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Heart Shapes August, 2018

A Heart of Service – To be Humble

I recently read an article about President Jimmy Carter. Now 94 years old, he and Rosalyn, 91 years old, live in Plains, GA. They have a quiet life together. They live in the home where they live out their marriage of 74 years. Their house is dated, but it is home. One piece of presidential memorabilia is a cooler that sits in their kitchen. On it is the presidential seal, a reminder of former day. When they walk hand-in-hand down the quiet street of their home town, they are closely followed and watched by the Secret Service agents provided to all former U.S. Presidents. Of all the former Presidents, the Carters cost to the US government is the least. The Carters are still active as they swing a hammer for Habitat for Humanity and influence world leaders in the acts of reconciliation and peace making. They lead a simple, humble life of service, both locally and globally.

Carter teaches Sunday School every other Sunday at the Maranatha Baptist Church. He has taught over 800 lessons and people stand outside in long lines to come in and hear the former President of the United States teach the biblical lesson of the day.

Steven and Joanna Raley and their 3-month-old son, Jackson Carter Raley, traveled from Virginia to attend one of President Carter's Sunday School lessons. Steven said, "We want our children to

grow up with *a heart of service* like President Carter." Steven works on Navy submarines just as Carter did. Joanna said, "One of the reasons we named our son after President Carter is how humble he is."

What a tribute of honor for a child to be named because of the values and character of a former President of the United States, the highest position of power and influence in the world.

Humbleness is a trait that is most times hidden behind a quiet presence and actions. It is good to be confident and to strive to be the best you can be. Successful people strive not only to be their best, but to be great in how they treat others and how they celebrate the gifts and talents of others.

The Sunday School song for preschoolers is truth: *Be careful little eyes what you see, for the Father up above is looking down at you. So, be careful little eyes what you see.*

As our children, teens and young adults grow into mature, faithful followers of Christ, they are being taught by us. They watch us. They mimic our actions. And, they replicate what they have seen in us.

I found the following ideas on teaching or modeling humbleness. It rang true for me:

Show your child to be humble by being humble. Don't place emphasis on what you have done nor what you have. Instead, focus on what is getting done. Part of being humble is understanding and accepting that you won't always get credit for what you do.

Participate with children in activities that help others. Volunteering and working side by side helps to understand that service to others isn't a weakness. It is strengthening the heart.

Value and respect all people. There is no difference in value for those who have much and those who have less. Everyone needs respect.

Apologize for mistakes made. Extend forgiveness, receive forgiveness and ask for forgiveness. Apologizing makes you place your pride aside, and it is one of the most humbling things you can do. Apologize without expecting anything in return.

Encourage goal setting and use truthful, appropriate methods to reach those goals. A humble person won't use any questionable methods. Truth and honesty are required.

The scriptures speak of humbleness in these ways:

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Proverbs 11:2

And my favorite scripture is . . .

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Douglas MacArthur said, "Build me a son who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid, one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory."

This quote captures the essence of what we strive for throughout our faithful walk as Christians and as adult mentors to the younger generations, both boys and girls.

Peace for the day,
Sheila



Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 25

9:00 am - Regional L.I.F.T. Workshop, Macon/Athens
2:00 - 3:00 pm - Drop-in Bridal Shower for Rebecca Greenwall, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 26

7:00 am - Meet at the church - Church at the Lake
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
12:15 pm - IHNA Training at Ashford Methodist Church (lunch provided)

Monday, August 27

2:00 pm - Bible Study
5:00 - 6:00 pm - TOPS
6:30 pm - Disciple Women's Meeting

Tuesday, August 28

2:00 pm - Support Group
6:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 29

5:45 pm - Wednesday Dinner and Study
7:00 pm - Choir

Saturday, September 1

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - First Saturday

Sunday, September 2

10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
No Youth Group

Monday, September 3

Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

5:00 pm - Pilot Club Meeting

Wednesday, September 5

5:45 pm - Wednesday night dinner and study
7:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, September 6 - Sunday, September 9

Sheila will be at Christmount Discovery Weekend

Sunday, September 9

8:00 am - CMF Breakfast and Meeting
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
5:30 pm - Youth Group
6:00 pm - Board Meeting

Monday, September 10

2:00 pm - Bible Study
5:00 pm - TOPS

Tuesday, September 11

2:00 pm - Support Group
5:00 pm - Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 12

2:00 - 5:00 pm - Constitution Revision Committee
5:45 pm - Wednesday night dinner and study
7:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, September 13

6:00 pm - WWW Dinner Group

Friday, September 14

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Friends Forever with Amy Baxter

