

# CF Joyous

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Connect with Life

Connect with Love

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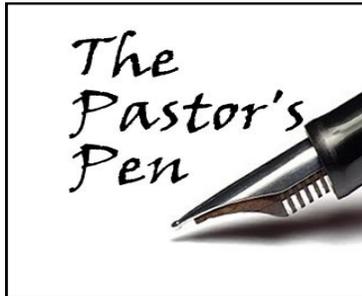
**Senior Pastor:**  
Frank Osborne  
**Associate Pastor:**  
David Spencer  
**Music Director:**  
Jay Sanders:

**Sunday Schedule:**  
Choir Practice: 8:30 am  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:55 am  
Sunday Evening Worship Service:  
On 1st and 3rd Sunday after the mtgs  
1st Sunday: WMU: 1:30 pm  
1st Sunday: Brotherhood: 1:30 pm  
3rd Sunday: Deacon/Council: 1:30 pm  
4th Sunday: Business Mtg.: 12:15 pm

**Wednesday Schedule:**  
Offices Opens: 10:00 am

The mission of "CF Joyous News" is to connect people to Jesus and to enlighten with information so that Christians can fulfill the mission of the Church, which is to love God and to love people.

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Hello,

I am Frank Osborne and I am honored to have been chosen as your Pastor.

The word pastor comes from the Latin noun, means shepherd. It has connection to the verb pascere which means to lead to

pasture and be fed. I hope with God's help and your support, I will do this to the best of my ability. Jeremiah 3:15 says, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Also, we find in Acts 20:28, saying, Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers (bishops), to feed the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood.

The shepherds in (Luke 2) which we know brought their flock to the area to where they could observe the arrival of the new King and honor Him with their presence. The wise men came with their presents and left as humble men. I hope Crusselle-Freeman will be a blessing to you through the visits and feedings of the Holy Spirit. Our God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Please pray for my family that we will do the will of our FATHER

*In Christ's Love.*

*ANW*  
I WILL GIVE  
**you pastors**  
ACCORDING  
TO MINE HEART,  
*which*  
SHALL FEED YOU  
WITH  
*knowledge &*  
*understanding.*  
JEREMIAH 3:15

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Welcome New Year 1015. Hope it will be a good year for you.

David Spencer and I will continue to be your Sunday School teachers and we sincerely hope that you will continue to come to the class to learn about God's work and the Gospel. We thank you for all the support you gave us in 2014.

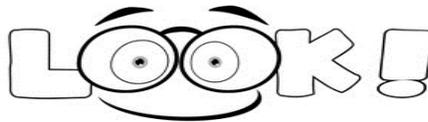
The next three months we will be studying the books of Esther, Ezra and Nehemiah. We have so much to learn. So come to the class and we learn together in God's house. It will be a blessing to study the books.

*Submitted by Jeanette Lorch*

**CHURCH FINANCES  
FUNDS SUMMARY  
as of November 30, 2014**

• BROTHERHOOD .....	\$ 632
• BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS .....	\$ 372
• CHOIR: ADULT .....	\$ 8,072
• MISSIONS (Combined) .....	\$ 3,927
• WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION .....	\$ 5,513
• MISCELLANOUS FUNDS (Combined) .....	\$ -3,217
• GENERAL FUND .....	\$27,301

*NOTE:* None of our fund-raising activities are for our general expenses. These day-to-day expenses are paid for by church member's tithe and the generous donations of other individuals.



**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

After 16 years in print, the CF Joyous News will adopt an all-digital format.

Over the past few years, the CF Joyous News has been available in both a paper format and an electronic format. Beginning with the next Spring 2015 newsletter, we will be emailing the electronic format and discontinuing the mass mailing paper format.

Please make sure we have your correct email address!! Send an email to Cheryl Shaver, Editor at: [church@cfcd.comcastbiz.net](mailto:church@cfcd.comcastbiz.net)

We understand that some situations will require a printed format (nursing homes, shut-ins, no computer). In those cases, please mail a request to: "CF Joyous Newsletter, c/o Cheryl Shaver, PO Box 11286, Atlanta, GA 30310".

