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Glennville First Christian Church Newsletter



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“If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.”

1-Corinthians 13:2

Please Consider.....

We are in need....of Sunday School Teachers!

We need teachers for :

3-5 yr. olds

6-8 yr. olds

9-12 yr. olds

Ideally we'd love to have 2 people at each level.

That way duties can be shared, and you could even switch off each Sunday!

We'd also LOVE to add a Sunday School class for the parents of these children! We already have two excellent Sunday School classes for mature church members. (Okay, Okay, the older members!) But, we want to have a chance for our younger adults to fellowship and study as well.



Prayer List

Our prayer list is getting to be mighty long! It has come to our attention, that many on the list may not need to be there any longer, while some of our members DO need to remain on the list. PLEASE let Megan, our church secretary know, if your name can be removed. All you need to do is call the church office (listed on the first page) and let Megan know. You can leave a voice message as well.

Youth Group

We are thrilled that (Brave) Bro. Stuart will be leading our youth on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. He has some exciting ideas for our youth. So, if you are 6th grade-12th grade, come join the group! Bring a friend! Just come! There might even be FOOD!

****Check out the church website!** It has been updated and will continue to be improved upon! The hope is that members will be able to make prayer requests on the site and group emails/texts will be able to be sent from the site.

You Will Be Missed...



Nancy Hatten Kicklighter was laid to rest on January 11th. Many from our church, along with family, said good bye to this fine lady on that day. They said her favorite color was pink. Very fitting, as the meaning of the pink flower is compassion and grace. At 100 years old, Nancy certainly lived that description.

The family thanks Bro. Stuart for his kind and comforting words. They also thank Jerri McKinley and her crew for preparing a delicious meal for the attendees.



Wednesday Nights

There continues to be a great opportunity on Wednesday nights for Bible Study! Come and join this group of believers as they fellowship and study God's Word. They meet at 6 :30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come! And if you have a 6-12th grader, bring them too, as they'll be welcomed into the Youth Meeting led by Bro. Stuart!

*Stay tuned for info on the CWF's plans for a catered lunch and Fashion Show! Also, who's for a Golf Tournament in conjunction with the CMF??

“Splinters From the Board”

The Board met on January 8th, 2023 at 8 a.m.

- New Board member/officers will be Presented to the congregation on January 15th, 2023 for approval. An updated list of new officers and Positions will be listed in the next newsletter.
- Budget items were discussed. Monies that were not spent in 2022 were decided to be used for Backpack Buddies (which went over budget by 31%) and the Good Samaritan Fund.
- Bro. Stuart presented several items for discussion. Among them were: a Camera/ Security System; Wi-Fi Thermostat monitors; a portable TV/DVD system. Based on the cost of the other items, it will be discussed at the next board meeting when all members are present.
- Board meetings will be moved to 2nd Wednesday of the month starting in February. This meeting will follow Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.
- The church website has been updated and will continue to be improved upon. The hope is members will be able to make prayer requests on the site and group emails/texts will be able to be sent from the site.
- A plan is moving forward to sell the church van.



*Respectfully submitted,
Bess Stone, Board Secretary*

Wesley Joya (left) and Angel Joya (right) were presented with Certificates of Baptism and Bibles during the morning service on January 8, 2023. We are all so proud of these young men for taking this meaningful step in their lives!



A Message from our Pastor...

Church family,

What an honor and pleasure it is to serve as your pastor. As you may already know, this is a new chapter in our lives. We pray as God directs our paths, that our family will grow and be a spiritual blessing to our new church family.

Just a little about us, Michelle and I have been married for 31 years come this June. We have 3 Boys, Westley, Jordan and Adam. Westley is married to Jessica and they have 2 daughters, Ella and Sophia. Jordan is married to Morgan and they have a daughter, Maggie. Adam is 16, they told us we'd never be able to have any more children and 11 years later, God proved them wrong.

