The Family News

Week of February 15, 2009

Secret Sister



Valentine Party February 12 7 p.m. Betty Hill's Home 2304 Lakemoor Dr. Phone: 579-1297

Bring a finger food or a dessert.



Heart to Heart Groups will meet this Sunday evening.

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Remember the **C**•**R**•**O**•**S**•**S** ROBERT WRIGHT



Hope you had the opportunity to attend the congregational meeting last Sunday night. In case you missed it, I am going to sum it up for us in a very simple way.

"It was Jesus' purpose to make us into one body... and to bring us back to God. Jesus did all this with his death on the cross." - Ephesians 2

The **CROSS** is what we are about at Laurel. Everything we do at Laurel can be traced back to that sacrifice outside Jerusalem. So using the letters of the CROSS, we can be reminded of what we do at Laurel and this will give us an easy way to remember Laurel in our prayers.

C: COLLEGE MINISTRY - that is the ministry we are most known for at Laurel, and it is our passion.

R: RISE TO WORSHIP - we are seeking to make our worship to the Lord on Sunday mornings an opportunity to please Him and reach those who come our way. "So they will bow down and worship God saying, *Truly, God is with you.*" -1 Cor. 14

O: OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONALS AND THOSE AROUND THE WORLD - the gospel is being taught in Brazil, China, in our gym, and other places around the world because of the generous hearts at Laurel, but there is much more to do. We need money and we need those who will act.

S: SEEKING COMMUNITY AND INVOLVEMENT AT LAUREL- because of the cross, we are one body.

S: SAVING OUR CHILDREN - through our Children's Ministry and Laurel Youth Fellowship - *"It was by faith that Noah heard God's warnings about things he could not yet see. He obeyed God and built a large boat to save his family."* - Hebrews 11 - We are a church that is committed to saving our families just like Noah.

That's it - it's simple. Remember the **CROSS** and you are ready to start praying for Laurel. You understand the vision for Laurel and where we are going - all in God's will and in His hands. Test it yourself. Everything we do at Laurel can be found in the **CROSS**.

WE WILL TAKE OUR STAND AT THE CROSS, AND VOW WE WILL NOT BE MOVED. "So my dear brothers and sisters, stand strong. Do not let anything MOVE you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is never wasted. -I Corinthians 15

Ministry Reports

TRANSITIONS MINISTRY

MIKE BUCKLEY

Andrew Carr, Lance Boyd, and Mark Smith

are helping lead our new **Transitions Ministry** at Laurel. This ministry is dedicated to assisting Laurel members who are searching for employment. We were pleased that <u>fifteen people</u> came for our first meeting Friday, February 8.

Our next meeting will be held in the College Classroom at the Laurel church building on Friday, February 20, from 8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Andrew has asked that everyone who plans to join us **bring an updated resume'** to the meeting. If you have a friend who is not a Laurel member but is looking for employment, please invite them to join us on **February 20**.

For more info on the Transitions Ministry, please contact Andrew Carr at aecarr74@yahoo.com, Mark Smith at smithlogos@aol.com, or the church office at 524-1122.

Thanks for all you do to keep all our ministries at Laurel growing! Please keep the Transitions Ministry in your prayers.

RENT-A-STUDENT DAY

CSC Spring Break Mission Trip FUNDRAISER February 28

You can rent a CSC Spring Breaker for \$75 per student.

Do you have odd jobs that need to be done around your house? Would you like to just get out of your house and have a student watch your kids?

Call Todd Tarbett or Connie Harrell at 523-4796 to reserve a student.

Wedding Shower...

for Lindsay Adams Danis, daughter of Ron & Fran Adams on February 15 at 4 pm in the Laurel Room. Lindsay is registered at Target and Bed Bath and Beyond.

Baby-Shower-In-A Box...

Peter & Amanda Breninger, former members, are expecting their first baby BOY "Pierson" in a few weeks. If you would be interested in writing a note of encouragement, providing a small gift or contributing to a gift card, please let **Sarah Watkins** know at <u>smeyer3@utk.edu</u> or 363-0922.

Remember in Prayer...

•Elizabeth Thompson will have cancer surgery this Thursday at UT Hospital.

•Linda Turner - Audrey White's sister, will have a double mastectomy on February 20 at St. Mary's Hospital.

•Neal Henderson - Johnsie Henderson's brother, has pancreatic cancer (stage 4).

