



Guyton Christian Church

December 2015 Newsletter

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Pastor's Peace/Piece

I can't think of a better message or say it any better, so here is a word from the Stillspeaking devotion Nov 29, by Kenneth L. Samuel.

As we approach the celebration of the incarnation of God in Christ at Christmas, our ears are already filled with the festive, majestic words of the season. "Shalom," "Glad tidings to all," "Peace on earth," "Wise men still seek him," "The greatest gift of all," "For unto us a son is born; a child is given," "Silent night, Holy night," "Behold the star," "Joy to the world!"

But despite the beloved choruses of our holiday hymns, scriptures and salutations, the Apostle Paul suggests that what God has given to us through Christ Jesus can never be adequately proclaimed through words alone. For in Christ, God has given us much more than a good word or a good sentiment or a good idea. In Christ, God has given us the power of word made flesh. In Christ, God shows us the awesome power we have when we take lofty principles and incorporate them into everyday human practices. In Christ, the concept of good is realized and personified in a human character to which we can all relate. In Christ, God invites us to simultaneously embrace the full humanity and the full divinity that is in each of us.

Such Good News can never be conveyed in words alone. This Good News requires a passionate presence among people, the strength to forgive and the humility to be forgiven, the faith to keep searching for light despite the darkness of night, and, oh yes . . . the willingness to approach grown-up things through the eyes of a child.

Much more than the words we speak, we must seek to become the incarnation of Advent this season.

You can subscribe to this daily devotion and read past contributions at http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional.

Grace and Peace,

Sunday Serving list for

Date	Elders	Deacons	Deaconess	Acolytes
Dec 6	Karen Cote Fred Griffin	Jon Cote David Lamb	Vivian Alley Shannon Thompson	Sam Reiser
Dec 13	Lainie Jenkins Archie Jenkins	Michael Bodnar Brian Orrico	Molly Moore Joyce Ann Tuten	William Hall
Dec 20	Medie Still Barbara Still	David Proctor Jon Cote	Ann Cavanah Jennifer Reiser	Spencer Be- ahm
Dec 27	Claudette Griffin Marshall Reiser	Ray Zittrouer Mike Smith	Mary Grace Fisher Bobbi Secich	Steven Hall



Communion
for
December
Linda Barner



Eula Powers Circle
Hosts the Ladies Christmas Party,
Thursday, December 17 at 7:00
pm Sign up sheet in the gallery!

Advent and Christmas activities

Sunday, December 6, 5:30 pm – **Children’s Christmas program.** A Christmas play, *The Story that Saved Christmas*, will be presented in the sanctuary followed by a social with finger foods, and a visit from Santa. RSVP all children attending.

Friday, December 11 – Older **Youth Christmas Lock-in**, through Saturday, at The Rock.

Sunday, December 20, 11 am – Choir **Cantata** during worship. Invite community members for the encore performance on Monday, December 21, 7 pm.

Thursday, December 17, 7 pm – **Ladies’ Christmas party.** Make reservations in the Gallery or with Sandra Moore.

Thursday, December 24, 5:30 pm – **Candlelight communion** worship in the sanctuary.

December Birthdays

Dec 2 Edward Hall
Dec 10 Dianne Garner
Bobbie Secich
Stacey Carothers
Dec 11 Joe Secich
Faye Smith
Dec 14 Linda Barner

Dec 16 Steven Hall
Dec 20 Leonard Boyles
Dec 25 Carol White
Dec 26 Reagan Radcliff

December Anniversaries

Dec 5 Leonard and Geneva Boyles
Dec 15 Audry & Doris Jane Edwards
Dec 31 Jon & Karen Cote

Week of Dec 6 ,2015	
Sun Dec 6	12:15 Annual Election Meeting 12:30 My Father's House Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 5:30 Children's Christmas Program followed by refreshments in Christian Center
Mon Dec 7	7:30 pm Minister's Cabinet Meeting
Tue Dec 8	10:00 am Food Pantry
Wed Dec 9	5:45 pm Older Youth at the Rock 7:00 pm Prayer in Prayer Room 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thu Dec 10	10:00 am Food Pantry
Fri Dec 11	Older Youth Lock in and Christmas Party (Through Saturday, at The Rock)
Latest NEWS AND CALENDAR always at: www.GuytonChristianChurch.org .	