Thank you for the support of the CF Joyous Newsletter.

## Singing Hands Choir 2014 Bi-Annual Retreat

The Choir's bi-annual retreat was to Tybee Island/Savannah this time. There were 9 travelers consisting of both choir members and guests (Cheryl Shaver, Jay Sanders, Lee Ervin, Debra and Joe Barnick, Letha Smith, Clarene and Philip Brooks along with Frances Sanders).

Day 1 – That afternoon, we arrived! Our group separated into 3 houses within blocks of each other. After a trip to Publix to buy supplies, everyone got settled in for our stay. Well, not quite, we were too tired to cook, so we ate at Sting Ray's for a late night meal.

Day 2 – A relaxing, low-key day where members of the group went on their own or in small groups gathering back at House 1 (Cheryl/Jay/Lee) for a supper of Jay's stew, Lee's salad and pico de gallo, Cheryl's candy and other good stuff.

Day 3 – Group lunch was held at River Street Seafood on the river walk in Savannah. After exploring Savannah's historic area, we climbed aboard a trolley for the Savannah Holiday Tours. This included a stop at the Davenport House to get an idea of how Christmas was observed in Savannah hundreds of years ago. We learned something!! New Year's Eve was more important than Christmas during that time. Christmas was a very somber event and parties were held on New Year's Eve. After the Davenport House, we stopped at the Westin Harbor Resort to view their huge gingerbread villages made up of various size buildings. We finished late, tired and happy. [Debra posted way too many pictures on Facebook.]

Day 4 – The gang got together for a late lunch at House 3 where Debra, Joe and Frances served up a delicious batch of spaghetti. Everyone enjoyed Jay's face when he was unexpectedly presented with a beautiful snow globe by the choir.

Then we headed out to Savannah Christian Church to experience "The Journey". "The Journey" was a live recreation of events surrounding the birth of Christ. We walked a trail where we encountered Mary, Joseph, an angel and Mary's cousin. We saw wise men, King Herod and visited Bethlehem's marketplace. Finally, we followed the shepherds to find baby Jesus in the manger. [We had to present 'citizenship papers' to get into Bethlehem. Philip lost his and snuck in.]

Day 5 – Sadly, we had to pick up our packed bags and go back to Atlanta. Our 2014 Retreat might have been short, but it was fun packed, relaxing and nourishing for both our bodies and souls.



Choir Meet two old friends



Holly Jolly Holiday Trolley Tour in Savannah

## Bi-Annual Retreat



**Thought:** *Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* 2 Timothy 1:7

**Fear**  
**in** Fear--it doesn't always come marching into our lives wearing a T-shirt labeled "fear." Sometimes  
**Disguise** fear takes on disguises and appears as a welcome guest. Yet beware: disguised or not, fear enslaves wherever it goes.

I recently found this intruder taking on the noble-sounding disguise of wanting to get it right. I wanted to say the proper thing. I didn't want it to be taken wrong or misunderstood. That all sounded noble, yet it was the voice of fear, not the Lord.

Deep down, I was afraid I would mess up, say the wrong thing, or cause someone else to stumble. Those fears--disguised as they were--were enslaving me, keeping me from speaking and acting in God's freedom and truth.

God has *not* given us a spirit of fear. He's called us to "stir up" the gifts He's given us--to serve Him wholeheartedly, without fearing our mistakes, other's opinions, or anything else. It's His love--not fear--that we want to govern each action.

If you find fear trying to sneak its way into your heart, yank its mask off with the truth. Remind yourself of God's unconditional love--that He is leading and guiding you and is over even your mistakes. Focus on His greatness. Recognize His power over every circumstance. And walk forward in His love--trusting Him and obeying His call.



**Story:** Anthony's big eyes followed the ball as it bounced back and forth between his older brothers. That looked like so much fun--how he wished he could join them!

