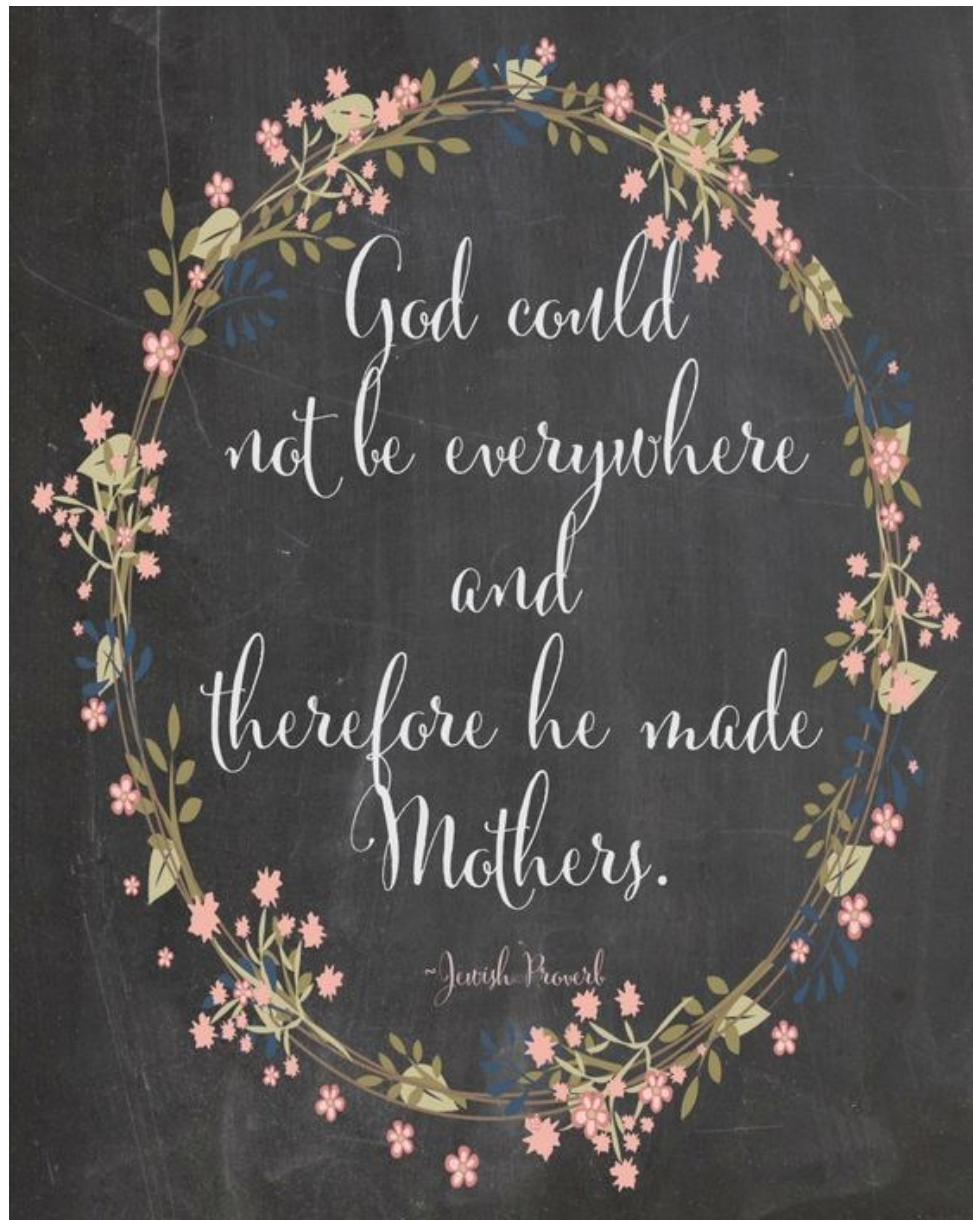


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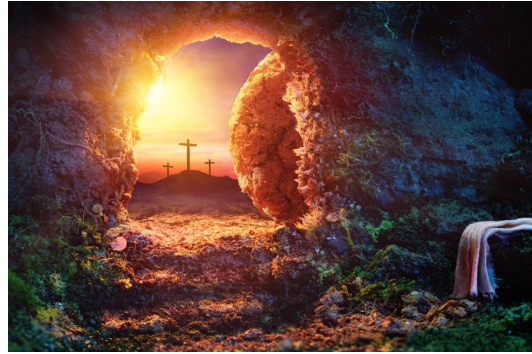
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Easter Sunday

What a fantastic musical skit was put on by several in our church. It made the crucifixion and resurrection come to life! **Thank you** to all of those involved. It was absolutely great!



