

Guyton Christian Church

July 2015 Newsletter

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Pastor's Peace/Piece

I am a fan of TED talks. Technology, Entertainment, Design is a global set of conferences run under the slogan "Ideas Worth Spreading." Over 2,000 talks are freely available online on their website, TED.com. They are short and about something you probably never heard of before.

One Talk imparted a message that resonated with another recent experience. The presenter related a saying from Steve Jobs, the legendary Apple CEO, noting that we should look at everything as if seeing it for the first time. If we do not, things become routine and we miss details that were and still are important.

I thought of that on my recent vacation to the Seattle and Portland when we tried to make a connection from planes to trains. I previewed the instructions, taking the light rail from the airport to the Tukwila train station for Amtrak. Turns out there are TWO Tukwila train stations in Seattle, one for light rail and another for other trains and they do not connect by train. With help from other riders, we found the bus to the other Tukwila station and soon discovered that there were no signs or agents telling us which side of the tracks we needed to be on. By consensus from other confused travelers we waited at what turned out to be the right spot while I thought about TED. The people that often travel that route probably do not need any signs. It is routine to them to know where and how to go. They were not seeing as I was, for the first time.

No one is more burdened by a learned routine than churchgoers. We do not notice the lack of signs and agents. First time visitors do not know where to go when they arrive. Try to explain to someone where the bathrooms are in the sanctuary building. Narthex, Gloria Patri, Hodge garage, lectionary and other church words can be like an unknown language. Modern problems!

The first followers of Jesus only saw the first things: forgiveness, acceptance, empowerment, loving community. The only "sign" we can make for that is "we the people" of this congregation. Let us look like the people who seem to know what is happening that we can be "agents" of hospitality.

Grace and Peace,



Sunday Serving list for July, 2015

| Date | Elders | Deacons | Deaconess | Acolytes |
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| Jul 5 | Laverne Cavanah Ginny Clary | David Proctor Jon Cote | Ann Cavanah Joyce Ann Tuten | Sam Reiser |
| Jul 12 | Fred Griffin Karen Cote | Brian Orrico Michael Bodnar | Mary Grace Fisher Molly Moore | William Hall |
| Jul 19 | Archie Jenkins Lainie Jenkins | Mike Smith David Lamb | Jennifer Reiser Bobbi Secich | Spencer Beahm |
| Jul 26 | Barbara Still Medie Still | Jack Malcom Tony Calhoun | Becky Malcom Cindy Calhoun | Kylie Malcom |

Week of July 28, 2015

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| Sun Jun 28 | 12:15 pm Covered Dish Luncheon |
| Mon Jun 29 | Mid High Camp begins at Camp Christian |
| Tue Jun 30 | 10:00 am Food Pantry, open until 2:00 pm 6:00 pm Sojourners 7:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg. |
| Wed July 1 | 7:00 pm Prayer in the Prayer Garden |
| Thu July 2 | 10:00 am Food Pantry, open until 2:00 pm |
| Sat July 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY |



Communion for
July
Fred & Claudette
Griffin

CMF will feed the Youth Sunday,
July 26, 5 pm at the Hodge Garage

Eula Powers Circle Thursday,
Jul 23 at 7:30 pm
Hostess: Vivian Alley
Place: Christian Center

July Birthdays

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| July 5 | Jacky Taylor |
| July 6 | Kelly Long |
| July 7 | Yvette Brockett |
| July 9 | Shaw Wilkerson |
| July 10 | Jelane Battle |
| July 13 | Lori Newkirk Addison Trower |
| July 14 | Doris Hackett |
| July 15 | Audra Jennings Jim Long(1st Birthday!) |
| July 19 | Michael Moore |
| July 24 | Marilyn Cochran |



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| July 24 | Carolyn Dixon |
| July 26 | Zane Trower |
| July 28 | Joel Rud |
| July 29 | Haisten White Eric Carothers Bonnie Coleman |

July Anniversaries

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| July 8 | Mike & Faye Smith |
| July 12 | Laverne & Ann Cavanah |
| July 15 | Joel & Pati Rud |
| July 22 | Marshall & Jennifer Reiser |
| July 27 | Bill & Melinda Beahm |

During the month of July, and again in September, the Lectionary Sunday School class that meets in the Center will do a four-week series using The Mayberry Bible Study, led by Ginny Clary. Themes of Service, Peace, Mercy, and Commitment in July will be drawn from television episodes you probably remember, *Andy's English Valet* (Malcolm); *Class Reunion*; *Dogs, Dogs, Dogs*; and *The Darlings are Coming*. Come for a break from the routine or to start a new habit.

Vacation Bible School will be July 13-17, 5:30-8:00 each evening. We will need everyone for the adventure so choose your place in collecting, building, crafting, singing, playing, decorating, feeding, supervising, administrating, etc. You know, being a guide for climbing kids! Registration is open now at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/GuytonChristian>.

We are collecting one gallon jugs to make igloos and camping items (not tents) for VBS, July 13-17.

The theme is Everest so we are looking for winter decorating and camping things. Below is a list of some items you might be able to help us with:

- Christmas trees
- White lights
- Snowshoes (tennis rackets)
- Rope
- Pots & Pans
- Fake Snow
- Lanterns
- Canvas sacks
- Camping Gear
- Climbing Equipment

Many more summer youth activities are in the works. *Check our website for final details. We NEED chaperones, drivers and commitments!

- ♦ July 9-10 Older Youth Six Flags/White Water Trip
- ♦ July 13-17 Vacation Bible School
- ♦ July 17 Older Youth lock in at the Hodge garage youth building
- ♦ July 18 All Youth, Splash N the Boro
- ♦ July XX Younger Youth movie in Pooler, vote for one from three choices*
- ♦ August 2 Progressive Dinner for all youth, back to school bash

Prayer Concerns

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| <p>All of our Military at home and abroad</p> <p>Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes</p> <p>Miriam Griffin</p> | <p>All who are Fighting Cancer</p> <p>Megan Bragg Alex Burdo Cole Edwards Kim Hankerson</p> | <p>Annette Lamb Macy Varnell</p> <p><u>Home</u> Rita Gannaway</p> |
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