

SUNDAY SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.



Christ the Redeemer ANGLICAN CHIMES

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Serving Warner Robins, Perry, Byron and Ft. Valley

CHURCH TO SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE

CELEBRATE - REMEMBER - FIGHT BACK!

Christ the Redeemer is setting up a relay team to support the Relay for Life event at the Georgia National Fair Grounds on May 13 and 14 from 6:30 pm to 6:00 a.m. Dotty Cox and Linda Gerlock have set up a relay team to help raise funds to find a cure for this dreaded disease. All funds will go to The American Cancer Society.

Dotty and Linda are asking you to join the team, make a donation to Relay for Life and ask those you know to make a donation -- no amount is too small! Then come to the Agri Center in Perry and join us for a fun filled evening. We will have a tent, hotdogs and chili to sell, and baked goods (a sign-up sheet will be available) and popcorn. If anyone has anything they would like to contribute and help us with please let us know. (**WIN \$1,000 FROM BUTCHER BOYZ!** See how on page ___)



WORK DAY PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19



The next CTR work day will be Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9:00 AM 'till 3:00. We will be working on the Barn Attic Youth Area:

Insulation - we are hoping for help from a local Boy Scout Troup, coordinated by Bobby Leigh.

Electrical installation and wiring.

Framing of roof structural supports (collar ties) and removal of two brace walls.

Installation of wood blocks at roof corrugations, to prevent access of critters.

Repairing holes in siding, to stop critter access.

Clean up and removal of various debris around building (a trip to the landfill?). Contact Jr. Warden David Selby at (478) 923-6456 to let him know you can help. selby@mbsarch.com

COUPLES RETREAT

Once a year we gather together for a Parish Retreat. It is time for coming aside from the demands of our modern world, to ponder, pray and rediscover what is truly of eternal importance, what is holy, what is salvific in our times. It is past time for we married couples to retreat to learn again the deep graces Christ gives to us in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. It is very easy to forget the important and sanctifying presence of Christ at the center of our marriages.



So this year I have asked F. Bill Weston to lead a Spouse Retreat on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 at CtR. This is not to be a sharing of personal journeys, but a “listening” to Fr. Weston’s insights into the spirituality of Christian Marriage. On Sunday, May 22 at the 10 am service we will offer the opportunity to renew our Marriage Vows. It is my prayer that you will participate in the Retreat. Please notify me or Senior Warden Clyde Wilkins if you will participate. – *Fr. Paul Gerlock*

MORE ON RELAY FOR LIFE.... www.relayforlife.org

This will be truly a team effort. Dotty and Linda are looking into T-Shirts with Christ the Redeemer logo on the back and a design on the front to help get CTR recognized in our community. This will be one of many ways we can reach out into our community. Dotty and Linda also have raffle tickets if anyone is interested in purchasing them. We have tickets from Butcher Boyz to win \$1,000 worth of meat (tickets are \$10 each). ALL of the proceeds go directly to Relay for Life.

We are asking everyone to consider becoming a team member. If you are unable to join the team, please consider coming out and joining with us as we cheer on the Survivors as they walk the Survivors Lap. This is their celebration of their fight. After nightfall Luminaries which have the name of your loved one printed on them will be lighted. This is a most moving time and so worth you’re staying to witness. This is a time to remember and also to grieve for loved ones and find healing knowing that you are not alone in this fight. Many churches in our area will be participating in this event and we are excited to add CTR to this group.

As everyone knows, this is a fundraising event, so yes we are asking for donations. Please know that every penny we receive will go directly to Relay for Life. As this is our first time leading a team, our team has a goal of \$1,500. Our goal is to get as many of us out for an evening of togetherness, sharing, remembering, crying and laughing together as we rejoice in our ministry to each other and our community. ***Contact Linda Gerlock at 953-3844.***

Christian Outreach Committee Plans Bunco Night



COMMITTEE MEETING AT LOLLY KECK'S
From left: Linda McCraw, Pete Hodgkins, Committee Chairman Terry Rogers, Lolly Keck and Jean Pierce.

