



Bible Based Family Focused Mission Minded

Family News and Events 9 March 2010

A Prayer for the Feast Day of Gregory of Nyssa

Almighty God, who hast revealed to thy Church thine eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like thy bishop Gregory of Nyssa, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who livest and reignest now and for ever. *Amen*

Dear Christ Church Family,

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1. [Spring Ahead!](#)

Don't forget to turn your clocks **forward** this coming Saturday, **13 March**, so that we'll see you right on time Sunday, 14 March!

2. MESSIAH Part II, THE PASSION

This Sunday, **14 March**, at the 10:30 a.m. service, Christ Church Music Ministry will present **MESSIAH Part II, THE PASSION**, by G. F. Handel. Please come and invite your friends and neighbors.

3. Sunday School Presentation

On Sunday, **21 March**, the children who have successfully memorized their “benchmarks” will recite them for the congregation during the Children’s Homily **at the 10:30 service**. They’ve been working hard on putting to memory the Fruit of the Spirit, the 10 Commandments, the Books of the Old Testament, and the Nicene Creed.

4. Baptism Date

Our next liturgical date for baptisms of infants and adults is at the Easter Vigil. If you or your child(ren) wish to receive the sacrament of baptism, **please call the church office** so we can make the necessary arrangements (912-232-4131).

5. Sunday School Teachers & Nursery Volunteers for Sunday, 14 March

Church Nursery Volunteers: Wayne & Joan Cribbs, Steve & Ann Mauney

Pre-K – K Sunday School Teachers: Emily Stubbs Assist: Joe T. Stubbs

1st -2nd grade Sunday School Teachers: Sandra Gavin Assist: Nancy Bilyeu

3rd – 5th grade Sunday School Teachers: John Novikoff Craft: Amy Cobb

6. Easter Egg Hunt Candy

Mark your calendar for the CHILDREN’S EASTER EGG HUNT (toddler through 5th grade) on **Saturday, 3 April**, from **9:30 – 11:00 a.m.** (more details will follow as we get closer to the date).

We again ask for **candy donations** from the congregation. Please bring bags of small candy pieces (small enough to fit inside a plastic egg) to the church office no later than **Sunday, 14 March**.

THANK YOU!

7. Workday, Saturday, 20 March

Lend a hand! We’ll be sprucing up the Church and courtyard in preparation for Easter and the Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens on Saturday, **20 March**, from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Lunch will be provided!! Please sign up on the porch after church.

8. Adult Confirmation

Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Neil Lebhar, will visit Christ Church on **25 April** for Confirmation. If you want to be confirmed or received in the Anglican Church, please call the church office and speak with Fr. Marc or Fr. Layne.

9. Parenting Tip

The Heart is a Wrestling Place

The heart is where we wrestling with things. When experience, teaching, and values need to be integrated into life, it happens in the workshop of the heart. Information comes into our heads on a regular basis but much of it just stays there. Only when it moves down to our hearts does it become part of our lives.

When eight-year-old, Jordan, says to himself, “I’m no good. No one wants to be with me. I’ll never get it right,” he’s repeating negative things in his heart. Rebecca feels good in her heart because she refused to join those who were disrespectful to the teacher. Jack’s mom can see a heart problem because he scowls and complains whenever she asks him to do something. In each of these situations, children wrestle with things or come to conclusions about life and its challenges in their hearts.

When parents use a heart-based approach they take advantage of this wrestling inside a child. They feed nutritious information, contribute praise for growing character, and comment about the helpful and unhelpful internal dialogue as it makes its way out through behavior.

Jesus knew that the teachers of the law were struggling inside with the fact that he forgave the paralytic in Matthew 9:4. He says, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?” When the two disciples on the road to Emmaus realized that their surprise guest was Jesus, they reflected on the experience by saying, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Too many parents focus only on behavior, things like getting jobs done around the house and completing homework. The real work of parenting is done in the heart.¹

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

In Christ our God,

Fr. Layne

¹ This parenting tip comes from Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RN, BSN at the Center for Biblical Parenting.