

*Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood... 1 Peter 2: 4*



The Living Stone



November 6, 2015

Christ the King enjoyed a viewing of some precious Reformation Bibles from the Payette Bible Collection last weekend. If you were not able to attend you can read all about it below, plus head to our [facebook](#) page for more pictures. Also, get ready to cheer on CTK at the 1st Annual Family Promise Bed Race this Saturday! All the details are in this week's **The Living Stone**!



In His Service,
Susan Van Valkenburg
Communications Specialist

In This Issue



How Do You Get Ready?

After a couple of forgetful moments at home this week, I found myself having one of "those" car conversations with my girls on the way to school this week. The question was simple: "How do you get ready?" Of course, it's a question with answers as unique as they come - every situation, every person being different. Still the question is an important one.

It's important because in answering it we not only prepare for what is to come, but we also have the opportunity to unearth the reason for our

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preparation, or lack thereof. And so I ask you, "How do you get ready..."

- * ...for work/school in the morning?
- * ...for an evening with friends?
- * ...for a "mandatory" meeting?
- * ...for family coming for a visit?
- * ...for worship on Sunday morning?

Is your preparation on Sunday morning limited to a hurried rush to get out the door? Do you spend your time trying to convince yourself that getting up is better than sleeping in? Or maybe your Sunday morning is so routine that no thought is necessary in getting ready for worship.

How we get ready for our time together as a community of faith is directly connected to everyone's experience on Sunday morning.

At times we can prepare as spectators, whose primary role is one of listening and watching. We come with the expectation that we know (and like) the hymns. We come anticipating that the sermon will give us something to think about and that the service will last only an hour. At other times we prepare as laborers - as teachers, greeters, ushers, leaders, assistants, and the like. We have details to remember, responsibilities to meet and people to serve.

But what if we were neither spectators nor laborers? What if Sunday morning wasn't about a list of things to like or do, but an opportunity to receive and respond as a community? What if getting ready this week was not about rushing, waking up or even our tried and true routines, but instead expecting to encounter the risen Christ in our midst? What would it be like to receive and respond to everyone as though you are the risen Christ there for them?

Prepared to receive and respond - to participate as a community in the grace and forgiveness God so freely offers. This is our challenge. This is the Kingdom of God in our midst.

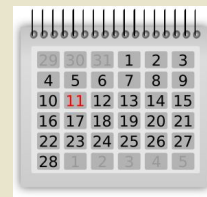
Grace and Peace,

Pr. Erik

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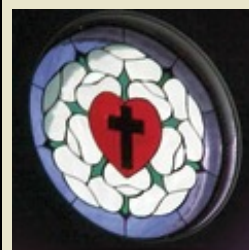
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Christ the King Preschool

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First Annual Family Promise Bed Race & Festival

Preschool Director

This major fund raising event is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Forsyth Central High School. Karen Taylor, Lu Leeds, and Joe and Mary Lambert (all members of Christ the King) will be manning booths selling hand crafted items and food along with folks manning a number of other booths. The bed races will begin at 10:00 a.m. Our own team, captained by Jim Leeds, will compete against beds sponsored by the Sheriff's department, Chick-Fil-A and a number of other groups. While winning the speed competition will be a highlight of the event, the bed whose team raises the most money for Family Promise of Forsyth County will be the most important winner. For more information, contact any member of the Outreach team or go to <http://www.familypromiseofforsythcounty.org/>.

Please plan to attend this event and support the members of our church as well as Family Promise.



Open Minds -- Open Hearts -- Open Hands

It isn't too late to fill out an Estimate of Giving Card! Blank cards are available in the narthex on the Usher's Table. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider your commitment as God continues to work through the people of Christ the King with

Open Minds -- Open Hearts -- Open Hands. The card can be placed either in the offering plate or in the white box on the Usher's Table.

Please join us as we become a truly generous congregation in all aspects in order to *"Glorify God + Spread the Word + Love One Another."*



Payette Bible Collection

On Saturday, October 31, the Forsyth County Ministerial Association held a viewing of some of the most significant Bibles of the Reformation in Charles Payette's collection here at Christ the King. In all, eighteen items were available for viewing - only a fraction of Mr. Payette's collection.

