

Guyton Christian Church

April 2016 Newsletter

E-mail: gcchurch@planters.net



Pastor's Peace/Piece

The signs of Spring are all around. Trees are putting on new leaves. Flowers are blooming. Bees are flying. What we don't see, unless you have already been into the soil, are the roots of those plants.

We don't give much glory to roots except maybe for the ones that we eat. There are several on our table but we don't put them into decorative arrangements. They aren't collected and pressed by students learning to identify plants. Roots do their work out of sight. They hold the plant in place. They find and take in water and nutrients that the leaves and flowers must use.

We need to remember our roots in our spiritual lives. They don't show a lot, but it is important to know who we are and whose we are. That goes back to roots that run deeply. The forage may go dormant in a dry spell, but our roots are still there looking for water. The visible may be hurt and broken, but deep within we have our firm foundation. We may seem dead, but we have that potential to rise again.

Churches plant a lot of things, new congregations, visions at retreats, inspirations in answers at prayer meetings, discernment in Bible study. These seeds begin with new roots. The parable of the sower shows that seeds bear the most fruit where the ground is fertile. When Jesus said, "go into the closet to pray," he knew that to be a fertile place, out of sight, connecting to the God who planted us. Remember how Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Easter is the time for new growth. Root yourself in prayer in the closet. Make yourself fertile through faithfulness at the Lord's Table. Let's get radical again!

"Sowing and reaping" once more,

Grace and Peace,



April Birthdays

- 4 Irma Mosley
- 12 Ron Clary
- 16 Mary Grace Fisher
- 18 Robert Padgett
- 19 Larry Bolen
- 25 Carolyn Jones
- 27 Melinda Beahm
Sally Cavanah
- 30 Benjamin Rud
Jonathan Rud
Judy Zittrouer



April Anniversaries

- 3 Medie & Barbara Still
- 9 Junior & Autumn Burnsed
- 20 Clyde & Vivian Alley
- 30 John & Jelane Battle



Disciple Men
April 18, 7:30 pm
Jack Malcom,
Host & Devotion

Eula Powers Circle
April 21, 7:30 pm
Judy Zittrouer's Home

Loose Threads Quilting Group
Tuesday, **April 5, 6:30pm**, Christian Center.
Join in on the fellowship and fun as you quilt together!

Centering Prayer
Wednesday, **April 20, 8:30am**. Join us in the home of Karen Cote as we join in contemplative prayer, a method of silent prayer that allows us to experience God's presence within us.

Young at Heart
April 21, 11am, Christian Center. Join us for a lively game of Bingo and a delicious meal!

Communion
for
April
Brian Orrico

Prayer Concerns

<p style="text-align: center;">Home</p> <p>Brisher Family Khalea Bryant Ila Car Pat Little Rese Schmetz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All of our Military at home and abroad</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bereavement Family of Ashley Melton</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All who are Fighting Cancer</p> <p>Bill Brisher Jerry Burns Alex Burdo Annette Lamb Chris Orrico</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miriam Griffin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hospital/Rehab Eugenia Zipperer</p>
--	--	--	---

GUYTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2016

Events at a Glance...

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|---|
| 2 | Ga Disciples Women Spring Conference, Lawrenceville, GA | 23 | 8:45am, Ga Disciples Women's Spring Conference,, Warner Robbins, GA |
| 4 | 7:30p Minister's Cabinet Meeting, CC | 24 | 2:30p, MFH Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon |
| 5 | 10a-1p The Fillin' Station open
6p Sojourners, The Rock
6:30p Loose Threads, CC | 26 | 10a-1pm The Fillin' Station open
6p Sojourners, The Rock |
| 6 | 5:45p Youth Activities
7p Prayer, Prayer Room
7:30p Choir Practice | 27 | 5:45p, Youth Activities
7p, Prayer, Prayer Room
7:30p, Choir Practice |
| 7 | 10a-1p The Fillin' Station open
5:30p Eula Powers Birthday Dinner | 28 | 10a-1p, The Fillin' Station open
11a, Young at Heart, CC |
| 8 | 6p, OY Retreat "Pause" begins at The Rock (through 4/10)
6:30p Shaw Wilkerson Annual Awards Ceremony | | |
| 10 | Family Promise begins (through 4/17) | | |
| 12 | 10a-1p The Fillin' Station open
6p, Sojourners, The Rock | | |
| 13 | 5:45p Youth Activities
7p Prayer, Prayer Room
7:30p, Choir Practice | | |
| 14 | 10a-1p The Fillin' Station open | | |
| 15 | Ga Disciple Men's Retreat, Christmount, NC | | |
| 16 | 8a, OY Car Wash at The Old Post Office | | |
| 17 | 2:30p, SE District Convention, FCC, Glennville | | |
| 18 | 7:30p Disciple Men's Meeting, CC | | |
| 19 | 10a-1p The Fillin' Station open
6p, Sojourners, The Rock | | |
| 20 | 8:30a, Centering Prayer at Karen Cote's
5:45p, Youth Activities
7p, Prayer, Prayer Room
7:30p, Choir Practice | | |
| 21 | 10a-1p, The Fillin' Station open
7:30p, Eula Powers Circle Meeting at Judy Zittrouer's home | | |

