brandi and Ron will be chaperones/counselors that week. Junior Week is still from Sunday, July 15th to Wednesday, July 18th. Middle and High School dates will vary and can be checked out at www.woodlandcamp.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers on Easter Sunday were in Memory and Honor of Church family and friends who have gone to be with the Lord since last Resurrection Sunday.

ADULT OUTING

On Friday, April 13th, adults members of the congregation are invited to the Pizza Farm! The buses will leave the church at 6pm in order to arrive in time for our 6:30pm reservation. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the bulletin board in the back hallway so we can make a reservation ahead of time and know how many people will be riding the bus.

EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

April 29th will be our 5th Sunday Singing beginning at 6pm with Finger foods and fellowship to follow.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please mark your calendars for VBS during the week of June 18th through the 22nd. This is always such a wonderful week! If you want to help out, there is always plenty to be done.

BIRTHDAYS

11th—Donna Hooker
13th—Sherrie Harris,
Addie Munro
16th—Eli Parks
19th—Aaron Millwood,
Rob Munro
23rd—Justin Cowart
24th—Charles Freeman
25th—Kelly Jarrard,
Roger Wallace

26th—Ruth Pelfrey,
Avery Toledo
29th—Aaron Melton,
Paxton Jarrett

ANNIVERSARIES

9th—John Dee & Inez Hooker,
JC & Marie Jarrett
26th—Brian & Lawanna Cowart

**MARCH ATTENDANCE**

March 4th.....75
March 11th.....78
March 18th.....91
March 25th.....??

Christian Service for April

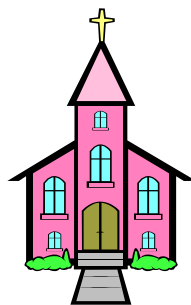
Date	Communion Meditation	Lord's Table	Communion to the Sick	Toddler Nursery "The Stable"	Baby Nursery "The Ark"	Nursery Floater
1	John McPherson	Ronnie Self, Rob Munro, Norris Gravitt, Darrin Edmunds	Ron Marks	Addie Munro	Ambria Gravitt	Larissa McPherson
8	Ron Marks	Ash Miller, Roger Wallace, Nick Cowart, Jaylon Kelly	Richard Cowart	Jessica Caldwell	Julie Stephens	Brandi New
15	Steve Brower	Richard Cowart, Steve Cowart, Ronnie Self, Rob Munro	John McPherson	Tracy Cowart	Larissa McPherson	Ambria Gravitt
22	Rodger Bailey	Norris Gravitt, Darrin Edmunds, Ash Miller, Roger Wallace	Rodger Bailey	Julie Stephens	Brandi New	Addie Munro
29	Sonny Scott	Nick Cowart, Jaylon Kelly, Richard Cowart, Steve Cowart	Roger Wallace	Larissa McPherson	Jessica Caldwell	Tracy Cowart

Communion Preparation: Cindy Scott

Junior Church: Lois & John McPherson

Clean the Annex: Ambria Gravitt

Clean the Baptistry: Michael New



F.E.A.S.T.

(Fellowship, Eat, And, Study, Together)

Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced.

Illness & Special Needs

Louise, Keith, Eddie Millwood

Wanda Harris

Colleen Shea

Taylon Waldon

Nick Foster (Navy)

Brenda Bailey

Wayne Abernathy

Lacrecia Bailey

Wayne & Nell Self

Shut-Ins & Nursing Home

Ruth Pelfrey

Shane Pelfrey





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Wed

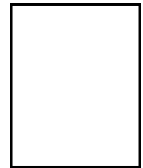
Thu

Fri

Sat

1 8:30am Sunrise Service	2	3 10am Ladies Bible Study	4 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	5	6	7
8 6pm LACE Mtg/ Board Mtg	9	10 10am Ladies Bible Study 7pm 2nd Tuesday Club Meeting	11 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	12	13	14 9am Men's Breakfast
15	16	17 10am Ladies Bible Study	18 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	19	20	21
22	23	24 10am Ladies Bible Study	25 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	26	27	28
29 6pm 5th Sunday Singing with Fellowship to follow	30					

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“Lifting Up Christ!”

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