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Glennville First Christian Church Newsletter



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A decorative graphic with a scalloped border. The background is light green and yellow with floral patterns. At the top, it says "7 PRAYERS" in large, bold, black letters. Below that, in a cursive font, it says "For you & your loved ones". The word "August" is written in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline. Below this, there are seven lines of text: "MAY YOUR FINANCES MUTIPLY.", "MAY YOUR HEALTH IMPROVE.", "MAY YOUR FAMILY BE LOVED.", "MAY YOUR FRIENDS BE BLESSED.", "MAY YOUR PAINS LESSEN.", "MAY YOUR WORRIES DISAPPEAR.", "MAY GOD BLESS YOU,". Below the text, it says "and hold you in the palm of his hand today & always." in a cursive font. At the bottom, it says "Amen" in a bold, black font. There are illustrations of two children in floral dresses, a cat, and a basket of flowers. At the bottom right, there is a logo for "inspire Positoe soul sensations" with the letters "IP" and "S" in a stylized font.

Amen
inspire Positoe
soul sensations

Tell me something GOOD!

- A wonderful VBS was held at Calvary Baptist Church. Once again our church joined efforts with theirs to give our youngsters, and many community youngsters, a fun and exciting time learning more about our God. We thank everyone that brought treats and helped in other ways to make it a great success.
- If you missed services during this “patriotic season”, you sure missed some wonderful devotions. Our church was decked out in red, white and blue. The music was beautiful and meaningful. And the sermons spoke to us all.
- A very special evening of music and prayer was held for Pastor Justin Ray, one of Glennville’s devoted pastors. Justin has been struggling with multiple health issues leaving him unable to walk, in pain, along with many other maladies ...and no answers as to what is causing it all! GAMA organized this event to recognize that God, the greatest healer of all, needed to hear from us, and raise our friend Justin up for healing! Our church was packed. The music was absolutely wonderful. Justin appreciated every single prayer whether offered via the music, or by voice. Over \$6,000 was raised to help with medical expenses. Anyone who has been hospitalized or dealt with serious illness, knows that is a drop in the bucket when it comes to medical expenses. More importantly than this, however, Justin was told in no uncertain terms, that he is loved, supported and prayed for. The greatest healer of all couldn’t help but hear the prayers coming from Glennville that evening!
- The walls in our fellowship hall are repaired and looking beautiful again. For those that don’t know, some uninvited termites took up residence, and invited all of their families and friends. They had a gigantic party in there. Our church does retain a termite service, and fortunately as part of the agreement, the company did the repair and “eviction” of these unwanted “squatters”!!
- In the weeks to come, you may notice that some dead trees along highway 23 on our church property, will be removed. There will also be a lot of clean-up work done around our pond. Thank you Property Committee for noticing things that need doing! We often forget those that mow lawns, trim trees, and keep flower beds flowering! It’s all a way of showing our love for what the Lord has put in our hands.
- Did you know our church has a security camera? You’ll never guess who the camera caught “staking out the joint”! Yep. Once again, Ben Hop-a-long Odom was caught doing good! This time he wasn’t changing light bulbs on the roof... instead he was spraying for weeds! He sure is a man of many talents!

The Pastor's Pen....

Adversities– That make us Stronger

In order for God to bring out the best in His children, He brings about things in our lives to build us in strength and in character.

There was a lady who went to work out at the gym. Everything about what she was wearing looked like she was going to go for a killer workout. She wore workout attire, a headband around her head, a wristband around her wrist and a water bottle on her side. She grabbed some dumbbells, walked over to a bench, and sat down. She lifted the weights. She did a couple of reps and then put the weights down. Wiped herself off with the towel and said, “that’s enough for today!”

This lady looked the part, had everything she needed to work out, yet did very little.

