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The New Year is a season when we take stock of how life is going and, through resolutions, think about ways to do better. As you think about how you might live more faithfully in 2012 I want to share some resolutions from the journal of Jonathan Edwards, one of the great preachers of the 1700's in America.

1. Resolved, to do whatever I think to be my duty and most to be to the glory of God and to the good advantage of humanity in general
2. Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live
3. Resolved, never to do anything which I would be afraid to do if it were to be the last hour of my life
4. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge
5. Resolved, never to speak evil of anyone except upon the account of some greater necessary good

6. Resolved, to study the scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently that I may find myself to be growing in knowledge of them
7. Resolved, to ask myself at the end of every day, week, month, year how I could possibly do better than I am doing
8. Resolved, never to give up my fight with corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be
9. Resolved, after suffering afflictions to ask how I am better for them and what good I have got from them
10. Resolved, always to do that which I wish I had don when I see others do it
11. Resolved, to let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.

By God's grace, we can be better people in the coming year than we have been in the past. Take time to think of one way you want to be more faithful to God and make 2012 a turning point in your life. Ask God to lead and empower you. This is a prayer God love to answer!

Blessings,
Joan Gray

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Happy New Year ★ ★ ★

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FYI

Notary Public: If you are in need of a Notary, please know that Linda Massey is available during office hours, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. No appointment necessary. Free.

The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated **Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 8:30 and 11:00** Worship Service. Communion is served weekly at the 6:00pm service.

TODAY Devotionals for January/February are available at all entrances of the sanctuary and in the foyer of Milligan Hall. You are encouraged to use them.

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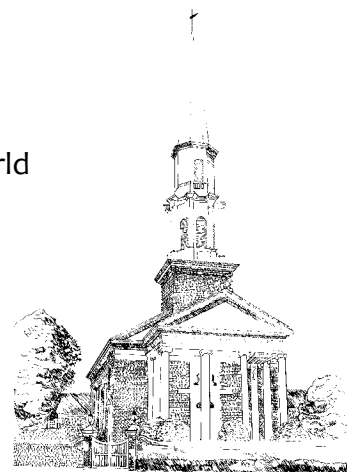
Worship Services

Sunday, January 15, 2012

- First Light (8:30am) in Milligan Hall
- 11:00am in the sanctuary
"You Want Me To Do What?"
Matthew 4:18-22
Dr. Ben Mathes, Rivers of the World
- 6:00pm Worship in the sanctuary
Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert

Saturday, January 22, 2012

- First Light (8:30am) in Milligan Hall
- 11:00am in the sanctuary
- 6:00pm Worship in the sanctuary
Genesis 32:22-32
Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert



NEW
Church Directory is Coming!



sign up for your portrait today!

Photos will be taken from February 2 - February 6
2-7:45pm on Thursday, Friday and Monday
10:00am - 5:45pm on Saturday 12:30 - 8:00pm on Sunday

Sign up online to get first pick at

<http://www.appointmentquest.com/provider/2090050127?schedule=clairmontpresbyterian22266>

or go to the Clairmont website www.clairmontpres.org and click on the link on the home page.

We will have the convenience of this web scheduler until January 12, then we will have the schedule available at the church.

<<< HELP >>>

The Pictorial Directory Team (Gayle Turner, Christine Callaway and Sandy Luster) would like some help. They need folks to take a hour or two manning the desk as folks come in for their pictures on February 2 - 6? It's super simple! Please contact Gayle at 404-593-9289 or gturner@gmail.com

With Thanks

From Nancy Miranda –

On behalf of the Azalea Village Ministry Team, I want to thank you for a wonderful Christmas in Azalea Village. Our families all received Christmas trees, lights, decorations, gift cards, stockings for the children and other expressions of hospitality. There was even a trip to the aquarium by the YMCA class!

We also have a new family in the Village in house #4 from Salvation Army, sponsored by the Seeker Sunday school class. They are the Haynes family, Tony and Latreaina, Antonio, Steyson and Attleidia. Praise God that they were able to get into their house in time for Christmas. And thanks to the Seekers who stocked their pantry and refrigerator, brought by a tree with decorations and lights, and provided a home cooked meal.

Please remember your families this January with phone calls and visits and thank you again for all you do.