The staff of Christ the King is very thankful for the volunteers who became the "experts" about the items on each of their tables that day. They watched over these items and answered questions of the attendees. Thank you to Amy Allen, Dixie Banitt, Rev. Rob Banitt, Jackie Hodoval, Rev. Tom Kenny, Martha Lappe, and Mary Jane Skidmore. A special thank you to Tim Beard who kept an eagle eye out for all the items and the attendees. And last, but certainly not least, we appreciate all those members of Christ the King that attended the viewing.



Blessings,
The Staff of Christ the King

*Head to [facebook](#) for more pictures of the event!



Joy Tree - Thank You!

The Women of Christ the King would like to say THANK YOU for everyone who donated items or gift cards towards the Joy Tree. Between donations and WELCA Funds we were able to create 30 hygiene bags for boys and 32 hygiene bags for girls for youth in Forsyth County. The kits were provided to the School Social Workers to distribute among the teens in our high schools. I want to extend a special thank you to the littlest members of our congregation that helped in this project.... You're never too small to do God's work!



Concert of American Songs and Spirituals - POSTPONED

The concert for this Sunday, November 8, at Christ the King has been postponed. Please watch for the reschedule date!!



Ruth/Ruby Circle - Dinner at Marlow's

Join us on Monday, November 9th at Marlow's Tavern (The Collection) on the Patio at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to wendy@kraby.com if you are able to join us.

What is Ruby and Ruth Circle?

This is a group open to ALL women (of all ages) in the church to get to know each other and support each other under the love of God. We meet once a month for

either dinners out, enrichment meetings or for service to the church. Come whenever you can!

Here is our schedule for the year:

Monday, Nov. 9: Dinner out at Marlow's (The Collection) on the Patio. 7p.m. (Wendy Hosts)

Sunday, Dec. 20: We host a St. Lucia reception for all the kids of the church. (Amy B. hosts)

January (TBA): Dinner OUT (Amy B. hosts)

February (TBA): Craft Night OUT (Sue H hosts)

March 4-2-5: WOMEN's RETREAT in N. Georgia Mountains

April Sunday (TBA): Write to Military Members of the church with the children

May (TBA): Hike up Sawnee Mountain

June (TBA): Taco Night at Vacation Bible School

July (TBA): Dinner out (Planning Meeting)

September (TBA): Fall kick-off

Have questions or ideas?

Wendy Kraby, wendy@kraby.com

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Ruby/Ruth CIRCLE

A virtuous woman who can find? For her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:10

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay.

Ruth 1:16

Congregation Appreciation Dinner

The Congregation Appreciation Dinner menu has been expanded: The



Outreach and Hospitality teams will sponsor an Italian dinner on Saturday November 14 starting at 6:30 PM. The menu has been expanded to include Primavera, Bolognese, and Chicken Parmesan as well as green and Caesar salads, garlic cheese biscuits, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, and Spumoni ice cream. Musical entertainment will also be

included. Gluten free meals will be provided upon request. Transportation and/or parking assistance will be available upon request. Please make your needs known when you RSVP or contact the church office. This event is a thank you to the congregation for supporting outreach efforts at Christ the King.

Please mark your calendars!



Treats for Troops - November 15

Everyone is invited to join the youth on Sunday, November 15, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service in the fellowship hall and kitchen. We are baking cookies for our soldiers overseas so they'll arrive in time for

Christmas.

Every year thousands of homemade cookies are sent to our soldiers and it happens one batch at a time. Young and old are invited. Please bring your parent if you are under 6th grade. Can't come? We are also sending toiletries, cards, pens & papers, small games, magazines, and even leftover Halloween candy. Also, for those dogs that work with our troops, we are collecting doggie treats and toys. There will be a donation box in the Narthex.



Save the Date: 1st Annual Ornament Exchange!

On Saturday December 5th, 2015, from 2 - 4 p.m., the Fellowship Team invites you to the 1st Annual Ornament Exchange!