•Nova Adams will be having cancer surgery February 17th and will most likely have to have chemotherapy treatments.

•**Stephanie Pena** is in St. Mary's Hospital, Room #319, following hip replacement surgery. Please call before visiting.

• Wallace Kinkade - Tom Kinkade's father, will have knee replacement surgery on Monday.

Also Remember in Prayer...

Kendra Johnson, Art Ainsworth, Jake Hetrickfriend of the Keim family, Bob Starks-Sherri Guyette's father, Kyle Bills, Hatcher Ryan-Jennifer Ford's cousin, Michelle Grimm-Susan Houchin's friend, Terri McCarthy-Marissa Willenbring's mother, Kim Boggs, Clara Beasleymother of B. J. Buzbee, Jordan Cardwell and our shut-ins.

Thank You...

Thanks so much for all of the many expressions of kindness extended to me since my recent accident. All of the cards, calls, flowers and food have been greatly appreciated. I'm feeling much better and look forward to seeing you all again soon. Thanks, again. -Stephen Harris

Events and Reminders

LYF Fundraiser Flea Market SATURDAY, MARCH 28



Things NOT to bring: No Personal Items Really Large Appliances Clothing (except for baby things) Bulky Furniture (hard to transport) No Damaged or Dirty Items (please clean and/or fix items before donating)

Things TO bring:

Baby Clothes & Toys
Bedding
Books, Puzzles, Games
Kitchen Items
Knick Knacks
Small Electronics
TVs
Everything Else (as long as it is in fairly good condition)



WINTERFEST

February 20 - 22

Women's Ministry

Tuesday Morning Ladies'Class

Will Not Meet February 17, 2009 due to Knox County School holiday.



...and You know them by name."

Ladies Retreat March 6 & 7 Valley View Lodge

in Townsend, Tennessee
Speaker: Robin Smith

Registration continures through Feb. 18th!

There are multiple room options so sign up early to get your pick. *If you have a roommate preference, please work that out prior to registration.

Invite your friends and neighbors! **Turning Scripture Into Prayer:** a special feature by the Women's Prayer Ministry

From the fullness of His grace, we have all received **one blessing after another.**

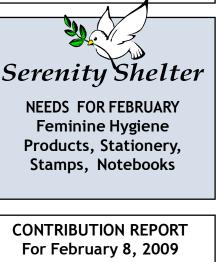
- John 1:16

Please make a commitment to pray daily for our nation and military. Pray with heart, purpose and passion.

Pray for God to give our military protection including these men with Laurel connections: Ben Belitz, Jeremy Brown, Nathan Fuller, Matthew Isbell, Joe Roth, Ferrell Clifton.

Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and he delivers them.

- Psalm 34:7



<u>Contribution</u> <u>YTD</u> \$13,902.28 \$96,920.28 <u>WEEKLY BUDGET</u> \$16,742.00 Return Service Requested

Worship Assignments

for Sunday, February 15, 2009

GREETERS

9:10-9:40 Chris & Joyce Crisp 10:10-10:40 Joe & Pat Johnson George & Nancy Prosser Joe & Miechelle Bailey 6:20-6:40 Mike & Donna Farrar NURSERY ATTENDANTS Infant Room: **Rita** Cope Rosemary Pryor Naomi Scarlett **Toddler Room:** Emily & Joel McCreary 2's Nursery: Josh Smith Connor Doyle

10:30 SERVICE Lead Singing: Mike Taylor Lesson: Mark Smith Opening Prayer: Jacob Smith Closing Prayer: Howard Horn Lord's Supper Preside: Joshua Horn Serve: Ron Clark, Trey Clark, Ed Smith, Josh Smith, Kevin Ross, Alex Ross, Scott Smith, Matt Smith Ushers: Dan Doyle, Tom Hill, Bill Troxler

In Charge: Scott Smith 8:15 Service In Charge: Oliver Chavannes

Laurel Calendar

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CHURCH of CHRIST

Feb. 12	Secret Sister Valentine Party
Feb. 15	Wedding Shower for Lindsay
	(Adams) Danis
Feb. 20-22	Winterfest
Feb. 28	CSC Rent-A-Student
Mar. 1	Area Wide-Farragut
Mar. 6-7	Ladies' Retreat
Mar. 28	LYF Flea Market

Services each Sunday at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Bible Classes at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Classes at 7 p.m.

(A staffed nursery and nursing room is available during our worship services.)