

JACKSONVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

FAMILY NEWS

JANUARY 24, 2009

Sunday, January 24

Sunday School 10am

Worship 11am ~Guy Berndt

Wednesday, January 27

Regional Midweek

Southside & Mandarin Region meet at the church.

All other regions meet at usual locations

Thursday, January 28

Men's basketball 7:30PM

Saturday, January 30

Women's night 7Pm

Sunday, January 31

Sunday School 10am

Worship 11am~

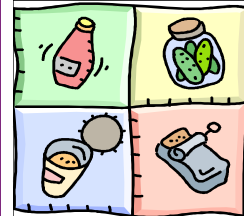
Randy Tinnin

Women's Night

"I Can Only Imagine!"

Saturday, January 30, 2010
7pm-10pm.

Tickets are \$10. Dessert and Coffee will be served. There will also be a book table selling books from Dr. Douglas Jacoby, David Bercot, Geri Laing and many more authors (cash only). No childcare will be provided.



Our food pantry is running low. We

are in need of food (canned or dry goods only) and hygiene products. Please bring your donations to the women's room next to Guy's office.

We are in need of two specific volunteers. We need a kitchen coordinator and a lost and found coordinator. Please call Loretta if you can volunteer! 343-9039

Prayer Request

Keith Russell's former wife, and the mother of his children, passed away on January 20, the victim of a violent crime.

Please keep the entire Russell family in your prayers, especially Paul and Carrie. They have lost one grandmother, two grandfathers, and their mother in the past few months, with all but Viola passing in the past three weeks.

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“Natural Disasters”

Job 38:1 *Then the Lord answered Job out of a storm. He said: “Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?”*

Why did God make our planet seismically active (subject to earthquakes) and meteorologically unstable (stormy)?

Psalm 99:1 *The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name- He is holy.*

God made our earth to be shaky and stormy (also beautiful and functional) because He, who is great and awesome, wants us, who are small and weak, to seek Him. Simply stated, “because He loves us”.

When the storms blow and the earth shakes we are to seek God. In fact we are to seek Him always. Secondly, we are to help those who are most impacted, both physically and spiritually.

Matthew 25:34 *“Then the king will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*

In **Acts 16:26** Paul experienced an earth quake and took it as an opportunity to baptize a family.

In times of natural disaster, may we see the opportunity to care and to share.
Martin Bentley ~ Orlando

Every day there is need all around us. Local and distant. I am proud of the Jacksonville Church of Christ for being “responders.” When first take action in prayer for how best to respond, this displays the heart of Jesus Christ. Church, let’s pray hard and then respond faithfully to the dire need of the people of Haiti. Loretta and I sent financial support to Hope. We will continue to consider ways we can help in the days ahead. The needs are pressing and will be clearly evident for a long period of time. Pray God will use us to help Haiti, while not neglecting the needs in our own homes and neighborhoods. I believe we can attend to both.

Guy Berndt – Senior Minister