

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study 9:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages
Attended Nursery**

Opportunities to Serve: May 8, 2011

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Lord's Supper:	Matt Joy
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Cliff Brown	Enrique Brooks Steve Wells
Rob Brannan	Michael Barker Dave Watkins
Elder Blessing:	Jack Close
Sound:	Chester Warren
Greeters For May:	Steve & Julie Wells
Nursery (Infants- 2yrs):	Miriam Harrison Nancy Spane
Nursery(2-3 yrs):	Teresa Castleman Kris Bridges

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Weekly Statistics for May 1, 2011

AM Bible Class	92
AM Bible Class Avg.	112
AM Assembly	208
AM Assembly Avg.	219
Contribution	\$10,267.50
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$9,044.42
Weekly Budget	\$9,815.38



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Two Trips In One

As you read this, if you get it on a Thursday, I will be leaving England and be heading to Tanzania. I am looking forward to both my time in England with Ashley and my trip to Tanzania to be with Ross and Heather. I always love having some time to be with my kids and especially to have some alone time with one of them. My weekend in Searcy with Luke was a lot of fun several weeks ago. I always enjoy going to the coffee shop with Brianna. And now I get to do whatever it is I am going to do in Oxford with Ashley. What I am really hoping to do is to get to see the real England, not the tourist England. Most times I have travelled this is what I have done.

The main thing I am hoping to accomplish in Tanzania is to encourage Ross and Heather, and as many of the rest of the team as possible, spiritually. I will plan to use my time very similar to the way I use it in Guyana. One of my favorite things to do there is to gather in the morning for a devotional together. After singing some songs together I like to have every person share something from the Bible. Not only is this enjoyable but it gives us a window into each other's lives. I always enjoy hearing what a woman has to share from the Bible since we don't get to hear this as much as we do from a man. I expect that I will grow from listening to both Ross and Heather. I can remember doing this many, many times with Basil and Margaret and with Ronald and Rose. Each person shares things so differently. I also have a few more strategic things I want to share with the team and some prayer exercises that we can do together.

What do Ross and Heather have planned? I have no idea. Knowing them, I doubt we will be sitting around watching TV. I have a feeling I will be involved in all kinds of things that I have never done before. From what I have seen in their blog I expect that we will be going all day and deep into the night. I expect that I will see and experience things that will change me forever. This will be my third time in Africa and each time has touched me deeply.

When my week in Tanzania is over I hope and pray that I will have grown and that I will have been used by God to encourage and equip our Makonde team. My experience has been that the times God has used me the most he did it in ways that I was not expecting. I would bet that this time will be no exception to that. I am thankful for this opportunity.

Have a great week!
Allen L. Close

Thoughts from Sharon Carter regarding
Gifts from God

If you missed this past Wednesday's review of all the April Service Projects that God has blessed the people of Lexington Church of Christ with then you missed out on something special. I don't like calling them service projects because I feel that they are gifts from God. We are truly blessed that God chooses us as his vessel for showing the world his love and compassion and that the world is not about us, it is about something bigger than us. It is bigger than life itself, it is about God and his needs and other people's needs. God commands us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. He also commands us to take care of the orphans and widows, well this past month the congregation has been the epitome of those commandments.

I was blessed first with the gift of being able to take part in the staging of Alannah's bedroom. She is truly a gift from God. I know that every single person that took part in that gift received something back far greater than just the satisfaction of knowing that they had done something nice to help a little girl and her mother out in their time of need. It goes much deeper than that. It touches your soul. Your faith in God grows deeper. It rejuvenates your spirit. I always come away with those feelings when I have been blessed with a gift from God. Ask to see the pictures of the first time Alannah and her mother saw her bedroom and you will see the pure joy on a little girl's face. It will melt your heart.

The second gift that I was blessed by God with was that Dennis, Grayson, and I were able to attend prayer time at Leo and Minerva's house. They are truly a family that has a lot of love to share and they share it. To watch God using them humbles me. To have a whole community come to pray regardless if you understand what each other is saying or not, we all know that we are praying to God to help each other, to watch over each other physically, mentally, and spiritually and to have God's kingdom grow. Last I was the recipient of one of God's gifts through one of our members. I received a letter from one of the letter writers and would like to thank that person for that gift. It carries a very deep feeling of being loved and appreciated when someone takes the time to hand write a note to you. CONTINUED

Lexington Coming Events

May 29 Graduation Sunday/Fellowship Meal

Bridal Shower

For Brooke Dooley & Ben Snyder
May 21st from 10:00 am til 12:00 noon at
Kingston Harbour Club House.
They are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond.
See Sandra Snyder with questions.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Meredith & Jason Falls on the birth of their son,
Waylon Michael on May 3rd. He weighed 7 lbs
15 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Higinio & Ya'dira Loyda
Children Oscar, Kimberly, & Alexander
735 AC Bouknight Rd.
Gilbert SC 29054

Wednesday Night Schedule

May 11 Southlake/singing & visitation
May 18 Alannah's house
May 25 Celebration of months events

Casserole Ministry

It's time to restock the freezer. A sign up sheet is provided in the foyer if you would be willing to make a casserole or bring frozen vegetables.

They are words of encouragement from God through that person to the pen and paper then to you. In closing, isn't that what God is about LOVE?

So don't miss out on the gifts that God has waiting to bless you with in the month of May.

Your Sister In Christ, Sharon Carter

Youth News

...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...

We can, by the way in which we live, be a part of bringing heaven to earth. We encourage this simply by being about the business of Jesus in our daily lives. Our love for God and our obedience to his commands are tied together in a profound way. If we have one without the other, our walk with God is severely crippled. But when we have both love and obedience, our walk with God is strengthened. Add that to the ways in which he is working in others' lives, and we can begin to accomplish God's will on earth. Many of us experienced this during the month of April as we served the community on Wednesday nights. Whether we were writing letters of encouragement, singing hymns with the elderly, renovating a house for a sweet little girl in a wheelchair, or praying bilingual prayers with those in our Hispanic community, we all had an opportunity to be about the business of Jesus. And as we came together last Wednesday to share our experiences with each other, it became very clear to me that even though we were in different places doing different things, we were all connected by our love for God and our obedience to Him. It is encouraging to know that God works in us as community of believers to bring a piece of heaven to people here on earth. There will be many more opportunities to be about the business of Jesus during the month of May. I would like to encourage you all to share in this truly joyful experience.

Upcoming Events:

5/8 Mother's Day (no guys group)
5/9 Crossfit 6:30pm
5/10 HS Girls Group 7:30pm
5/11 Southlake

BIRTHDAYS: May 8 Karyl Burress

ANNIVERSARIES: May 8 Jeff & Kathy Lanham May 9 Bill & Tammy Brittingham
May 14 David & Earline White



Prayer Requests

Norm & Lynn Gaines Julia Furr Andrew Brown Makonde Team

Phyllis Bruff and her parents were in a car accident last week. Pray for their recovery.

Higinio Loyda's sister in law **Betsy** & her son **Taylor** were in a car accident. Pray for their recovery.

Jason & Julie Watkins, for good test result regarding the health of their unborn child.

We extend our sympathy to Mary Joy and her family in the loss of her uncle Ray Cooper who passed away last Friday.