

# Guyton Christian Church

## February 2016 Newsletter

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### Pastor's Peace/Piece

One of my favorite movies is *Groundhog Day*. Phil Connors, a self-centered weatherman in Pittsburgh, is assigned to report on the festivities in Punxsutawney on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. He hates the annual task and can't wait to get back home after the deed is done. A snowstorm closes the exit routes and Phil and the crew have to spend the night in Punxsutawney.

The real story begins the next day, which is, again, Groundhog Day. Phil is stuck in the day he despises. Only he recognizes the time loop, as he has to relive the same day over and over and over. When he finally realizes he's not getting out of town, he begins to take advantage of the situation by using his knowledge of how the day is going to turn out. No matter what he does, there are no consequences and he wakes up on February 2<sup>nd</sup> each morning.

Imagine living the same day over and over. Phil turns to despair and even suicide, but there is no escape from 6:00 am, February 2's return. People with more time than me have tried to figure out, by counting, how many days he spent in his own purgatory. Forty-two can be documented, but the movie's director says ten years was what he had in mind. Phil has the time to learn to play the piano, to speak French, and to ice sculpt in that single day. He also has time to get to know the local people and to reexamine himself and his priorities.

Phil does finally make it to February 3<sup>rd</sup> after a very, very long day, but only after he accepts where he is, finds his joy, making February 2<sup>nd</sup> a perfect day. He emerges as a new man.

I think it is a common human experience to feel stuck sometimes, in a job, a class, a marriage, or a place. The grass does look greener on the other side of the fence. We feel like we need something from outside before we can move. We live in the "if only." But God calls us where we are, not where God or we wants us to be.

Our salvation begins today! We can live the life of abundance that Christ's promises, but we have to begin here, where we are. Seize the day and tomorrow will come with growth in wisdom and favor with God and others on The Way.

Grace and Peace,



## February Birthdays

Feb 9 Audrey Edwards  
Autumn Burnsed  
Feb 10 Donnie Jackson  
Feb 11 Michael Bodnar  
Bryan Thompson  
Feb 18 Eli Wilkerson  
Feb 22 Marshall Reiser  
Feb 28 Nancy Edwards  
Feb 29 David Grandgeorge



## February Anniversaries

Feb 2 Emily & Ray Watkins  
Feb 3 Joyce Ann & Jack Tuten  
Feb 16 Stacey & Eric Carothers  
Feb 26 Dianne & Bryant Garner  
Feb 20 Jil & Brad Trower



Communion for  
February  
Vivian Alley

### *Come Learn How!*

Volunteers sign up to prepare communion for worship each Sunday for one month. Would you like to join in? Complete instructions are posted over the sink in the room to the right of the pulpit and all of the supplies are provided. The sign-up sheet is in the Gallery. Shadow someone or call Joyce Taylor, 772-3428, to learn the details.

### Disciples Men

February 15, 7:30 pm  
Bill Exley: Devotion & Meal

Eula Powers Circle  
February 18, 7:30 pm  
Place and Hostess to be  
announced

Would you like to have a copy of the 1991 "Recipes from the Heart," the original Eula Powers cookbook? Yes, that's the blue book with all the yummy recipes! Help us determine the interest for this endeavor. Sign up in The Gallery!

### *Prayer Concerns*

#### **Home**

Brazier Family  
Luther Hammond  
Pat Little  
Ray Zittrouer  
John Heath

#### **All of our Military at home and abroad**

#### **All who are Fighting Cancer**

Jerry Burns  
Alex Burdo  
Annette Lamb  
Chris Orrico

#### **Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes**

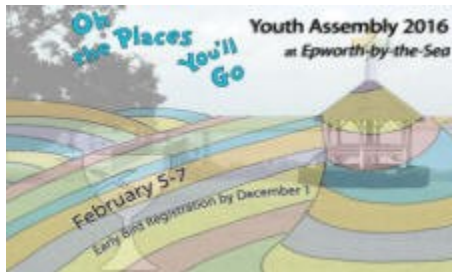
Miriam Griffin

# GUYTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## FEBRUARY 2016

### Youth Assembly,

Friday, February 5—Sunday, February 7  
Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon's Island,  
Georgia. This year's theme is "Oh, the  
Places You'll Go." Please be in prayer as  
they travel, and for God to fill them with  
the Holy Spirit! Attending: Spencer  
Beahm, Cody Calhoun, Catherine Hall,  
Lamar Hall, Erin Harvey, Kylie Malcom,  
Lance Perkins, Andrew Proctor, Matthew  
Proctor, Melissa Proctor, Jack Reiser,  
Sam Reiser, Nancy Summerour



### Loose Threads Quilting Group

Tuesday, February 9, 6:30pm, Christian  
Center

### Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00pm,  
Sanctuary. Come and prepare for the  
season of Lent.

### My Father's House Valentine's Dance

Saturday, February 13, 6pm, Christian  
Center

### Open Sanctuary Dinner

On Sunday, February 14, we will have a  
special "Open Sanctuary" with a fellow-  
ship covered-dish luncheon following. We  
celebrate the nobility and social and moral  
virtues of love on St. Valentine's Day.  
Each Sunday, especially, we celebrate the

love that came to us in Jesus Christ. Let's  
share that love by inviting friends and  
neighbors to come and see how we seek  
to live that out as the Body of Christ in this  
place.

