

Guyton Christian Church

May 2016 Newsletter

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Pastor's Peace/Piece

This has been a good migratory season to watch my bird feeders at the house. Just passing through are rose-breasted grosbeaks and Baltimore orioles. The goldfinches have changed from olive drab to their golden plumage and seem to have already left. Great-crested flycatcher and northern parula songs fill air all around town. Have you noticed?

I am leading a "bird walk" along the Central Avenue trail, Saturday, May 14, beginning at 8 am. We will start at the parsonage sipping coffee and watching the bird feeders then walk toward the Post Office along the trail looking and listening. Let's see how many species we can "collect."

I first became a bird watcher when I saw an unusual bird on the farm where I grew up in Arkansas. It was stately and the tip of its tail was white as if having been dipped in paint. I looked it up in my little paperback bird book and read that the eastern kingbird was one of our more common birds. Common? How come I had never seen one before? I began to notice. Birds were everywhere in great variety, each with a different behavior.

Jesus says, "Look at the birds of the air." There are lots of lessons from birds in the Bible on feeding by ravens, on repentance from the migration of storks, on freedom from the flight of the eagle, and on joy from the song of the lark. God is a bird watcher too. God's eye is on the sparrow!

We can learn a lot by simply noticing the things that are around us. 10,313 pounds. Noticing will lead to appreciation for the simple gifts from the people that are important in our lives. Taking the effort to look closely will lead to understanding, even the people we fear when we finally see their human face.

Let those who have eyes see and those who have ears hear the manifestations of the Spirit all around us.

Grace and Peace,



May Birthdays

- 3 Geneva Boyles
- 5 Sam Reiser
- 6 Pati Rud
- 6 Luke Newkirk
- 11 Bill Beahm
- 12 Tony Calhoun
- 12 Ray Watkins
- 13 John Battle
- 13 Claudette Griffin
- 18 Lureed Pevey
- 21 Cole Newkirk
- 23 Daniel Farmer
- 23 Destiny Burnsed
- 26 Lawton Reiser
- 27 Kay Grandgeorge
- 30 Monroe Epting



May Anniversaries

- 17 Judy & Ray Zittrouer
- 21 Beverly & Mike Bodnar
- 27 Sandra & Michael Moore




**Disciple Men
& All Church Gentlemen**
 Honored by Ladies of
 Eula Powers Circle
Thursday, May 19
 7:30pm, Christian Center
Please let us know you are coming.
Sign up sheet in The Gallery.

Loose Threads Quilting Group
 Tuesday, **May 10, 6:30pm**, Christian Center.
 Stitch the pieces together
 as you enjoy fellowship and fun!

Eula Powers Circle
 Honors the
 Gentlemen of the Church
Thursday, May 19
 7:30pm, Christian Center

Centering Prayer
 Wednesday, **May 18, 8:30am**.
 Join us in the home of Karen Cote.
 "Be still, and know that I am God."

**May
Communion**
 Wesley Dawson



Young at Heart
May 26, 11am, Christian Center. Join us for a
 lively game of Bingo and a delicious meal!

Prayer Concerns

<p>Home Brisher Family Khalea Bryant Ila Car Pat Little Rese Schmetz Eugenia Zipperer</p>	<p>All of our Military at home and abroad</p> <p>Hospital Laverne Cavanah Daniel Mosley</p>	<p>All who are Fighting Cancer Annette Lamb Bill Brisher Alex Burdo Jerry Burns Steven Clark Zachary O'Neil Chris Orrico</p>	<p>Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes Sally Cavanah Monroe Epting Miriam Griffin</p>
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GUYTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MAY 2016

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

We played *The Value Is Right!*, a knock off of the TV game show *The Price Is Right*, at our Volunteer Appreciation luncheon, Sunday, April 24. We highlighted the volunteers and opportunities in four of our mission ministries: *The Fillin' Station* food pantry, *Children Worship and Wonder*, *Family Promise*, and the Younger Youth's *Workshop Rotation*. You can learn more about each on the "Ministries" page in our website.

After describing the ministry and the many roles for volunteers we asked each of four contestants to name the following values. The contestant who came closest without going over the value won a prize. See if you know the answers (*found elsewhere in this newsletter*).

