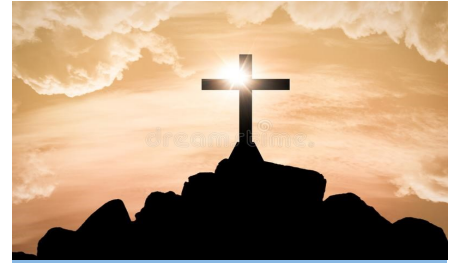


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Gloria Nell Kicklighter Coleman Finch... Going Home



Gloria

Gloria, age 92, passed away peacefully at home on February 5, 2024. She joined First Christian Church when she was 12 years old, and was a familiar participant in all church activities. She was very involved in Camp Kicklighter activities as well. A woman of many talents, she willingly shared them with family, friends, church, and community. She lived a FULL life, blessing the Glennville community she lived in, until the last few years of her life. Family and friends gathered at GFCC to reminisce and say good-bye to this multi-talented, beloved friend on Saturday, February 10th. She leaves behind her 3 children (Ron Coleman, Connie Coleman Ellsworth, Cathy Coleman Moorehead) and husband of 25 years, Jesse Finch.

Step children, Jeannie Reno, Melissa Greer, and Jeff Finch, along with all of their children are included with those who mourn her death. Rest in Peace, sweet friend.

Thank you to all who brought food for the crowd that attended Gloria's funeral. We often think of food as comfort. It also reminds us that the living must go on, as much as they may mourn the loss of their loved one. Sometimes death is expected, while many times it is not. Either way, it gives all a chance to give a symbolic "hug" to the family and friends that are grieving. It is our honor, as a church family, to do this for those among us.

"But the greatest of these is LOVE"
I Corinthians 13



Tell Me Something Good!

- Townes Parker came to church, full of smiles, coos, and giggles! Mom & Dad were generous and let him be passed up and down the “Parker Pew”!! We just LOVE these babies!
- Promise of Hope representatives visited our church during the month of February. Their mission “is to present to women an understanding of Christ’s forgiveness through the study of God’s Holy Word and 12 step recovery programs.”



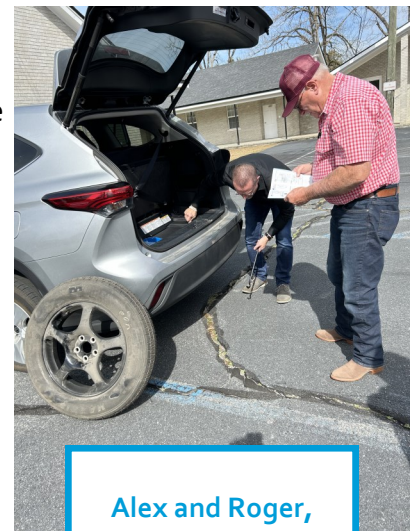
Our church supports this group financially as well as through offering supplies when needed. Several other churches in Tattnall County also help to support this much needed program. Saturday, February 11th, they held their 5th Annual Celebration of Hope with a banquet at the First Baptist Church of Reidsville. About 200 supporters attended for the program and Silent Auction. Emotional testimonies were shared. A delicious meal was enjoyed, and many went home with Silent Auction purchases. It was a great program. We THANK Alex and Jackie Lehman, along with Megan Bergeron for being there in person to support this worthy group.



Jackie Lehman, Alex Lehman
Megan Bergeron

- **Our church parking lot....** is completely renewed and beautiful! Tree roots that have done damage and made it hazardous to walk or drive through, are GONE! Parking space lines are bright. Potholes are gone! What a gift to have this gigantic problem taken care of! Thank you Deacons, Elders, Board members, and anyone else who had a hand in this improvement to our facility!

- As often happens, unplanned events happen amidst daily activities. One such event took place at the Promise of Hope banquet. Our wonderful California friends, Jackie & Alex, had a rental SUV for this trip to Glennville. While they were enjoying the program, air silently leaked out of one of their tires. The result was a very flat tire.



Alex and Roger,
saving the day!

