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Birthdays

- 01..... Grant Kimbrell
- 03Brooke Marter
- 07.....MacKenzie McDaniel
- 11..... Loulie Driggers
- 13.....Diane Dunsmore
Joanna Miller
Don Townsend
- 20Julie Dey
- 21.....Ruth Ann Fliermans
- 22Nichols Parish
- 24.....Barbara Bowen
..... Debra Hatcher
- 26Barry Smith
- 27..... Linda Jones
Brent Steed

What Defines You?

We need to learn from our past, but not live there. Even frequent visits can be spiritually harmful. Theologically God is I AM. A biblical accommodation to humans "on the clock" may portray Deity as having a past and contemplating a future, but the ever-present God transcends every boundary time imposes upon mortals. Our spiritual connection to Him deepens our understanding of the moment in time we find ourselves and the importance of using the "moment" for growing in Christ, advancing the Kingdom and glorifying our Lord.

Sometimes we are so preoccupied with the past we actually become defined by it. Individuals, families, organizations, churches can allow themselves to be defined by history. Whether it is the "good ole days" we remember with ever-increasing hyperbole or the "bad ole days" we repeatedly experience as open wounds, history can become a powerful distraction to personal growth, family health, and our global mandate.

When Christians come to significant crossroad experiences, the appeal to reproduce past success may become quite persuasive. Rather than celebrating the faithfulness of God by carefully remembering what He has done in His "time" and according to His purposes, we long for those wonderful days to be somehow resurrected. We forget that God is The Creator. He is always doing new things. He is always using new people. He is always opening new doors. He is always calling us to new horizons. And in that creative process things change! BUT . . . God never changes things just for the sake of change. He is not subject to a culture that is careless or suspicious of tradition. God does not initiate change to attract or compel or persuade the church or the world that He is "cool." We must never allow change that sacrifices the truth for "relevance," conforming the Bible to secular models of wisdom. Salvation cannot be reduced to self-esteem; sin to maladjustment; church to group therapy; worship to entertainment; ministry to social reform; Jesus to an advice columnist.

Christians may also relate to the past in another equally destructive way. Deep wounds produce ugly scars and sometimes pain lasting a very long time. We may decide that nothing positive can happen until we rummage through these dark vaults of the mind and soul. To be sure believers are called to deal with sin . . . repentance, cleansing, restoration are basic biblical admonitions. This inward journey, led by the Spirit of God produces spiritual freedom and intimacy with God. BUT . . . God never encourages His people or His church to repair through postmortem exercise what they did not cause and therefore cannot control. Believers must learn early on in the Christian walk a very fundamental truth: some things will not be resolved until heaven. That whole load of complex, multi-layered, heart-breaking, unjust, reputation-damaging experiences just might not be on God's agenda for immediate disposition. It is possible to spend an inordinate amount of time tending to damaged feelings and significant hurts allowing our lives to become defined by historical events as our prospects for productivity, joy, and ministry become increasingly limited. Our desire for justice and vindication can rob us of peace, rob our families of blessing, and rob our church of revival. Sometimes our attempts to "baptize" history through our own efforts may even challenge God's sovereign intent "to make all things right" in His own time.

WHAT DEFINES YOU?

My spiritual father often quoted an author unknown who said: "Brooding over the past paralyzes the present and bankrupts the future." Scripture says: "This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14

— Rev. Richard Hammond

Anniversaries

- 03 Yvonne & John Clark
- 04 Anne & Bill Alston
Monica & Mike Boyd
- 05 Frances & Tom Loughran
- 06 Stathia & Rick Hammond
- 07.....Margaret & Joey Johnson
- 08 Pat & Don Lewis
Susan & Mark Walters
- 09 Annette & Daniel Campbell
- 10 Ruth Ann & Carl Fliermans
- 13..... Barbara & Paul Volpitto
- 18.....Jenny & William Jewett
- 19..... Jenny & Don Townsend
- 21..... Catie & Will Boyd
- 24..... Susan & Mark Crenshaw
- 25 Cherry McPherson &
Joseph Wittemann

Vacation Bible School

It's Here!

June 12-16 • 9 a.m. until noon

Time for Vacation Bible School and "The Case of the Puzzling Parables!"

Registration is going on now! If you, or someone you know, are 4 years old through 5th grade age and haven't registered for VBS, now is the time to get that done. Please pick up a registration card from the Welcome Table or visit christchurchpres.org to sign up online. Everyone is welcome. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

Thanks to all who have volunteered their time and talents to make this a special time in our church's life. Please include the following individuals in your prayers for God's anointing of wisdom, love, and grace to be poured out on the children who attend.