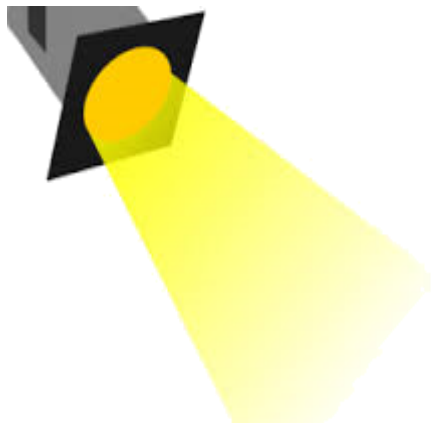
Many Christians come to church every Sunday looking like they are ready for a workout. (Worship) We wear the right clothes, sing the right songs, talk the right talk, listen to the message...but building strength requires more effort afterwards and maybe some sweat! (Personal time with God)

God figures that we will not voluntarily go into a spiritual gym, so He brings the gym to us. Adverse circumstances, cross-bearing situations, difficult scenarios and problems that we encounter, all serve as opportunities for us to grow in Christ. When they come, will you follow through with the entire workout, or Allow the workout to make you say ...

“That’s enough for today!”?

*Yours in Christ,
Brother Stuart*





Spotlight on Our Camp Kicklighter Campers!

Participants in the 2024 Kicklighter Camp from First Christian Church, Glennville

Cooper Carlson

Chloe Carlson

Ava Mincey

Jack Anderson

Logan Carson

Braxton Odom

Mason Burke

Byrdee Jo Lee

Ivy Alderman

Ashton Alderman

From Lindsay Lee, Youth Director:

Camp Kick '24 was one to remember! Ben and I had the honor of directing 28 campers, 8 junior counselors, 4 adult counselors, a full cooking staff, music leaders, and several other volunteers. The theme for the week was "House is my Father's House", based on James 24:15, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord".

Mr. Lee Christianson led our daily Bible Study. Campers learned that at home we should learn to make good choices, respect one another, obey and serve God, and love and forgive others. Learning these good choices comes from reading our bibles, praying, going to church and following our parents' lead.

Campers enjoyed outdoor recreations, crafts, pool time, scavenger hunts, devotionals and worship all week. Friendships were made and lessons were learned. A good time was had by all!

On Thursday evening one camper dedicated his life to Christ and was led in a prayer of salvation. After a long week away from home, one quickly remembers why we dedicate our time and efforts into camp season at such a sacred place. **Camp Kicklighter brought the love and light of Jesus to life this summer, just as it always does!**

Love, Lindsay Lee

GFCC Youth Director



What did you like about camp?

Braxton Odom: “I really liked pool time, because it was so hot! Skits and plays were really funny. I made lots of friends. The food was AWESOME! We had chapel and devotions every day. I can’t wait to go again!”

Jack Anderson: “The food was really good. Pool time was the best”

- Camp is the perfect time for your kids to step into their own personal relationship with God. For a few days they are not distracted by home life, sibling squabbles, family responsibilities, and any other pressures. It is just THEM and GOD.
- It’s a great opportunity to learn a little independence. They have to keep their own clothes together, keep their bunks tidy, be to activities on time... all without Mom telling them. (But with camp counselors and other adults supervising!)
- They will encounter some positive role models in their camp counselors, adults, and worship leaders. You can NEVER have too many good role models.
- Camp is FUN! They will be involved in good, clean, healthy fun.

So...ask your child what they liked about camp. If like Jack and Braxton, they emphasize the food and swimming, don’t believe that there isn’t a LOT more they got out of camp than that! They just aren’t telling you all of it. And that’s OK.

Some things are personal. Like your relationship With GOD!



Reasons to write a HAND-WRITTEN Thank you note:



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- While I certainly appreciate technology, there is nothing better than getting a hand-written thank you note from someone. It is not connected with business, that it gets deleted if you want, with the touch of a finger. It is not an advertisement, coming through on a text, that gets erased easily. It is PERSONAL. You wrote it yourself. You took the TIME to say it meant something to you. The recipient KNOWS that. It makes them feel appreciated. It is NOTICED. It shows that you CARED.

Have you written a Thank You Note lately?

***Are you a graduate that received gifts?**

***Did you have a birthday that someone came to share with you? Money, a gift, or just traveled?**

***Did someone pay for you to go to Church Camp, Soccer Camp, Baseball Camp, Piano lessons?**

Get going and write that THANK YOU! Don't wait for a parent to tell you! Show you appreciate it when someone supports you. The receiver appreciates it, and you'll feel good too. JUST DO IT!

Calendar of Events for August 2024



“Here comes the
sun”

Sunday School9 am

Sunday Worship Service.....10 am

Wednesday night Fellowship Meal.....6 p.m.

Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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PLEASE
PLACE
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*“The value of love will always be stronger than the
power of hate.” Winston Churchill*