BUNCO IS COMING MARCH 1

Bunco, a fun parlor game dating back to the 1800s will be held at the church on Tuesday, March 1. This fundraiser will be held to fight breast cancer. The cost will be \$10 a player. Bunco is a game of dice, played in rounds. Players take turns rolling the dice and trying to accumulate as many points as possible to win each round. The game is played at tables of four in competing teams of two.

Players score points by rolling three dice and trying to match the number they're supposed to roll for that round. They get a point for each die that rolls the number, and if all three roll the number they score 21 points. They also score 5 points for rolling three of a kind of any other number. They get to keep rolling as long as they score one or more points with each roll. Once they fail to score they pass the dice to their left and the opposing team gets a chance to score.

During each round the teams at the Head Table try to score 21 points. The first team to score 21 points wins the round and play stops. At all other tables play stops when the Head Table play stops and the team with the highest score at each lower table wins the round. At the end of the round players change seats, the winners at each of the lower tables move up a table, and the losers at the head table move to the lowest table. Players also switch partners at the end of the round, so you never play with the same partner twice in a row. During play, players track the number of rounds they win and lose as a team, and the number of Buncos scored individually, on their personal scorecard. At the end of the night wins/losses and Buncos are tallied and prizes awarded.

DESSERT AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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KEEP TO THE GOSPEL

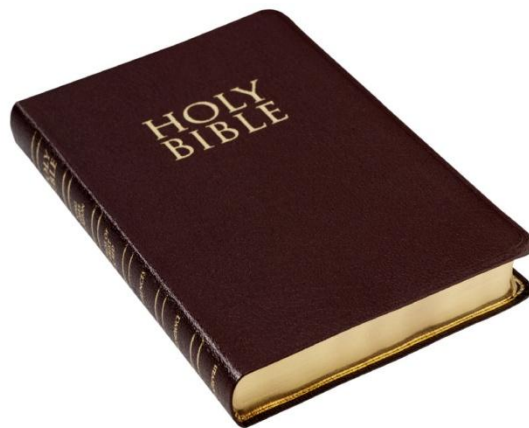
The Truth Will Set You Free!

In one particular scene in Mark Chapter 7, when the Pharisees and the scribes had condemned our Lord's disciples for defiling themselves by failing to comply with their religious traditions, Jesus, it seems, had enough. "And he called the people to him...and said to them, 'Hear me, all of you, and understand...'"

When Jesus uses words like that, it's time to pay attention. He saw that it was imperative for us to understand what he was getting ready to say. He said, "Hear me and understand: there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him...For from within, out of the heart of man, come (and now here comes the dark roll call) evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man." I've counted them. According to the Lord there are thirteen rats in the cellar of the human heart.

Obviously this horrible roll-call is not intended to be all-inclusive, but look what leads the hit parade of vermin, the very first thing he names is "evil thoughts." We tend to think our sins arise principally from outward actions, but for Jesus thoughts are always tantamount to actions. "Evil

thoughts" is the Grand Marshall. And it is there in the same cellar with fornication, theft, murder, adultery, among others. This is a radical diagnosis.



Yet in Mark 7 Jesus offers such a diagnosis because he was fiercely determined that we might see the truth about our condition, not so we would despair, but so we would flee to him for refuge and cleansing. This is what the gospel is all about. The truth will set you free.

It simply breaks my spirit when I hear people who should know better insist that this teaching of original sin and the universally diseased human heart is an insult to human dignity, when in fact it is curiously liberating because it throws us entirely on the dependence of God's grace. And God's grace gives new life!

There's an old legend that predates the story of the princess and the frog. It has a simple but sound theological allegory: The ballad tells of how a handsome knight found coiling around a tree in a dismal forest, a loathsome serpent-like-dragon breathing out poison; and how, undeterred by its hideousness and foulness, the knight cast his arms around it and kissed it on the mouth. The thing resisted him fiercely, but the

knight persisted, and finally the beast changed into a fair lady, and he won his bride. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Being loved when you don't deserve it is the most transforming thing in the world.