Classroom Teams:

Preschool: Jordy Rihl and Annette Campbell
Primary: Monica Boyd, Audrey Nabholz, and Debra Hatcher
Secondary: Stathia Hammond, Emily Adams, and Audrey Lammie
Junior: Barbara Volpitto and Jackie Hillesland

Crafts Team:

Gloria Gill, Joanna Miller, Shannon White, Virginia Lammie, Bellamy McPhail, Will Crews, and Karleigh Stephens

Music Team:

Kirsten Pylant and Cathie McClure

Photography Team

Marie Crews, and Natalie Parish

Slide Show:

Chris and Audrey Nabholz

Snack Team:

Susan Walters, Frances Loughran; Pat Lewis, Hannah Smits, Kelly Caruso, and Diane Norkus

Registration Team:

Anne Bowen, Anne Alston, Erin Lammie, and Lena Dyer

Skit Team:

Rick Hammond, Mark Walters, and Leanora Parish

Set Decoration Team:

Lena Dyer, Mary Weidman, John Edwards, and Emily Adams

Recreation Team:

Chris Nabholz, Rachel White, Mark White, and Caleb Burkey

Missions Emphasis: Foster Care

Dessa Edwards

We still need volunteers to set up during the week of June 5-10 and to help take down on Saturday, June 17. Contact Fay Deal at runningdeal@gmail.com to volunteer.

**That you may tell the next generation that this is God,
our God forever and ever, He will guide us forever. Psalm 48:13-14**



Youth Events

Monday, June 12, at 1:00 p.m.

Ultimate Frisbee Pickup
Right after VBS on church campus.



Wednesday, June 14, at 1:30 p.m.

Kayak the Canal

Students are to be dropped off at the Locks promptly at 1:30 p.m. and picked up from the Locks around 3:30 p.m. We are renting the kayaks from Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental. RSVP card and waiver forms have been mailed to the Youth and should be filled out and returned to Chris Nabholz. Cost: \$10/student - please make check payable to CCP Youth Ministry.



Wednesday, June 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Mystery Dinner

Students are to be dropped off at the Youth House at 5:30 p.m. All I can say is...it is a mystery. Parents, please pick up your students from the Youth House at 8:30 p.m.



Sunday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Gathering

Following the evening service, all Youth grades 6th - 12th are invited to the Youth House for food and desserts! Bring an extra pair of clothes to change into for a fun and friendly game of ultimate frisbee!

Ministry thru Music

The Augusta Youth Chorale (AYC) recently concluded their Home Concert. Their enthusiasm and energy is infectious - such a great concert! What is better is that they are such a joy. They leave for summer tour Thursday, June 1, to Frankenmuth, MI, Michigan's Little Bavaria, and return Tuesday, June 6; twenty two youth with eight adults. Please join us in praying for their safety as well as their opportunities to share their giftedness, to be an encouragement, and to share God's great love.

Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost Sunday - Churches around the world will be celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as celebrating the official birthday of the Church.

And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever He chose. Hebrews 2:4

Stan Pylant, Director of Music

Adult Sunday School

Final registration for Unit 8 will be held on Sunday, June 4, in the narthex during the morning from 9:30-9:40, 10:30-10:50, and during the evening from 5:45-6:00. The classes beginning on June 11 are as follows: The Joy of Giving, The History of Israel, Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God, and The Lives of Elijah and Elisha. Class descriptions will be available at the registration table.

Good News Club

The Lord blessed the Good News Club work at River Ridge Elementary School this year with an average of 40 to 50 participating throughout the year. Jane Bowen has coordinated this work for many years and will be stepping down for medical reasons. Please pray for a volunteer to lead this work next year and for additional helpers to volunteer.

The Coordinator meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, at 2:00 p.m. in the CEF office located at 4246 Washington Road in Evans. Anyone interested in filling the role of coordinator should attend this meeting.

The Good News Club training: Children's Ministry Conference, will be held on August 19 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 4303 Wheeler Road in Augusta. The training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. for new volunteers, and 12:45 p.m. for returning volunteers. The church will reimburse the cost of CEF training for all volunteers. Please contact Jane Bowen at 706-738-1816 if you are interested or would like additional information.

Trail Life Trek

Trail Life Troop GA-2215 has been active in the outdoors this spring. On April 29, trailmen and members of our American Heritage Girls Troop ventured to Congaree National Park near Columbia, SC. Although many of the park trails were closed due to recent rains and the flooding of the Congaree River, we were able to hike on the elevated boardwalk and see much of the park. Both boys and girls worked on the NPA Junior Ranger award while at the park.