Fear not, though. Alex’s keen farmer skills quickly kicked into gear. Along with help from the generous Roger Nelson, pastor at Restoration Pointe Church, the spare tire found it’s way to replace the flat one!

The Pastor's Pen....

Trusting His Vision

At times, one of the hardest things about trusting and following God is that we do not see, nor do we comprehend what He is doing. Especially when trouble strikes. Of course, it's human nature to want to reason everything out and understand what's happening to us and even more so, try to plan our way out of trouble.

But realizing at times, God has kept details away from you on purpose. Why? In order for your faith to grow, in order for you to learn to rely fully on Christ. He calls you to trust Him, to realize that He sees all circumstances of your life from the beginning to the end, from His all-knowing and eternal glory. He wants that to be enough for you. This is why at times you will have to simply rest in His guidance and leadership (Hebrews 11:8).

So when troubles come, don't be limited to earthly thinking. Rather be encouraged by focusing on the fact that your Father has your life in His all-powerful hands, and is working all things for your good!

*Yours in Christ,
Brother Stuart*





Save the Date....
Sunday, March 24th, 2024
10 a.m. during Morning
Worship Service

The Easter Cantata

Please join us as we remember the sacrifice given for us ...through music, worship, and prayer! Fellowship and food will follow. There will also be an "Egg Hunt" for the youngsters! Bring your family and friends. All are welcome!

Valentine Banquet Held- Feb. 14th

What a wonderful crowd shared in a meal of Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Salad, & Cheese Cake...not to mention the great fellowship! Harrison Hall was full of friends and family with Lindsay Lee, Bess Stone, and Linda Woods directing the youth as they waited on tables and served food to the crowds. Monies raised by the youth will be used throughout the year to fund their activities. A BIG THANKS FOR ALL WHO CAME OUT!



Lisa and Randy Burkhalter



Lisa and Randy joined First Christian Church in 1980, and were married in this church a year later, with the preacher Robert Kicklighter, presiding. They have been wonderful contributors in many ways since. They will be married 43 years this March! It has also been 43 years of service and involvement in this church.

Over the years **Lisa** has served on various committees and held various positions with the CWF and Miss Mary Circle. She taught children's church, served as Youth Coordinator, and served on the Board. She has been a beloved co-teacher of the Builder's Sunday School class for over 20 years.

Lisa was born in Savannah, but arrived in Glennville at the age of 4. She grew up on a farm having always lived within a 3 mile radius in the Mendes/Gooseneck area. She has a younger sister, Samantha Durrence, and a younger brother, Todd Branch (deceased). She also has two older half brothers (Anthony and Keith) and a half sister (also deceased). She is no stranger to being in a large family!

Randy has served as a deacon for about 6 years. He has been a part of the property committee and CMF. His claim to fame was performing in the "Living Lord's Supper" in the early 90's. To this day, many still wonder why he wasn't discovered by the movie business!

Randy was born in Claxton, and was number 9 of 10 children. He started working with his lawn care business at 8 yrs. old! When he was 10, he went to work for his Uncle Sid at Burkhalter's IGA. His duties there were taking out the trash, carrying out groceries, and even cutting meat! Definitely a boy willing to do whatever was asked! After graduating from Glennville High School in 1976, he went to Swainsboro Tech and worked for Richey's Heating and Air in Claxton. Mixed in his resume is working for Derst Baking Co. as their "bread man" for 15 yrs., growing chickens for Claxton Poultry for 30 years, and now owning his own heating and air conditioning business since 1994. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Randy went to Louisiana to do storm recovery work which involved setting up temporary housing for those that were displaced from the storm. He worked there for two years. From Randy's connections made there, he has done storm recovery work in Texas, Alabama, Iowa, Arkansas, North Dakota, and Mississippi!

