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At any given time, while flipping through my twelve basic cable channels, I will come across some sort of “Christian” programming. The other day one of those programs caught my attention. It was a scientific exploration and defense of the book of Daniel. As I turned to the channel, they were discussing Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Even after the program ended, I had to go to Daniel Chapter 3 and read the story over again (whoever said that the Bible doesn’t have anything exciting has *clearly* never read it)! Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were my Bible heroes when I was growing up. I was drawn to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego; they would rather be thrown into a furnace that was heated seven times its normal heat than bow down to an idol. Now that’s what I’m talking about! As I read their story, I thought how, today, I will probably never be thrown into a situation even remotely similar to their situation.

The situation we face today seems to be the complete opposite of what Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego faced. They were faced with a king who forced them to bow down and worship a different god. Today, the complete opposite is true—it’s all about personal beliefs and whatever you do, you better not push your version of God on anyone else! Our situation has us facing a culture that believes in a whole smorgasbord of gods—everyone can have their own version because it works for them. I wish I could count the number of YouTube videos that I’ve watched recently ranting about leaving people’s beliefs be their own. Comments posted on those videos only confirm the fact that our culture is one that believes in some kind of “god” or “higher power,” but it’s up to the individual as to who or what that being might be. Sounds pretty good right?

But here’s the thing: as soon as you confess that there is a “higher power” or “god,” you better make sure that you know who this “god” is! It affects everything! Having your own version of “god” doesn’t do any good because you don’t get to decide who that “god” is. It’s scary to think about! It seems

as if no one who wants to have his or her own “god” actually thinks about that point. If there is a God that is powerful enough to create and sustain everything I see, I want to know who this God is!

We have a God who works and continues to work in history. He has spoken through his people and has done mighty works and wonders. He has proven throughout history that He is the one true God. Due to space on this page I cannot go into any great detail, but there is one major detail I need to mention. There was a man who lived about 2000 years ago that said He was the Son of God—the very same God that had led his people out of slavery in Egypt, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He did things that only God could do. He said things that only God could say. He claimed to be the Son of God and was crucified for it. Three days after he was crucified, he rose from the dead. Now that is where my faith lies; my faith lays with Jesus the Son of God, who overcame death itself!

My point is that we don’t get to choose who God is. God doesn’t fit into our story—we fit into God’s story. Today, our culture tells us that we need to coexist, that you can choose your own “god” and go happily on your way. We don’t get to choose God, he chose us! He sent his Son, Jesus, that we might rise with Him when this world comes to an end. It’s so much more than a choosing of a religion that makes you feel good—it’s a life or death matter! We will be with Jesus, restored in body and soul, glorified, and living eternally with Him. That’s the story—God’s story—and we have a place in it!

Only Because of Jesus,
Vicar Jake
vicarjake@cocluth.com

• Organ Fund •

Thanks to many generous gifts, the \$5,400 matching gift was met. We now have less than \$9,600 left to raise from our beginning total of \$99,900!

If you are able and would like to give, your check should look like this: →

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New York, NY		
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In Memory of Irene Tipps

Who among us has not been touched by Irene's faith, courage, and love for those less fortunate? This month Cross of Christ has the opportunity to honor this woman who courageously fought her battle with breast cancer. **Team UPLIFTED will walk in Irene's memory in the Komen Race for the Cure on Sept. 27th.** Online registration is super easy plus gives you a \$3.00 savings. You also have the opportunity to make a team donation if you cannot walk. This can also be done online or you may give a check to Sherry Reed. This is an opportunity for community outreach, to celebrate Irene, and help to eliminate breast cancer.

Go to: www.chattanoogaracefortheCure.com to register or donate and follow the prompts to Join a Team. Our team name is UPLIFTED. Or, you may obtain a registration form from Sherry Reed or give your donation to her. I hope to see many of you with us on Sept. 27th

Wanna rock out with our resident rock star?



If you don't go, Vicar Jake will have to go by himself.
Tickets: \$24.25, talk to Jake

Have information for the newsletter?

Contact Christina Sedrick by submitting an announcement online

www.cocluth.com



Our Vision Statement

We see ourselves as a loving, joy-filled family of believers gathered in celebration and praise around our Lord Jesus Christ. As Bible-based Christians, we seek to share God's word of salvation and to live daily in His healing, hope and guidance. We are committed to reaching out to the whole community, as we embrace and nurture new brothers and sisters with our Savior's own forgiveness and love.

Care and Concern

We share with you congregational members, family members and friends who need our prayers:

MARTY BIDDLE (recovering from back surgery at home)

ROBIN HOLT (daughter of Barbara Rule, recovering from surgery for heart valve repair or replacement)

ED LAGOO (undergoing tests, awaiting results)

DICK MARTIN (friend of Gail Winterbauer, hospitalized with kidney problems)

WALTER AND KAREN ERVIN (friends of Gordon VanLoon, Karen is in last stages of ovarian cancer, Walker has Parkinson's)

CHERYL MARLETTE (friend of Linda Cox, suffering from stress from MS and loss of her mother)

REV. LARRY BRAKENHOFF (Lutheran pastor in Kansas—diagnosed with brain tumor, beginning treatment at M.D. Anderson)

CAROL THORSEN (Danielle's mother, back surgery)

DANIELLE PEARSON (20-year old acquaintance of Jeremy Clifton, in ICU with pneumonia, and is on a ventilator)