In Him,
Nancy

From the Burek Family –

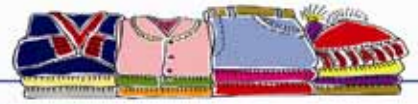
We want to thank each of you for the prayers during Suzanne's pregnancy and delivery of her son, Theodore. We especially thank each of you for the note cards and phone calls of concern during Theodore's hospitalization. More than anything, we thank you for the many, many prayers on our behalf! We have been overwhelmed by your sincere concern and wonderful support. We are happy to report that Theodore is recovering and developing into a wonderfully, strong and healthy baby boy.

Blessings, Bob, Suzanne,
Vivian and Theodore Burek.

Internationals dinner at Clairmont!

On the Wednesday evening between Christmas and New Year, Clairmont welcomed for dinner 31 international students from universities all over the East and as far west as Michigan and north as Boston. They represented China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Germany, France Uganda and Ghana. The dinner has become a tradition for our Outreach Team and this year sixteen Clairmont members brought covered dishes to go with Publix fried chicken and mingled with the students during the dinner and introductions afterward. For the students, who come to the city at the invitation of AMIS for two weeks over the Christmas holidays, the dinner came at the end of a long day of sightseeing in the area. They live with host families (some from Clairmont!) during their time away from their college dorms and for many it is a great, and often the only, opportunity to know what American Christian homes are really like. Look for a repeat next year!

Needs



Clothes Closet: Please bring clean, in-style, winter clothes for children and adults (on hangers) to the Clothes Closet in Milligan Hall. The clothes are sorted and distributed to various agencies. Donations of especially good, dry-cleaned clothes may be brought to the Clothes Closet for our missionaries and their families on home assignment, for seminary students and their families, and for Mission Haven Clothes Closet adjacent to Columbia Seminary.

Outreach

The Azalea Village Ministry Team meets the second Tuesday of each month, in the Parlor, at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 14. Anyone who is interested in the activities of the ministry is welcome to join us.

Azalea Village donated furniture - Jeff Vanderlaan is the furniture coordinator for the Azalea Village Ministry Team. You may reach Jeff through the church office (404)634-3355 if you want to inquire about making a furniture donation.

AVM Donations - Please remember Azalea Village Family Fund when making donations in honor/memory of your loved ones. These donations help make it possible for the Village children to go to our preschool program at Clairmont. We use these funds as needs arise in the ministry to our families in the Village.

Contact George Miranda at gmiranda1@comcast.net or (404) 325-2724 with inquiries about Azalea Village.

The Clairmont Session

The next Session Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, immediately following the 11:00 Worship Service. All Elders, professional staff, and program staff are required to attend Session meetings. **ALL** members of Clairmont Presbyterian Church are welcome to attend as an observer.

Stewardship

Please be good stewards of the church's postage and retrieve your 2012 Offering Envelopes in the hallway by the church offices.



Children & Family Ministry



Parents and children of all ages- join us for this 7 week seminar! Sticky Faith will run every **Sunday from February 26 - April 15** from 5:00 to 7:00pm in Milligan Hall. Dinner will be provided for parents and kids, then the parents will stay for the seminar while the children go upstairs for a movie night! Nursery care will also be provided for the youngest children.

Youth Ministry

You Tube [youtube.com/CYMCPC](https://www.youtube.com/CYMCPC)



Contact Nate Perry at nate@clairmontpres.org for details.

ABOUT OUR YOUTH:

Small Groups: Six small groups are meeting both on campus and around the Decatur area. Please contact Nate Perry (nate@clairmontpres.org) or Cate Semler (catesemler@yahoo.com) for more information.

Sunday School: Two classes for **High School Youth** Go to www.clairmontpres.org/page/youth. For the **Middle School Youth** we are going through a study, "Choose."

Confirmation Classes have begun.

YOUTH GROUP: WoW (high school) meets each Sunday evening from 5-6:30pm.



TGIF (middle school) meets on Friday night from 6:30 to 8:30pm.



We are here to catch youth, grow in our relationships,

offer worship, study the Word, and serve in ministry.
The C.R.O.S.S is why we exist.

Women

Presbyterian Women Calendar of Events

Tuesday, January 31 - Coordinating Team meeting at 10:00am

Tuesday, February 7 - Why Should I Love a Goat in Haiti? Come join us for a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon in Milligan Hall at 11:30am and learn why you should love a goat in Haiti. The cost will be \$6 and a reservation to the church office will be necessary by **Friday, February 3**. Our speaker will be Claire Berry, recently returned from Haiti who knows the real picture. All women at Clairmont are welcome whether they are in a circle or not. You will be glad to hear of the effectiveness of this project and the difference it is making in many peoples' lives.

