

Guyton Christian Church

November 2015 Newsletter

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Pastor's Peace/Piece

Before the buzz is completely gone, I want to reflect on the "Pope effect" our nation seemed to experience with the visit of Pope Francis, September 22-27. A denominational leader said, "The electricity in the air was palpable. Everyone, everywhere was talking about the Pope and what his visit meant to them." A CNN reporter who traveled with the Pope from Cuba through the U.S. called his visit here a "come-to-Jesus moment" for all of us.

Some said that the Pope should not talk about issues like poverty and wealth, freedom and justice, the sanctity of life, family life, caring for the planet, immigration, and refugees. But, Disciples author Jan Linn counters that those voices say a lot about the failure of churches to teach the gospel. A Brooklyn pastor noted, "The power of his message comes from being a spiritual leader, not a politician. Pope Francis' words are rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and his actions are in keeping with Christ's teaching."

The Pope's message is not new. It is as old as the words of Jesus. Christ focused on helping people based on their needs, beginning with the most oppressed and marginalized. The crowds that heard Jesus were drawn in rather than being driven out. We need that breath of fresh air for the staleness of congregational life we experience in America.

How can we breathe that in? The Brooklyn pastor above believes, "The key is to continue to live out our faith authentically, to speak about what Jesus means to us and about how his message of love and justice translates into everyday living for people in 2015." Jan Linn adds that we need to be reminded that life is in fact noble and gentle and generous, and that we can be more than we are."

Breathe on us, breath of God!

Grace and Peace,



Sunday Serving list for				
Date	Elders	Deacons	Deaconess	Acolytes
Nov 1	Barbara Still Medie Still	Jack Malcom Tony Calhoun	Becky Malcom Cindy Calhoun	Jack Reiser
Nov 8	Marshall Reiser Claudette Griffin	Ray Zittrouer Ron Clary	Joyce Ann Tuten Ann Cavanah	Bodhi Carothers
Nov 15	Vicki Wilkerson Lamar Hall	Chad Zittrouer Brandon Long	Kelly Long Vivian Alley	Steven Hall
Nov 22	Michael Moore Melissa Proctor	Tony Calhoun Brandon Long	Cindy Calhoun Kelly Long	Skye Dixon
Nov 29	Ginny Clary Fred Griffin	Chad Zittrouer Jack Malcom	Mary Grace Fisher Becky Malcom	Zane Trower

Disciples Men host the ladies of the church on Monday, Nov 16 at 7:00 pm. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Eula Powers Circle
Thursday, Nov 19
Hostess: Joyce Taylor
Place: Joyce Taylor's House

Prayer Concerns

<p>All of our Military at home and abroad</p> <p>Home Rita Ganaway Willie LaFontaine Debbie O'Connor Neal Ratchford Marshall Reiser Patricia Thomason</p> <p>Hospital Pat Little</p>	<p>All who are Fighting Cancer Jerry Burns Alex Burdo Kim Hankerson Annette Lamb</p> <p>Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes Miriam Griffin</p>
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Communion for
November
Sandra & Michael
Moore

We have an opportunity to share our Thanksgiving blessings with others this year. If you know of a family who could use a gift basket, please let Karen, Ginny or Sandra know. If you would like to donate to the gift baskets, we are gathering canned and dried food items or monetary donations. Last year we were able to help 5 families with our Thanksgiving gifts.

News You Can Use

Advent begins November 29. We are producing our own Advent devotional booklet for the season. We need contributions to fill twenty-six days! Please submit a short devotion with a related scripture reading of your own writing or a favorite that you have found from another source. Deliver your writing to the church office by email, gchurch@planters.net, if you can or hard copy if that is necessary. We need them by November 16 to compile the booklet in a timely manner.

The Annual Business meeting of the Church Board will be November 2. The Board will elect its officers for 2016 and approve nominations for Elders and the Diaconate to be elected by the congregation in December. A financial budget will be adopted for 2016. The proposed budget includes a significant increase for the possibility of calling a youth minister.

The 166th Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia, will be November 13-14, at First Christian Church of Atlanta, 4532 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA. The theme is *Becoming God's Beloved Community*. You can see all of the details and register now online at <http://www.gadisciples.org/news/RegAssm/RegAssm.asp>.

Our Older Youth are planning events called *Disciple Now* that are weekend retreats with worship, Bible study and a mission project right here at home. Two dates are set, November 20-22 and April 8-10. We will need volunteers for hosts/homes, meals, and transportation. Contact Nancy Summerour (nvsammons@gmail.com) or Becky Malcom (malcommail@planters.net) if you want to learn more or volunteer.