Prayer Concerns

Home Pat Little Neal Ratchford Patricia Thomason	Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes Miriam Griffin
All who are Fighting Cancer Jerry Burns Alex Burdo Annette Lamb Chris Orrico	All of our Military at home and abroad
You can support Camp Christian year around when you make purchases from Amazon through the Georgia Disciples website. Go to http://www.gadisciples.org and click on the Amazon link on the lower left of the website to shop at Amazon.com. Camp Christian will receive 6% of your total purchase!	

News You Can Use

The Annual Election meeting of the Congregation will follow our worship service on Sunday, December 6. The Nominating Committee will report a slate of candidates for Elders and the Diaconate for 2016 and beyond. The election will be by secret ballot.

We will be receiving our Christmas Special Offering Sundays, December 13 and 20. One hundred percent goes to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia to fund ministries of congregational and ministerial support and outdoor ministries we share with other Disciples in our Region. Please use the special envelope provided. A gift this Christmas gives year-around.

Coming in January

The next Ladies' Bible study led by Kay Grandgeorge at the Parsonage will begin on Monday, January 11, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The study will be *Breathe* by Beth Moore. Contact Kay, 772-3550, for details or questions.

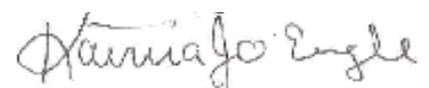
The 2016 Youth Assembly at Epworth By The Sea on St. Simon's Island will be February 5-7. We already have several early registered at \$160. Regular registration (\$180) is due before January 1. We will need at least one adult for every five youth attending. That means one adult male for every five boys and one adult female for every five girls. Can you help out?

Our church website, www.GuytonChristianChurch.org, now has Pastor David's sermons and our monthly church newsletter online. To read the newsletter, click on the "Info Center" tab and then "Monthly Newsletter." Select the month that you wish to read. To hear a sermon, click on the "Sermons" tab and select the title for the Sunday date listed. You can also access our pictorial directory with the login and password listed in our worship bulletin. Remember that you can access the website and content on all of your mobile devices.

Dear Friends and family,

Greetings from Florida! Here I am in Sebring, Florida, with my two children Victoria and Christian, living again - twenty years later - back where I started at the New Testament Church and Mission. Pastor Mike Karl, and his wife Pat, have graciously given me back my old apartment where Roger and I started our family over twenty years ago. Since my diagnosis of having a Glioblastoma 4 brain cancer, and having surgery in Honduras to successfully remove the tumor (paid in full thanks to the outpouring of financial gifts given from churches and individuals), we decided it would be best for me to take a break and come back to the U.S. to continue with radiation and chemotherapy, the suggested treatment for this type of cancer. So far, I have been home almost three months, and been on treatment three weeks. Besides my hair falling out, I feel better than I have in years. I have had some much needed rest, after serving in Honduras for fifteen years with no sabbatical. My relationship with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is stronger now than ever. Some people may ask "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Well, I am of the opinion that there are no good people, myself included. We only have a good God, and anything good we do is because of Him. I praying about returning to Honduras in January for a month to reunite with my husband, and six children that I left in his care. I will also be in prayer as to what God will have me do for House of Hope, and the ministry that I helped to start ten years ago with Tom Brian. During what should have been a very difficult time for me, I was at total peace. I was overflowing with gratefulness for God's provision for my treatment, and the outpouring of love and support from some people whom I did not even know. Please pray that my immune system will not be compromised with the Chemo so I can return to Honduras. I am also hoping that God will open doors for me to travel and share my testimony with churches and groups, to raise support for our family and ministry, and raise awareness of the valuable work that is being done by Send Hope in La Moskitia for the Miskito Indians. Should anyone be interested in me sharing, please contact me by email at: katrinaroger@gmail.com or by phone at 863-414-1035.

Mere words cannot express my gratitude for the help given to me. Life is fragile, and I am so grateful to have another day with my loved ones. Thank you.

 Katrina Roger