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## The Pastor's Pen...

### Birthdays

- 01..... Peach Bailey  
Rachel Walters
- 03 ..... Charles Bowen
- 04 ..... Whit Stacy
- 06 ..... Diane Norkus
- 07..... Claramae Parish
- 08 ..... Jason Clark  
Yvonne Clark
- 14..... Anne Alston  
Lena Dyer  
Charlotte Jewett
- 16..... Ilona Law
- 17 ..... Norm Boyter  
Joanne Pierce
- 20 ..... Daniel Denis  
Ken McPherson
- 22 ..... Charles Caruso  
Carole Romero
- 24..... Rachel Goodell
- 26 ..... Pat Lewis
- 27..... Earlene Brown
- 29 ..... Jane Millward
- 30 ..... Barbara Walters

### A Most Delightful Dining Invitation!

It is a delightful thing to receive an invitation to dine. The obvious reason is that we like to eat. In fact, some of us like to eat a bit too much. But there is a more significant reason that such an invitation is delightful. When someone invites you to dine, that person is communicating a powerful message: "I want to spend time with you. Though I have a lot on my schedule and have many responsibilities to which I must attend, I am making time for you. I am interested in knowing you—and in your knowing me. You matter to me."

This invitation is especially wonderful when it comes from individuals whom we highly esteem, people of special importance. There is a reason they are important. They have places to go, people to see, and business to attend. They have demands screaming for their attention. Yet, they have muted the screams and have put all those important matters on hold to make time for us. What do we do with their invitation? It's obvious. Time with them is far more important than anything else on our schedule, so we rearrange our plans and appointments for the privilege of dining with them. It's a no-brainer.

One of the most remarkable discoveries a person can make when reading Holy Scripture is that it contains an absolutely delightful invitation to every Christian. It's an open invitation to dine with the most important person in all the universe. As incredible as this may sound, it's true. If you doubt it, read the note for yourself. The invitation is found in multiple forms and places in Scripture. One of the most precious versions of it is found in Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me."

Reflect for a moment on this astounding note. It is signed by none other than Jesus, the eternal Son of God. Yes, we are talking about the One Who made the world and everything in it and presently sustains all things. There is absolutely no one who has more on his plate; there is no one who has more that demands his attention; there is no one who comes even close to being as important as He is. He is, after all, the King of the universe!

This note is hand delivered. Jesus takes the initiative. He doesn't wait for us to come around and invite Him. Nor does He send the invitation via postcard or e-mail. He comes personally by the Holy Spirit to every believer. (It is believers

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### Anniversaries

- 02 ..... Gloria & John Gill
- 04 ..... Fran & Mark Nabholz
- 09 ..... Diane & John Norkus
- 15 ..... Sandra & Oliver Brown  
Billie & Jim McPherson
- 31..... Kira & Barry Smith

## Fun at the Lake!



*In  
the  
water,*

*on  
the  
land,*



*around  
the  
table...*



*July 4  
held great fun  
for all the Youth  
and Young Adults  
at the lake!*

## Fall Banquet

The Augusta Care Pregnancy Center will hold its Fall Banquet on Tuesday, October 8 at the TEE Marriott Convention Center, with keynote speaker Dr. Ben Carson. In spite of beginning life in dire poverty, Dr. Carson is today a full professor of neurosurgery, oncology, plastic surgery and pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. For information on the banquet, please visit CPC's website, [www.augustacpc.org](http://www.augustacpc.org).



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Adult Choir will resume its regular rehearsal schedule at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14.

The Children's Choir will begin rehearsing again on Sunday, August 18 during Evening Worship.

New members are welcome in both choirs.

## Pastor's Pen

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who are being addressed in Rev. 3:20.) He comes to the door of your heart. He doesn't burst in; He doesn't slide the note under the door. Rather, He knocks. Indeed, He is knocking (an ongoing action), holding out the incredible promise that, if you hear His voice and open the door, He will come in and eat with you.

Do you see what this means? It means that the King of the universe has taken notice of you. He knows you and claims you for Himself. You matter to Him. He loves you and wants you to know and enjoy rich, personal fellowship with Him today.

The critical question that begs to be answered, then, is this: Are we enjoying the wonderful privilege of fellowship with Christ that He personally offers to us? If the answer is no, then it is worth considering why not.

Could it be that we don't hear Him knocking? Though Christ is knocking as He says He is, we have far too much white noise in our lives. We have too many places to be, activities to do, wealth to earn, and entertainment to imbibe. The sound of all of these activities is drowning out His patient and persistent knocking and leaving us oblivious to the gracious voice of the King of kings, as He stands outside offering sweet, satisfying fellowship with Him.