New Beginnings in Christ...Testimony April 16

Our congregation was definitely blessed by the group of men that visited during the church service on April 16, 2023! Located in Garfield, Georgia, this organization's main purpose is to help men recover from alcohol and drug abuse through a relationship with God. Their mission, their prayer, and their hope is that while a man is there at NBIC, his eyes will be opened and his heart will receive Jesus as Lord of his life and follow the Father to do a mighty work in him.

Gerald Denton and Spenser Ferrell shared very personal stories with us, as well as explained what the program entails. Presently, there are over 90 men in their residential program. Their facilities include a church, kitchen, recreation center & more.

There is no charge for entering or remaining in their residential program. They do not receive any direct state or federal funding. Housing, utilities, food, supervision, drug screens, monthly reports to courts, and probation officers are provided free of charge. They rely fully on the Body of Christ "the Church" to provide for the ministry's needs. They rely totally on contributions.



THANK YOU to these gentlemen for sharing their message with us!

(L to R)
Spenser Ferrell
Gerald Denton
Wayne Hutto
Hamp Oliver

Palm Sunday....Beautiful Day!



Expert "Palm-Makers"! The Children's Church AND the SS Class with Mrs. Bland made all sorts of palms!



A BIG thanks to the CWF for filling and hiding over 400 Easter eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Security Guard Robin Stewart was happy to report that there were no citations handed out to adults stealing eggs from the children this year!



Thank You...

Gustavo Javier DeLaRosa is the 14 yr. old grandson of Diane & Bob Fischl. He is the son of Julio and Dana DeLaRosa, who lived in Glennville until the Army moved them to Ft. Huachuca in AZ. He attended Busy Little Beavers, SS classes at GFCC, and Glennville Elementary. Many of you have prayed for Gustavo as he (and his family) have navigated through the discovery of a very rare type of cancer. He's survived 9 hrs. of surgery many treatments, and many, many days at the Children's Hospital in Tucson. This will be a long struggle that only God knows the outcome to. We want you to know that your prayers have been treasured and felt by Gustavo and his family.

Sincerely,

Dana, Julio, Gustavo DeLaRosa



How Did We Get Mother's Day?

Mother's Day, May 14, came about due to the efforts of 3 women.

Ann Reeves Jarvis, Julia Ward Howe, and Ann's daughter, Anna M. Jarvis.

***"Mother" Ann Reeves Jarvis** was a young Appalachian homemaker who became concerned about unsanitary living conditions and skyrocketing infant mortality. She worked hard to try and remedy this problem.

*After her mother's death, **Anna Jarvis** took up the fight... writing countless letters, sending telegrams, and meeting with officials to improve conditions and recognize women as important partners in this struggle.

***Julia Ward Howe** was a famous poet and reformer. She volunteered for the US Sanitary Commission, which helped to provide hygienic hospitals and care for wounded soldiers. Julia also authored "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Born of the efforts of these 3 women, the second Sunday in May was designated as Mother's Day. Emphasis has always been on public service and health, as well as recognition of the many strengths that women bring to society.

Another Thank You!.....

To all of those who brought food and helped to set-up, serve, and clean up for the funeral and luncheon for the family and friends of Evelyn DeLoach, I thank you! We celebrate the birth of new life, and we celebrate the entering of God's kingdom when this earthly life is over. You are all appreciated for your loving help.

Sincerely, Jerri McKinley



OH BABY!

Almost 3 month old Ripp James Darden, grandson of Stephanie and Dennis Wilson is doing much better than he was 2 1/2 short weeks ago! Parents, Molly and Andrew Darden, along with many others from our church, prayed for this wide-eyed little guy as he underwent surgery for Pyloric Stenosis. Thankfully he is doing so much better, gaining weight and keeping his food down. PRAISE GOD!

