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Birthdays

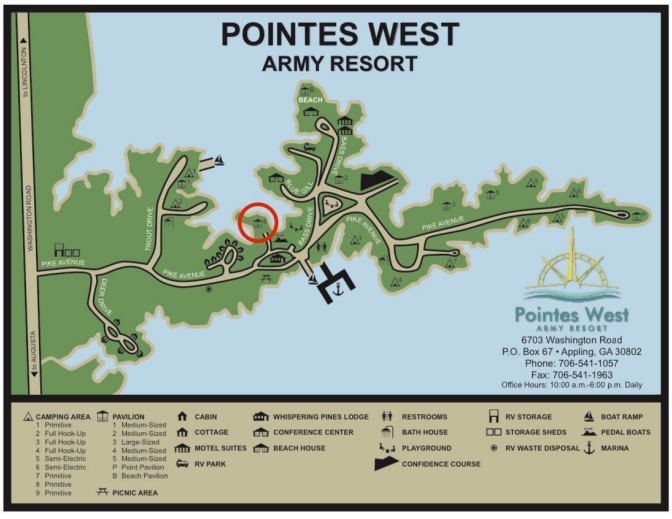
02.....Rick Rezzelle
03.....Rita Channell
04.....Bill McGowan
Carmen Omary
05.....Jon Kunze
10.....Joseph Doss
11.....Gary Cowart
14.....Tammy Hendrick
15.....Dana McWhirter
17.....Ransom Bigham
17.....Barrett Campbell
18.....Esther Doss
22.....George Bowen, Sr.
25.....Chris Nabholz

Memorial Day Picnic May 27, 2024

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a Memorial Day Picnic at the Lake! We'll be out at Pointes West Army Resort in Appling beginning at 10:00 a.m., and we'll enjoy food, fellowship, and fun for the day! Come and go as you would like. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper products and ice will be provided.

What: Churchwide Memorial Day Picnic
When: Monday, May 27 beginning at 10:00am
Where: Pointes West Army Resort (6703 Washington Rd, Appling), Pavilion 4 (see map)
What to Bring: Last name beginning with A-J bring sides, K-S bring desserts, T-Z bring drinks.

Please RSVP by Wednesday , May 22 so that we know how much meat to purchase. When you arrive at Pointes West, there may be someone at the gate. You do not need a military ID to get it, but you may have to tell the guard that you are going to Pavilion 4 and you are with the Doss party.



David & Maddie Dyer

Church Planting
SE Asia

David and Maddie Dyer live with their team in South Asia. The team consists of three families with six children, including the Dyer's daughters, Carlyna and Hadassah. Under the supervision of our elders at Summit Church, the church will be considered our sending organization. In addition to the church, we are connected with OPEN USA which provides training, mentorship and accountability. Their philosophy is to come alongside the church with resources and guidance while allowing the church leadership to make the final decisions for those going to the field. OPEN also specializes in business as missions.

After studying the language, we plan to use a leather business as a platform for ministry and discipleship in the country. We started Beloved Leather Co. in the summer of 2019 and the Lord has allowed it to grow exponentially over the last few years. After speaking with several missionaries throughout SA, they all supported this business model because it provided a legitimate means for a long-term visa as well as a platform to engage with nationals and their culture.

Ministry:

Our vision and goal, as a team, is to present before God a throng of locals who love Jesus Christ. Our heart is to use this business model and education as a means to form relationships with the local people. We strive, as a team, to glorify God by establishing Bible-believing, Gospel-centered churches led by local believers who through obedience to Christ will impact their family, community and nation for the glory of God.

Prayer:

- As we close out, our biggest request is prayer. Both missionaries and local pastors have stressed the need for daily prayer. As we take steps to serve and live in SA, we are asking you to join us through prayer.
- Language learning – specifically to complete the first level of language school, then to move on to more specialized study. For Maddie to find a language tutor.
- Business licenses and certification prior to a visit to the USA in April.
- Visa: approval of "Private Investor Visas" which depends in part on complete approval of the leather business.
- Our Family as we raise Carlyna and Hadassah and live in a new country. Please pray we would seek the Lord continually for wisdom and peace in our decisions.
- The people of SE Asia, for the Lord to soften their hearts and reveal to us the right people to work and connect with to build gospel centered relationships.

