



HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cartersville, Georgia

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Reaching people in the name of Christ • Discipling people in the way of Christ • Empowering people in the service of Christ

Knowing and being known

Do you have a “best friend”? Do you remember how you became friends? Can you explain why you remain friends?

Friendship is a gift. We cross paths with someone and something clicks for us. We begin to share – first at simple levels, and then, over time, deeper things. It’s like placing items on a set of balanced scales. I place something on one side, my friend reciprocates. And the scale goes back and forth, remaining balanced as we place more and more of the weight of our lives on each side. And yet, such things never weigh us down, but rather are things of great value that remind us how rich we are.

In May this year, we’ll gather for the 33rd time with a group of friends. We rent a home in the N.C. mountains for a weekend. Vicki and I drive from Atlanta; another couple flies in from Dallas, Texas. One couple comes from Raleigh, another from Asheville, and a fifth from Florida.

On a couple of occasions, we’ve talked about what we thought makes our friendship work. Why did we continue doing these annual trips? What was the source of our long-

time friendship? There were some humorous responses. One said it wasn’t us they came to see; they just wanted to get away from their kids! Humor, great food, shared memories all were mentioned.

Then someone said that our friendship had lasted because we had made a choice for it to last. Each of us decided that it was important enough to keep coming. We had made one another a priority.

Our faith was the foundation. We had all attended the same church in Atlanta and were early companions for one another in our spiritual journeys. We spoke of forgiveness, of the ability to let go of mistakes or hurts or misunderstandings. We spoke of the care and concern that is shared at other times during the year – the death of parents, surgeries that each of us have faced, the marriage of our children. We spoke of the unconditional love and acceptance that we gave each other, and how for several of our friends, this annual weekend was the only place where they felt they could truly be themselves.

What makes friendship last for you?

If the first key to unlocking the door to an abundant life is accepting God’s love and beginning a relationship with Christ, then the second key

looks almost identical. It’s forming meaningful relationships with others. It’s knowing and being known. Because what good is abundance if there is never anyone to share it with? See you Sunday!

Grace and peace,

This Week in Worship January 22, 2017

(Worship at 8:40 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.)

Message:

“Knowing and Being Known”
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; John 1:29-39)

Part 2 of the series

**“New Year, New You:
Five Keys for Abundant Life”**

Made for relationship with God, we are also designed for intimacy with one another. Discovering the abundance God intends requires us to invest our lives in deep, lasting relationships where growth and accountability happen so that, “just as iron sharpens iron, a friend sharpens a friend” (Proverbs 27:17, NLT). Choosing to know others and have them know us is risky – but rewarding.

2 items found

A garage door opener and a pair of glasses. Check in the office to see if these belong to you.

FAITH IN 3D—Thanks to all the youth and parents for a great trip and thanks to the congregation for their prayers. The group of 32 students and adults had a great weekend at Disney World for the Faith in 3D event. We dreamed big about how we want our world to be and how we might go about changing the world just like Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed big and changed the world!



SOUPER BOWL LUNCH, FEBRUARY 5

Kick off your “Super Bowl Sunday” by joining First Presbyterian Church for “Souper” Bowl Lunch in their fellowship hall for soup and Scott’s famous garlic bread. This event starts at 11:30 a.m. Proceeds will be going to the “Backpack Buddies” program.



Mark your calendars!!

Super Bowl Party
February 5.



We will be painting the youth room Sunday evening (Jan. 22) for our first Community Night of the new semester. Youth and parents are invited to come transform the youth room into a new space! Youth Choir will be from 4 pm to 5 pm and the Community Night will be from 5 pm to 7 pm. Please wear clothes that you won’t mind getting messy.



TO MARK HERITAGE’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, the Missions Work Group will have a number of mission projects/emphases throughout the year. In January, all adult Sunday School classes are being asked to collect specific items for Backpack Buddies, enough to last until the end of the school year. Please look in your Sunday Sschool class attendance folder for a note about this AND a flyer to help you track how much you collect each week.



Backpack Buddies

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR ITEMS COLLECTED IN YOUR CLASSROOM - the coordinator will come by each week to pick up and store the items. *We need to leave the collection table in the foyer open for congregation-wide collection of Capri Sun juice boxes, poptarts & canned corn.* If you have any questions, please contact Marina Robertson (678-848-4179) or marina@scriptingmatters.com



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



A HERITAGE OF HELP AND HEALING, HOPE AND HOME

Family Promise Week is coming... February 12-19.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER, JANUARY 25, 2017

MENU: TACO BAR.

REMEMBER TO MAKE OR CANCEL YOUR RESERVATIONS BY NOON
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017.