On the Horizon...

May 1 Sunday School Convention at Methodist Campground, Springfield

May 14YY Game Day (Date changed from 5/7)

May 21My Father's House Cornhole Tournament



Food Pantry. Our food collection item this month for *The Fillin' Station* is dried **BEANS!** Navy, Lima, Black-eyed Peas, etc. One-pound bags, please. Peanut butter, and canned meats such as tuna, chicken and ham, are always welcome!



Don't forget, **My Father's House** collects laundry detergent, shampoo and toothpaste for distribution at *The Fillin' Station*. They will be putting kits together soon and would appreciate any donations!

Younger Youth

The Younger Youth had fun baking cookies, (and eating some), packaging them, and then delivering them to the folks at Effingham Care Center. Thank you Mrs. Judy for helping us out!

A “**Refresher Class**” for all Storytellers, Greeters, and Junior Greeters for Children Worship and Wonder was held in March. We welcome Kelly Long and Shannon Thompson as new Greeters!

Rotation Workshop

Our focus for April is on **Martha and Mary**. Please sign up and share your talents with our youth. Workshops include Art, Cooking, Video, Drama, and Games.



Wednesday Night Teachers are needed for our Rotation Workshops! Won't you share your gift with our younger youth? You will both be blessed by participating!

Earth Day is April 22!

Collect those **aluminum can tabs** from soda and soup cans. Another item is old ink cartridges. **Batteries and lightbulbs** shouldn't go in the trash! Leaking battery acid and mercury are bad for the environment. Do your part to make our world greener. Help us recycle by bringing your old batteries, with ends taped, and drop them in the collection box in the Gallery. There's a box for lightbulbs, too. Remember that Habitat's Restore takes **aluminum cans**.



Older Youth

Look who's going SOCIAL!

Facebook —
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1535833113380921/>

Twitter—
[@GCCOlderYouth](https://twitter.com/GCCOlderYouth)

Instagram—
[guytonchristianchurcholderyouth](https://www.instagram.com/guytonchristianchurcholderyouth)

Disciple NOW Weekend. April 8-10. Theme: **The Pause.** Students will learn how to “hit pause” to spend time growing their relationship with God. We will start at 6:00pm at The Rock! Join us!

Photos from Youth Assembly at Epworth-by-the-Sea are on line at www.gadisciples.org.

Camps 2016

Deadline for registering for Camp Christian is **April 15** for the early-bird rate! Complete your application to attend an upcoming church camp!

Camp Christian

Junior 1	June 6-10	\$275
CYF	June 13-18	\$310
Chi Rho	June 20-24	\$275
Mid High	June 26-July 2	\$310
Camp Oasis	July 5-8	\$185
Junior 2	July 18-22	\$275
Chrysalis	July 18-20	\$185
Genesis	July 22-24	\$240

Check out the website www.gadisciples.org for more information!

Camp Kicklighter

CYF	June 5-10
Chi-Rho	June 12-17
Junior	June 19-24

GUYTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Communion Serving Schedule				
Date	Elders	Deacons	Deaconesses	Acolyte
Apr 3	Marshall Reiser Claudette Griffin	Steve LaFontaine Michael Bodnar	Molly Moore Joyce Ann Tuten	William Hall
Apr 10	Vicki Wilkerson Lamar Hall	David Proctor Johnny Taylor	Ann Cavanah Nancy Summerour	Abigail Law
Apr 17	Ginny Clary Melissa Proctor	Chad Zittrouer Mike Smith	Mary Grace Fisher Stacey Carothers	Sam Reiser
Apr 24	Michael Moore Laverne Cavanah	Brian Orrico Brandon Long	Becky Malcom Kelly Long	Steven Hall

