

Guyton Christian Church

March 2016 Newsletter

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Pastor's Peace/Piece

Over a decade ago, Fred Craddock wrote for Chalice Press's *Fellowship of Prayer*. In one devotion, Dr. Craddock had us read from Luke's account of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. In his comments he said, "Real temptation is not an enticement to fall but to rise." I had to reread that statement as its impact grew in my thoughts. Don't we think of temptation as leading us to stray from our planned course, to believe that we have time for a detour, to turn our backs to God, to SIN? The devil is smarter than that. "No self-respecting devil would approach a person with offers of personal, domestic and social ruin. That is in the small print at the bottom of the temptation." As Craddock points out, the devil offered Jesus opportunities to do supposed good on his way to rising up to claim the throne of King David.

Recently, Matthew Laney, in a Stillspeaking Devotion, pointed out that the temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness caution against the emphasis on excellence we hear all around us. It is more important to pursue faithfulness over greatness.

That enticement to rise and be great is a danger for us too. Wouldn't it be good to be able to turn rocks into bread to give out at our food pantry, *The Fillin' Station*? If Jesus were to take over our government, great good would come from officially thinking of the least among us first. The poor people would be happy and the fat cats would be sent empty away. That's what the disciples of Jesus expected.

Isn't that what we expect too, that if we had enough power and respect, prayer in our schools, the ten commandments posted in public buildings, everyone in the pews at least one day a week, then God would RULE. If that is what we expect from Christ there will be disillusionment. Maybe that is why people stay home on Sunday mornings or look to the Christian faith for what it can do for them, eventually.

Jesus would have none of that. He endured the temptations and then began a ministry announcing the reign of God that invites each one to become a servant of the least among us. Those who know this risen Christ know the abundance of living in God's forgiveness and love.

The Reign of God is at hand. There are no shortcuts, no abridged versions, and no avoiding shadows. We must follow Jesus to the Cross to find that new life. It's not too late to begin the journey of Lent.

Grace and Peace,



March Birthdays

12 Ginny Clary
 13 Lainie Jenkins
 16 Ben Newkirk
 20 Shannon Thompson
 21 Marie Hill
 25 Sue Exley
 27 Barbara Still
 30 Steve LaFountaine



March Anniversaries

22 Leana & Nathan Radcliff
 26 Claudette & Fred Griffin



Nursing Home Visit

The Younger Youth will be visiting the folks at Effingham Extended Care March 12 at 3:00pm. We will meet in The Christian Center at 1:00pm to bake and assemble packages of cookies. Please donate a dozen of your favorite cookies for us to take!

Condolences. Long-time, faithful church member, **Sarah Moore** died February 20, at Lakeview Manor, surrounded by her family. Her service was at Strickland and Sons Funeral Home, February 23, with burial at Effingham Memorial Gardens. Remembrances may be given to Compassionate Care Hospice, 138 Canal St., Ste. 304, Pooler, GA 31322.

Disciple Men
 March 21, 7:30 pm
 Michael Moore—
 Devotion & Meal

Eula Powers Circle
 March 17, 7:30 pm
 Kay Grandgeorge hosts at the
 Parsonage



Communion for
 March
 Fred & Claudette
 Griffin

Prayer Concerns

<p>Home Brisher Family Khalea Bryant Ila Car Pat Little Rese Schmetz</p>	<p>Bereavement Family of Sarah Moore</p> <p>All of our Military at home and abroad</p>	<p>All who are Fighting Cancer Bill Brisher Jerry Burns Alex Burdo Annette Lamb Chris Orrico</p>	<p>Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes Miriam Griffin</p>
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GUYTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2016

Events at a Glance...

- 1 7:00am Polls open for voting
- 6:00pm Sojourners at The Rock
- 6 1:00pm Congregational Retreat at Ebenezer
- 7 6:30pm CW&W Refresher Class
- 7:30pm Board Meeting
- 8 6:00pm Sojourners at The Rock
- 6:30pm Loose Threads Quilting
- 6:30pm Education Meeting at The Rock
- 12 TBD Family Promise Bed Race
- 3:00pm Younger Youth visit Nursing Home; meet at Center at 1:00
- 13 Daylight Savings Time — Change your clocks one hour ahead!
- 14 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at The Rock
- 7:00pm Ministerial Relations Committee
- 15 6:00pm Sojourners at The Rock
- 16 8:30am Centering Prayer at Karen Cote's
- 17 7:30pm Eula Powers Circle at Parsonage
- 20 3:00pm Children's Easter Celebration
- 21 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study, The Rock
- 7:30pm Disciple Men at Christian Center
- 22 6:00pm Sojourners at The Rock
- 24 11:00am Young at Heart
- 7:00pm Maundy-Thursday Service
- 8:00pm Prayer Vigil begins
- 25 7:00pm Good Friday Service at GUMC
- 27 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service at Liberty Christian Fellowship
- 28 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study; The Rock
- 29 6:00pm Sojourners; The Rock



Our annual **Congregational Retreat** will be at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center, **Sunday, March 6**, beginning with lunch at 1:00pm. Major agenda items will include discussions and plans for our intention to seek a full-time youth minister; and to pursue designs and cost estimates for property development for the food pantry and offices and classroom space. Everyone is welcome to attend but please let us know you are coming so we can prepare for lunch.