**Too Scared to Walk** "You'd like to play too, wouldn't you?" Anthony's mother, Mrs. Richardson, asked as she smiled down at him from her seat on the park bench.

Anthony nodded.

"You can, Anthony--you just have to walk. Come on, give it a try," with that, Mrs. Richardson knelt down on the ground a few feet from where Anthony stood holding onto the park bench, holding out her hands to him, just as she had done for months. Her son was almost two-and-a-half, but he still refused to give walking a try.

Anthony responded by opening his big eyes even wider. He couldn't--he just couldn't. He didn't know how to walk. The whole idea of putting all his weight on those two little sticks he heard his parents call legs terrified him.

Mrs. Richardson seemed to read his thoughts. "You can do it, Anthony. Just try. You'll never get to run and play if you don't walk."

But Anthony only responded by tightening his little fingers around the park bench he'd been leaning against. He just couldn't walk. He was too afraid. Fear had enslaved him, just as surely as a prison bar.

Mrs. Richardson sighed. When would her son be ready to overcome his fear and enjoy the many things waiting for him when he chose to walk?

# Church News

## Fall Picnic

On October 18, 2014 CF church hosted a picnic at Pine Log Park in Conyers GA. It was a pleasant weather until after lunch it started to get little hot!



There were 35 1/2 people at the picnic. I counted 1/2 because it is Sylvia Hattrich s granddaughter Abby with her mom and dad. she is 2 1/2 years old. She loves to play in the playground. Everyone enjoyed eating and socializing. We had game but short time.



Women Missionary Union took a participation in the Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child. We hosted a gift wrap party for the participants to bring their shoeboxes and we wrapped the boxes with Christmas wrap paper. We had about 21 people helping out on that day. What fun we had!! During the collection week, we donated 59 boxes to the Samaritan's Purse.

Women Missionary Union hosted a special Women's Day on October 5th, 2014. Diane Rose was our special guest speaker. She was an excellent storyteller.

# The Story Lives On

Celebrate • Connect • Commit



**NEW\* RECIPE!**



**Meatball Soup**

Irene Prasinos

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 3 to 4 Tbsp. Mahatma Rice
- 1 onion, grated
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 2 to 3 celery sticks, sliced
- 2 to 3 potatoes, sliced
- 1/4 cup oil
- Lemon juice
- 1 egg

1. Make meatballs with rice, onion, and ground beef.
2. In a large saucepan, filled with half water and 1/4 cup oil, boil the sliced carrots and celery until they are half cooked.
3. Add the small meatballs.
4. Add the sliced potatoes.
5. Let it boil on medium heat for 45 min to 1 hour.
6. In a small bowl, beat 1 egg and 3 to 4 Tbsp. lemon juice and add



*Thank You Lord*

for giving me a brand new year ahead.

Help me to live the way I should  
as each new day I tread.

Give me love and gentle wisdom  
that I might help a friend in need.

Give me strength and courage  
so a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty so  
Help me fill it with good objectives  
according to Your will and Your word.

I hope and pray that each day of the  
coming year You'll fill it with joy, peace,  
love and divine purpose for Your glory.

*Amen.*  
[www.TodayIamBlessed.com](http://www.TodayIamBlessed.com)

**Friends' Day**

Saturday, February 14th

12:00 noon

We will have County Fried Steak Luncheon with all the trimmings. We will celebrate the Love that God has send to us.

Where: The Leathers Fellowship Hall

Cost: TBA

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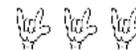
**REMEMBER?**

Set Your Clocks Ahead!

March 8, 2015



Member Musings...



Some Christians are like a dog ready to make friends with anyone that shows the least little interest.

Some Christians are like a tweety bird they are what people call bird brain or our heads.

Some Christians are like a cat always on the prowl, never really getting near anyone and ready to pounce on the unsuspecting.

Some Christians are like snowmen so cold nothing an anointed person says will move them.

Submitted by David Spencer

Life is too short to let the little things get to you.

