

New Member

Kathy Trigg

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Tornadoes:

Katie Strunk, one of the Enterprise High School students killed by a tornado, was a member of the College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise. Sympathy cards for her parents, **Dirk & Kathy Strunk**, can be sent C/O the College Avenue Church of Christ, PO Box 311740, Enterprise, AL 36330. The church is also accepting donations to help with Katie's funeral expenses, as well as for cleanup and repairs. Checks can be sent to the College Avenue church, marked for the Katie Strunk fund or for Tornado Relief.

From the Elders: As many of you know we collected a little over \$38,000 for Katrina relief. Because of the huge outpouring of relief in that area we have been unable to distribute more than about \$10,000 at this time. As you also know the town of Enterprise, AL suffered a severe loss of life and property recently. It is the intent of the Elders to distribute a large portion of the remaining funds to that area, probably via the College Ave. church. If you have strong objections to this please see one of us. We also want to provide some help in the way of direct labor to the cleanup effort and more information will be forthcoming in the next few days.

Neil & Katie Reynolds have organized a work party, of Arkansas Tech University students & campus ministry staff, to help with the relief efforts in Enterprise. They will travel & work over their Spring Break holiday, March 24th – 31st. So far, the campus ministry staff & students have collected \$450 to give to the College Avenue church to help with the relief efforts.

Other donations: Our elders have authorized \$500 of the Katrina relief money in support of the Arkansas Tech group, and we've received contributions from individual members as well. These donations will help the group with meals, snacks, water, cleanup supplies, etc. Any money left over will go to the College Avenue church – Tornado Relief. If you'd like to contribute - see Tony, Leann or one of the elders. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

Youth Group News

Last Monday youth from our church as well as the Destin church traveled to Enterprise, Alabama to assist in the ongoing disaster relief efforts. Our group spent time picking up trash and clearing debris from lawns. Most of our efforts were focused on helping a man in the demolition of his home. Our teens tore down walls, picked up shingles, and raked grass, but in the end we prayed we could do more for him. The home owner, holding a few salvaged family pictures, expressed his gratitude to all who had worked with him last Monday. The youth, from both churches, thanks you for giving them the opportunity to serve in these ways.

Christian Home & Bible School

The Christian Home & Bible School in Mount Dora, Florida is searching for a qualified, Christian leader for the position of Elementary Principal beginning in the fall of 2007. A flyer about the position is posted on the bulletin board.



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This Weeks Events/Activities

- TODAY** (1) Church Leader's Meeting, 4:00pm.
(2) Care Group Meetings – after evening services.
- Tuesday** Care Group 3, 2nd Area-Wide Community Outreach Devotional, 7:00pm.
- Wednesday** Hot Dogs or Hamburgers & Fellowship, 6:00pm.

Happening Soon

- March 27 1 Corinthians Bible Study at the Lowe's, 7:00pm.
- March 31 (1) Care Group 3, Beach Devotional, 6:00pm.
(2) Children's/Family Activity – Easter Egg Hunt, 11:30am.
(See article on inside, page 2)
- May 5 Gulf Breeze Church of Christ Ladies Day 2007, "Who Am I?" - Luke 10:42. The guest speaker is Becky Blackmon, author of "The Beginning Place." Registration is at 8:30am; lunch will be served.
- July 29-30 Financial Management Seminar – Steve Diggs

After Hurricane Katrina Open House

The Long Beach Church of Christ in Long Beach, Mississippi is having an "After Katrina OPEN HOUSE Celebration" on March 24th and 25th. A flyer is posted on bulletin board with more information. *(We provided financial and physical labor assistance to the Long Beach church after Hurricane Katrina.)*

Family and Friends Needing Prayers

- Requires Extended Care: **Peggy Taylor, Betty Fowler, Hazel Ricketts, Jeanette Murphy**
- **Hazel Parrish** is at the FWB Medical Center, room 447A. She's being treated for an infected foot.
- **Heidi Thomas** requests prayers for herself – that she might have better self-control and for a helpful diagnosis for her back problems. She also asks prayers for her son, **Ronnie**, - that he will find Jesus.
- **Geoff Gurney** - Doctors have scheduled a CT Scan, for tomorrow, after finding evidence of a "small nodule" on my right lung.
- **Gary O'Daniel** has been TDY to Albuquerque this past week.
- **Leonardo Siezar's mother** had a heart attack while Leo was visiting. She is stable and doing a little better.
- **Leonardo** is scheduled to take his citizenship exam on April 5th.
- Margie Young's uncle, **Sonny**, has colon cancer and is not expected to live much longer.
- **Dallas Brannon's nephew** passed away after having a heart attack. Dallas and Betty have been in Dothan, AL with family.



Deployed: **Chris Lowe** (Sam & Nancy Lowe's eldest son)
Ryan Johnson (Leonard & Mary Johnson's grandson)

Out-of-Town

Bob is in North Carolina doing mission work; **Evelyn** stayed in FWB."

The Church Growth Diagnostic Report

As many of you know we received our written report from the Church Growth Institute last week. It is 75 printed pages long and has also been converted into electronic format. We have sixteen printed copies that are available for checkout, in the library. **(Thank you: (1) Linda Haraway for printing extra copies, and (2) Shayne & Becky Howell for binding the extra copies)**

If you would like an electronic copy for your own use, Sam can send it to you on request via e-mail. You should know the e-mail will be nearly 4.5MBs in size and that some of you will not be able to receive a file that large. In addition you will need Adobe Acrobat reader to open the file (it is in PDF format). If you would like it on CD, please bring Sam a blank CD with your name on it.

Children's & Family Activity

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31st at 11:30. If the weather is nice we will be having a picnic on the grounds – so bring blankets. Ham is being provided – families need to bring their favorite sides.

Please bring, Sunnie Bexley, a bag of candy or goodies to fill the plastic eggs for the egg hunt **by March 18th**. If you don't see Sunnie, please leave the candy or goodies in the office.

Custer's Corner

"Prayer Desperately Needed!"

Prayer is desperately needed for our church family! **Every advance forward should be preceded by prayer.** Every fearful contemplation of change should be fortified by prayer. Every program and project should be planned with prayer.

The Elders and Ministers met yesterday in a mini retreat to discuss the future needs of the congregation. I dedicated myself to prayerful preparation for this meeting, and I trust that all the others did the same. **We desperately need for all the church to be praying!**

The church of Christ has always been noted by its turning to prayer at all times:

1. **When the church faced an intimidating future** following the ascension of Jesus we are told that "they all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14).
2. **When the church made its first steps** we are told that "they devoted themselves... to prayer" (Acts 2:42).
3. **When John and Peter were threatened** and released by the Sanhedrin, they stood before the church and "they raised their voices together in prayer to God" (Acts 4:24) and "after they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken" (Acts 4:31).
4. **When faced with growing responsibilities the leaders put prayer as a high priority** and delegated responsibilities so they could give "attention to prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4).
5. **When guidance was needed** it came when people prayed. Cornelius was a man who was known as someone who "prayed to God regularly" and received his guidance from God while he was praying (Acts 10:1-3). Peter was prepared for God's plan while he was up on a roof praying (Acts 10:9).
6. **When facing an uncertain future** we are told that "the church was earnestly praying to God" (Acts 12:5).
7. **When preparing new projects and new leadership** the steps were taken with prayer (Acts 13:3; Acts 14:23).

We need to turn to God in prayer now. Please pray for the leaders of this

