

Guyton Christian Church

September 2020 Newsletter

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In Harmony and Humility

"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited." So says Paul in Romans 12:16.

Paul tells me how to *think* about ourselves and how to *treat* other people. Regarding my self-image, he says don't be conceited or wise in my own opinion. I should not consider myself better than others.

No matter how wise, no living human is all-knowing. I am instructed to "be willing to associate with people of low position" (NIV), also translated as "enjoy the company of ordinary people" (NLT), "associate with the humble" (NKJV), "condescend to men of low estate" (KJV), or "associate with people who have no status" (CEB). The verse tells me to seek friendship with people whose status is less than my own. I need to be humble in my estimation and peaceable in my treatment of others.

In Romans 12:10, Paul says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." There are so many points of stress and tension in the world today. But we have the power to make things better. That power is in how we treat others, especially those we may see as being wrong, foolish, less than, or irrelevant.

Jesus put it even more plainly: Love one another. May we always try our best to live up to His standards and not our own. May we be humble and quick to honor others above ourselves. And may we pray without ceasing for God's will in our lives.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Joel



**All of our Military
at home & abroad, our
medical personnel ,
first responders & all of those
who protect us.
*Our Heroes! Thank you!***

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Becky Freeman
Charlie Harris
William Hintz
Jerimiah Inman
Rebecca Inman
Victoria Inman
Ian McQuiston
Tom McQuiston
Ozzy Morales
Haley Pope
Ryan Ronk
Benjamin Rud
Ashley Rutherford
Medie Still IV
Kimberly & Blaine Geiger

Ministries of GCC
Disciples Men
Eula Powers Ladies Circle
Family Promise
The Fillin' Station
GAP Wheelchair Ramps
Gospel Jam
My Father's House
Samaritan Fund

Health & Wellbeing
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Renee Arnsdorff
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Jeff Cox
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Audry Edwards, Sr.
Doris Jane Edwards
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John David Fulcher
Erin Godwin
Bill Griffin
Mike Kessler
Annette Lamb
Becky Martin
Angie Moore
Mark New
Chris Orrico
Shirley Palmer
Tom Parker
Angie Pevey
Denise Pevey
Rachel Pevey
Arden Reiser
Jack Reiser
Amy Rippey
Joel Rud
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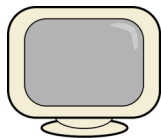
Bereavement
Family of
Gregory Helmuth

We pray that
everyone is safe and
well these days. If
you need help or
assistance during this
time, please contact
the office or
Pastor Joel.

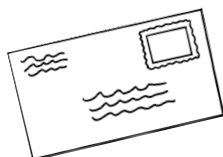
For God so loved the world that He gave ...

Giving is an act of love. We give because God first loved us. He freely offers us salvation. Your donation to Guyton Christian Church helps us continue our outreach to our community.

Online:
<https://tinyurl.com/GuytonCC>



Mail:
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P. O. Box 5
Guyton, GA 31312



Thank you!

***We are meeting earlier
rather than later in the month!***



**General Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 1st
7:00 p.m.**

**Disciples' Post (Please RSVP) AND Via
ZOOM. Watch your email for the link and
password.**



Prayer Meeting

Meet at the Pavilion
(Behind Christian Center)

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Please wear masks and
maintain social distancing.

Disciples Men

Fellowship meeting this month.



Monday, September 21st
7p, Christian Center
Host/Devo: Jack Malcom

Eula Powers Circle

Thurs., September 17th @ 7p
Hostess & Location:
Joan Shelby, Christian Center
Fellowship meeting this month.



**Take a moment!
Thank God for your
blessings...**



Loose Threads

**Tues. September 8th
6:30pm**
Christian Center



Celebration of Life

Gregory Helmuth

Greg Helmuth passed away August 14, 2020. The funeral was held Tuesday, August 18 at Guyton Cemetery.

Please continue to keep this family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



**Musicians, Singers &
Everybody Else!
Join our Ole Time**



Gospel JAM

Live at 6p Sundays!

@ The Depot

109 Lynn Bonds Ave., Guyton

<https://www.facebook.com/guytoncc/>

Guyton Christian Church

Hosts Family Promise
the week of October 11th.
Contact Joyce Ann to see
how you can help!

