

Guyton Christian Church
January 2017 Newsletter
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Pastor's Peace/Piece

We have sprinted through Advent toward Christmas Day. Now we can catch our breath and write some "thank yous." The tree is probably down, the batteries included, and the lights unplugged even though we are still within the twelve days of Christmas. School is still out and some have time off from work. As we rest, we reflect on the days, months and maybe even the years ahead.

For me, and Guyton Christian Church, reflecting on the next two months includes my retirement from active ministry and moving to Arkansas the first of March. Things will certainly be different.

I will be full-time at the church to the end and adding downsizing the stuff and beginning to pack. The congregation, through the Pastor Search Committee with help from the Christian Church in Georgia, is already in the process of seeking an interim and new pastor for the future.

That may seem like a sprint too but we need to take time to train for a greater distance in these journeys. Our big days and calendar events and resolutions are of little importance to our creating God.

A life of maturing faith has both sprint and marathon times. We make resolutions for the new year that may include taking God more seriously, witnessed by active participation in the way we call church. And this New Year's Day we are all anxious about the ministerial transition. If we approach the goals in a sprint, we will soon falter, out-of-breath. If we train in the marathon way of thinking our resolutions may survive to become new norms and the ministries of Guyton Christian Church will continue even if in new ways.

In all of this, God is consistently present. Let us lift one another in prayer for changing times as a nation and as a congregation and a minister.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

January Birthdays



2 Sheri Hall
 2 Johnny Taylor
 9 Joyce Taylor
 10 Courtney Assanowicz
 10 Kim LaFountaine
 10 Medie Still IV
 10 Chad Zittrouer
 13 Winton Howard
 14 Katie Cubine

14 Joy Dickey
 14 Melissa Proctor
 14 Jil Trower
 17 Julia Bolen
 17 Karen Cote
 21 Anthony Guggino
 21 Korey Guggino
 21 Autumn Lamb
 22 Bill Exley
 24 Chris Hinely
 24 Gabriel Jackson
 24 Matthew Proctor
 26 Mandy Brockett

27 Corey Dawson
 27 Timmy Hudson
 27 Joyce Ann Tuten
 28 Jessie Dawson
 29 Kendra Durrence
 29 Becky Malcom
 31 Matthew Dixon

January Anniversaries



1 Woody & Angie MacKay
 2 Tommy & Debbie Snooks
 7 Bill & Sue Exley

Disciple Men
Monday, January 16
 7:30pm, Christian Center
 Host —
 Devotion —

Loose Threads
Tuesday, January 10, 6:30pm
 Christian Center

Centering Prayer
Wednesday, January 18, 8:30am
 Join us in the home of Karen Cote as we join in contemplative prayer.
 "Be still, and know that I am God."

Young at Heart
Thursday, January 26
 11:00am
Join us for fun bingo & delicious lunch!

Eula Powers Circle
 Thursday, January 19
 7:30pm
 Hostess: Linda Barner
 Christian Center



January Communion

Fred & Claudette Griffin

<i>Prayer Concerns</i>		
<p>Home Lamar Allen John Battle Brisher Family Khalea Bryant Ila Car Ann Cavanah Audry Edwards Family of John Farrell Annette Lamb Pat Little Robin Massey Tammy Mincey Jack Tuten Eugenia Zipperer</p>	<p>All of our Military at home and abroad, and all of those who protect us.</p> <p>Hospital Tommy Andrews Clayton Morgan</p> <p>Pastoral Search Committee</p>	<p>All who are Fighting Cancer Alex Burdo Jerry Burns John David Fulcher Jerome Hall, Sr. Wren Mason Zach Norton Brian Orrico Chris Orrico Henry Southward Ava Tinsley Brenda Wingfield Alfreda Youmans</p>
	<p>Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes Monroe Epting Miriam Griffin</p> <p>Bereavement Families of Shannon Thompson's Grandfather Ray Watkins' Father</p>	

At the **Annual Election meeting** of the Congregation, December 4, **Claudette Griffin, Michael Moore** and **Marshall Reiser** were re-elected as Elders and **Mary Grace Fisher** and **Jennifer Reiser** were elected as new Elders filling unexpired terms. **Brian Orrico, David Proctor, Becky Malcom, and Shannon Thompson** were re-elected to the Diaconate. New members elected to the Diaconate were **Woody MacKay, Nathan Radcliffe, Leana Radcliffe, Sheri Hall, and Angie MacKay**. A full list of the Board will be posted after committee chairs are confirmed.

We will be **un-decorating the church** as Christmas ends beginning **Wednesday, January 4, 5:30pm**. Our plan is to move all of the decorations to storage in the old railroad depot building behind the food pantry. We will need lost of hands and feet!

FOUND in the parking lot across the street from the Christian Center — a small key on a white shoe-string lanyard. It is in the church office.

The **Treutlen House is having a landscaping day** on **Saturday, January 7**, beginning at 9:00am. Our local Thrivent Community is hosting this as a community event. Feel free to bring guest helpers. Please RSVP for a provided lunch to Sarah Jervis, sarah.jervis@thrivent.com, or (912) 713-7876. Treutlen House is a group home for boys. The goal is to make the exterior more welcoming.

