

## From the Senior Chaplain

During the season of Lent, I hope you will be aware of the vastly important discipline of spiritual formation. Spiritual formation is simply an intentional and prayerful focus of one's heart on Jesus. One writer describes it as, "developing a habit of divine orientation." He goes on to say, "it is a life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene. It is amazing. It is triumphant. It is radiant. It takes no time, but it occupies all our time."

In reading the biographies of the great saints in the Christian faith, it comes as no surprise that their lives were marked by spiritual depth and growth. They took the exhortation in 2 Peter 3:18, "grow in grace," as normative Christian experience. John Flavel, a 17<sup>th</sup> century English Puritan, in his book Keeping the Heart, noted, "the greatest difficulty in conversion is to win heart to God; and the greatest difficulty after conversion, is to keep the heart with God."

Not long ago Richard Foster wrote, "The ancient maxim *Actio sequitur esse*, 'action follows essence,' reminds us that our action is always in accord with the inward reality of our heart. This, of course, does not reduce good works to insignificance, but it does make them matters of secondary significance, effects rather than causes. Of primary significance is our vital union with God, our new creation in Christ, our immersion in the Holy Spirit. It is this life that purifies the heart; when the branch is truly united with the vine and receiving its life from the vine, spiritual fruit is the natural result."

May this season of Lent keep you in the center of His grace.

Blessings and peace,  
Len

## The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2012

Call to Worship	"Church in the Wildwood" and "Were You There"	Sam Holmes
	(Please use this time to sit reflectively, observing silence.) (Please use this quiet time to sign and pass the Friendship Pad.)	
	"This is my body that is for you" (I Cor. 11:24a)	
Welcome		Rev. R. Len Walker
The Welcome of New Members		Cathy and David Butler
Psalm 51:10-17 (Hymnal, p.786)		Rev. V. Lamar Helms
Introit	"I am the Bread of Life" (The Men's Chorus)	S. Toolan
Voluntary	"Herr Jesu Christ"	J. G. Walther
Invocation		Rev. Helms
* Hymn 152	"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"	FOREST GREEN
+ The Children's Message (10:30 AM)		Rev. Walker
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Walker
Offertory	"Let Us Break Bread Together" (The Men's Chorus)	Trad.
* Offertory Response 298	Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.	HAMBURG
* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Helms
* Hymn 623	"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"	PENITENTIA
* Scripture: I Corinthians 11:23-29		Rev. Helms

Sermon

"Discerning Love"

Rev. Helms

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist (Hymnal, p.12)

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one  
another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,**  
**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
**we have rebelled against your love,**  
**we have not loved our neighbors,**  
**and we have not heard the cry of the need.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience.**  
**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Minister:

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
That proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

### People:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

### All:

**Glorify to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Hymnal, pp. 13-14)  
THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* Hymn 614	"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"	FOR THE BREAD
* Benediction		Rev. Helms
* Benediction Response 298	On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.	HAMBURG

### Postlude

"Guide Me, Jehovah"

T. Hoelty-Nickel

\* Please stand, if you are able.

+ On the last verse of the hymn, children are invited to join Rev. Walker  
for the Children's Message.

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

Nursery is available downstairs during 9:00am and 10:30am services.

## Today at the Chapel

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School  
9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:00 AM Stand-Around  
10:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30 AM Worship Service

### Ushers

9:00 AM  
Mike and Linda Carrig  
Dick and Sue Hammill

### Servers

9:00 AM  
Carol and John Willoughby  
Jim Owens and Keith Scott

10:30 AM David and Peggy Howe  
Susan Dean and Charlene Terrell

10:30 AM Sonia and Michael Cargile

### Stand-Around

Jim and Sue Leonard  
Bill and Jean Berry

## Chapel Announcements

For **Collector's Corner** info, contact Diane LaCharite Warner (706.268.1252) or Sandy Scharf (706.268.2053).

For **Book Nook** info, contact Cathy Smith (706.268.3675) or Glenda Molton (706.268.1595).

**Bear Paw Bakery**, if you are able to donate goodies or would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Brenda Bedingfield, Gail Cooper or June Lewis.