Barbara Ann Thompson, wife of John Paul Thompson who was pastor here 1983-87, died September 27, in Jacksonville, Florida. Memorial donations are directed to the Choir Music Fund of Music Ministries of Riverside Avenue Christian Church, 2841 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville 32205. John's home address is 11964 Greenwood Court, Jacksonville 32246.

November 3 is election day. Residents of the City of Guyton will vote at the Leisure Service Room next to the old school gym to select a Mayor, Michael Garvin or Jeff Lariscy; and consider two referendums, to permit Sunday sales of alcohol by the drink, and/or to permit package sales of malt beverages and wine on Sundays 12:30-11:30 pm.

There will also be a county-wide vote, at regular polling places, to consider extending the 1% Education Special Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) for the Effingham County School District for another five years.

Disciples Men will host their annual ladies dinner, Monday, November 16, 7:00 pm, in the Christian Center. Babysitting will be provided at The Rock youth building. All the women of the church are invited for dinner and entertainment.

We will again be hosting homeless families with children the week of November 8, through our covenant with Family Promise of Effingham. We will need volunteers for suppers, light breakfasts and sack lunches and to spend the night at the church. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gallery or contact Wesley Dawson, (912) 321-3928. There is currently one family of five in the program, one adult and four children, ages 12-17, but that is always subject to change.

My Father's House RICO (Random Ingredient Cook Off) is BACK. We will taste the results on Saturday, November 7, starting at 6:00 pm.

You may choose an appetizer, entree or dessert to prepare at home and bring to our event. You must use ALL THREE ingredients in your dish. You may add as many other ingredients as you wish. There will be first and second place prizes in each category.

Here are your choices:

APPETIZER:

(Choice 1): chicken livers, fig preserves, pistachios

(Choice 2): Lime Jell-O, Cheetos, carrots

ENTRÉE:

(Choice 1): turkey (Deli or baked yourself); canned, frozen or fresh pears;
frozen packaged French fries

(Choice 2): Canned deviled ham, jellied cranberry sauce, potato chips

DESSERT:

(Choice 1): Canned pumpkin, chocolate/hazelnut spread (i.e. Nutella),
sweet basil

(Choice 2): Bananas, sweet potatoes, curry powder

****IMPORTANT RULES****

Please have your fully prepared dish on the table by 5:45 PM on Saturday, November 7 in the Christian Center. Judging begins promptly at 6:00.

PLEASE- affix a label SECURELY to your dish naming the category (appetizer, entree, or dessert) AND the three ingredients you chose. LEAVE ROOM on the label for us to write the number you are assigned. Judging is anonymous; please DO NOT put your name on the dish.

And do not forget the extra fun, Open Mic night! Bring your own music for singing, or an instrument to play or a joke to tell.

November Birthdays

Nov 13 David Proctor
 Nov 16 Cindy Calhoun
 Nov 18 Joshua Assanowicz
 Nov 24 Sandra Moore
 Nov 25 Jerry Cantaline
 Nov 27 John Jennings
 Nov 28 David Lamb
 Spencer Beahm
 Nov 30 Jack Tuten

November Anniversaries

Nov 17 Bryan & Shannon Thompson
 Nov 21 Gary & Bonnie Coleman
 Nov 25 Sam & Marilyn Cochran

Week of Nov 1, 2015

Sun Nov 1	Youth Sunday 4:00 pm Long Range Planning Committee 6:00 pm Worship Committee
Mon Nov 2	7:30 pm Board Meeting
Tue Nov 3	10:00 am <i>Fillin' Station</i> 6:30 pm <i>Food Pantry</i>
Wed Nov 4	5:45 pm Older & Younger Youth Groups 7:00 pm Prayer in Prayer Garden 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thu Nov 5	10:00 am <i>Fillin' Station</i>
Sat Nov 7	6:00 pm My Father's House RICO & Open Mike Night
Latest NEWS AND CALENDAR always at: www.GuytonChristianChurch.org .	

Nov. 1 is Retired Educators Day in the State of Georgia. More than 114,000 retired educators have devoted their time, energies, and talents to public education, providing the academic development of millions of outstanding Georgia citizens.

Thank you for enriching the educational program in our great state!



On Sunday, Nov 22 GUMC will host the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm. GUMC will provide the meats, bring your favorite covered dish to share. A love offering will be taken up.