Lisa also has a very diverse resume! After graduating from Glennville H.S. she attended Georgia Southern for 2 years, then took a break to find her passion. During that time she got married, took a full time position at Mincey's as a bookkeeper and children's clothing buyer until the store closed in 1989. She then returned to Georgia Southern and has been in Education ever since! She taught third grade for 11 years, and when she left the classroom, worked for 4 years at the Board of Education as an instructional technology specialist and coordinator. She taught the teachers (rather than youngsters) how to use technology in the classroom. Next was a position with First District RESA, a regional educational service, serving as Director of Technology for 12 years. With a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and a Doctorate in Instructional Technology and Distance Education, this lady has "education" in her DNA! She finally was able to finish her career at home in Tattnall County with 3 years as technology director for the County Board. She retired in July of 2021 with 30 years in education!

These two still find time to travel and have enjoyed recent trips to Italy, Portland Maine, and Maui, Hawaii. A few years ago they built a small house at the coast with Camp Kicklighter in their backyard! There, they enjoy boating, fishing, and catching up with lifelong friends who are typically there, too. They even have a travel trailer and enjoy camping. But above all, their favorite past time is spoiling and simply spending time with their grandchildren!



Lauren (daughter) and Davy Clay and daughters: Ellie Blake (9) and Olivia (7). These girls are already involved in swimming, cheer, basketball and gymnastics! Lauren is Director of Marketing for Visual Comfort Designer Lighting, while Davy owns Dental Claims Support Company.

"As we look back over our lives together, we used to think that we were lucky. Now we know luck had nothing to do with where we are today. We are blessed! God has blessed us in our careers, with our family, in our service within the church, and in our daily lives. God has also given us challenges to work through which has strengthened our faith and trust in him."

Lisa Burkhalter



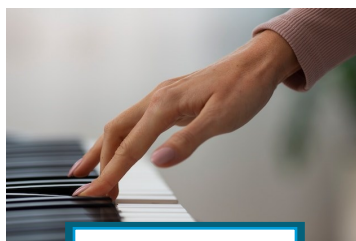
Ryan (son) and Charly live in Collins with their 19 month old daughter, Ansley (and Lucy the Boykin Spaniel!) Ryan has worked in commercial heating and air for 14 yrs. (Sound familiar?) but is also a licensed pilot and flight Instructor. Charly works part time with Walker Pharmacy as a technician.

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee : the Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee, the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

The Surprising Power of a “THANK YOU”

“Thank you.” These are two words that have the power to transform our health, happiness, performance, and success. Research tells us grateful people are happier and more likely to maintain good friendships. It reduces stress, improves our sleep, and floods our bodies with endorphins that energize us, instead of hormones that leave us feeling drained and depleted.

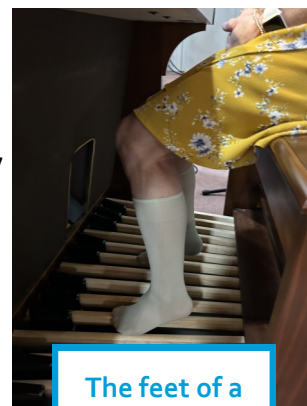
Gratitude and appreciation are also essential for a healthy work environment. In fact, the number one reason why people leave their jobs is that they don't feel appreciated. A simple thank you and a show of appreciation can make all the difference. That's why it's important not only to practice gratitude yourself, but also to foster a culture of gratitude with your friends, church, and leaders.



The fingers of a
GIVER

This church of ours has SO MANY doing God's work. Not because they are being paid. Not because they are getting recognition. Not because they are hoping to win an election. They simply have a giving heart, and strive to use whatever talents they may have to make life better for others.

While we have so many good things happening in this church, let's all try to remember to use these two words abundantly! The “Giver” and the “Receiver” will be far richer because of it!



The feet of a
Giver



The skills of a Giver

*....Let me hear it
again...THANK YOU!!!*

Smile!! You're on Candid Camera!



Calendar of Events for March 2024



March 24.....Easter Cantata, During Worship Service 10 a.m.
followed by Easter Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt. ALL are
welcome!

March 31.....Easter Sunday

Weekly....

Wednesdays.....6 p.m. Fellowship Supper, 7 p.m., Bible Study for
Men & Women's groups, Youth meet

Sunday.....9 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages
10 a.m., Worship Service

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*"We cannot always choose the music life plays, but we can choose
how we dance to it"*