**Touch Point**-Does the Chapel have your current email address? Be sure you are receiving *Touch Point* every Friday and other major announcements. To subscribe to the list or update your address, please contact Valerie Doll at 706.268.1868 or [valerie.doll@wright.edu](mailto:valerie.doll@wright.edu).

**Greeters and Hostesses Needed!** This year's Tour of Homes is May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of a few more greeters at the Chapel (Dianne Ward, 706.268.6446) for a 2 ½ hour shift. Please call if you can help.

**PANDAMANIA VBS-JUNE 11-15!** It's not too early to volunteer! Teachers and helpers needed in all areas! Volunteer and registration forms are available online and in the office. Come and be part of the very best week of the year at the chapel! For more info contact Nancy Smith at [nancysmith@bigcanoechoapel.org](mailto:nancysmith@bigcanoechoapel.org) or 706.268.3203. Free staff T-shirts!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**-We are continuing Sunday School year round for all of our children and youth. Our Curriculum for June and July will be Super Summer Sundays...great Bible story videos and activities from Superbook! Contact Nancy Smith at 706.268.3203 or [nancysmith@bigcanoechoapel.org](mailto:nancysmith@bigcanoechoapel.org).

**MUSICA VARIATA, Sunday April, Palm Sunday 5:00 PM.** Our first concert of 2012 will be the North Georgia State College and University Choir under the direction of Dr. John Broman. The choir is exceptional and will bring us a variety of Sacred and secular pieces. Please put this on your calendar! Helpers are still needed for the reception. Call or Email Nancy for more info.

## This Week's Chapel Calendar

Mon.	2/27	Committee for the Terraces-Room 107	9:00 AM	Rev. R. Len Walker
Tues.	2/28	<i>Bella Voce</i> Rehearsal-McCormick Hall	9:30 AM	Senior Chaplain
Tues.	2/28	MM Out-Sunday school rooms	9:30 AM	
Wed.	2/29	"Men's Journey Group" Teen room	8:00 AM	Rev. V. Lamar Helms
Wed.	2/29	Guild Bible Study-McCormick, room 102	9:30 AM	Associate Chaplain,
Wed.	2/29	MM Out-Sunday school rooms	9:30 AM	Director of Music
Wed.	2/29	Wonderful Wednesday-Cousins Hall	4:45 PM	
Wed.	2/29	Stephen Ministers-rooms 101, 102 & library	6:30 PM	Nancy Smith
Thurs.	3/1	MM Out-Sunday school rooms	9:30 AM	Organist/Music,
Thurs.	3/1	Artists Group Meeting-McCormick Hall	10:00 AM	Christian Education
Thurs.	3/1	Chapel Choir Rehearsal-McCormick Hall	7:00 PM	
Fri.	3/2	N/A		
Sat.	3/3	AA Meeting-Teen Room	9:00 AM	Sam Holmes
Sun.	3/4	Chapel Worship Service	9:00 AM	Chapel Pianist
Sun.	3/4	Adult Sunday School	9:00 AM	
Sun.	3/4	Chapel Stand- Around	10:00 AM	Dr. Vernon S. Broyles
Sun.	3/4	Stand-Around-Sale of ferns-Tour of Homes	10:00 AM	Founding Chaplain
Sun.	3/4	All Sunday School	10:30 AM	
Sun.	3/4	Chapel Worship Service	10:30 AM	Dr. Jimmy Allen

## Chapel Prayer List

Home: J. C. Finley, Fred Hintz, Jayne Beske, Margaret Anderson, Fred Omundson, Janet Hubbard, Catherine Grizzle, Frank Garner, Joy Bookhultz, Shirley Griffith, Pete Updergraff;  
Hospital: Nick Brown, Piedmont, Atlanta, Megan Sheridan, granddaughter of Jim and Janice Yahres;  
Assisted Care: Betty Laughlin, Arbor Terraces, Decatur, GA, Martha Adkins, Gold City Personal Care, Dahlonega, GA, Bill Almand, Heritage of Sandy Plains, GA, Jean Payne, Grandview, Jasper, GA, Dottie Leasman, Manor Care, Gene Boeke, Brian Center, Canton, GA;  
Sympathy: Parish Lowrie, mother passed away 2/17.

Dr. James McCormick  
Chaplain Emeritus

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