Sunday, September 16

10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
5:30 pm - Youth Group

Monday, September 17

2:00 pm - Bible Study

Tuesday, September 18

6:00 pm - Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 19

5:45 pm - Wednesday night dinner and study
7:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, September 20

12:00 pm - Community Luncheon - Briarwood Baptist Church

Friday, September 21

Rehearsal Dinner in the Fellowship Hall (Reserved by Sandra Luncford)

Sunday, September 23

8:30 am - Elders
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
5:30 - 7:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, September 24

2:00 pm - Bible Study
5:00 pm - TOPS
6:30 pm - Disciple Women's Meeting

Tuesday, September 25

2:00 pm - Support Group

Friday, September 28 - Saturday, September 29
Disciple Women's Retreat

Saturday, September 29

IHN Volunteers

Sunday, September 30

10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship (Change for Change)
5:30 - 7:00 pm - Youth Group

FCCW Friends Forever (K-5th graders) traveled by church bus, proclaiming our name and family, to the bowling alley for a game of two with friends. They finished their outing with McDonalds and friendship. "Friends Forever" meet once a month for friendship building and faith lessons. The next FCCW Friends Forever meeting is on Friday, September 14, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM meeting at the church. For more information contact Amy Baxter, Director of Children and Teens Programs.



FCCW's Christian Men Fellowship have a great time meeting for breakfast on second Sunday morning each month. All are welcome to come and join in the delicious, hot breakfast! The next meeting is September 9 at 8:00 AM.



First Saturday is coming around again on September 1, 10 - 12. August 4 was great fun with families and friends from the neighborhoods. The theme for the day was "Dog Days" of Summer. Face painting, coloring sheets, bouncy house, the playground and bubbles! Wonderful morning for sharing the sunshine and the lemonade. FCCW First Saturday is sponsored through our Outreach and Evangelism/Membership Committees and in partnership with the businesses and the Watkinsville Trade and Tourist Association. Come on September 1st!!



The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is coming back to town the week of September 23. FCCW host two nights – Thursday, September 27 and Saturday, September 29. FCCW hosted in June with our partner congregations of Union Christian Church and Ashford Methodist Church. These photos show the coordinating volunteers for the week cover the food, transportation, housing of three families. The parents and children sleep in a Sunday School room that has been transformed into a bedroom for the week. Come and join in the volunteering. Orientation and training are needed to participate. Watch for a training date soon!



INTERFAITH		
SUNDAY MARCH 18		
AM Van Driver(s)	X	Larry
PM Van Driver(s)	X	Gary
Evening Hosts (3)	Rebecca McMillan Carla Mearns	Rebecca McMillan Carla Mearns
Dinner Hosts (2)	Joyce Beckwith Jean Davidson Tracy Miller	Carol and Jim Smith Regina McMillan
Overnight Hosts (2)	Mark Steinhilber Ken Clark	Steve Beckwith Teresa Givens
Dinner Center Hosts (2)	X	X
Set up (4)	Ann Davidson Ken Clark Carl Steinhilber	James Beckwith Teresa Givens
Take Down (4)	X	X
Laundry (4)	X	X

WFCC Youth Sunday school classes are well attended. We appreciate our teachers.



The Men's Choir provided the Special Music on July 29.



Spence was the soloist on a recent Sunday.

The **WWW Dinner group** went "local" in July. We took advantage of a Wednesday night when the adult choir had taken a break from rehearsals.

Twenty-three of us gathered on July 25 for dinner. We walked up the street to the new restaurant called, Pub on Main.



On August 20, eighteen of us enjoyed sharing the table at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen.

You are invited to our next adventure in eating and greeting at the tables of Long Horns Restaurant, Athens, on Monday, September 17 at 6:00 PM. Come and join your friends and neighbors for the WWW Dinner Group!



Homecoming 2018 was great with preparation from many volunteers in the FCCW family. Tables and chairs and staples were removed by our Youth Group. A little more work in the kitchen remodel project strengthen our friendships with the “fun” of working together! It was worth the volunteering time. Thank you to all – we experienced that “Grace Grows Here!”



Homecoming 2018 theme – “Generations of Generosity and Grace” was expressed in so many ways at this annual event. The flowers for the sanctuary showed out their colors! A set of sisters – Faye Beth and Judy – enjoyed the company of many friends and family. And our speaker for the day, Rev. Dr. Bruce Barkhauer told us biblical stories of hope and healing. Bruce also got to hear stories from one of our oldest and wisest members, Morton Smith! What great smiles!!



