

# Crowders Creek ARP Church



## Pastor's Page

During *Lent* we've been looking at who we are as Christians in a culture that often rejects what believers hold dearly to: Jesus Christ Himself, The Cross, The Resurrection, godliness, right/wrong, and other deeply held convictions. How do Christians mature and make a difference in these trying times? This is why during Lent and Easter we're studying the little letter of *1 Peter*. This letter is only 5 chapters but is packed with truth that deepens us in the Grace of God and what we really need in these times: The value of Christ and His Cross, the hope of the Resurrection, the importance of the Church, and many more. Please join us on Sunday mornings for this essential sermon series. It will deepen your faith in Christ in the foundational truths of Christianity and will help you face the foundational issues of our day. I hope you'll join us for the special Easter Services coming up soon: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (Linden A.R.P.), Easter Sunrise Service and our normal 11:00 am Easter service. If you're not already a member of Christ's Church at Crowder's Creek join me for a class entitled "*Christianity 101*". This class will be held for 2 Sundays in April right after Easter (19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>). It will cover the *essential truths of Christianity*: What we believe and why? What is our mission and how do we accomplish it? Who are you in Christ and what are you called to be and do in His Church.

Many of us are also wondering about what will happen to the economy in the future? How can I plan to spend effectively what I do have? How can I continue to give in these times? What does the Bible say about saving and investing for the future? What is God's answer to debt? How do I enjoy what God has blessed me with in these times? Did you know there are over 2, 300 Bible verses in the Bible about Money? Did you know that nearly half of Jesus' Parables are about possessions?

The Bible is packed with wise counsel about the use of your money and how to manage your finances. In fact, Jesus had more to say about money than about heaven and hell combined! The fact is God clearly lays out His Pattern for the Stewardship of our resources so that we will grow to love Him and others more and more and use our money for His Purposes. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us to learn more about the Biblical principles of stewardship on Wednesday nights starting April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. But first join us for dinner and fellowship at 5:45 pm. If you have children or grandchildren bring them to one of the many classes we have for youth and children. Please call the Church office for more details and to get a standing reservation for dinner if you don't have it already. Also call if you plan to attend "Managing Your Money God's Way" so that we can make sure you get a book.

### SPECIAL SERVICES:

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday (Communion – Linden A.R.P.)
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunrise Service and 11:00 Easter Service
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	"Christianity 101" begins
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	"Managing Your Money God's Way" begins
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Sunday



**APRIL**

- 04/03 Steve Crawford
- 04/07 Matthew Grigg
- 04/11 Nathan Davidson
- 04/13 Phyllis Carter
- 04/13 Nelson Ferguson
- 04/15 Barry Best
- 04/16 Andy Cauble
- 04/19 Jennifer Meadows
- 04/20 Bob Grigg
- 04/20 Terry Norris
- 04/20 Katie Prince
- 04/20 Richard Rutherford
- 04/21 Kathy Cox
- 04/21 Jim Moses
- 04/22 Al Cox
- 04/22 Tommy Davidson
- 04/24 Montana Sciba
- 04/25 Judy Ferguson
- 04/26 Shirley Brown
- 04/26 Catherine Whitesides

**Additional Ministers this Month...**

Date	Children's Church	Nursery
4/5	Michelle & Felix Alpizar	Rick & Chris Oates
4/12	Easter (None)	Peggy, Bob & Josh Grigg
4/19	David & Ginny Styers	Allison & Martin Moses, Tammy Peterson
4/26	None	Grier & Bryan Clarke, Carla Clark

**Bonclarken Gift Shop**

*Now is the time of year that you are asked to donate items to the Gift Shop. As you know the Gift Shop began a number of years ago as a service to those who visit Bonclarken. People are asked to donate hand-made craft items, home-made jelly, jam, pickles, candy, cookies etc. Since children love being able to shop, items from the Dollar Store are very popular.*

*Please bring your donated items by the end of May and place them in a container in the room to your right as your enter the sanctuary. You may wish to put a suggested price on the items you make.*



**Soldiers On Active Duty**

**Amanda Brown**, Shirley Brown's granddaughter.

**Jessie Peterson**, Air Force National Guard, Charlotte, NC.

**Meredith Millar**, is at officer training with the National Guard at Ft. Benning, GA.

**Women's Circles**

April 6	Ruth Grier Circle	7:00 p.m.
April 6	Mollie Falls Circle	7:00 p.m.
April 7	Minnie Alexander Circle	2:00 p.m.

**HARP'S & MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

- No Men's Fellowship in April.
- **HARP'S** will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 15th at 11:00 a.m. They will be going to lunch at RO's BBQ. Look for details soon.

**APRIL Lectionary Texts**

**4/5—Palm Sunday**

Ps 118:1-2,19-29; Mark 11:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47.

**4/12—Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2,14-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; John 20:1-18.

