



Nate Perry
Director of
Youth Ministry

This year's confirmation class has begun! The eighth grade youth loaded the church bus on the evening of Friday, January 20 for a meaningful weekend together in the mountains of North Georgia. It wasn't long before everyone seemed to 'leave Atlanta behind,' and begin singing both silly songs and praise music together. There is something about a youth retreat that words cannot

describe. And I'm not talking about the smells, the punching of sandwiches, the eggs that mysteriously disappear out of the refrigerator overnight, the Texas Pete sauce in odd places, or the same Barbie doll head appearing in strange places throughout the night (yes, that was all in this three day trip). It is the strong presence of the Holy Spirit as we study, pray, sing, and have fun together.

It is quite fitting we have set our theme for the retreat for this year, and the past couple years, to be "Becoming a Team of Believers." Each respective class goes through this journey together wrestling with tough questions and beliefs that, until now, have not been challenged. Most at this age, just believe what their parents believe or simply do not know what to believe. This class is one in which we hope will be a transitional time in each class members life. This is a time in which they can say – "that is when I made this faith my own."

To "become a team of believers" we read 1 Corinthians 12 and talked about what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ. We ventured outside, blindfolded of course, and did some team building challenges followed with discussion about some of our experiences in the challenges and in

our everyday lives. We learned more about one another by sharing some of our God given gifts and dreams for our lives and also tied this in with our required reading of "The Dream Giver." After returning from an "easy" hike up to the top of Amicola Falls the group watched a movie together, "Faith Like Potatoes" which is based on a true story of a man who, like his potatoes, grows his faith, unseen until the harvest.

Our class will continue for the remainder of the school year and some of our upcoming topics include: "Who is God, Who am I?," "How did Jesus Deal with our Need?," "What is our Response to Jesus?" "What does it mean to be a Disciple?," "The Sacraments, and The Church."

Please be in prayer for these youth as the Spirit continues to mold them: Scott Semler, Will Secor, Abby Fenbert, Carrie Callaway, Kendall Smith, Haley Melvin, Brittany Sheffield, and Sara Glass.

Retreat pictures are online at: www.clairmontpres.org
Retreat Highlight Video is online at: www.youtube.com/cymcpc



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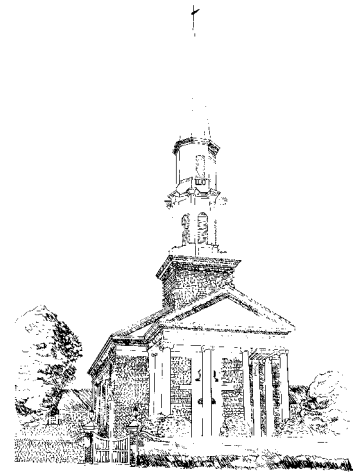
Worship Services

Sunday, January 29, 2012

- First Light (8:30am) in Milligan Hall
- 11:00am in the sanctuary
- 6:00pm Worship in the sanctuary
"A Hidden Treasure"
1 Kings 3:16-28
Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert

Sunday, February 5, 2012

- First Light (8:30am) in Milligan Hall
 - 11:00am in the sanctuary
"Graceful Living"
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95:1-11
Dr. Joan Gray
- NO 6:00 Evening Service**
Super Bowl Party at the Sullivan's



NEW

Church Directory is Coming!



Don't forget your appointment time!

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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**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**

**Save the Date for the Churchwide Retreat
*****New This Year*******

April 20 - 22, 2012

**The Lodge at Simpsonwood in
Norcross, GA**

www.simpsonwood.org

Details to follow with early registration.

Stewardship Column

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



Prayer and Stewardship: The Inspiration to Give

Do you remember the first time the hymn "Amazing Grace" lifted your heart to the rafters? It might have uplifted you from the depths of grief into the arms of a community that had gathered for the funeral of a loved one.

Or have you ever recited the words of Reinhold Niebuhr's Serenity Prayer: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." These simple words have inspired millions of people to turn their personal struggles over to God as they persevere amidst the challenges of life.

Prayer does so many things. It makes children feel safe at bedtime; it brings the sacred to a wedding day. Prayer ushers in joy to a congregation at a baptism; prayer inspires us to give.

What makes these moments of prayer so inspiring is just that – the moment. Prayer-infused moments bring each person back from the anxieties of tomorrow's big business meeting or yesterday's argument. At the funeral, in times of struggle, at the wedding, at bedtime, or at the baptism, through prayer people are letting go of themselves, focusing entirely on someone else.

Prayer helps us do what sometimes seems impossible. Through prayer we are letting God lead the way. Supplication to God, whether it is sung in grief, proclaimed together in community, or whispered alone in darkness is like the North Star in the night sky, a beacon of inspiration.

In the area of stewardship, we are called by the voice of God to set aside our own needs to help others. Too often we drift ahead of ourselves into worries. Inspiration becomes lost in the darkness of fear—fear over financial security, fear of being taken advantage of, fear of a loss of control, or even fear over how our gifts will be used.