What is the number of pounds of food and toiletries that *The Fillin' Station* distributed to households in need in the month of March, 2016? _____

What is the cost in dollars to purchase one particular story, Noah's Ark, for the shelves of Bible stories in the *Children Worship and Wonder* worship space?

What is the amount of money in dollars that Family Promise of Effingham raised in their annual "Bed Race" signature fundraiser, March 12, 2016? _____

What is the number of individual cookies that Younger Youth took to the Effingham Health System Care Center on March 12, 2016, to share with the residents there as a service project?

On the Horizon...



June 5 4p-6p Disciples Regional Cluster Meeting

June 17 **Faith & Family Night.** Join us at the ball park with the Savannah Bananas! \$15 per ticket, 3 & under no charge. Free buffet all night! Grayson Stadium, Savannah. Gates open at 6pm; Game at 7pm. Lots of prizes!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Week of July 18

5:00pm — 8:30pm

Cokesbury's "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love"

Volunteers are needed! We will be collecting "beachy" items for our decorating. Look for the donation board coming soon!



Food Pantry. Our food collection item this month for *The Fillin' Station* is **PEANUT BUTTER!** Jif, Peter Pan, Skippy, etc. in 12-, 16-, or 28-ounce sizes. Canned meats such as tuna, chicken and ham, are always welcome!



Don't forget, **My Father's House** collects laundry detergent, shampoo and toothpaste for distribution at *The Fillin' Station*. Any donations are appreciated!

Younger Youth

Game Day is Back!!!

May 14, 2p—5p at the *Good Times Play Ground*. Remember, wear clothes you can get wet! Bring dry clothes to change into afterwards. Bring a towel. Bring 12 filled water balloons per child.

Sign up in The Gallery.

Rotation Workshop

Our focus for May is on **Pentecost**. Please sign up and share your talents with our youth. Workshops include Art, Cooking, Drama, Games, Mission, Music & Prayer.



Wednesday Night Teachers are needed for our Rotation Workshops! Won't you share your gift with our younger youth? You will both be blessed by participating!

International Migratory Bird Day

Bird walk scheduled for **8am, Saturday, May 14**. Join Pastor David and learn to identify area visiting birds by sight and sound!



Children's Chat

Have you listened to Pastor David's chat each Sunday with the younger youth, and thought "I've got an idea I'd like to share!"? We are looking \$8,500 for volunteers for the weekly Children's Chat moment.

Sign up in The Gallery!

Older Youth

Facebook —

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

Twitter—

[@GCCOlderYouth](https://twitter.com/GCCOlderYouth)

Instagram—

[guytonchristianchurcholderyouth](https://www.instagram.com/guytonchristianchurcholderyouth)

The Older Youth experienced "The Pause," a time of growing their relationship with God. Thanks to Sandra and Michael Moore for leading one of the small groups. The food provided by Kelly Long, Judy and Ray Zittrouer, and Mary Ann Goodwin and Kay Grandgeorge was most delicious and appreciated! **THANK YOU!!!**

A video from the weekend is available at

www.GuytonChristianChurch.org.

The Older Youth's Car Wash raised over \$300 for their Mission Trip fund. Ten worker bees are slated for the team. They will depart Sunday, June 26 and return Saturday, July 2. They are asked to bring canned goods for the Valdosta community food bank. An informational meeting for those going on the Mission Trip is slated for **June 12** after church for parents & youth.

An auction is scheduled for **May 22** for additional fundraising.

Camps 2016

Camp Christian

CYF Campers—

Kylie Malcom

Andrew Proctor

Camp Kicklighter

CYF June 5-10

Chi-Rho June 12-17

Junior June 19-24

Kicklighter Campers! Turn in your registration forms ASAP! Deadline is upon us for registering!!