Go and Make Disciples

American Heritage Girls

At our first meeting back together after spring break, we shared about our experiences watching the solar eclipse, held our annual Board of Review for girls earning their Level Awards, and had a fun craft and outdoor game time. All units are finishing up the requirements for the Zoology badge, which called for a troop-wide trip to Riverbanks Zoo and Garden. We enjoyed studying and learning more about many of God's creation and topped it off with a picnic lunch. Our service project this month will be helping to sort and organize clothing and donations for the Christ Church Spring Clothing Give-Away. We have our annual Talent Show, and a "Woven" Patch event to look forward to in early May before we wrap up the school year with our final Court of Awards on Monday, May 13th. While we will not have our regular Monday meetings during the summer, we do have a Flag Day Event and an Ice Cream Social/Pool Party planned. As we think about planning for the next school year, please pray for us and consider coming alongside this wonderful ministry as we strive to fulfill the AHG mission of building women of integrity through service to God, Family, Community, and Country. We welcome adult helpers as well as girls ages 5-18! For more information, contact Jen Zamora at ahg@christchurchpres.org

Trail Life Trek

On Monday, April 22, Woodlands Trail launched water bottle rockets across the campus as they worked on their Science and Technology branch awards.

The troop participated in the National Trail Life Campout weekend. Thousands of trailmen across the country experienced outdoor adventure this weekend. The troop camped at the Presbyterian Peninsula on Lake Thurmond. Adventurer trailmen instructed Woodlands trailmen in land navigation, fire safety and building, wood tools, flag folding and etiquette, and knots. We had great weather and the only hazard was dodging dive bombing cicadas.

Some may ask why we use to outdoors as part of a spiritual and leadership development program. We believe there is something special about being outdoors. Camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities help build deep relationships and allow boys to develop character, practice leadership, and experience adventure. The outdoor focus helps a boy appreciate the wonder, majesty, and grandness of God as reflected in His creation.

Future activities include a rock climbing day and service projects with the Family Y and Flags In at Bellevue Memorial Gardens in preparation for Memorial Day. Also, members will be participating in Peak 3 training in Mountain Rest, SC, training adult trailmen in how to conduct outdoor activities.

Delighting in God's Word

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." – 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Psalm 1:1-2 gives us a picture of the person who is blessed. The blessed man, we are told, is the one who does not walk with the wicked, stand with the sinner, or sit with the scoffer. In other words, the blessed man is the one who does not "do life" with the wicked. Rather, his "delight is in the law of the LORD"--he loves God's Word, rather than the ways of wickedness, and he meditates upon it because he knows that the ways of God are life-giving.

We are commended in these verses in Psalm 1 to love God's Word, because in them we may know great blessings. But what are those blessings? Why ought we love the Word of God and what benefits does God's Word grant us? Paul gives us a picture of Scripture's blessings in 2 Timothy 3. We see three particular benefits in these verses:

First, the Scriptures make us wise for salvation. In the Bible, we have the plan of salvation clearly laid out before us. Without the Bible, and its message, we would not know the fullness of the Triune God's salvation, won for us in Christ. In the Bible, we learn that all have sinned (Rom. 3:23) and are, therefore, condemned to death (Romans 6:23). In the Word of God, we also understand that Christ was sent into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15) and that he has transferred us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of the Son of God (Colossians 1:13). And we know, by the Word of God, that all who would believe in this Son have an interest in his saving blood (John 3:16). This is the message of Scripture, which gives us wisdom--true wisdom that points us to salvation in Christ alone.

Second, in the Bible, God speaks to us. We see this in the words, "All Scripture is breathed out by God". The picture of this phrase, "breathed out", is that the Scriptures are God's very exhalation. There is an old adage that says, "When the Bible speaks, God speaks." If you desire to hear God's voice, if you wish to know what God has to say about an issue, the Bible is where you may find it.

Notice as well that the verse doesn't say, "Some Scripture", but it says, "All Scripture". Some scholars suggest that this verse could, instead, be translated, "Every Scripture", suggesting that it is not just the sum total of the Bible that is God-breathed, but it is every word, every sentence, every letter that is inspired by God. When you read the Bible--yes, even difficult or seemingly innocuous passages--you are reading God's own handwriting. What a grace of God!

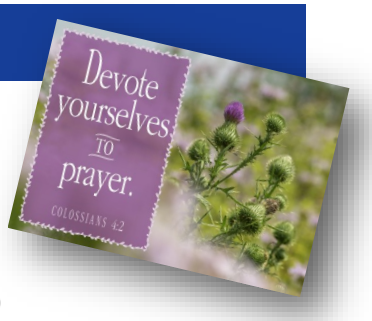
And third, the Bible is a blessing to us because it is profitable. It is not profitable in the sense that it makes us feel good or tickles our ears. Yes, we read beautiful and wonderful promises in the Word of God, which find their "yes and amen" in Christ. But the Bible is profitable because of its promises and its corrections. The Scriptures are beneficial to us because of its teachings and its admonitions. The Bible comforts and chides us, encourages and amends us. God's Word is not one-dimensional; rather, it equips us for a full life.

The Word of God is a blessing to us. Paul's words in 2 Timothy remind us that the Scriptures bless us in the fact that, in its pages, we learn of salvation in Christ, that God speaks to us, and that in the Word, we find instruction and correction for every aspect of life.