Or, could it be that we do hear Him knocking but are afraid to open the door? "I'm not worthy to dine with Him," we reason. "I fall short of His glory. I am far too sinful. And the tab that must be paid for that sin so that I can enjoy fellowship with God is far too high for me to pay." If this is what keeps us from opening the door, Christ's response found in Scripture is both clear and comforting: "Yes," He acknowledges, "you are sinful, and the price for fellowship in light of that sin is far too high for you to pay" (see Rom. 3:23; 6:23). "Nevertheless," He assures you, "I invite you to dine 'without money and without price' (Isa. 55:1), for the tab has been paid in full. The tab, which is death, I have willingly paid, laying down my life in your place (John 10:11). Fear no longer. Open the door that we may dine. The tab is on me."

Dear brothers and sisters of Christ Church, Presbyterian, you are recipients of the most astonishing of all dining invitations. Christ, your King, is knocking at the door. He has taken notice of you. He has come, offering the privilege of fellowship with Him. He has taken the initiative. He has paid the tab. He simply calls you to turn down the white noise, hear His voice, open the door, and enjoy rich, life-sustaining, soul-satisfying communion with Him. Can you hear Him knocking yet? Will you open the door today?

## The Women of Christ Church

*A note from the leaders of Women in the Church (WIC):*

Plans are well under way for abundant opportunities to get to know each other and to serve our Lord in the church and the community. There will be a place for each of our ladies to express her individual gifts and skills as we grow together in love and good works.



We now have our own Facebook page for communication among ourselves. It's easy to use, training is available (and brief), and it's open only to the ladies of Christ Church. Your privacy is protected while you share in the needs, news, and events in the lives of your sisters here at CCP.

There are plans for a ladies' retreat, regular get-togethers, and even occasional day trips just for fun. Our food ministry has already been a blessing to many, and we'll continue to provide meals for a variety of situations. We desire to be of help to our widows and homebound members, and hope to develop a ministry in local nursing homes as well. And, because we share our sorrows as well as our joys, compassionate care in bereavement is a high priority.



To share the light of the Gospel in our community, we anticipate participation with Child Evangelism Fellowship at River Ridge Elementary School, located not far from Christ Church. We also hope to serve at the Salvation Army soup kitchens, and their facility for women and children could provide almost unlimited opportunities for offering comfort and compassion on many levels.

We hope that all the women of Christ Church will find the joy of Christian sisterhood and service by joining with us to share the love of Christ among ourselves, our church body, and our community. Please contact Linda Jones or Anne Bowen for questions, to volunteer, or to offer suggestions. You may reach Linda at 706-447-2546 or warrenjones0101@comcast.net. Anne is available at 706-228-3225 and abowen@reagan.com.

## Missionary Prayer

Please be in prayer for these missionaries and agencies throughout August.

### **Darlene & Clay Quarterman**

*Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine*

- They secured an apartment after a lengthy search and are now in the throes of furnishing it. They are also looking forward to getting their belongings from storage (stored during their recent home ministry assignment). Pray for their adjustment!

- Pray for their new team in Kiev.

### **Charles Rector, Augusta, GA**

*Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship*

- Pray for the personnel who work at the VA Hospital and serve our veterans.
- Pray specifically for the older veterans and their particular physical needs.

### **Twin Lakes Fellowship, Jackson, MS**

- Pray that the purpose of Twin Lakes would be accomplished: (1) to encourage ministers and churches to promote the work of church planting through their local congregations and (2) to encourage ministers in their personal growth in grace, so as to maximize their effectiveness in promoting the work of the Gospel.

## Senior Saint

*The Augusta Chronicle* recently began a series introducing local "saints," as nominated by members of their congregations. The first "saint" to be featured was our own Loulie Driggers in the July 19 edition of the *Chronicle*.

Elder Billy Hatcher, who notes that Loulie claims him as her second son, has known Loulie for more than 30 years and nominated her for this recognition.

Pastor Jones recapped what he thinks about when Loulie comes to mind: someone who has a simple, yet sincere faith, that has produced in her love, kindness and a steady walk with Christ.

The article goes on to mention that Loulie is a charter member of Christ Church; she served as one of our initial trustees; and that it is a rare Sunday when Loulie is not one of the first through the church doors. To see the full article and accompanying video, go to <http://chronicle.augusta.com/life/your-faith/2013-07-19/senior-saints-loulie-driggers>.



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## August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon 6 p.m. Worship			6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering		7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering		7 p.m. Joint Session / Diaconate Mtg	6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	Adult Choir Retreat
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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