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Glennville First Christian Church Newsletter



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May this October
drench you with an
abundance of miracles.

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“Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.” Lauren Destefano

Tell Me Something Good!

- Welcome to this world **Hudson James Stewart!!** Parents Tracey and Ryne Stewart welcomed their sweet new baby boy on September 6th, 2023! He weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs. and 1 oz, with a length of 20 inches! You are one blessed boy to have joined the Robin & Tracey Stewart (grandparents) tribe!



- “Team Townes” (composed of the grandparents on both sides!) welcomed another sweet baby boy! **Townes William Parker** entered center stage on August 22 , 2023. This boy was 8 lbs. 12 oz at 20 inches. Parents Natalie and Brandon Parker couldn’t be happier. We envision grandparents Michelle and Scott Parker planning a Parker Baseball team in the near future!

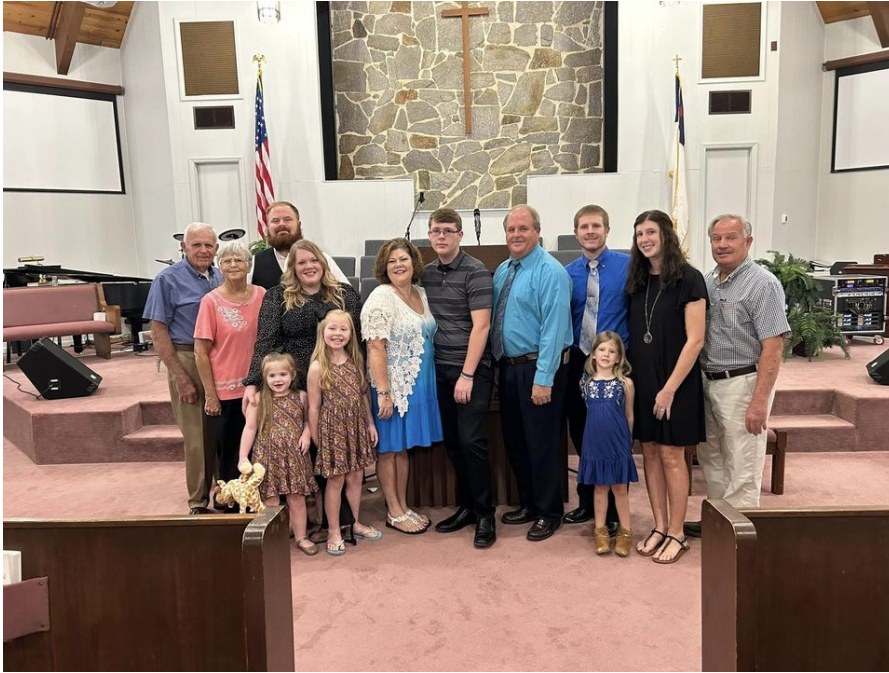
- A great “Back to School” luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall during September. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and many side dishes and desserts were shared by the crowd. The food was great, as usual. But even better was the fellowship with the crowd of about 75 youth and adults. No one left with hunger pangs!
- Angel Joya is back home after having his appendix removed! He is able to keep food down now. We predict he will be back to normal, playing soccer with his brothers soon.
- A great selection by the church CHOIR was heard on 9/17/2023!!!
- Stephanie Branch is back home from a short stay at the hospital due to breathing problems. She is on Oxygen to help with her breathing. Cecil is under the weather right now as well. Thank the Lord for their always positive attitude. That is truly SOMETHING GOOD!

Splinters from the Board

- There was a board meeting held on Tuesday evening, 9/12/2023.
- Additional bids were shared for the replacement of the carpet (carpet squares) in the sanctuary.
- Also an additional bid for resurfacing and repair of the parking lot was shared.
- Insurance on the church facilities was paid on September 9th.
- The Property Committee will be getting the ice machine repaired.
- There will be a congregational meeting October 1st to vote on the bids presented to the board in reference to carpeting and the parking lot.
- Reports from CWF and CMF were shared, letting the board know of their upcoming activities during the month of October.
- Plans are to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias once again. Anyone interested in purchasing a poinsettia should get their order in to Linda Woods. They will be \$25 each with the CWF covering any costs exceeding this.



Baptisms.....



Adam Bland (center) & Family

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

John
3:5

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Cooper Carlson (2nd from Right) & Family

It was another great day at our church! Two of our youth were baptized in front of our entire church family.

Cooper Carlson, son of Jennifer and Phil Carlson, along with Adam Bland, son of Michelle and Stuart Bland made this decision of the heart.

The church was filled with family and friends of these two young men. Even school friends came to witness this event and show their support and excitement!

We all are so proud of them. May we support them through their years as they live out their faith!