 **Family Promise**
of Effingham County

The Fillin' Station ***Community Food Pantry***

We are OPEN! Drive-thru only...

We are continuing to take donations of non-perishable items. Please drop off in Mission Central in the Christian Center.

Save your plastic grocery bags, also!



September's Collection Item:
**Canned ham and
Peanut butter**



Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 a.m. until 1 p.m.—Drive thru ONLY
1290 Ga Hwy 119 South, Springfield
Volunteers are always needed!

September Birthdays



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| 2 Ann Cavanah | 21 Gary Coleman |
| 2 Elijah Massey | 24 Mike Smith |
| 3 Addison Burnsed | 25 Grace Deen |
| 3 Mary Ann Goodwin | 25 Debbie Snooks |
| 4 Heather Antee | 25 Medie Still |
| 11 Catherine Hall | 26 Josie Radcliffe |
| 12 Chris Walz | 26 Nancy Tucker |
| 18 Lance Perkins | |
| 19 William Hall | |
| 20 Andrew Case | |

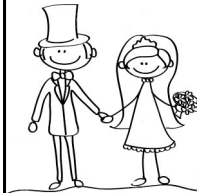
Volunteers needed

The Fillin' Station!
10a-1p



Contact Bobbie if you can help!

September Anniversaries



- 1 Archie & Lainie Jenkins
- 2 Bob & Geraldine Reese
- 4 David & Melissa Proctor
- 8 Marion & Erin Godwin
- 15 John & Rohaya Taylor
- 29 Joe & Bobbie Secich

SABBATH



Special Online Service
Broadcast each Sunday @ 10a

This worship service is tailored for autistic individuals—however, all are welcome! For information, please contact Vicki W.



- * Wear your mask in public
- * Maintain safe distance
- * Wash your hands!

Collections

We still collect **can tabs** for Guyton Elementary School, and expired **batteries** (wrap ends with masking tape) and the **curly** florescent **light bulbs** for appropriate disposal. Collection boxes are in the Christian Center in Mission Central!

Servants in Ministry — Communion — September —Tentative—			
Date	Elders	Diaconate / Greeters	Acolyte
Sept 6	Lamar Hall Melissa Proctor	Bryan Thompson Ron Clary	Christian Petersen
Sept 13	Archie Jenkins Brandon Long	Jim Swann Leana Radcliffe	Lawton Reiser
Sept 20	Michael Moore Shannon Thompson	Joyce Ann Tuten Nancy Summerour	Kaytie Summerour
Sept 27	Michael Smith Vicki Wilkerson	David Proctor Sheri Hall	Steven Hall

Children Worship & Wonder — Stories for September		
Date	Storyteller <i>(tentative)</i>	Story
Sept 6	Barbara Still	Abram & Sarai
Sept 13	Chris Walz	Exodus
Sept 20	Medie Still	The Ten Best Ways to Live
Sept 27	Becky Malcom	The Ark and a Tent



Calling ALL Older Youth!

The CYF group is having a cookout Saturday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. at The Rock. Please bring a side dish and let Chris know you are coming and what you are bringing. Lots of fun, socially distanced games and more. Come join us!

Saturday, September 19

6:30p — The Rock

In case of rain, the cook-out will be cancelled.

Support Guyton Christian Church.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com,
Amazon donates.

Go to smile.amazon.com

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New contact information?



Please let the office know so we can keep
you in the loop with our communications.

New address?
New phone number?
New email address?

Virtually Youth *We love our youth!*

Catch the Wednesday Chat online with
Chris beginning at 6 p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/guytonccyt>



We have a new baby
in our church family!

Welcome!

Adrian Sebastian

Born August 21, 2020

Weight: 7 lbs., 13 ozs.

Length: 22 inches

Proud parents—

Brittany Pevey & Christopher Chapman

Grandparents—

Michael & Angie Pevey

Great Grandmother—

Rachael Pevey

Great Aunt—

Denise Pevey

Rev. Joel Tucker, Senior Pastor

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Youth Coordinator: Chris Walz; Email: christopherwalz88@gmail.com; (912) 429-8922

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At time of writing, I have just reached my office after being at the Effingham County Courthouse since a little before 9 o'clock this morning (August 25th, 2020). Don't worry! Your humble Youth Coordinator was not in any trouble. In fact, I was in one of the only groups who were happy to be there. My dear friends Kennith and Whitney finalized the adoption of their baby girl today. Her name is now, officially, Jenna Pearl Bennett.