Watch out for him next year, as he will

SURELY be after those Easter eggs. And by the looks of that little face, he's gonna be a contender!

Elizabeth... A Mom we can learn from!

You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. Luke 1:14-15

If an angel told you that your child would be a great prophet, what would you expect? I'll bet Elizabeth never dreamt she would become the mother of a famous prophet. Yet imagine her joy when God gave her a son whose birth and ministry ushered in the long-awaited Messiah. John the Baptist, wow, Elizabeth's son was *special*.

If I were Elizabeth, I would have expected John to be great indeed! Surely, he would command a special place among Israel's religious elite. Filled with the Spirit before his birth, he would be powerful and respected, his wisdom sought out. Maybe she imagined him robed with dignity standing on the temple steps to preach. But there was a problem, John didn't fit in.

I'll bet she never saw John's camel's hair get-up, locust pie, and lonely stretches spent in the wilderness coming. Instead of the revered figure of her expectation, her son was an oddity. Probably the kid everyone talked about—behind his back. Instead of leading from a position of honor, he served the humblest, crying out in the wilderness, "Repent!" Not a great way to make friends.

John fulfilled God's unique call more than anyone's expectations. Though his odd path veered from his mom's hopes, it was more powerful than she could conceive.

Parenting a child who doesn't fit in is a challenge for us as moms. Yet, God's plans for our quirky kids and ways of achieving them are far beyond what we imagine. His plans reach farther, and his purposes soar higher than our hopes. Perhaps your child is extra special. God created their quirky personality and unique disposition to accomplish kingdom purposes prepared specially for them.



The Pastor's Pen....

"Prayer, In Jesus Name"

John 16:24, Heb 4:16

A young man sat on a park bench crying. A little boy saw him and said "Sir what's wrong?", "Sir what's wrong?"

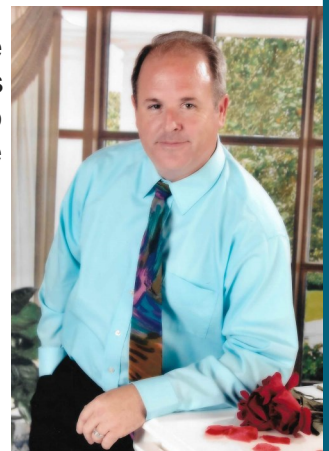
The man told him the story about his brother who was in prison. His brother was on death row and would be executed in a few days. The man desperately wanted to see Abraham Lincoln, the president of the United States, and ask for a pardon, but of course regular people just can't walk into the president's office. The man was hopeless.

After hearing the man's story, the little boy said, "sir, will you come with me?" He took the man by the hand, and walked into the presidential office through the guards, past the secretary, and nobody mumbled a word. The man couldn't believe it. He couldn't have gotten in to see the president if he had tried and this little boy was walking him straight past everyone into the president's office.

President Lincoln stood up as a Young Man entered with the boy. He looked at the boy and said, "how can I help you, son?" The reason this man could get into Abraham Lincoln's office is because he had run into the son of Abraham Lincoln, and the son could walk past all the opposition.

You can't walk into the presence of the holy God, unless you are escorted by the son. **That's why we pray in Jesus' name.**

*Yours in Christ,
Brother Stuart*



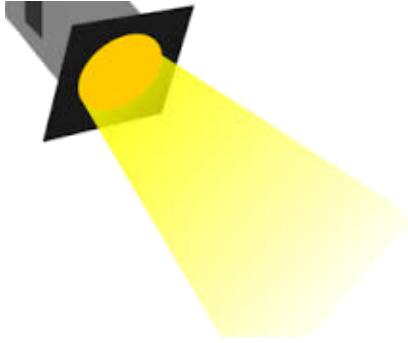
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We are looking to take a Road trip...

Have you ever wanted to visit these places? Now is your chance, and just think, you do not have to drive! Just sit back and enjoy movies and games on the ride up there and back. We are looking to fill up a 56 passenger bus on a three day trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. If you are interested please go to our website and sign up. There is also a sign up sheet in the hallway.

Hurry before the bus fills up!

Spotlight on the Sands



Harry and Marsha Sands live on a beautiful little piece of heaven at the end of “Memory Lane”. This title was given to the driveway to their home because they have made so many (memories!) at their gorgeous home, sitting beside a picturesque pond, with flowers and a manicured lawn surrounding it.