Bring the whole family and join us for

- * Ornament exchange for older kids, youth and adults
- * Arts and Crafts for the younger kids (coloring and ornament making)
- * Finger Foods
- * Warm Beverages (hot apple cider, hot cocoa, tea, and coffee)
- * Various varieties of Christmas music

Mark your calendars for this fun event!



Kids Play While You Shop Away!

Saturday, Dec 5 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Do your Christmas shopping on Saturday, December 5 and let Christ the King Youth Group and parents give your children a fun day of holiday activities! You can drop off anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. We will play games, watch cartoons and seasonal movies, have snack time and other fun activities. Click [here](#) for the form to fill out. Either email it to Kristine Macauley at kristine@ctklutheran.com or drop it off at the church office.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!

Sign up and tell us when you are able to help on Saturday, December 5, to play with the kids. Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parents of youth are also invited to help. Please contact Kristine if you are able to help.



20th Annual Women's Retreat Save the Date!

March 4 - March 6, 2016

Location: Tanglewood Lodge

Helen, GA

Come Thursday, March 3, 2016 and stay for free.

Stay the weekend or just come Saturday for the study!

Scholarships are available.

(This will not apply to single bed registration.)

Changes Coming for 2016:

Limited availability of a single bed at an additional cost.

The study will begin on Friday night.

Registration will open December 2015

Questions please contact:

Stephanie Boylan

Stephanie.L.Boylan@gmail.com or 404-906-6560.



Upcoming UNG Choir Concerts

The University of North Georgia Singers and Le Belle Voci will present their fall concerts Monday, November 9 at Dahlonega Baptist Church and Tuesday, November 10 at Dahlonega United

Methodist Church. Both programs will begin at 8:00 p.m. and are free to the public. Singers will present The Sunrise Mass by Ola Gjeilo with strings and a few other shorter compositions. Le Belle Voci will perform part of its program to be presented January 28, 2016 as part of the Georgia Music Educators Association Conference in Athens, GA. This select women's ensemble was invited to perform after undergoing a rigorous audition process this past summer. Dr. Mark and Ivy Spraker are members of the University of North Georgia Singers.



Habitat for Humanity Build

This Fall, Habitat is partnering with Thrivent Financial to do an Ecumenical Build at Village Chase in Woodstock. Thrivent Builds is designed to involve Thrivent Members, Christians and other volunteers in helping provide a "hand up" to people in need of affordable housing, offering them a path to greater economic independence. We will be

helping the Uk/Kim Family who are refugees from Myanmar, also known as Burma; a place where human rights violations are notorious. Below are the following build dates:

November 7, November 14, November 21 and December 5

The day begins around 8:00 a.m. and will finish around 2:00/3:00 p.m. If you cannot commit to the full day, you can volunteer for part of the day. We ask that you register ahead of time to be better able to determine the tasks that need to be completed. If you would like to sign up or would like more information, please call Angela Maurer at 675-475-0350 or email angela.maurer@thrivent.com.

Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

Date	Day	Time	Event
8-Nov	Sunday		Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip On Sale
		9:00 - 10:00	Alternative/Contemporary Holy Communion
		9:50 - 10:00	Fellowship Time
		10:00 - 10:45	Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
9-Nov	Monday	11:45 - 1:15	Finance Meeting
		7:00 - 8:00	Handbells Rehearsal
10-Nov	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		11:00 - 1:00	Pastors & Wives Luncheon
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle
		2:00 - 4:00	Piecemakers Quilt Guild
		6:00 - 8:00	Council Meeting
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
11-Nov	Wednesday	10:30 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
		10:00 - 2:30	LWR Sewcialbee Quilting
		1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		7:00 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
12-Nov	Thursday	7:00 - 8:30	Praise Band Rehearsal
13-Nov	Friday	6:00 - 8:00	Girl Scout Troop 11809
14-Nov	Saturday	6:30 - 8:30	Outreach Congregation Appreciation Dinner
15-Nov	Sunday		Twenty fifth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
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		10:00 - 10:45	Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		12:15 - 1:15	Children's Choir & Chimes