I was deeply honored to be asked to witness this momentous event in their lives: to help taking pictures, to be in a few pictures myself, to laugh with the family at the judge's and the lawyer's jokes, and to observe one of the few elements of our legal system that makes everyone involved with it incredibly happy. The judge said that he believed we had a record number of people crammed into his little conference room (25, unless I've forgotten anyone, including the family's lawyer, the judge, Jenna's DFCS caseworker, 2 clerks, 3 children, and of course friends and family like myself, all masked-up and grouped by household). It was an experience I will treasure all of my life. And it reminded me of our relationship with God.

Did you know that God has adopted us into his own family? Paul makes this point twice, once in Ephesians 1:5 and once in Galatians 4:5-7. Through Christ, we have been adopted into God's family, so that we are no longer bound by our sins, but children of God, and not just children, but heirs—co-heirs with Christ in eternal life. See, Jenna has one natural-born sibling (so far): a baby sister named Caroline. If this were still a time where such things mattered, and my friends were going by God's adoption protocol, then Jenna would receive the greater inheritance since she is older. With us and God, however, Christ is the firstborn. Indeed He is the Firstborn over all creation, but that's an article for another time.

What makes this story even more of a happy ending is that Jenna was adopted out of the foster system. The ordeal of adopting a child in that circumstance is a challenge and a half, as I have now seen first-hand (maybe second-hand). Jenna's father Kennith said it makes him think of our relationship to God, in contrast with that of the angels. He told me "angels have a direct connection to God and they get to see Him all the time. They have had Him since He created them, whereas we humans first wait with our 'foster family' here on Earth." I thought that was such a beautiful sentiment that I needed to share it with you as fully as I could.

Think of it like this: God loves us so much that He sent His Son to save us and bring us into a right relationship with Him, but in the meantime, He also sends us people who love and care for us on Earth as well. I rejoice so much that Jenna has been sent to the Bennett's who will care for her in all the ways that her biological parents were unable to and more. I can't wait to watch her grow into a strong young woman in Christ as I know she will under Kennith & Whitney's care. I'm so thankful to be included in their family by love. And I'm thankful for each of you, and our Church Family that God sent me to after a long search.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

Chris Walz

Youth Coordinator

Perfect Timing

September 1st, marks one year since I was baptized at Guyton Christian with friends and family in attendance.

That decision was years in the making. Having been baptized as an infant and having no memory of it, I had contemplated and prayed over the possibility of a re-baptism for at least ten years.

The interesting thing about the timing, is that I had never quite gotten a clarity about baptism in all those years. Yet when I knew it was right, there was an urgency I didn't understand. Incredibly, all five of my sons were available to join us that holiday weekend, and my heart was full of joy.

As is often the case, God's timing proved to be perfect. The weeks following my baptism were the most difficult and painful of my life. To this day I stand amazed at the perfect way God set things in motion.

The lingering effects of that day, the ceremony, the public declaration, and the love of those who showed up to support me, comforted me immeasurably in the weeks ahead.

The memory of that moment assured me of God's abiding presence. It was a perfectly timed and beautiful reminder that God loved my mother and she would be with Him soon. Not once did I feel alone and I knew God held both of our hands.

Ten years may seem like a ridiculous amount of time to ponder baptism for us. But God knew exactly what I needed and when I needed it most.

These unfamiliar times, filled with frustrating changes for our churches, could be viewed as a time of reflection and renewal, maybe even a re-birth. So many things are beyond our control and we must rely fully on our faith. We must trust that He is in control and preparing us for better days. Whatever lies ahead, we can trust that God is always working for our good.

We are understandably impatient for those things that we miss. We find comfort together, in hugs and in handshakes. Things seem a bit unnatural just now, and we want our normal back soon, on our timeline.

But in the stillness of our faithful hearts and minds we trust in God's timing. We listen for His voice, we wait for Him and we follow.

He knows exactly what we need and when we need it most.

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." – Psalm 27:14 KJV

Blessings Always,

Vicki Wilkerson

Board Chairman