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Communion Serving Schedule				
Date	Elders	Deacons	Deaconesses	Acolyte
May 8	Karen Cote Jack Malcom	Jon Cote David Proctor	Nancy Summerour Joyce Ann Tuten	Spencer Beahm
May 15	Lainie Jenkins Archie Jenkins	Brian Orrico Chad Zittrouer	Mary Grace Fisher Molly Moore	William Hall
May 22	Medie Still Barbara Still	Mike Smith David Lamb	Vivian Alley Shannon Thompson	Abigail Law
May 29	Claudette Griffin Marshall Reiser	Johnny Taylor Ron Clary	Becky Malcom Cindy Calhoun	Sam Reiser

Children \$145.80 Worship and Wonder				
Date	Storyteller	Greeter	Jr. Greeter	Story
May 8	Barbara Still	Becky Malcom	Sam Reiser	Ascension
May 15	Ginny Clary	Shaw Wilkerson	Kylie Malcom	Pentecost
May 22	Lainie Jenkins	Sandra Moore	Catherine Hall	Baptism: DOC
May 29	Leana Radcliffe	Melinda Beahm	Spencer Beahm	The Mustard Seed

Wednesday Youth Rotation Workshop: "Pentecost" Choose from: Art, Cooking, Drama, Games, Mission, Prayer, Music			
Workshop @ 6:15p	YY Leader	Date	Light Supper @ 5:45p (YY & OY)
Your Choice!	NEED VOLUNTEER	May 4	Shaw & Vicki
Your Choice!	NEED VOLUNTEER	May 11	Judy & Kelly
Your Choice!	NEED VOLUNTEER	May 18	Sandra & Claudette
Have a Safe & Happy Summer!			

The **137th Sunday School Convention** was **Sunday, May 1, 9:45 am, at the Methodist Campgrounds**, 1038 Zoller Drive, in Springfield. A covered-dish lunch followed on the grounds. Our speaker was Dr. Bob Harris, President of the Christian College of Georgia. Marshall Reiser served as President and Becky Malcom as Vice President this year.

Camp Christian has another work day scheduled for **May 7. Camp Kicklighter's work day is May 14 at 8am or whenever you can arrive! Bring your tools!**

Peachtree Corners Christian Church is hosting a conference: **"Living the Caregiver Journey"** on **June 25** from 9a to 4p. More information available soon or contact revsylviamamos@gmail.com.

Are you interested in a trip to the Holy Land? John's Creek Christian Church invites YOU to join them on a trip to the Holy Land, **July 9-18**. Rev. Rich Voltz will lead this pilgrimage to Israel.

Congratulations to **Ashley and Daniel Farmer** who were married April 23, 2016 at Woodlawn.

The Worship Committee is planning a **Praise and Worship Music** event. The first date will be **Sunday, May 29**. We hope to do this four or five times a year but are eager to do it more often if there is interest and participation! The event will include 15 minutes of light refreshments and fellowship in the Christian Center followed by 15 minutes of singing in the sanctuary...all before Sunday School assembly! The music will be led by Shannon and Bryan Thompson. Music selections will include a variety, so it will appeal to ALL age groups. Plan to come be with us as we feed ourselves physically and spiritually. This will be an exciting new adventure!

Remember:
Praise & Worship, Sun., May 29
9:15-9:30am
Refreshments & Fellowship, Christian Center
9:30-9:45am
Praise & Worship music, Sanctuary

Shaw Wilkerson was one of the speakers at Capitol Hill in Washington, DC on March 4 for the Power of One March on World Autism Awareness Day.

Welcome new member **Charlotte Conner**. She made her commitment by transfer on Sunday, April 3.

Lainie Jenkins received the Victimology Impact Award at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meeting in Denver in March for her work with CASA! This award is given to "An individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of Victimology, victim's rights, or victim services in the past 12 months by advancing an innovative victim-centered policy or practice via scholarship, policy development or implementation, and/or service to the community." Congratulations, Lainie!

International Experience USA is a non-profit high school student exchange organization **seeking host families** in Georgia for the upcoming school year. They will donate \$200 to our youth group for any family that becomes a host. Contact p.moore@international-experience.net for more information.

Eula Powers Circle
"Recipes from the Heart"
Cookbooks

(Reprinted for 25 Year Anniversary)

Available for sale at \$10 each. These make great gifts! All pre-orders have been distributed so only a few cookbooks remain in stock. Get yours today! 240 cookies Contact Judy or Becky. Please make checks payable to the Eu-

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!