Thursday, April 19 - Come Visit Columbia Day

Tuesday, May 15 - Spring Dinner and Evening Out

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets the second and third Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Parlor.

Mom's Group - meets each Friday at 10:00am in the parlor.

Prayer Shawl knitters/crocheters meet in the Bride's room each Monday morning at 10:00. If you can come or would like more information, please call Jane Jaros at (404)636-2159. There is something for ALL levels of expertise!



SMALL GROUP - Please come join us on Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm in Rm. Ed. 101 for this great study, starting with the book of Daniel. Think of it as a best seller book club! We are a non-denominational bible study for teen girls and women of all ages - no church attendance or Bible experience required. Get ready to make new friends, and find out that God wants you to live your life with confidence! For more information contact Renee Sabol (404)754-4610 or reneesabol@comcast.net or go to www.community-biblestudy.org.

Buildings & Grounds

1/2 WORK DAY

VOLUNTEERS ACCEPTED on **Saturday, January 28** at 8:00am. Building & Grounds Team will be having a 1/2-day work session cleaning out junk & stuff from the Mechanical Room in the Education Bldg. Volunteers are welcomed. For additional info call Norman Jaros at 404-636-2159.

*The
Senior Adult
Ministry invites you to join*

Lisa Fletcher
"Songs of Love"

Monday, February 13, 2012

11:00am. in Milligan Hall

Lunch to follow.

Call (404)634-3355
with reservations.

*Lunch is not required
to attend the
program.*

Personnel

NEW PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATION POLICY

In order to be good stewards of the church's resource, as of January 16, a new policy is in effect for all publications and publicity. In the future:

1. The firm deadline for getting all bulletin announcements/ information and Clairmonitor information to Linda is Monday, 5PM of the week of publication. If you regularly put announcements or other content in these publications, please get a schedule from Linda and be prepared to get your items in on Mondays.
2. Requests for fliers, posters, cards, or any other printed material for any church function or event must be given to Linda at least two weeks before the event. Materials needed at the last minute will need to be produced without Linda's assistance.
3. Linda and the front desk staff are not allowed to produce, copy or otherwise use church time to deal with personal publication needs of church members. Members may contract with church staff to do this work outside their work hours.
4. Linda, Becky and Shay are not authorized to make exceptions to this policy and have been instructed to refuse to do so. As Head of Staff and the direct supervisor of communications and front desk staff, I must approve all individual exceptions to any of these policies.

Thank you for helping us make the best possible use of our staff member's time and the church's resources.

Joan Gray
Head of Staff

Kindergarten —

NEWS FROM CLAIMONT'S
PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN:

As the new year begins, it is time to think about plans for the next school year. That means we will now be registering for the 2012-2013 school year that begins in September. If you have a child or grandchild that you would like to be enrolled in our school, now is the time to get busy!! We have classes for children beginning at age one year through a five year old kindergarten. Please come to our **Open House on Monday, January 30 from 6:30-8:00pm.**



You may visit our classrooms in the Family Life Center and meet our wonderful teachers. *Clairmont members can register for next year now and avoid the rush.* We will accept registrations from current pre-school families and Clairmont members from now until Monday February 6th. On Tuesday, February 7, we open registration to all new families. If you are interested please register before February 7. Call Barbara Powers for more information at (404) 634-4212 or (404) 634-3355. We would love to have your precious little one in our school!

Around Town —

The Calvin Center is planning a retreat in February called "Tip of the Iceberg: Discussions on Spirituality & Sexuality." For more information please visit our website - www.calvincenter.org.

Young Adults —

Want the most up-to-date information on YA Ministries? Go ahead and "like" Evening Service on Facebook and you'll see the updates come across your feed regularly.



Dancing Thru the Decades!

Saturday, February 18, 2012
7:00pm to 9:00pm
Milligan Hall

Music by DJ Frank Luton
Dance to Big Band, Swing,
Motown, Rock-n-Roll, Disco
and Hip Hop!!!
Music for everyone!

Dessert/coffee
and childcare provided!
Please call the church office
to RSVP for childcare
404-634-3355

All Welcome!