Pastor David's retirement begins March 1.

We are already looking for people to take on some of the many things he has been doing. We already know of some interest in particular responsibilities. If you see one that you can fill or assist in, let the church office know.

- Church website management
- Preparation of worship PowerPoint slides
- Moving garbage and recycling containers on the appropriate days
- Noticing and fixing handyman projects as they come up
- Paying attention to the grounds and doing minor landscaping
- Providing a weekly prayer gathering in the Prayer Room
- Assisting with video and other graphics for church groups or meetings
- Filming events and creating DVDs for participants
- Calling bingo at Young at Heart

SOJOURNERS
TUESDAY, JAN. 10, 6:00PM
TOPIC: TBD
MEET AT THE ROCK!

Food Pantry. Our food collection item this month for *The Fillin' Station* is **PEANUT BUTTER!** Any brand! Jif, Peter Pan, Skippy, etc. — 12, 16 & 28 ounce sizes.



Canned meats such as tuna, chicken and ham, are always welcome!

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Youth Notes

Wednesday Youth Activities — 6pm

**Younger Youth — Meet in
the Christian Center**

Older Youth — Meet at The Rock

YY New Format —

6:00 Start with Lesson/Activity

6:45 — Light Supper

Movie & Game Day

for Younger Youth

Sunday, January 15

3pm, Christian Center

Bring your favorite board game!
Sign up in The Gallery!

On the horizon... "Re-Mix"

Youth Assembly at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia will be held **February 3-5, 2017**. The theme will be "*Re-Mix*."

Wednesday Servers for this Month...

It's a New Year with lots of fun learning!

"Jesus the Boy in the Temple"

January 4

Light Supper: Mary Ann Goodwin & Rohaya Taylor

Workshop: Storytelling — Pastor David

January 11

Light Supper: Wesley Dawson & Corey Dawson

Workshop: Art — Melinda Beahm

January 18

Light Supper: Barbara Still & Joyce Ann Tuten

Workshop: Cooking — Judy Zittrouer

January 25

Light Supper: Joyce Taylor & Sue Exley

Workshop: Games — Wesley & Corey

Older Youth

Facebook —

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

Twitter—

[@GCYRock](#)

Instagram—

[guytonchristianyouth](#)

The Rock —

(912) 772-8415

New E-mail—

gcchurchteen@gmail.com

Sunday School Teachers for OY

1st Sunday — Nancy

2nd Sunday — Marshall

3rd Sunday — Bryan

4th Sunday — Leana

5th Sunday — Georgia or Adam

Save the Date! February 11

We plan to bake cookies with the Younger Youth and deliver them to the residents of Effingham Care Center.

Drivers/car seats will be needed!

Mission Trip

June 26—July 1

From June 25-July 1 GCC's Youth will be heading to Slidell, LA to the site Epworth Project. While on this mission trip, they'll learn about teamwork and showing God's love to those in need -- specifically those who were effected by hurricanes and flooding. This mission trip is not just for the youth, though! We have adults already signed up, too! **We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who feels led to come.** Send us a check made to Epworth Project or cash of \$25 for the registration fee.

GUYTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Communion Serving Schedule — January

Date	Elders	Deacons	Deaconesses	Acolyte
Jan 1	Lamar Hall Ginny Clary	Chad Zittrouer Shaw Wilkerson	Nancy Summerour Vivian Alley	Jack Reiser
Jan 8	Jack Malcom Karen Cote	Johnny Taylor Brandon Long	Cindy Calhoun Kelly Long	Abigail Law
Jan 15	Michael Moore Melissa Proctor	Ron Clary Brian Orrico	Need Volunteer Becky Malcom	Steven Hall
Jan 22	Medie Still Barbara Still	Jon Cote David Lamb	Vivian Alley Shannon Thompson	Sam Reiser
Jan 29	Marshall Reiser Claudette Griffin	Steve LaFontaine Michael Bodnar	Molly Moore Joyce Ann Tuten	Steven Hall

Children Worship and Wonder — January

Date	Storyteller	Greeter	Jr. Greeter	Story
Jan 1	Leana Radcliffe	Melinda Beahm	Spencer Beahm	Baby Jesus Presented
Jan 8	Medie Still	Sandra Moore	Catherine Hall	Jesus Baptized
Jan 15	Nancy Summerour	Jennifer Reiser	Kylie Malcom	Jesus in the Wilderness
Jan 22	Karen Cote	Need Volunteer	Sam Reiser	Follow Me
Jan 29	Becky Malcom	Wesley Dawson	Abigail Law	A New Teaching

Wednesday Youth — January “Jesus the Boy in the Temple”

Featuring: Drama, Cooking, Art, Music/Movement, Games & Storytelling

Date	Workshop @ 6:00 — 6:45pm	YY Workshop Leader	Light Supper @ 6:45p (YY)
Jan 4	Storytelling	Pastor David	Mary Ann Goodwin Rohaya Taylor
Jan 11	Art	Melinda Beahm	Wesley Dawson Corey Dawson
Jan 18	Cooking	Judy Zittrouer	Barbara Still Joyce Ann Tuten
Jan 25	Games	Wesley Dawson	Joyce Taylor Sue Exley