A “**Refresher Class**” for all Storytellers, Greeters, and Junior Greeters for Children Worship and Wonder will be held **March 7 at 6:30pm**. Please attend! Our new schedule will be distributed.

March Stories:

- 6th Jesus & Zacchaeus
- 13th Jesus the King
- 20th The Last Passover
- 27th Jesus is Risen: Appearance to Mary Magdalene

Loose Threads Quilting Group

Tuesday, March 8, 6:30pm, Christian Center. Let the pieces fall together as you fellowship with this fun group!

We change to **Daylight Savings Time** on Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 am. Remember, “Spring forward and fall back.” Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday.

Ladies Bible Study. A new Ladies Bible study begins **March 14, 7pm**, at The Rock. *Seamless* by Angie Smith, continues through April 25. Let Kay Grandgeorge know if you would like a book.

Centering Prayer

Wednesday, **March 16, 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.

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!

Camps 2016

It's not too early to begin making plans 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

Dates have not yet been posted but will be similar to last year's. Camps for CYF, Chi Rho and Junior youth available.

Older Youth

The **Older Youth** now have a **Facebook** Page! The link is:

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

A new Bible study series called *So What!* A study on *John 1-11* begins this month.

Fundraising. Let Nancy know if you've got a bright idea for the youth to raise monies for the mission trip and various projects.

DNOW Weekend. April 8-10. Theme: **The Pause.** Students will learn how to "hit pause" to spend time growing their relationship with God. **We are still in need of volunteers for host homes and meals.** If you are interested, let Nancy or Becky know, or sign up in The Gallery.

Food Pantry. Our food collection item this month for *The Fillin' Station* is **PASTA!** Any kind—elbows, macaroni, spaghetti, even Rice-A-Roni, Mac & Cheese or Hamburger Helper! The 1—2 pound boxes are just the right size! Peanut butter, and canned meats such as tuna, chicken and ham, are always welcome!



Young at Heart

March 24, 11am, Christian Center. Join us for a lively game of Bingo and a delicious meal!

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YOUNGER YOUTH

Younger Youth to visit Nursing Home
Saturday, March 12, 3pm. Join us at 1pm to bake, package, and then deliver fresh cookies to the folks at Effingham Extended Care Facility. Ladies, if you would like to help us with the baking, we will appreciate it! Please donate a dozen of your favorite cookies!



Rotation Workshop

Our focus for March is on **Jesus' Last Supper: Remember, Believe and Receive**. Volunteers are needed! Please sign up and share your talents with our youth. Workshops include Mission & Video, Music, Science and Games.



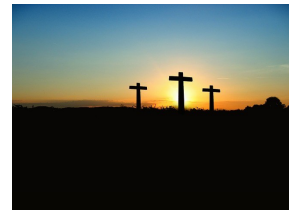
Younger Youth Children's Easter Celebration
Sunday, March 20, 3:00-5:00pm, the Christian Center. Bring your basket and 12, plastic fun-filled eggs for hiding!



Palm Sunday

The children will begin our Sunday worship service by entering the sanctuary with palms, just as they did during Jesus' time of entry to Jerusalem long ago.

Special Music will be provided by the **Younger Youth** for **Easter** worship services.



In February our Younger Youth learned about Daniel in the Lion's Den. During Karen's Workshop on Prayer, Lawton drew a picture of a lion to share! Blessings abound for us all! Thank you Lawton for this wonderful drawing!



Wednesday Night Teachers are needed for our Younger Youth Rotation Workshops! Sign up so YOU don't miss out on a great opportunity with our younger youth!

Congratulations! Kendra and Stephen Durrence have a baby boy. And Darcy has a brother! Wade Gregory Durrence was born February 4, 7:58 am, 7lb. 3 oz., 19 inches. Congratulations to maternal grandparents, Ray and Judy Zittrouer, and their family.

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Serving Schedule — March 2016

Date	Elders	Deacons	Deaconesses	Acolyte
Mar 6	Ginny Clary Laverne Cavanah	Chad Zittrouer Shaw Wilkerson	Nancy Summerour Molly Moore	Abigail Law
Mar 13	Jack Malcom Karen Cote	Johnny Taylor Brandon Long	Cindy Calhoun Kelly Long	Sam Reiser
Mar 20	Archie Jenkins Lainie Jenkins	Ron Clary Brian Orrico	Mary Grace Fisher Becky Malcom	Steven Hall
Mar 27	Barbara Still	Jon Cote	Vivian Alley	Spencer Beahm

Our church website, 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. To hear a sermon, click on the "Sermons" tab and select the title for the Sunday date listed. You can also access our pictorial directory with the login and password listed in our worship bulletin. Remember that you can access the website and content on all of your mobile devices.

Recycle for Goodness Sakes!
Aluminum Can Tabs
Soup Labels / Labels for Education
Old Ink Cartridges
Batteries
Lightbulbs
Drop in designated box
in The Gallery!

Wednesday Youth 5:45pm Jesus' Last Supper: Remember, Believe, Receive

Workshop @ 6:15pm	Leader	Date	Light Supper @ 5:45pm
Mission & Video	Pastor David	Mar 2	Judy & Kelly
Music	Need Volunteer	Mar 9	Rohaya & Joyce Ann
Science	Need Volunteer	Mar 16	Becky & Sheri
Games	Need Volunteer	Mar 23	Joyce & Sue