Who are the most humble people in the world? Are they not those who have looked within and recognized their own foulness, yet who have felt the love of God when they didn't deserve it? Is it any wonder that the atoning sacrifice of Jesus' blood is most cherished by those who have searched their hearts and found them in desperate need of cleansing?

Who are the most humble before other sinners? Who are the most patient and kind before other peoples' flaws and weaknesses?

Who are the most compassionate and ready to forgive other people? Are they not the ones who see the truth about their own condition and have come to know the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ?

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as long as our hearts have a beat, and as long as vermin breathe, we will struggle. But, beloved, simply keep to the old gospel. There are no new theories for us, no newly found places of refuge. Keep to the old gospel of Jesus and his love. It is the one thing needful, exactly suited to our necessities. May God draw reluctant hearts, and now give doubting souls courage to believe for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*- The Very Rev. Frank Limehouse
Dean, Cathedral Church of the
Advents, Birmingham, Alabama*

BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS



Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am followed by a pot luck lunch at 11:00. We are presently studying Joshua. Please join us any Wednesday. – **Linda Thompson**
956-2532

CLEANING ANGELS



- February 7 – Bunny Nobles and Mary Hodgkins
February 14 - Bertha Wright and Laurie Alexander
February 21 - Linda Thompson and Bunny Nobles
February 28 - Mary Hodgkins and Bertha Wright

TREASURES IN THE BARN

Hours: Thursday and Friday 10am – 3pm
Saturday 9am – noon.

Volunteers are needed to help price items and run the shop. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, or month, please contact Joan Johnson 953-9822 or Linda Thompson 956-2532.

Volunteer Medical Clinic Needs Help

Another Ongoing Outreach Effort of the Church is support for the Houston County Volunteer Medical Clinic. The clinic is a non-profit corporation with the mission of providing the medically under-served in Houston County with excellent health care in an atmosphere of caring and compassion. It opened in January, 2005 with funding from Houston Healthcare Houston Medical Center Auxiliary, Healthcare of Central Georgia, as well as many individuals and businesses. The Volunteer Clinic is also a United Way of Central Georgia Inc. Agency.

Please help this worthy project. Everyone is asked to bring in the following items: paper towels, hand sanitizer, spray disinfectant, toilet tissue, Kleenex, and large paper towels. Linda and Terry would like to deliver our donated supplies on March 1, 2011.

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS:

- February:** Outreach committee members will deliver a plant and a Valentine card to our homebound parishioners.
- April:** Keep Warner Robins Beautiful/Adopt a Highway.
More information to be announced.
- May:** Choir to perform at a local nursing home. Time and place to be announced.

ALTAR GUILD

Feb 6	Sylvia Crow & Paula Gwathney	G-HC
Feb 13	Kathie Dubiel & Sarah Stokes	G-HC
Feb 20	Linda McCraw & Angela Wallace	P-HC
Feb 27	Becky Short & Angela Leigh	P-MP/HC

LAY READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Feb 6	Cyrena Prichett	Frank Pfohl
Feb 13	Jesssica Gray	Wayne Crow
Feb 20	Katherine Pfohl	Moses Alexander
Feb 27	Jessica Gray	Jim Gray

THANKS TO OUR CHOIR FOR MAKING CHURCH SERVICES A JOYFUL BLESSING

*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness:
come before his presence with singing. [Psalms 100:1-2](#)*



From left: Pat Sperry, Cyrena Pritchett, Clyde Wilkins, Terry Wilkins, Paul Simmons, Joan Johnson, Dotty Cox, Bob Dubiel, Sylvia Crow and Linda Gerlock.
AND OUR TERRIFIC DIRECTOR – Pat Patterson

VALENTINE'S CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS



Linda McCraw, right, thanks Pete and Mary Hodgkins for helping us thank our troops overseas this Valentine's Day.



Above and below: the Selby girls also sent hearts and kisses to "our heroes."

This Valentine's Day Christ the Redeemer is sending cards to our troops overseas. In a project coordinated by Pete and Mary Hodgkins, a box full of cards will be sent over to Afghanistan AFB through a contact at the Robins Mental Health Clinic. Thanks Pete and Mary!



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Happy Valentine's Day
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