Christian Women's Fellowship Meets

The guest speaker for the meeting was from Tattnall Kiwanis. She told about all of the projects they have going on within the county. Last Christmas they provided Christmas for over 600 children in Glennville alone. She asked that we consider supporting the Christmas @ Home either financially or donating toys, or clothes.

It was discussed that GFCC is a Red Cross evacuation/ disaster site. Even though we haven't been called on to be used as such, we are going to gather supplies in case we are asked to do so. The Red Cross only provides a cot and blanket.

CWF will participate in Trunk or Treat at the Elementary School on October 27th. We will also have a booth/table at the city Fall in the Field event on October 31st. It is held at Cornerstone Church. We will need helpers and candy for sure!

Christian Men's Fellowship Meets

The men's group has been meeting monthly for a breakfast and fellowship. Attendance has been wonderful with a group of 10-24 enjoying an array of foods prepared by the members.

Every Wednesday night, there has also been a Men's Bible Study group meeting at the church. Attendance there has also been great.

Discussion took place regarding the need for our church to own their own grill. We have had several activities involving grilling burgers & hot dogs, making the need for one of our own practical. Shawn Odom has generously taken on the task of finding one. He's also doing a little "remodeling" to make a permanent place on the church grounds to keep it .

Thank you, Shawn!



Looking for DONATIONS!!!!

➡ October brings out Trick-or-Treaters!

Our church will be taking on TWO events this year, making the need for CANDY! Please help us out by starting to bring candy now! If you could pick up a couple bags of Halloween candy the next time you go shopping, and bring it to church in the coming Sundays, **It would be so appreciated!**

➡ Our church has been declared as a Red Cross Evacuation/ Disaster site. Even though we haven't been used yet, we need to be ready in case the need arises. The CWF could use any towels or wash cloths that you may be able to spare to keep them on hand. The Red Cross supplies a cot and blanket, but we'd like to offer other needed supplies.

The Pastor's Pen....

Bridging the Gap

Luke 16:26

“And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which pass from hence to you cannot: neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.”

There are massive steel bridges that are monuments in our country. They give us the capability to reach across great gulfs. For example, when touring the Florida Keys you can literally drive across the ocean for miles, on these bridges to go from island to island.

Some gulfs however cannot be bridged. In the parable of the rich man and the beggar (Luke 16:20-31) the rich man, suffering torment in Hades, looked up to heaven and asked if Lazarus could bring him a drop of water. His request was denied with the reminder that the gulf between them could not be bridged.

Despite even our best efforts, none of us can span the gulf between heaven and hell. While many religious attempts to reach God through human effort, God is the One who bridged that gulf through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ.

By God's initiative, Jesus stretched out his human body so that we might have a bridge that will take us to Heaven. While our efforts to reach God fall short, we can turn to Jesus and find not only God but Heaven too.

*Yours in Christ,
Brother Stuart*



Calling all singers!!



- * **We want and need you for a Christmas Musical!**
- * **It will be December 17, 2023**
- * **Practices are after church, beginning October 8th**
- * **It will be FUN!**
- * **Oh, and we'll need actors/actresses too!**

“Michael, a successful New York lawyer, returns with his wife and their kids to a bed and breakfast in his hometown to spend Christmas with his mom and his sister (Christy) and her country bumpkin husband with whom they have nothing in common. This humorous and heart-warming story will strike a familiar chord with anyone who has ever spent Christmas with their extended family. The musical is a warm, homespun flavor to this charming story of family and faith.”

Kids Say The Darndest Things!

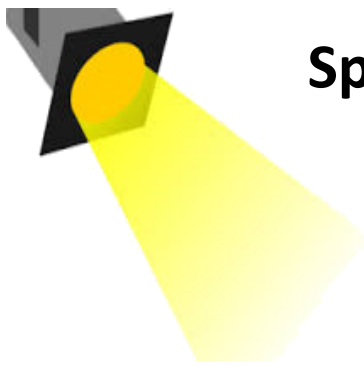
A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping." (Another truism;-)



Spotlight on Megan Bergeron

You have all heard her sweet, but business-like voice on the “Church Cast” announcements! But many of you have not had the pleasure of meeting this modest, behind-the-scenes lady. Truthfully, she likes to be in the background. She is uncomfortable to be in the “Spotlight”. (So you can imagine how hard it was to get her to allow me to do a spotlight on her!!)