Youth Camps 2018

Do you see anybody you know!?!?! Some photos from one of the camps our kids attended at Camp Christian this summer. The Mid-High camp in June had 38 campers who were entering the 9th and 10th grades. FCCW sent 11 and one adult volunteer to Mid-High!! Thank you, Church, for the support and encouragement of our kids!! It was an experience of a lifetime!



Financial Report June 2018

By Kathy Reising for David Conine, Treasurer

JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS	YTD BUDGETED INCOME	YTD ACTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$ 9,871	\$88,825	\$78,772

JUNE EXPENSES	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSE	YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES
\$11,943	\$93,003	\$77,077

YTD CONTRIBUTIONS VS BUDGET	\$ (10,503)
YTD EXPENSES VS BUDGET	\$ (15,926)
YTD CONTRIBUTIONS MINUS EXPENSES	\$ 1,695

GENERAL FUNDS	\$ 27,104
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 34,803
SAVINGS GENERAL FUNDS	\$139,312
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$108,408



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Disciple Men Rally

Saturday
October 13th, 2018
Begins 10:00 AM
1st Christian Church Griffin
Registration Begins 9:30 AM

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 (HCSB) ¹ Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to Him: We ask you, brothers, ² not to be easily upset in mind or troubled, either by a spirit or by a message or by a letter as if from us, alleging that the Day of the Lord has come.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018

L.I.F.T. LAUNCH!

TOOLBOX TALK

FEATURING PHENOMINAL PRESENTERS

- **Lonnie Graves**
Division of Homeland Ministries Leadership Advisory Team
- **Kyle Ermoian**
The Effective Church Group
- **Phillip Bleacher**
Righthnow Media, a resource group providing inspirational and educational programs and training to resource your groups and develop leaders (Each congregation will get a free subscription)

Macon Regional Office
2370 Vineville Ave, Macon 31204
and

satellite sites at
Athens First & Guyton Christian
10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Registration: www.gadisciples.org

Cost: \$10

All Georgia congregations have an opportunity for training and support through the L.I.F.T. initiative with priorities in:

Evangelism, Out Reach, Clergy Health, Congregational Vitality, Social Concerns

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Women's Discovery Retreat

Theme: **Life Rhythms of Faith**

Keynote Speaker, **Rev. Sheila Hunter**

September 7-9, 2018

Life Rhythms of Faith:

- Return and Rest
- Redeem and Restore
- Reclaim and Remember

The rhythm of our lives can become stagnant and stuck. As we gain experience in life, we sometimes also put to the side our curiosity, imagination, creativity, and willingness to explore and expand our understandings of ourselves and of God.

Women's Discovery Retreat invites you and your friends and family members to come to the mountains and escape your daily routine. During this three-day weekend, we will return to sharing the stories of scriptures, singing the songs of our hearts. We will be intentional in asking the questions that shake us up and resolve to listen to the 'still small voice' that calls us from chaotic patterns to intentional hope and healing.

Our community of women gathered will offer us a time to "be" together as we reclaim ourselves and our life rhythms of faith.

Keynote Speaker

The Reverend Sheila L. Hunter, lifelong learner with an entrepreneurial intent for community creation, is Senior Minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Watkinsville, GA. She has worked as a public school music teacher, campus minister, hospice chaplain, mental health provider, non-profit executive director and minister at various times serving in Georgia, Tennessee and Minnesota. She is currently enrolled in a three-year training program for certification as a Spiritual Director.

Sheila graduated from Candler School of Theology, Emory University and was ordained by Sandy Springs Christian Church (DOC), where she worked in the ministries of Education and Outreach. She has also held standing in the United Church of Christ, while serving as minister for a UCC congregation in Remer, MN. She has served on the Region of GA Board and as chair of the Region of GA Resource and Development committee.

Sheila is married since 1987, and they are blessed with a son who *lives in Minnesota!*





SOUL SHOP

Ministering to Suicidal Desperation



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SOUL SHOP FOR THE PUBLIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, Athens

Suicide awareness training for the entire community to address:

- how we think and talk about suicide
- suicide as a community health problem
- steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of suicide

Register at milledge.org/soulshop or
by calling 706-354-0090 by September 13

No charge

SOUL SHOP FOR FAITH LEADERS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, Athens

Suicide awareness training for lay and professional leaders in faith communities to:

- respond to persons impacted by suicidal desperation, including family & friends
- develop soul-safe communities to decrease the risk of suicide
- change congregational culture around suicide

Register at milledge.org/soulshop or
by calling 706-354-0090 by September 13

\$10 includes boxed lunch