STEWARDSHIP

General Budget Receipts, 1/15—\$20,647.00

Receipts through December, Not Available at print
Expenses through December, Not Available at print

Debt Retirement Receipts, 1/15—\$3,455.00

Receipts through December, Not Available at print
Expenses through December, Not Available at print

Other Receipts, 1/15—\$681.00

USHERS, GREETERS, SECURING BUILDING, & NURSERY RESPONSIBILITIES January 22

Ushers—Shane & Leslie Siniard, Robert Gifford

Greeters—David Bentley, Piety Seymour

Nursery Workers—Amanda Nelson

Secure Building—Bob Gifford

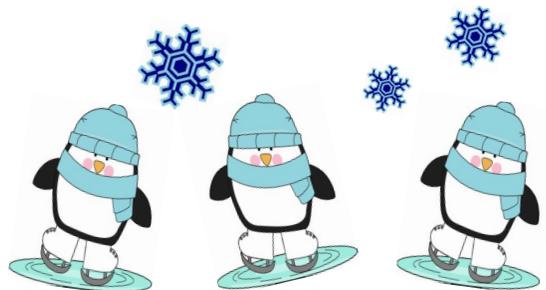
When a man becomes a Christian, he becomes
industrious, trustworthy and prosperous. Now,
if that man when he gets all he can and saves all
he can, does not give all he can, I have more
hope for Judas Iscariot than for that man!

~ John Wesley

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Almazan Family (Reading Buddies family)
Perry Bailey, cousin of Lamar Wadsworth
Don & Jo Barge
Karen Beech, friend of John Murray
Sue Bell, sister of Bob Hoggard
Bob Bentley
Libba Birmingham
Karen Boone
Ellen Bradley, friend of Jeff and Robyn Rhodes
Peggy Ison Brett, Cousin of Lamar Wadsworth
Paul Brinkley, friend of Michael Tutterow
Kelly Carter, friend of Karen Boone
Ted Cason, Nan Woods brother-in-law
Jean Ciccarelli, friend of Jimmy and Martha Stone
Peggy Collins
Dianna Cronic, sister of Anita Webb
Cindy Dalton
Jacki Dimitroff, sister of Scott Bonk
Buff Dysart, relative of Suzanne Walker & Carol Culverhouse
James Paul Edwards, grandson of Jane Chapman
John Fain, Tranquility of Cartersville
Jake Fitzpatrick, Evie Barge's secretary's son
Lilly Gary, friend of Bob and Ethan Gifford
Bill Gifford, brother of Dick Gifford
Shea Gilbert & Cristina Hoffman, friends of Allison Bentley
Cheryl Graves, cousin of Frances Phillips
Margo Harwell
Mabel Haygood, sister-in-law of Charles Branton
Jean Henson
Sandy Hess
Lou Hurley, family friend of Mary McQuaghey
John James
Nona Junkin
Billy Johnson, Jocelyn Wright's grandpa
Kristian Lando, friend of Connie Abernathy
Sarah P. Levasseur, sister of Amy Potts
Pat Lifsey, friend of Martha & Jimmy Stone
Donald Locklear, father of Dawnee Andrews
Jean Lovell, home
Randy Luker, friend of Ralph Mathison
Ralph Mathison, home

Joan Meadows, home
Ernest Merritt, father of Glen Merritt
Ron & Carol Middleton, friends of Lamar Wadsworth
Becky Mimna, friend of Caroline Sallette
Susie & Ray Pendley, mother & stepfather of Glen Merritt
R.L. Perkins, friend of Pat M. and Nan W.
Camp Perry, friend of many
Ann and Carol Ann Prewett, relatives of Barbara Bentley
Brenda Reed, friend of Jay Pye
Carolina Restrepo, Robert Restrepo's mother
Mike Roberts, father of Melissa Friedrich
Johnny Rodgers, home
Martha Rucker, sister of Diane King
Harrison Sharpe, son of Pam Godfrey
Nell Sheffield, mother of Sam Sheffield
Jean Smith, Townsend Park
Elina Stern, friend of Susan Tumlin
Stan Stipe, friend of Mike Fields
Lee Stone, Jimmy & Martha Stone's son
Meredith Stone, granddaughter of Jimmy & Martha Stone
Lucy Thomas, mother of Jo Ann Branton
Family of Bette Turner
H.D. Tyson, Sr., grandfather of Summer Restrepo
Christy Waddail, friend of Lamar Wadsworth
Dick Waddell, Blair Gunter's father
Waylon Waddell, grandson of Cathy and Steve Moore
Barbara Weinberg, relative of Charlie and Jan Weinberg
Caleb Williams, friend of Piety Seymour
Fayrene Wilson, Carla Branch's mother
Rebecca Woody, friend of Dawnee Andrews
Wallace & Norma Worthington, home



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