

# **Guyton Christian Church**

## **September 2015 Newsletter**

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### **Pastor's Piece/Peace**

I attended a Mental Health First Aid workshop at Peachtree Christian Church August 18. It began with a note about language. "We will be referring to people as 'living with psychosis' rather than as being 'psychotic.'" I recognized the difference. I try to be careful with language, especially when writing or speaking in public. I say we go to "worship" rather than going to "church." It's more accurate. I refer to the "Old Testament" as the "Hebrew Scriptures" out of respect. I use language that is inclusive of males and females when talking about professions and other places where both are involved even when we say he or him. Language is important.

I came home from the workshop to news reports, with film at 11, from right here in Effingham County. The NAACP presented a petition to the Board of Education seeking removal of the Rebel as mascot, "Dixie" as the fight song, and other trappings of the American Civil War. The language used in public was divisive, but the language being used in social media and I expect "around the water cooler" is downright disrespectful. So, what do preachers have to say when this happens on our parish? (Note here that parish actually means the geographic area around our congregations and not the members of a particular House of Worship.) We let it be known that Jesus said, ". . . on the day of judgment people will give account of every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

I did a quick "Google" search for "high school rebel mascots come down," and found that this controversy is occurring all over the South. The director of Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance programs says it's time to have the discussion. I didn't wade through all the hits, but I did see where the mascot is being replaced in the next couple of years at Fort Smith, Arkansas, my home state. I focused on another school in Alabama where the superintendent recommended their board "enter into an 'aggressive process' with a professional firm to rebrand and reposition the mascot. That process will involve students, parents and other stakeholders in the district, and will take time." Maybe we can all affirm it is "rebels" that are bringing this up and then can find common ground in that image.

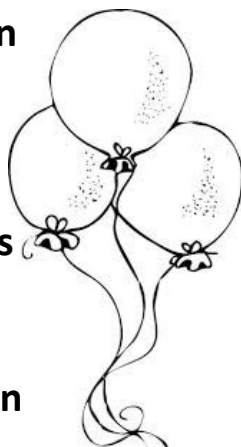
Let us all be clear thinkers, better communicators and kinder to our fellow citizens. The Hebrew Scriptures says, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! Amen. (Psalm 14:13)



## September Birthdays

Sep 2 Ann Cavanah  
 Sep 3 Mary Ann Goodwin  
 Addison Burnsed  
 Sep 9 Raigen Brocket  
 Sep 11 Catherine Hall  
 Sep 12 Cody Calhoun  
 Sep 14 Kelly Farmer  
 Sierra Lamb  
 Sep 17 Erin Harvey  
 Sep 18 Lance Perkins  
 Sep 19 William Hall  
 Sep 21 Brad Trower  
 Gary Coleman



Sep 22 Summer Laminack  
 Sep 24 Julia Cochran  
 Mike Smith

## September Anniversaries

Sep 1 Archie & Lainie Jenkins  
 Sep 2 Bob & Geraldine Reese  
 Sep 4 David & Melissa Proctor  
 Sep 13 Jacky & Joyce Taylor  
 Sep 28 Jonathan & Becky  
 Freeman  
 Sep 29 Joe & Bobbie Secich

### Week of Aug 30, 2015

Sun Aug 30	6:00 pm Songfest and Ice Cream Social
Mon Aug 31	Ladies' Bible Study/Parsonage
Tue Sep 1	10:00 am Food Pantry open until 2:00 pm 6:00 pm Sojourners
Wed Sep 2	5:45 Pm Older Youth 7:00 pm Prayer in the Prayer Garden No Choir practice tonight
Thu Sep 3	10:00 am Food Pantry open until 2:00 pm

### Special Youth Events in September

Check the calendar on our website for details

**Sep 11-12** Older Youth lock-in after the high school football game

**Sep 13** Older Youth spaghetti lunch fundraiser after worship

**Sep 19** Younger Youth outside game day (prepare to be wet)

**Sep 26-27** Older Youth Christian Music Day, Charlotte, NC

2015 Regional Assembly  
 of the  
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia!

November 13-14, 2015 at First Christian Church of Atlanta.  
**Becoming God's Beloved Community.**  
 Standby for news, information and registration.




## *Prayer Concerns*

<p><b>All of our Military at home and abroad</b></p> <p><b>Home</b> Rita Ganaway Taylor Pevey Patricia Thomason</p>	<p><b>All who are Fighting Cancer</b> Jerry Burns Alex Burdo Cole Edwards Kim Hankerson Annette Lamb Ava Tinsley Macy Varnell</p>	<p><b>Our seniors both at home and in Nursing Homes</b> Miriam Griffin</p> <p><b>Surgery</b> Trinity Griffin</p>
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Disciples Men  
September 21, 7:30 pm  
Host: Lamar Hall  
Devotion: Jack Malcom

Eula Powers Circle  
September 17, 7:30 pm  
Hostess: To be determined  
Place: To be determined



Communion for  
September  
Joyce Taylor

Volunteers are needed for Younger Youth, beginning Wednesday, September 9. Add your name to lead a workshop of your selection from the Rotation or to serve a light supper for Older AND Younger Youth beginning at 5:45 pm. Sign up in the Workshop Rotation binder or on the sheet in the Gallery.

<b>Sunday Serving list for</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Deaconess</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
Sep 6	Lainie Jenkins Archie Jenkins	Michael Bodnar Brian Orrico	Molly Moore Joyce Ann Tuten	Skye Dixon
Sep 13	Medie Still Barbara Still	David Proctor Jon Cote	Ann Cavanah Jennifer Reiser	Zane Trower
Sep 20	Claudette Griffin Marshall Reiser	Ray Zittrouer Mike Smith	Mary Grace Fisher Bobbi Secich	Sam Reiser
Sep 27	Lamar Hall Vicki Wilkerson	Chad Zittrouer Brandon Long	Kelly Long Vivian Alley	William Hall

Advent begins November 29. We will again be 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, [gcchurch@planters.net](mailto:gcchurch@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.

During the month of 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 Pride, Accountability, Trouble, and Teaching will be drawn from television episodes you probably remember, *The Big House*, *The Loaded Goat*, *Mountain Wedding*, and *Andy Discovers America*. Come for a break from the routine or to start a new habit.

The Georgia Disciple Women's Fall Retreat will be September 25-27, at the Toccoa Georgia Baptist Conference Center. The theme is *Beloved Daughters of God*. There will be a special program for girls ages 8-13. Doris Hackett, Lainie Jenkins, and Karen Cote will be leading workshops at the retreat. You can read all of the details and register at <http://tinyurl.com/ojnob2a>.

From Sandy Springs Christian Church:

We are excited to announce that Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins will be our speaker for the 2015 Real People, Real Faith lectures. Her lectures are entitled "Disciples on the 21st Century Landscape for Mission".

**Lecture Titles:**

Friday night's Lecture "21st Century Landscape for Mission"

Saturday, there will be two lectures: "What Kind of Church?" and "What Kind of Mission?"

**Dates:** Friday September 11 and Saturday, September 12

**Times:** Friday at 6:00PM-9:00PM and Saturday at 9:00AM-1PM

**Cost:** Both days, all 3 lectures - \$30. 1 lecture on Friday only - \$15; 2 lectures on Saturday only - \$20

Includes dessert Friday night and continental breakfast on Saturday

Registrations due by September 3rd, please.

REGISTER ONLINE BY GOING TO Disciples of Christ in Georgia and following links or to pay with cash or check, please call the church office at [404-256-2582](tel:404-256-2582) to register.