Psalm 1:2 encourages us to meditate upon this Word, because of its blessings for us. So let us take it up and read it--and know God's blessing!

—Rev. Ryan Bigham

Ladies Online Prayer Group



"...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."
Philippians 4:6

Join the ladies of Christ Church as we unite in online prayer twice weekly: Sundays 4:00–5:00 p.m. and Thursdays,7:30–8:15 p.m. (focusing on America). Contact Charlotte Jewett (cjjewett@att.net;706-731-0191) or Maria Russell (edmarmam@gmail.com; 706-726-1703) to receive the online invitations.

Save the Dates

- **Fellowship Luncheon** – May 19 at 12:00 p.m.
- **Memorial Day Picnic at Clarks Hill Lake** – May 27 from 10:00–3:00, Lunch at 1:00 p.m.
- **Christ Church Concert Series Featuring The King's Brass** – June 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- **VBS** – June 24–28 (Registration now open at *myccp.faith*)
- **Youth Retreat – Ridge Haven** – July 1–5
- **Independence Day Celebration** – July 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

May 15 — July 17
Summer Schedule

The adults will be going through a Sproul video series. The children will be going through the Torchlighters series. The Torchlighters is a Christian animated video series for kids sharing true-life stories of heroes of the faith. The idea for the series began when God used a 10-year-old girl's curiosity about Christian missionaries to convince her father of the incredible power of true faith stories to change young hearts. Torchlighter heroes are men, women, and children who respond to God's call to live a life of whole-hearted commitment to Jesus. Each action-packed animated video is 30-minutes long.

Servant's Schedule

	Elder Greeters	Morning Prayer	House Deacon
May 5:	Johan Hubenthal & John Clark	Hendrick/Bigham	Eddie Zamora
May 12:	Mel Jewett & John Dunsmore	Robbie Hendrick	Joe Beasley
May 19:	Charles McClure & Glynn Dyer	Johan Hubenthal	Marion Butler
May 26:	John Norkus & Johan Hubenthal	Mel Jewett	Dan Campbell

Ushers

May 5:	Dan Campbell, Davis Mellick, Marino De Reinzo
May 12:	Allen Richardson, Andrew Norkus, Stephen Dyer
May 19:	Gary Cowart, Allen Richardson, Rich Fishel
May 26:	Marino De Reinzo, Ed Russell, Hank Gautreaux

An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation

Listen! Can you hear a howler monkey screeching and insects buzzing? *Look*! Do you see a sloth hanging from a tree and a jaguar crouching, ready to pounce? *Smell*! Is that the aroma of tropical flowers wafting through the air? *Touch*! Do you feel soft grass under your feet and gentle rain on your skin? *Taste*! Is that delicious milk from a coconut and exotic spices from the rainforest?

Join us in a world of wonder that will delight our senses while captivating our hearts and minds at The Great Jungle Journey: An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation. We will cruise through jungle rivers, making stops at seven ports of call along the way—each starting with a C. These represent seven key biblical events—the 7 C's of History.

Every day, our kids are bombarded with questions: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah's ark real? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible?

At this VBS, your kids will explore the biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their every-day life.

Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on The Great Jungle Journey!

June 24—28, 9:00 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.

How can *you* help?
Please pray for the planning team, all volunteers,
And the children who will be attending this event!

Please visit *www.myccp.faith* for registration.

May

Weekly Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

Please pray daily for our CC,P supported missionaries and missions agencies listed in italics. Those listed without their last name are serving in harm's way.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Rick & Betty Aschmann	*Greg & Julieann*	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study *Child Evangelism Fellowship* *Kermit & Cheryl*	*8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study* *American Heritage Girls* *Alliance Defending Freedom*
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:15 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship *Myles Hendrick*	*American Heritage Girls*	*Noah & Karleigh Stephens* *Augusta Care Pregnancy Center*	*Broad Street Ministries*	6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting *Child Evangelism Fellowship*	*Heritage Academy*	*International Link*
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship *Tim & Lana Higginbotham*	7:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls 7:00 p.m. Trail Life Institute for Creation Research *Bob & Andrea Burnham*	*Jews for Jesus* *Cheryl Croker*	5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m. Vonda Darr Concert 7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal *Missionary Care Ministry* *Chris & Cary Drinkard*	11:00 WOCC Knitting 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting *6:45 p.m. Ladies Bible Study* *Palmer Home for Children* *David & Maddie Dyer*	6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study *RUF* *Kim Green*	*Trail Life* *Glenn & Sharlene Grubb*
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship *Steve & Sherri Letchford*	7:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls 7:00 p.m. Trail Life *Elisea & Paula Guadagno*	*Miles Hendrick*	5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m. Children/Youth 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal *Tim & Lana Higginbotham*	*Steve & Sherri Letchford*	6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study *Steve & Kellie Merwin*	Nathanael Miller
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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