A teacher once told each of her students to bring a clear plastic bag and a sack of potatoes to school. For every person they'd refused to forgive in their life's experience, they chose a potato, wrote on it the name and date, and put it in the plastic bag. Some of their bags were quite heavy. They were then told to carry this bag with them everywhere for one week, putting it beside their bed at night; on the car seat when driving; next to their desk at work ...

The hassle of lugging this around with them made it clear what a weight they were carrying spiritually, and how they had to pay attention to it all the time to not forget and keep leaving it in embarrassing places. Naturally, the condition of the potatoes deteriorated to a nasty slime. This was a great metaphor for the price we pay for keeping our pain and heavy negativity! Too often we think of forgiveness as a gift to the other person, and it clearly is for ourselves!!

Submitted by David Spencer

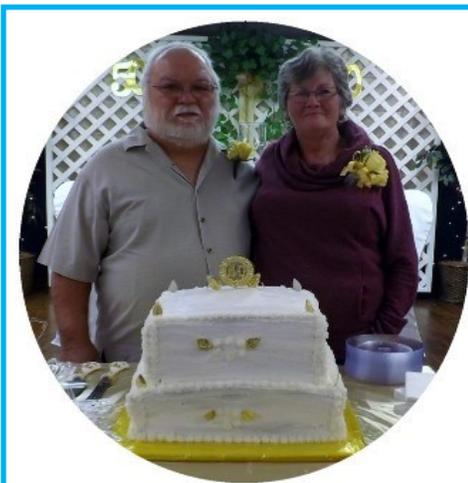
FLOWER POWER

by Marissa Reay, Peoria, Arizona



The hummingbird was lost in the supermarket, exhausted, starving, and near death as it spiraled towards the ground on helpless wings. I snatched her away from the crushing carts, cupped her in my hands, and rushed for the exit. She was tiny and soft against my palms. I ran out towards the flowers. She was too weak to perch; I cupped her in my palm and held her up to each flower to drink. Slowly, she perked up and her claws tightened on my finger. Then she spread her wings and flew on her own: a tiny, sweet miracle.

~Drawing by Amy Miller~Flower Power in Reader's Digest~Internet



Melvin and Eveline Dukes  
50th Wedding Anniversary

1964-2014



**JANUARY-MARCH 2015 SCHEDULE (subject to change)**

**JANUARY**

Thu 01/01 Happy New Year  
 Sat 01/03 Prayer Breakfast  
 Sun 01/04 Lord's Supper  
 Oath of New Officers  
 WMU & Brotherhood Meetings  
 Sun 01/18 Council/Deacon Meeting  
 Sun 01/25 Business Meeting

**FEBRUARY**

Sun 02/01 WMU & Brotherhood Meetings  
 Sat 02/14 Valentine Luncheon  
 Sat 02/14 Valentine's Day  
 Sun 02/15 Council/Deacon Meeting  
 Sun 02/22 Business Meeting

**MARCH**

Sun 03/01 WMU & Brotherhood Meetings  
 Sun 03/08 Daylight Saving Time  
 Sat 03/14 WMU St Patrick's Day Party  
 Sun 03/15 Council/Deacon Meeting  
 Fri 03/20 First Day of Spring  
 Sun 03/22 Business Meeting



**The Church Officers & Department Leaders**

**Church Staff**

**Pastor:** Frank Osborne  
**Music/Choir Director:** Jay Sanders  
**Building & Grounds Department:** Jim Kelley  
**Custodian:** Phillip Brooks, Amado Pinder, Richard Riley  
**Treasurer:** Cheryl Shaver