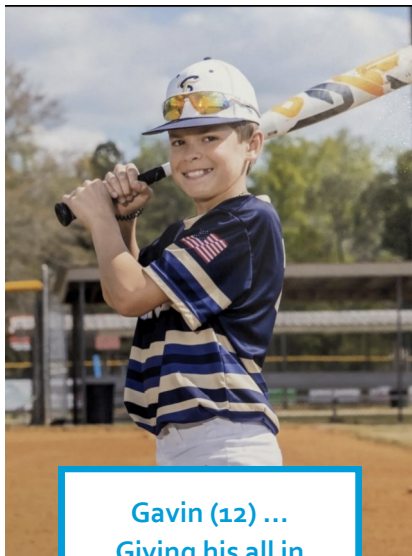


Megan was hired by our church in August of 2017 to be the Church Office Administrator. She was hired to work 16-20 hours a week. The truth is, though, she goes above and beyond her duties as the office administrator, AND handles many tasks from home. Part of the qualifications for this job was that the position be filled by someone NOT a member of GFCC. When I heard this, I thought it a bit strange. But when it was explained to me, I realized there was a reason for this. Megan handles very personal information at times. She may be in her office when someone comes in for counseling. She is always relaying information to and from the Pastor. You can be assured that anything shared with this lady is kept private, unless you ask that it be shared. You can be comfortable with knowing that Megan knows the meaning of the word “confidential”.

Besides this, she is very adept at computer skills and its many programs. She makes the editor of this newsletter look good, by correcting all errors! She knows how to get the best prices on supplies. She does reports for the Board meetings and reminders, church programs, and so much more. She handles the accounts and is always on top of the budget. When it comes to taxes, this girl is on this very unpleasant task, like a bee to flowers! (She’ll tell you, it’s not her favorite job. But (SHOCKER) it is NOBODY’S favorite job!) She is a whiz at whatever task is asked of her.

Before this job, Megan had several previous jobs. She worked at the Glennville Bank, cleaned houses and provided Nanny services for several lawyers and families, worked for an Oral Surgery Practice, and tackled Insurance Companies to cover needed surgeries by patients. We got a woman of many talents when we hired this lady!

In 2016, Megan married Norman Bergeron, a retired military Chief Warrant Office 3. He served in the Army for 20 years in Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, and Germany, to name a few! Their family of 4 resides in the Tison area.



Gavin (12) ...
Giving his all in
Boy's Baseball.

You may not find them home a lot though, as children, DeLaney (15) and Gavin (12) are so very active in sports and school. DeLaney plays tennis and Softball, while Gavin plays tennis, and baseball. This keeps them running to games and practices in pretty much every season.



DeLaney (15) ...
a dedicated Girl's
Softball Player.

Even though Norm is “retired”, he is not the type to sit and relax. At present he is a painter. Exterior and Interior home painting is what he is professionally doing. It’s hard to tell what else he may be up to. Taking an awful fall off a ladder a few years ago didn’t slow him down though!

It may sound like this family is all work, but they make time for other things, though. They attend Birdford Baptist Church, and enjoy doing so with Megan’s mom, Dianne DeLoach. Step-Dad, Charles, passed away a few years ago. Megan’s sister lives in Australia, so it is a special occasion when she comes home to visit. A very special trip was when Megan and her sister, Kerri Mosley, traveled to Croatia and Greece. Her sister is a seasoned traveler. The two girls had a blast. Megan says that they didn’t get into any trouble together. I had to take her word for it, as there is no money in my budget for a Private Investigator!

The whole family loves to go fishing at the coast. They also enjoy their annual family trip to the Beach. Watching their kids play sports is definitely a must as well. This often involves putting on the many miles!

Megan is a Glennville native. Even though she spent a few years living in Jacksonville, Florida, we’re so glad she migrated back home and agreed to help out this church by being our Office Administrator.

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The Bergeron Family
DeLaney, Norm, Megan, Gavin
(Missing from the picture is
their dog, Winnie the Pooch!)

When I asked Megan, if there was an especially difficult time in her life that her faith helped her through, she shared how she lost all three grandparents and her stepdad in a matter of a few years, while working for GFCC. She quickly added....

“I feel so grateful for this job, because it is so family friendly. So many in this church helped me through this difficult time by showing how much they cared.”

If you haven't met Megan, be sure you make a point to stop in sometime to meet this gal. You will be so glad you did!

Something to Ponder...

The Greatest man in history named Jesus...
Had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
He had no degree, yet they called Him
Teacher. He had no medicines, yet they
called Him Healer. He had no army, yet
Kings feared Him. He won no military
Battles, yet He conquered the world. He
Committed no crime yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.



Calendar of Events for October 2023



OCTOBER REMINDERS

Focus on **WHAT YOU ARE**, not what you aren't

Many things will happen, but they don't **define you**

The world is big enough for **everyone** to shine

Strive for **progress**, not perfection

Flowers **need time** to bloom. So do you

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Sunday, Oct. 1.....Congregational Meeting following the worship service

Saturday, Oct. 21...Youth outing

Friday, Oct. 27.....STES Fall Festival

Tuesday, Oct. 31....Fall in the Field

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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“God is writing your story. Quit trying to steal the pen.
Trust the author!”