Marsha and Harry will be married 29 years this coming June. They have a blended family of 5 children and ten grandchildren. Their children are: Chris Sands, Matt Sands, Jill Braun, Amy Wisdom, and Joseph Holmes and their respective spouses. They are spread out from Viera, FL, to Glennville, & Claxton, to Manassas, VA, & to Conway, SC.

The ten grand children range from 11 to 30 years old, each holding a special place in their grandparents’ hearts! Serra, Sidney, Julia, Jenna, Jacob, Charlie, Chase, Chapin, Emma Grace, and Josiah will answer to the roll call. Ask them about any one of these “youngins” and they’ll fill you in on all of their talents and accomplishments!

One of the many memories they shared was how much fun all of the grandchildren would have at “Camp Nanny & Papa” during the summers. This was when the children were younger and not quite so involved in College, FFA, High School, and a long list of “older kid” activities. There were often 6-10 kids at one time, enjoying the country life... fishing and swimming in the pond, 4-wheeling, golf cart riding, mud bogging, cops and robbers on the bicycles, (jailing offenders in the playhouse), trampoline tricks, and so much more. It left the grandparents a bit worn out...but so very happy!



Harry is a native of Glennville, being the youngest of 7 children and a graduate of Glennville High School in 1966. He served in the US Army in Vietnam 1968-69. He was a tank crewman, in the 11th Armored Cavalry, the Blackhorse Regiment, under the Regimental Command of Colonel George S. Patton IV.

Following his military career, he graduated from the University of Central Florida in 1977 with a BS Degree in Criminal Justice. He also graduated FBI National Academy, in Quantico, VA, 135th Session, in 1983.

Harry retired in January, 1997 from Brevard Co. Sheriff's Dept. after 26 yrs in law enforcement as a Division Commander. I guess he wasn't ready to totally retire though, so he worked for 10 more years as Director of Operations for the Brevard Co. Tax Commissioner. Then he retired again in 2007!

Harry has served on the Property Committee, CMF Chairman, a Deacon, Board member, and now serves as an Elder. Harry is often seen manning the grill for church or youth activities, mowing the lawn at church when needed, or helping with the Annual World Turtle Race! As far as hobbies...did I mention mowing the lawn? There's also fishing and time with children and grands!



Marsha was born and raised in Conway, SC, the youngest of 4 children. She graduated from Conway HS and went on to graduate from Columbia College with a BA degree in Early Childhood Education. She has taught 4th grade, as well as 1st grade for a combined total of over 7 years. She has been a stay-at-home Mom, a manager of an ocean front motel in Myrtle Beach, SC, Office Manager for a family business, and a Tax Commission Assistant Supervisor in FL for 13 yrs. She has definitely had a varied career! She has squeezed in hobbies of crocheting, fishing, and above all GRANDCHILDREN!



Marsha retired in 2008, and has since been a "staple" in the kitchen at GFCC, Chair of the Membership and Evangelism Committee for several years, CWF member, Card Ministry Chair, and overall "I'll- do-whatever-needed" kind of a gal! I don't believe there is a child at our church that isn't regularly hugged by this lady.

After Harry and Marsha married, they lived in Titusville, FL for 14 yrs. They've now lived in Glennville and been members of GFCC for 14 years. They feel God moved them here, to be able to help family and put them closer to those they love!

Calendar of Events for May 2023

It is not required to wear bow ties when you come to church.....But you sure are cute when you do!!



- May 6, Saturday.....GFCC Work day @ Camp Kicklighter
- May 13, Saturday.....Onion Festival and Turtle Race
- May 14, Sunday.....Mother's Day
- May 20, Saturday.....Work Day @ Camp Kicklighter
- May 29, Monday.....Memorial Day

Church Services

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Sunday morning Worship at 10 a.m.

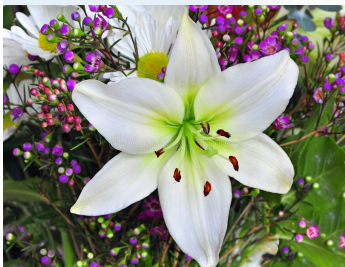
Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Mtg. at 7:00 p.m.

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