

# **Guyton Christian Church**

## **2015 Newsletter**

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### **Pastor's Peace/Piece**

Recent events in the world, in our country, and as close as Chattanooga and Lafayette elicit proclamations that the world is "going to hell in a hand basket," whatever that means. We might counter that this has always been the case, pointing to an apple in the Garden of Eden. Even if we do not take to the streets with banners, we do have serious questions about our place in this world that we remember God calling "very good" from the beginning. In search of something pastoral to say, I found something that I had saved from a Stillspeaking by Martin B. Copenhaver.

People in our gospel narratives ask Jesus 183 questions. He only directly answers three of them. More often, he asks a question in response to a question or tells a parable. Remember, for example, the exchange between a lawyer and Jesus in Luke 10:25-37. You may not be as aware that Jesus himself asks 307 different questions in the gospels.

Catholic author Richard Rohr writes, "In general, we can see that Jesus' style is almost exactly the opposite of modern televangelism or even the main-line church approach of 'Dear Abby' bits of inspiring advice and workable solutions for daily living. Jesus is too much the Jewish prophet to merely stabilize the status quo with platitudes."

We can read "Seeds from the Sower" and "My Answer" in a local newspaper even though Michael Guido is dead and Billy Graham is too infirmed to write. We are looking for answers, not questions. Jesus is not a giver of advice. He doesn't give us a neat list of ten ways to be closer to God. He does not provide easy answers. Instead he asks hard questions. In that, he is more like the Zen master who asks questions to take us beyond the obvious to something deeper. Easy answers can give us a sense of finality. By entertaining hard questions God has a chance to change us.

Rather than looking for the answers in the back of the book, we should stop and spend time with Jesus in silence anticipating what God's presence will bring up. Whatever question Jesus may ask us, may we respond, not with words, but with the way we live this day.

Grace and Peace,





**August Birthdays**

- Aug 1 Brian Orrico
- Kaytie Summerour
- Aug 2 Beverly Bodnar
- Aug 3 Sandy Beckman
- Aug 4 Laverne Cavanah
- David Williams
- Emily Watkins
- Jennifer Reiser
- Aug 5 Stuart Jennings
- Aug 7 Isabella Jackson
- Aug 11 Molly Moore
- Aug 12 Vivian Alley
- Aug 14 Jon Cote

- Aug 16 Geraldine Reese
- Jack Malcom
- Wesley Dawson
- Aug 18 Abigail Burnsed
- Aug 24 Chase Brockett
- Aug 28 Shaw Wilkerson

**Anniversaries**

- Aug 5 Roger & Sandy Beckman
- Aug 7 Lamar & Sheri Hall
- Aug 8 Tony & Cindy Calhoun
- Aug 30 John & Jelane Battle

Week of	
Sun Aug 2	3:45 pm All Youth Progressive Dinner and Back to School Bash!
Mon Aug 3	7:00 pm Minister's Cabinet meeting
Tue Aug 4	10:00 am Food Pantry 6:30 pm Loose Threads Quilting Group
Wed Aug 5	7:00 pm Prayer in Prayer Garden
Thu Aug 6	10:00 am Food Pantry
Sat Aug 8	6:00 pm RICO (Random Ingredient Cook Off) & Open Mic Night
Sun Aug 9	12:15 Membership & Evangelism Mtg. Begin Hosting Family Promise
Latest NEWS AND CALENDAR always at: <a href="http://www.GuytonChristianChurch.org">www.GuytonChristianChurch.org</a> .	



Communion for August

Linda Barner

**ADVENT BOOK**

The Worship Committee is making plans for a new advent devotional book. Please get your writing hats on and submit a devotion for the book. We have 3 full months to get everything together before editing and printing the book. Your devotion can be as short or as long as you wish it. We have copies of past years devotional books here in the office if you would like to look at one from the past.

# Prayer Concerns

<p><b>All of our Military at home and abroad</b></p> <p><b>Hospital</b> Rita Ganaway Bryant Garner</p>	<p><b>All who are Fighting Cancer</b> Megan Bragg Alex Burdo Cole Edwards Kim Hankerson Annette Lamb Macy Varnell</p>	<p><b>Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes</b> Miriam Griffin</p> <p><b>Home</b> Jerry Cantaline Cary Cavanah Taylor Pevey</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Disciple Men</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 17, 7:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Host: Michael Bodnar</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Devotion: Brad Trower</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eula Powers Circle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 20, 7:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hostess: Lainie Jenkins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Place: 1162 Hwy 17 N., Guyton</p>
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<b>Sunday Serving list for August 2015</b>				
Date	Elders	Deacons	Deaconess	Acolytes
Aug 2	Karen Cote Claudette Griffin	Ray Zittrouer Ron Clary	Joyce Ann Tuten Ann Cavanah	Zane Trower
Aug 9	Vicki Wilkerson Lamar Hall	Chad Zittrouer Brandon Long	Kelly Long Vivian Alley	Andrew Proctor
Aug 16	Michael Moore Melissa Proctor	Tony Calhoun Brandon Long	Cindy Calhoun Kelly Long	Jack Reiser
Aug 23	Ginny Clary Laverne Cavanah	Chad Zittrouer Jack Malcom	Mary Grace Fisher Becky Malcom	Bodhi Carothers
Aug 30	Marshall Reiser Fred Griffin	Jon Cote David Lamb	Vivian Alley Shannon Thompson	Sam Reiser

Keep your eye on the bulletin during the next few weeks for updates on youth activities. Our regularly scheduled meeting times will most likely start after Labor Day.



My Father's House RICO (Random Ingredient Cook Off) and Open Mic Night returns, Saturday, August 8, beginning at 6:00 pm. Choose an appetizer, entrée, or dessert option from the given random ingredients and add whatever you want to compete. Details and rules are in the RICO announcement on our website. And do not forget the extra fun, Open Mic! Bring your own music for singing, or an instrument to play or a joke to tell.

God added and we welcome, Harry "Junior" Corbin Burnsed III, who joined Guyton Christian Church by transfer, Sunday, June 28.

Public school classes at Effingham County Schools begin, August 6. Watch for school busses and children. The fall sales tax holiday comes before that, July 31-August 1. Check online, <http://tinyurl.com/o4g9jl4>, for the items available for tax-exempt purchase this weekend.

The next Ladies' Bible study, *Breathe* by Priscilla Shirer, led by Kay Grandgeorge at the Parsonage will begin on Monday, August 10, for five weeks, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Contact Kay, 772-3550, for details or questions.

We will again be hosting homeless families with children the week beginning, Sunday, August 9, 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 and a total of seven (two adults and 5 children) people in the program but that is always subject to change.

Our church website, [www.GuytonChristianChurch.org](http://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. June and July are already there and August will be available by the time you read this. To hear a sermon, click on the "Sermons" tab and select the title for the Sunday date listed. Remember that you can access the website and content on all of your mobile devices.

The Treutlen House 3rd Annual Summer's End Trail Run is set for Saturday, Aug 15, 8 am at New Ebenezer Family Retreat Center. Proceeds to benefit the Treutlen House. Early Bird Registration is \$25.00; race day registration is \$30.00 Online registration and more details available at: [www.fleetfeetsavannah.com](http://www.fleetfeetsavannah.com) and click on Races

We will be hosting a Songfest/Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 23rd at 6:00 pm. Come and sing or listen to the music and bring your favorite homemade ice cream or sweets to share afterwards.