You will see him running around the church. Adam likes things in place and if you get a minute, look in the sound booth as he has.... well, just take a look and he says he's not done. In other words if you need something cleaned and organized, He's your man. He is very excited about helping out in whatever area he can serve. Praise God for young people who want to serve.

Michelle and I have been singing together for 33 years, we began singing as "The Bland Family" in 1999. Through the years, we've had the opportunity to teach music and bible to all ages. When God called us into the ministry we had no idea what He was preparing us for and look where we are today. It is just simply amazing how God has opened doors that we could have never imagined. This is why God says in scripture, "Eyes have not seen, Ear has not Heard" Just know this, never underestimate what God can and will do, always, always, follow Him even if you can't see what's ahead in the direction He is taking you. As a great mentor of mine would say. "Always stick to the Stuff". Stand on the word of God, preach His truth and if the bible says it, it's settled and that is the final authority.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Galatians 6:10

V10 - As we have therefore opportunity, **let us do good unto all men**, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

God has said that every church, to include us here at First Christian, to work together to bring others to him, to reach out, and to serve. Some say the church can be compared to a hospital because sick people go there to get better. Jesus would agree. When the Pharisees ask Jesus why he ate with sinners, he told them, "...They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. (Matthew 9:12)

A hospital is a place where you can go to receive Medical Care. If we go to the hospital for surgery, it's because there is no other way to correct our condition. A Church member that is lost is in need of spiritual surgery and they need to meet the great physician and follow Him to restore them to spiritual relationship, health and healing.

When Paul said, "Let us do good to all men", it is a reminder that our hospital, our church, is open to all for healing and salvation. We, as the body of believers are like RN's in a hospital, here to help, pray, comfort, love, encourage, support, teach, serve and to worship together so the great physician, Jesus Christ can pour out His mercy and grace not just only on those in needs, but to us also. Worship in unity together.

If the church would only be a church, and Christians would only be Christians nothing could stand in the way of what God has called us to do in our lives here at FCC.

Yours in Christ,

Brother Stuart



Spotlight on the Stewart Family

Robin and Tracie are the perfect couple for the month of February, being “living Valentines” themselves! They were high school sweethearts having both been Pinewood students together. 41 years later, they live on Tully Bland Road in Glennville, surrounded by their sons and families on both sides of their farm. What a fairy tale existence!

Tracie admits “There is nothing so sweet as seeing 4 yr. old grandson riding his tricycle through the bumpy plowed field to Gramma’s house!”

Robin is a FCC Board member and Deacon. He worked as the Chief Probation Officer for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit for 34 years. His hobbies now include hunting, fishing, golf, and above all, his grandchildren.

Tracie was a Tattnall County High School teacher in Computers and Business Education for 30 years. She is busier than ever with all of her hobbies, which include crafting, sewing, t-shirt making, gardening, and refinishing furniture.



Tracie and Robin Stewart



Mingled in with a demanding occupation and long list of hobbies, Tracie faced a challenging battle with cancer. She was victorious, not once, but TWICE. She is quick to say it was rough, but praise the Lord for helping her through it!



Robin and Tracie have two sons. Tyler and his wife Marcy, along with their children, Adam (4 years old) and River (1 year old) live on one side of Grandma and Grandpa's.

Little River has the title of being the very youngest FFC honorary member!

Tyler is a Probation Officer, while Marcy is a Middle School Math teacher in Reidsville at North Tattnall.



Ryne and Tracey Stewart live on the other side of Robin and Tracie. Ryne is a Security Guard at Plant Hatch Nuclear Plant, while Tracey is an Accountant for Eide Bailey Company.

The Stewarts have their own little village out there on Tully Bland road, made even more special by being located on Tracie's Grandparent's farm!

Calendar of Events for January 2023

February 8, Wednesday.....Board Mtg following Bible Study

February 12, Sunday... John Dubois ordination during 10 a.m. service ... Valentine's Banquet 5-7:00 p.m.

Church Services

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Sunday morning Worship at 10 a.m.

Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

I don't know what my future holds, but I do know who holds my future. -Tim Tebow



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“Hold tight to what is good” Romans 12:9