**4/19—2nd Sunday after Easter**

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31.

**4/26—3rd Sunday after Easter**

Acts 3:12-19; Ps 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.

## BONCLARKEN WEEKEND

The annual Bonclarken Weekend is scheduled for August 7-9. Room reservations will begin on Sunday, March 29. The floor plans of the various rooms/apartments/camp sites will be displayed in the Historical Room (room on right as you enter the front door). Please take this time to look at these sheets to see what is available and what will fit your family's needs. The Crowders Creek Cottage is available first to the Bonclarken Committee; the Minister; the organist; and new members. For those who desire a specific room or campsite, you have the next three weeks until Sunday, April 12, to return your room reservation form with your first and second choices marked. After the third week, if it is necessary, names will be drawn for the specific apartment, rooms or campsites that are selected by multiple people. We ask that only one person from each family fill out a form. The results will be posted in the Historical Room on Sunday, April 19. After that date, you will receive an envelope for your first night deposit. **Please make your checks out to Crowders Creek Church (NOT Bonclarken)** and then return it to Peggy Grigg. If you have never joined us for this fun weekend, please contact a Bonclarken Committee Member (Steve Roach, Chairman) for details.

**Faith Apartments:** \$88.00 per night

**The Lodge:** \$52.00 (1 adult) per night  
\$72.00 (2 adults) per night

**Campground:** \$17.00 per night (Sites 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 - w/o hookup)  
\$22.00 per night (Sites 2, 3, 24 25, 26, 27 – full hookup)  
\$10.00 per night (Tents)

**NOTE:** There will be a \$7.25 per person per day charge for each additional person above the capacity noted. Children 18 years and under are free with parents in same room. (This is not new; some have just not been aware of this in the past.)

Pisgah A.R.P. Church Women's Ministry is having a fund-raiser Saturday, April 4th, 2009 from 7-11 a.m. They will have breakfast, Chicken Pie & Bake Sale, and Tag Sale. Everyone is welcomed.

*Thank You!*

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your love and support through-out the years. Growing up at Crowders Creek has shaped my life in many ways. I appreciate your prayers and donations for my Mission Trip to Mexico. I am excited to spread the Gospel in another part of the world. Thank you again!!  
Shannon Millar*

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so very much for the beautiful birthday cards and all of your prayers. It's always a blessing to hear from ya'll. Things are going o.k. with me and I'm learning so much about the Bible through all the studies they offer here. I've really grown in God's word, His amazing love and grace this year. There is so much **POWER** in prayer. I will never forget my youthful years at Crowders Creek or any of the special people. May God continue to bless our church and the devoted followers of Christ. Your prayers and letter's not only mean so much—they touch my heart. Many thanks and love and blessings to all of you. In Christ,  
Suzanne Jackson*

*I would like to thank my Christian friends at Crowders Creek for the calls, cards and visits during the death of my brother, James Carroll. I am blessed to have such good friends.  
Ethel Mauney*





### **Jesus is Risen!!!**

Children come celebrate the meaning of

Easter

April 11, 2009

10:30-12:30

Egg Hunt

Crafts, Games and More

Make a Resurrection Roll

Lunch

(Chicken, pretzels, deviled eggs, and carrots)

Hope to see you there with your Easter basket!!!

*Call Allison Moses with any questions.*

### ***Christianity 101***

Pastor Ben will teach a class in Sunday School April 19th & 26th on the basics of Christianity, and what church membership is all about. This will be geared towards visitors who are interested in joining Crowders Creek. It will cover the essential truths of Christianity: What we believe and why? What is our mission and how do we accomplish it? Who are you in Christ and what are you called to be and do in His Church. Members are welcomed.

### ***Wednesday Bible Study***

Join us each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. as we learn about the New Life and Power available through Jesus Christ for this New Year. Call the Church office for more information.

#### **Wednesday Night Schedule**

**5:45 p.m.** Dinner

**6:30 p.m. Bible Study for all Ages**

**Dinner:** Donation \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family

\*No Wednesday Night Bible Studies on April 8th & 15th due to Easter Holidays. Bible Study will resume April 22nd.

#### **New Bible Study beginning April 22nd:**

##### **Managing Our Finances God's Way**

In this seven-week, video-based study you will learn truths about biblical financial management.

Lesson topics include:

- The Big Picture
- Dedicate It All to God
- Plan Your Spending
- Giving as an Act of Worship
- Saving and Investing
- God's Solution to Debt
- Enjoy What God Has Given You

### **Spring Women's Bible Study**

**6:45-8:30 (Time Change)**

***"Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed—A Study of David"***

A six-week study of David from the Deeper Still event featuring: Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore and Kay Arthur. The study will be a video and discussion of the previous weeks homework. Any new members need to let Marilyn Brooks know so she can order you a book.

\*No Bible Study on April 9th.