On May 5, the Navigator patrol camped out at Billy Hatcher's farm. The rest of the troop joined them the next morning for a day of fishing.

On Monday, May 22, the troop held a Court of Honor, where boys were recognized for their achievements during the last 6 months as well as those moving up to the Navigator level. From June 5 through 9, some Navigators will be attending Camp Equip at Trail Life's Camp Charles Aiken in Belton, SC. At camp they will sleep in their own tents, cook all their own meals, and be instructed in the skills needed to enjoy the outdoors in any situation.

Christ Church Summer Missionaries

Martha Folley

Departing June 7, Martha will arrive in Turin, Italy, on June 8, where she will begin the task of serving with Eliseo and Paula Guadagno in reaching the children and youth of the Pellice Valley with the Gospel of Christ, returning home on June 20. Approximately 10% of the children will be foreigners, mainly from Romania, Albania, South America, and North Africa. Catholicism is the status in Italy; however, many who consider themselves Catholic are only nominal, affirming "I am a Catholic, but I don't believe in God," and around 75% of the children do not attend any church.

Italy is considered a post-Christian nation with the difference that Italy was the only country in Europe never to go through a Reformation process, and the last to accept religious freedom. Many children are raised in homes where they are not taught to respect God, much less fear Him. The God of the Bible and the Bible content is considered to be just one among many mythologies and legends that they study very well in third grade.

Personal prayer requests:

- travel safety as I will be traveling alone
- my stamina. The camp is in northern Italy where it is very mountainous (and beautiful)
- my interaction with other volunteers, leaders, and the children
- that I serve with a willing, loving heart, reflecting Christ
- Paula's father's health
- the camp's van and cars to be repaired and functioning well

Care Pregnancy Center

*I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Psalm 139:14*

We are so thankful to each of you who pray for the work at Augusta Care Pregnancy Center. God is on the move. Praise the Lord that fourteen little babies were saved from abortion at CPC since January and many mothers have been helped with crisis counseling and parenting support. We are thankful for those of you who attended the Walk For Life on May 6 as a walker or someone who sponsored a walker. As of today, we have raised \$26,570. If you would like to support this ministry or learn more about us, please visit www.augustacpc.org.

David Dyer

This summer I have been blessed with the opportunity to minister across the east for about 7 weeks. Every year Nate Bramsen, a dear friend of mine, embarks for the summer on a series of camps and conferences. Over the past few years, he has taken one or more guys to join him as he ministers through teaching at the conferences. This year he has asked me to join him as he travels during the summer. Some destinations will include South Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, and Jamaica. As Nate speaks at each location, I will be there for a sense of encouragement to and ministry with him, as well as discipleship growth for myself and the building of relationships with those that attend the conferences. All in all, I am very much excited for the coming weeks to see what the Lord has to unfold as each week progresses.

Through the heart of prayer,

- may I be prepared by study for each message as God's Word is taught
- the preparation of hearts and minds even now to receive the Word
- growth for Nate, myself, and those we will be reaching each week
- safety for us as we travel around this summer

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16:24-26

Missions Prayer Bands

In April and May, we were encouraged and inspired by field reports from Chris & Cary Drinkard of Campus Outreach and Steve & Kelly of ESLI. In Rev. Martin Lloyd-Jones' expository preaching series on John 17 he writes concerning prayer, "But the astonishing thing is that this person Who is praying to the Father, was equal to the Father. He assumed human nature, He came in the flesh, He lived as a man in the likeness of sinful flesh, and here He is praying." Shouldn't this be our example of how we should pray to our Father? Set your calendars for June 25, at 5:00 p.m., for the next Missions Prayer Bands meeting. For more information, please contact Ken Moody at 706-854-7977 or via e-mail to moodymatters@gmail.com.

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JUNE

Weekly Sunday Schedule: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				AYC on Tour	6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	10:30 a.m. VBS Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	Trail Life Navigators at Camp Equip all week in Belton, SC.	7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting AYC Return	6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	1:00 p.m. Youth Ultimate Frisbee 6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting 7:00 p.m. Trail Life Navigator Patrol Meeting		1:30 p.m. Youth Kayak the Canal 6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	6:00 p.m. Trail Life at Greenjackets Baseball Game
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
12:30 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m. Trail Life Navigator Patrol Meeting		5:30 p.m. Youth Mystery Dinner 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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VBS June 12 - 16; daily 9 a.m. until noon. Closing program and picnic on Friday.