Children Worship and Wonder				
Date	Storyteller	Greeter	Jr. Greeter	Story
Apr 3	Karen Cote	Shannon Thompson	Sam Reiser	Jesus is Risen: The Road to Emmaus
Apr 10	Lainie Jenkins	Kelly Long	Catherine Hall	The Good Shepherd & the Wolf
Apr 17	Medie Still	Jennifer Reiser	Catherine Hall	The Good Shepherd & The Lord's Supper 1
Apr 24	Nancy Summerour	Sue Exley	Spencer Beahm	The Good Shepherd & The Lord's Supper 2

Wednesday Youth Rotation Workshop: "Martha and Mary"			
Workshop @ 6:15p	Leader	Date	Light Supper @ 5:45p
Spring Holiday	---	Mar 30	---
Video	Karen Cote	Apr 6	Melissa Proctor & Karen Cote
Art	Need Volunteer	Apr 13	Kay Grandgeorge & Nancy Summerour
Games	Need Volunteer	Apr 20	Joyce Taylor & Sue Exley

On Sunday, March 13, we commissioned **Victoria Alley Inman** in her next step in service to our country in the South Carolina National Guard. She went to college at Furman University in Greenville, SC, majoring in Political Science and was in ROTC. She was chosen to branch Aviation in the Army to become a Blackhawk Medical Evacuation Pilot in the South Carolina National Guard. She will be leaving this month to go to U. S. Army Flight School at Ft. Rucker, AL. We have prayed for her father, Command Sergeant Major Jeremiah, and family many times through the years. Our prayers are with Victoria as she begins her own path of service.

The Eula Powers Circle will treat **Bobbie Secich** to a special **Birthday celebration on April 7**. Meet at the Christian Center at 5:30p to travel to Olive Garden in Pooler.

We will again be hosting homeless families with children the week of **April 10**, through our covenant with **Family Promise of Effingham**. We will need volunteers for suppers, light breakfasts and sack lunches and to spend the night at the church. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gallery or contact Wesley Dawson, (912) 321-3928. There are currently two families in the program, two adults and four children under the age of 4, but that is always subject to change.

The **annual convention of the Southeast District** will be **Sunday, April 17**, at First Christian Church, Glennville. Registration begins at 2:30. We need to have representation for the Nominations, Future Works, Resolutions, and Time & Place Committees for the business meeting.

The **Georgia Disciple Women's Spring Conference** near us is **Saturday, April 23, 8:45 am - 3:00 pm**, First Christian Church, Warner Robins. There will be a mission collection for The Safehouse (toiletry items, household items for women escaping domestic violence). The cost is \$15. You can register online. Deadline for registration is April 18.

Healthy Boundaries Training workshops will be held on Saturday **April 23** and Saturday, August 20. This class is required for Georgia Clergy; however, is a valuable class for laity as well.

Camp Christian work days are scheduled for **April 30** and May 7. **A Night Out for Camp** raised \$13,471 for maintenance, \$5,000 for the pool, and \$4,395 for the dam. Wow! Thanks to everyone who helped, donated or purchased! See photos at www.gadisciples.org.

The **137th Sunday School Convention** will be **Sunday, May 1, 9:45 am, at the Methodist Campgrounds**, 1038 Zoller Drive, in Springfield. A covered-dish lunch follows on the grounds. We will not have Sunday School or worship at Guyton Christian Church that day. It is the Christian Church year to host. Our speaker will be Dr. Bob Harris, President of the Christian College of Georgia. Marshall Reiser is the President and Becky Malcom is the Vice President this year.

Peachtree Corners Christian Church is hosting a conference: **"Living the Caregiver Journey"** on **June 25** from 9a to 4p. More information available soon or contact revsylviamamos@gmail.com.

Are you interested in a trip to the Holy Land? John's Creek Christian Church invites YOU to join them on a trip to the Holy Land, **July 9-18**. Rev. Rich Voltz will lead this pilgrimage to Israel.

Eula Powers Circle
"Recipes from the Heart"
Cookbooks

(Reprinted for 25 Year Anniversary)

Available for sale at \$10 each. These make great gifts! All pre-orders have been distributed so only a few cookbooks remain in stock. Get yours today! Contact Judy or Becky. Please make checks payable to the Eula Powers Circle.

Can you hear me now? The Church is investigating the possible installation of hearing assistance in the Sanctuary. Let us know your thoughts about this!