TOM WADDELL (co-worker of Penni Walpert, recovering from heart surgery)

MAY STALLER (Janne Peiffer's mother, recovering from massive stroke, beginning to regain some function and speech)

TAYLOR HARMON (football team friend of Shelley Land, very sick)

OWEN SMITH (acquaintance of Sophie Gallo, diagnosed with cancer)

MATTHEW BREWSTER (safekeeping while in Iraq)

BRENDAN BEADLE (grandson of the Brief's stationed in Iraq)

WILLIAM PONDER (father of a friend of Penni Walpert, being treated for cancer— complications due to other physical issues)

TOM DALPINI (brother of Karen Miller, safekeeping while in Iraq)

DONE BRUCE WARNER (brother of Bea Lagoo, cancer has returned; undergoing chemotherapy and radiation)

SAWYER AUBREY (Joe Lynch's cousin, headed for Afganistan)

FEATURED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

For: Young Adults
Topic: C.S. Lewis' "Screwtape Letters"
Where: Panera Bread in Hixson
Date: Beginning on Sunday, Sept. 6th
When: 9:45-10:45 am
Bring: A copy of the book, your bible, coffee money!

For more information contact Eve Hildebrandt

For: Adults
Topic: Focus on the Family's "The Truth Project"
Where: Outside Building
Date: Beginning on Sunday, Sept. 13th
When: 9:45-10:45
Bring: Yourself!

For more info contact Ken Maury
kmaury@orlandilabs.com

**Get excited! LCMS
Youth Gathering!**



**New Orleans
July 17-21, 2010
Ages 14-19**

**Interested? Contact Vicar Jake
Let him know by October 21**

**Too old?? Ask Jake about
Young Adult Volunteers and
Adult Leaders!**

www.lcmsgathering.com

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHTLIVE**

High School Youth:

**Wednesday Night Live starts back
September 2nd @ 6:00 pm**

**Check website for more information!
www.cocluth.com**

Cross of Christ Adventures Group 2009 Schedule

Date	Time	Location/Event	Reservation Type	Recommended Reservation Deadline	Comments
Sept 19 Saturday	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Polly Crocket Arts and Crafts festival/ Wine tasting Pearls Foggy Mountain Cafe	Through SM Through SM	Sept 10 th Sept 10 th	No reservation needed for the festival, but Sue will arrange carpooling-leave from church
Oct 24 th Saturday	5:30	Button Willow Dinner Theatre, Whitwell, TN	Through SM	Oct 15 th	Sue can arrange car pool leave from church.
Nov 21 Saturday	6:00	The Station House or Dinner in the Diner	Through SM	Nov. 15	
Dec 12 Saturday	7:30 pm	Portifino Italian restaurant-Rossville "White Christmas" Colonade, Ringold, GA	Through SM Independent	Dec 5 Nov 20	RES: 706-935-9000

Please remember we are an outreach GROUP—SO INVITE, INVITE, INVITE. Julia has extra coupons for anyone who does not have a book and would like to attend at discount prices. Regardless. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Sue Manthey will try to coordinate all events: 423-842-2950
or email (preferred) at SFManey@gmail.com**

Looking for the Calendar?

View the up-to-date version on COCLUTH.COM

You can view details, and even print a copy
Right from our website.



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Jill Eaker | 10 Joanne Peiffer | 24 Hope Sedrick |
| 3 Lanette Bagley | 13 Richard Allen | 26 Ben Crowder |
| 4 Kenneth Brewster | 16 Ed Lagoo | Jim Walpert |
| Dotti Phillips | Bob Pinkerton | 27 Bonnie Shirk |
| 5 Joe Blunt | Johnathon Stephens | 29 Mary Butler |
| Michael Hamilton | 17 Nancy MacLean | Sherry Reed |
| 6 Joshua Little | 18 Carl Hunt | Steve Zehnder |
| 9 Kathleen Holloway | 23 Beth Cooper | 30 Mary Sedrick |
| | Curtis Craig | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Bob and Irma Pinkerton | 11 Gordon and Judy VanLoon | 28 Ed and Bernice Lagoo |
| 6 Scott and Karla Kuykendall | 12 Ray and LaDonna Brief | 30 Ken and Wanda Hall |
| 10 Richard and Nancy MacLean | 21 Carl and Andrene Reisenbuechler | |

Those Who Serve in SEPTEMBER

ELDERS OF THE MONTH

8:30 Larry Zehnder and Mike Witherby

11:00 Jamie Holloway and Scott Brewster

ALTAR GUILD:

Elle French

DATE	6	13	20	27
ACOLYTES	Jordan and Haley Halabrin	Blake and Bradley Burris	Sam Burrow	Sarah Clemmons and Elora Hunt
GREETERS 8:30A.M.	Richard and Lanette Bagley	Richard and Nancy MacLean	Jo Parham	Don Burrow
READERS 8:30A.M.	Carmen Autry	Sherry Reed	Nancy Allen	Dennis and Karen Savor
USHERS	Dick Allen, Paul Wyatt, Steve Autry, Bob Timm			
GREETERS 11:00A.M.	Ron and Elsie Schmidt	Jim and Sandi Reisenbuechler	Ray and Pat Veldman	Scott and Allison Brewster
READERS 11:00A.M.	Ann Hunt	Jim Walpert	Dave and Cara Welsh	Ken Maury

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**Go tell everyone what He has done!
Live IT! Share IT! Show IT!**