**General Administration**

**Deacons:** Du Dukes, Jim Kelley, Lorenzo Drennan  
**Assistant Treasurers:** Jay Sanders  
**Steward:** Debra Barnick  
**Assistant Steward:** Clarene Brooks  
**Computer/Web Site:** Robbie Dukes  
**Church Moderator:** Jeanette Lorch  
 • Wednesday Business Meetings  
 • Churchwide Meetings Twice Yearly  
 • Monthly Deacon/Council Meeting  
**Trustees:** Clarene Brooks, Jackie Dukes, Richard Riley, Debra Barnick  
**Kitchen Custodians:** Yong Kelley, Lucy Parker, Charlie Mae Printup and Jim Kelley  
**Wednesday Prayer:** Clarene Brooks  
**History Department:** Louise Osborne  
**Head Usher:** Richard Riley  
**Greeter:** Jerry Sanders  
**Church Clerk:** David Spencer  
**Church Clerk Assistant:** Frances Sanders  
**Newsletter Editor:** Cheryl Shaver

**Assistant Newsletter Editor:** Louise Osborne  
**Sunday Program Editor:** Du Dukes  
**Assistant Sunday Program Editor:** Laurie Wood  
**Security Department:** Amado Pinder  
**Personnel Committee:** David Spencer  
**Library Room Coordinator:** Vacant  
**Male Baptism Committee:** See Deacons  
**Female Baptism Committee:** See Deacons  
**Nomination Committee:** Cheryl Shaver and Clarene Brooks  
**Rummage Sales Coordinator:** Jim Kelley  
**Assistant Rummage Sale Coordinator:** Richard Riley  
**Fellowship Hall Coordinator:** Debra Barnick  
**WMU President:** Debra Barnick  
**Brotherhood President:** Jim Kelley

**Sunday School Department**

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Letha Smith  
**Assistant Sunday School Superintendent:** Sylvia Hattrich  
**Adult Sunday School Teachers:** Jeanette Lorch, David Spencer  
**Assistant Adult Sunday School Teachers:** Sylvia Hattrich, Du Dukes, Louise Osborne  
**Children/Youth Teacher:** Loisteen Mann and Sylvia Hattrich  
 • Youth (12-17)  
 • Preteens (9-11)  
 • Children (4-8)  
**Children/Nursery Worship:** Vacant

# A TIME TO ENJOY AND TO LAUGH

## Is Christmas Really Over?

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.  
John 1:12 (NIV)

Based on John 1:10-18



X I A I E R R S D W E L L G L  
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JESUS	GLORY	DWELL	FATHER	RECEIVE
KNOWN	BLESSING	BELIEVE	WORLD	TESTIFY
FLESH	SEEN	CHILDREN	WORD	GOD
BORN	TRUTH	NAME	GRACE	RIGHT

## Bulletoon

by Trudy O. McConnell



"Four methods people use to keep from hearing the truth..." (Rev.3:20)

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		8				1		
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		5		9			2	
	8		2	1		6		

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Question: **What is the fourth Beatitude?**

- ◇ Blessed Are Those Who Mourn, For They Shall Be Comforted.
- ◇ Blessed Are Those Who Hunger And Thirst After Righteousness, For They Shall Be Filled.
- ◇ Blessed Are The Merciful, For They Shall Obtain Mercy.
- ◇ Blessed Are The Pure In Heart, For They Shall See God.

Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to the families of:

- Eddie Bell Baker
- Lucille Crowe
- Auby Glisson
- Michael Gonzalez's Grandfather
- Robert Ison
- Tommie Ison
- Cale Kitchens
- Nadine Lamb
- Connie Printup

*Prayer List* 

**OUR KNOWN SICK**

Our Known Sick List changes over time so continue your prayers for them every day.

**THESE NEEDING CONTINUOUS AND UNENDING PRAYER**

- Andrew Ahn
- Frank & Laura Dubberly
- Leon Parker
- Diane Small
- Louise Troup

**IN ASSIST LIVING/NURSING HOMES**

Sheryl Sherifit (Warner Robins Nursing), Martha Jane Fraser (Lafayette Healthcare), Charles Watson (The Lake House, Douglasville), Dorothy Watson (The Lake House, Douglasville), Bobby & Martha Garmon (Park Place Nursing Home, Monroe, GA), John Coleman, Velma Page

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- **Flea Market Items (books, clothes, Furnitures, etc.)**
- **Computers and Laptops**

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