### Centering Prayer

Wednesday, February 18, 8:30am, "*Be  
still and know that I am God,*" is the focus  
of this Centering Prayer group that meets  
in the home of Karen Cote.

### Wedding Shower for Ashley Harley (and Daniel Farmer).

Sunday, February 21, 5:00pm, Christian  
Center. All ladies of the church are invited  
to attend. Ashley is registered at Bed,  
Bath and Beyond, and Target.

### Young at Heart

February 25, 11am, Christian Center. Join  
us for a lively game of Bingo and a  
delicious meal!

### WinterJam

Friday, February 26  
Columbia, SC. Our Older Youth will be at-  
tending the Winter Jam Christian music  
concert when it comes to Columbia, SC,  
Friday evening, February 26. Meet at The  
Rock for departure at least by 4 pm.  
Bring \$10 for admission, and supper mon-  
ey, and plan to sleep over at The Rock on  
return.

**Ladies Bible Study** continues through  
February 22—Mondays, 7:00—9:00 p.m.  
at The Rock. *Breath, the Life of God in Us*  
by Beth Moore. Contact Kay,  
772-3550, for details or questions.

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**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!

**Easter lilies** will be ordered for the Sanctuary for the Easter season. Let Sandra or Becky know if you would like to purchase one.



**Looking for host homes and small group leaders** for the upcoming Youth Retreat coming up April 8-10. If you are interested, let Nancy or Becky know.

**Food Pantry** collecting 1-2 pound bags of rice—any brand! As always, peanut butter and canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham) are always welcome!



### **Congratulations!**

Sunday, January 24, **Lamar Hall** was honored by the Georgia Disciple Men as the 2015 Layman of the Year during our celebration of the Week of the Laity in worship and in luncheon fellowship. We nominated Lamar because of his dedication and devotion to Guyton Christian Church and beyond. He joins Archie Jenkins and Laverne Cavanah as Guyton recipients of this Regional award.

In recognition of the work of **Patricia Rud** for over sixteen years as our Administrative Assistant, the congregation presented Pati with a special gift during worship, January 24. Pati went above and beyond in her dedicated service in that role. The gift was an old window, refitted with the same stained glass that adorns our sanctuary windows. We give thanks to Pati for receiving the light through those windows and passing it on to all of us.

In a called meeting of the Church Board, January 17, **Becky Malcom** was employed as the Administrative Assistant at Guyton Christian Church. Becky is a long-time member here but her qualifications are much greater than that. She earned a Masters in Business Administration from Georgia Southern University and has demonstrated organization and vision in previous employment and in her active volunteer roles in our congregation. We can all lend a hand in the transition in administrative leadership.

The Spirit moved and the Lord added! In response to the invitation Sunday, January 24, **Ashley Harley** came to place, by transfer, here church membership with Guyton Christian Church. Ashley and Daniel Farmer will be married in April. Add your welcome to the human family and to our congregational family as we learn from and teach one another in the whole family of God.

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### Serving Schedule — February

| Date   | Elders                               | Deacons                            | Deaconesses                      | Acolyte       |
|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Feb 7  | Medie Still<br>Barbara Still         | David Proctor<br>Chad Zittrouer    | Mary Grace Fisher<br>Molly Moore | Abigail Law   |
| Feb 14 | Claudette Griffin<br>Marshall Reiser | Brian Orrico<br>David Lamb         | Vivian Alley<br>Shannon Thompson | Steven Hall   |
| Feb 21 | Lamar Hall<br>Vicki Wilkerson        | Johnny Taylor<br>Ron Clary         | Becky Malcom<br>Cindy Calhoun    | Spencer Beahm |
| Feb 28 | Melissa Proctor<br>Michael Moore     | Steve LaFontaine<br>Michael Bodnar | Stacey Carothers<br>Ann Cavanah  | William Hall  |

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Education—Becky Malcom  
 Evangelism—Vicki Wilkerson  
 Finance, Stewardship  
 & Outreach—Sue Exley  
 Long Range Planning—Marshall Reiser  
 Ministerial Relations—Lainie Jenkins  
 Personnel—Michael Moore  
 Property—Chad Zittrouer/Michael Moore  
 Social—Michael Bodnar  
 Worship—Judy Zittrouer

#### Wednesday Youth Suppers 5:45pm

Feb 3        Shaw Wilkerson  
               Vicki Wilkerson  
 Feb 10       Sandra Moore  
               Claudette Griffin  
 Feb 17       Nancy Summerour  
               Kay Grandgeorge  
               Mary Ann Goodwin  
               Autumn Burnsed  
 Feb 24       Melinda Beahm,  
               Jennifer Reiser

#### Workshops "The Fiery Furnace"

Feb 3 — Video       Sheri Hall  
 Feb 10 — Games    Wesley Dawson  
                               Corey Holton  
 Feb 17 — Cooking *Need Volunteer*  
 Feb 24 — Art         *Need Volunteer*