It is in these trying times that we need the same inspiration that lifts us in those special moments in life when prayer comes to us so naturally. Inspiration from prayer to give and share can be natural to us, as natural as sleeping, marrying, giving birth, and dying. When inspired by prayer, we can share in ways that make the soul laugh and weep.

At times we forget to be a steward, just as we forget to pray, but prayer itself can remind us. We need only remember that it is the Holy Spirit's flame in us frees and inspires us.

In those moments when the Spirit helps us remember, we can find our Amazing Grace, our serenity, our beacon of inspiration to give with a free and open heart - to give like God gives.

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Finance Office

Good news from the Finance Office

If you have not heard already, I wanted you to know how generous the church was in December. Our special Christmas Offering yielded over \$16,000! This was over five times the amount we had planned to receive (based on recent history) for the Christmas Joy gift. You also gave to our regular offering in an extraordinary way ... nearly \$140,000 was received in December, a new record. By the time you read this we will have closed the books on 2011, and it appears we will end the year in the black. Thank you for generosity, inspired no doubt by your love of the Lord. Praise God! -Bill Spinks, Church Administrator

Christian Education

"That we would henceforth no longer be like children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But instead, speaking the truth in love, that we may grow up in Him in all things, which is the head, even the Christ..." - Ephesians 4:14-15

Please join us as we welcome David and Susan Nutter to the Discipleship Class at 9:45 a.m. on **Sunday, February 5** to listen to what Christ has done in their lives. David will tell you that in all walks of his life – as a son, a husband, a father, an attorney – a former prosecutor and currently a well-respected mediator in the Atlanta legal community - he has witnessed the power of prayer and has been blessed by the Spirit-filled life which is not only available to all of us, but is the life to which God calls us as we mature in our walk with Him. *Hope to see you there!*

Kindergarten

NEWS FROM CLAIMMONT'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!

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/CYMCPCC




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."

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

Sunday, January 26 - We will meet 30 minutes early (4:30) to load the busses and go to Passion City Church for their 5:00 service.

TGIF (middle school) meets on Friday nights 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.



Super Bowl weekend is the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. **On Sunday, February 5**, the Clairmont Youth will collect donations in large soup pots and donate 100% of their collection to a local charity of their choice. By using this weekend as a time to help the hungry, our youth will learn about the reality of hunger in their own neighborhoods and are turning one of the nation's universal days of celebration and parties into an opportunity to care for those in need.

This national movement began on Super Bowl Sunday in 1990 by a simple prayer spoken by Brad Smith (son of our own Don Smith), a SC pastor, "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." Young people have collected more than \$72 million and over 22 pounds of food through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Every penny goes to local charities. *Thank you for your donation. Our Youth have chosen Lady T's Homeless Ministry.*

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY: Sunday, February 5 in the Family Life Center. Call Nate Perry for details.

Young Adults/Parents

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.

Parents' Date Night

Last Call Young Adults are hosting a Parents' Date Night on Saturday, February 11. This event will begin at 5:30pm and end at 8:30pm. We will provide childcare, movies, and games for children from nursery through 5th grade. Please RSVP with the church office (404)634-3355 by February 6.

Small Group - Winter/Spring groups have started back! They meet on weeknights in homes around Decatur. Contact Rev. Bobby (bobby@clairmontpres.org) or Amy Nichols (4evramen@gmail.com) if you would like to know more about joining one.

Super Bowl Party - There will **not** be a 6pm worship service on **Sunday, February 5**. Instead, all are invited to the home of Eric and Cinnamon Sullivan (near downtown Decatur) at 6pm for the Fourth Annual Young Adult Super Bowl Party. Please bring a side dish/snack to share and new socks to donate to Lady T's ministry to the homeless.

The Clairmont Challenge 5K/1K - Join us in raising money for Azalea Village Ministries by running in this inaugural race! The race will be on **Saturday, May 12** at 8:30am beginning on the Azalea Village lawn. You can begin signing up online! www.clairmont5k.com/
Pre-Race Pasta Dinner - On **Friday, May 11** all runners and their families are invited to Milligan Hall at 6pm for pasta, fellowship, and raffle prizes.

Publix 1/2 Marathon - Interested in training for the annual Publix GA Marathon and 1/2 Marathon on **March 18**? We will continue training weekly each Saturday morning to prepare for the 1/2 marathon. Join in! Runners of every level are welcome. For more information, contact Grant Kendall at grant.kendall@yahoo.com or Rev. Bobby at bobby@clairmontpres.org.



Sunday, February 26
9:00am - 12:30pm
in the Parlor. Contact Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert at (404)634-3355 or bobby@clairmontpres.org

**Membership
Class & Brunch**

Women

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.

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 reenesabol@comcast.net or go to www.community-biblestudy.org.

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings:

Regular Tuesday morning Circles will meet for lunch (see above).