January 19
Jason Beckham

January 20
Eric Johnson

January 21
Kristi Oltman

January 24
Jarrett Jackson

January 25
Joe Aycok
Reid Hartsfield

January 27
Stephanie Turnbull
Robert Burek

January 28
Cecil Murphey
Sarah Jones

January 30
Vivan Reed

January 31
Lillian Stamps

If your name has been omitted from the birthday list please contact the church office at (404)634-3355.

Sign Up for Flowers!

Beautiful fresh-cut flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. Please consider purchasing sanctuary flowers for a Sunday or two this year. All arrangements are broken down on Monday, and delivered to our hospitalized and shut-in members. What a great way to cheer up someone's day! To sign up, please call the church office at 404-634-3355, or write your name on the flower schedule at the Receptionists' Desk in the office.



In Memory/Honor

In memory of Garland P. Bennett:

- Linda Bennett gave to the General Fund.
- Mark and Ana Valentino gave to the General Fund.

In memory of Donna Nash:

- Knollwood Terrace Sunshine Club gave to the general fund.
- Ed and Jane Duckworth gave to Music & the Arts Ministry.

In memory of Dan Schoepke:

- Paul Crounce gave to General Fund.
- Nancy Finley gave to the PW Lunchtime Learners.
- Linda Bennett gave to the PW Lunchtime Learners.
- Carol Landrum donated to the Women of the Church.

In memory of Nell and Earl Sosby:

- Gretta Burns gave to the Music and the Arts Ministry.

In memory of Robert and Virginia Sosby:

- Gretta Burns gave to the Music and the Arts Ministry.

In memory of Stephen Burns:

- Gretta Burns, gave to the Music and the Arts Ministry.

In memory of Manual Crudrado and Hubert Irwin:

- Gretta Burns gave to the Music and the Arts Ministry.

In memory of Joseph Burns:

- Gretta Burns gave to the Presbyterian Women.

In memory of Virginia Zekis and Grace Kelly:

- Gretta Burns gave to the Azalea Village Ministry.

In Sympathy

Our loving Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Elise Terry Ralls, who died on December 26, 2011, in Decatur.

Church Attendance

(Totals include 8:30 & 11am, and 6pm visitors and members)

	This year	Last year
12/18/11 (one service)	331	331
12/24/11 4:00pm	319	246
8:00pm	223	180
01/01/12 (one service)	104	61

Be In Prayer

CLAIRMONT MEMBERS

Nell Ball	Lois Pruitt
Penny Bisbort	Judith Sale
Christina Burden	Pam Scott
Phyllis Davis	Curtis Smith
Mary Faulkner	Family
Bill Fleming	Ila Shroyer
Flora Hendrix	Kay Turner
Fran Hieber	Jimmie
Mary Johnson	Waggoner
Betty Martin	Elizabeth Ward
Zola Mae Mitchell	Mike Watson
Terri Mountain	Doris Whitener
Sara Owen	

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Susan King
 (Avis King's daughter-in-law)
 Latain Lozano
 (Mary Burgin's friend)
 Sarah & Eric Polley
 (Fay Purcell's niece)
 Forrest Shroyer
 (Ila Shroyer's grandson)
 Nancy Schumacher
 (Sue Oltman's sister)
 Danielle Sams
 (Jim Hardeman's daughter)
 Les Scott
 (Terry Scott's father)
 Dana Sneer
 (Friend of Janice & Phil Bullard)

Please pray for the people on these lists: Many are facing, or have recently faced, health problems or other challenges. To place a name on the list, please call the church office at (404)634-3355. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless otherwise instructed. *Thank you.*

Directed Prayer

- Pray for the new officers, that they may begin their ministry with the power and direction of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for Clairmont's Outreach emphasis this month, as we celebrate our ministries of help and compassion.
- Pray for the formation and work of the Pastor Nominating Committee, as they are elected and begin their search for our next Senior Pastor.

OUTREACH

JANUARY IS OUTREACH EMPHASIS MONTH

Special Guest Preacher

Sunday, January 15

Dr. Ben Mathes, Rivers of the World

Matthew 4:18-22

“Lord, You Want Me To Do What?”

Sunday, January 22

Mission and Ministry Opportunity Fair during the Sunday School hour.

Wednesday, January 25

**Wednesday Night Supper and panel discussion on homelessness
and our response to it as individuals and as a church.**

Watch for details.



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

January 15, 2012

Please join us for worship each Sunday at 8:30am, 11:00am and 6:00pm