"LIFE AFTER WORK" for Women juggling work, family, and everything else will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at Laura Hackemeyer's Home.. Study facilitated by Nancy Cullison.

THE SUNDAY SUPPER CIRCLE will meet at 6:00pm on Sunday, February 12 at Bonnie Billington's home. Patty Stevens (770)938-9426 is Circle Representative. Janice Bullard will lead the study. *Please bring a dish to share.*

Coordinating Team will visit the Decatur Cooperative Ministry on **Tuesday, January 31. Meet at the church at 10:00am.**

Senior Adults

The Senior Adult Fellowship invites you to a delightful performance!

"A Duet Recital"

with Diane Hargreaves &
Barbara Ann Bongiovanni

February 13, 2012

11:00am

Milligan Hall

Lunch to follow.

Call the church office at (404)634-3355
by Friday, February 10.

*You do not have to stay for lunch
to enjoy the program.*

Performers:

Diane Hargreaves received her BM and MM degrees in clarinet performance from the Cincinnati College - Conservatory of Music. She is currently principal clarinet with the Rome Symphony, Georgia Philharmonic, and Gwinnett Symphony Orchestras. Other groups she has performed with include the Atlanta Wind Symphony, DeKalb Symphony Orchestra, and the Tehran Symphony in Tehran, Iran. An avid chamber musician, she has played in numerous woodwind quintets and chamber groups, and currently performs with the Dolce Chamber Orchestra and the Gwinnett Symphony Woodwind Quintet.

Barbaraann Bongiovanni received her BM from DePaul University and MM from Bowling Green University. She currently plays clarinet and bass clarinet in the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra, Gwinnett Symphony Orchestra and the Gwinnett Ballet Orchestra.

Events



GEORGIA FESTIVAL CHORUS in Concert

Tenth Annual Appearance!

Sunday, March 18, 2012

at 3:00pm

in the sanctuary

This concert, sponsored by the Clairmont Music and the Arts Ministry, features the wonderful Georgia Festival Chorus at 3:00pm in the sanctuary. This acclaimed community chorus, under the direction of its founder, Frank Boggs, has sung much of the world's great sacred choral literature for over 25 years. They have toured in England, Scotland, Ireland, Austria, and Italy. This is their 10th annual concert given at Clairmont Presbyterian Church. Each year they inspire and captivate those who hear them sing. Admission is free. Child care is offered for infants and children up to 2 years old. Don't miss this special event at Clairmont!

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.

Sunday Senior Lunch Sunday, February 5

immediately following the 11:00 Worship Service

Golden Buddah

(down the street on Clairmont Road)

Reservations by
Friday, Feb. 5
to Judy Milota
770-491-7274



February 3
Pat Hankins

February 4
Suzanne Burek

February 7
Mae Aycock

February 11
Kirsten Sharpes

February 16
Mitch Fenbert

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

Be In Prayer

CLAIRMONT MEMBERS:

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

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF MEMBERS:

Jean Donald (Andrea Pepper's friend)	Nancy Schumacher (Sue Oltman's sister)
Susan King (Avis King's daughter-in-law)	Danielle Sams (Jim Hardeman's daughter)
Latain Lozano (Mary Burgin's friend)	Les Scott (Terry Scott's father)
Forrest Shroyer (Ila Shroyer's grandson)	Dana Snee (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.

In Sympathy

Our loving Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Harriet Harper Williams McDonald, former member of Clairmont, who died on November 12, 2011 at the age of 98 in Brisbane, Australia.

With Thanks

In grateful appreciation to Dr. Joan Gray for her program on Monday, January 9, 2012, the Senior Adult Fellowship gave to the International Youth Mission.

Church Attendance

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

	This year	Last year
01/08/12	189	X
01/15/12	310	298

Directed Prayer

- Thank God for the financial stewardship of the congregation, in that the church's 2011 budget was not only met, but exceeded by \$5,000.
- Pray for healing and patience for our members who have had major surgery and long recovery periods.
- Pray for your Elders who, as a part of their monthly session meetings, have embarked on a year-long study to grow in their ability to spiritually lead the congregation.

The Directed Prayers are submitted by members of the current Session.

Valentine Weekend C♥♥kout Event

The Outreach team is sponsoring a Cookout Event **Saturday, February 11** for the basketball community from 11:00am - 2:00pm in the Family Life Center. Hotdogs and burgers will be served. The team would love to have lots of members there for the purpose of MINGLING WITH THE GUESTS ON OUR CAMPUS.

Our way of showing love for the community.....

All the basketball players are being asked to donate an item to Lady T's Homeless Ministry that day. Suggestion list: bottled water, peanut butter and jelly, hygiene supplies, diapers, tampons, batteries and flashlights, coats, blankets, socks, caps, gloves, and tents.

.....their way of showing love for community.


*Dancing Thru
the Decades!*

NEW DATE

Saturday, March 10, 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!



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

January 29, 2012