

Discovering Real Life Together

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THE Clairmont

CLAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Staff of Clairmont wishes you
a Blessed Christmas and a
Happy, Healthy New Year!



Handwritten signatures of staff members: Danell, Ron, Mike, Yan, Agatha, Megan, Barbara, Diane, Debbie, Linda, Nate, Trent, Nick, and Margaret.

Come, Let Us Adore Him



Dr. Thomas Pipkin - Senior Pastor
Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert - Associate Pastor
Rev. Megan Johnson - Associate Pastor
Rev. Ron Hieber - Parish Associate
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Nick Almand, First Light Worship Leader
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Nate Perry - Director of Youth Ministries
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Danielle Wilson - Administrative Assistant
Linda Massey - Director of Publications
Diane Neuman - Financial Secretary
Agatha Walker - Membership Secretary/Receptionist
Barbara Powers - Director of Preschool

ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:30am
December 19- Third Sunday in Advent
Christmas Cantata
Advent Series: "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him"
 "God With Us"
Matthew 1:18-25
 Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services
 5:00pm Candlelight Service
 7:30pm Candlelight Service

ONE SERVICE ONLY at 11:00am
December 26 -
 "The Inn Keeper's Wife"
Selections from Isaiah
 Rev. Megan Johnson

8:30am First Light Worship in Milligan Hall

11:00am - Traditional Worship
n the sanctuary

January 2 - "Happy New Year!
 Are you Kidding!?"
Jeremiah 29:11
 Rev. Ron Hieber

January 9 - Ordination and Installation
 of Officers
 Dr. Tom Pipkin

Last Call at 6:00pm
January 2 - Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert
January 9 - Rev. Bobby Hulme- Lippert

FYI

The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated **Sunday, January 2, 2011**, during the 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services.



The Sunday Bread Visiting Team for **Sunday, December 19** is Bob and Carol. Siegmann.

The Clairmont Nursery is looking to hire staff. If you are interested, please contact Sally Ann McKinsey at SallyAnn.McKinsey@gmail.com

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Angel Tree - Don't forget to bring your Angel gift to church by this Sunday, December 19th.



Christmas Baskets needed. Please fill a box with the following items and bring them to Clairmont by **December 19th:**



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|------------------------|---------------------|
| bacon | milk (1 gal) |
| sausages | regular soft drinks |
| sausage patties | orange juice |
| hot wings | apple pie |
| hamburger meat | candy |
| sweet cereal (2 boxes) | pancake mix |
| eggs | peanuts |
| potato chips | peanut butter |
| cookies | jelly |
| pinto beans (1 bag) | popcorn |
| kidney beans (1 bag) | |

Please No Diet Food

Reduce, Reuse, Rejoice!



Earth Covenant Ministry invites you to celebrate a Sustainable Christmas in 2010!

Experience the true joy, hope, love and peace of Advent by embracing simplicity as we journey together to the manger. Consider the ways conventional culture has overtaken our religious custom and covenant with friends and family this season to minimize consumptive practices that harm God's good creation. Incorporate holiday rituals that allow you to truly hear heaven and nature sing at the birth of our King! For resources on how to celebrate sustainably, download ECM's [guide](#) and PCUSA's [Reclaiming Advent Guide](#). www.earthcovenantministry.org

Music and Cantata Sunday:

"Sing Noel"

Sunday,
December 19

10:30am
(One Service Only)

Immediately following the Cantata the Presbyterian Women invites the congregation to join them at a Christmas reception in Milligan Hall honoring the Music and Arts Ministry.

Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Special worship services at Clairmont



- December 19** Christmas Cantata - "Sing Noel"
(10:30am - One Service Only) Reception following to honor the Music and the Arts.
- December 24** Christmas Eve Services
5:00pm Candlelight Service with the Children's Nativity re-enactment, and candle lighting. Music will include songs and carols led by First Light Band, organ, and other instrument.
7:30pm Candlelight Service with Scripture & Carols led by the Chancel Choir, brass, organ, and percussion.
- December 26** ONE service only at 11:00am in the sanctuary
- January 2** Regular worship service - 8:30am, 11:00am and 6:00pm



Members of Clairmont and members of Facebook...Please spread the word about Christmas events at Clairmont on your Facebook page. Send an invitation to your friends to join us on dates indicated above.



MISSION

Azalea Village resident Rasem, is available Friday, Saturday and Sunday to work in your yard or home. If you have work for Rasem, contact George Miranda at (404)325-2724.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD USED CAR! Anetris Austin (404)953-3209. Anetris was in house #1 in Azalea Village. She has moved out with her three boys to Kenco Apartments on LaVista. Thank you.

Food Needed: During this month when we give special thanks, let's remember those who have less than us. Let's pick up an extra item each time we grocery shop for our neighbors who may be unemployed and hungry. Place items in marked receptacles (Toco Hills Ministry) by the mail boxes in the church office.

Teresa's Ministry needs blankets! It's cold outside. Please bring new or clean used blankets to Milligan Hall (by the kitchen door.) Thank you.

Clothes Closet - Please bring clean winter clothes (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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We at CYM are here to Catch youth, grow in our Relationships, Offer worship, Study the word, and Serve in ministry. The CROSS is why we exist!



You Tube youtube.com/CYMCPC

Sunday School: Sunday from 9:45-10:40am

Calendar of Events for December:

- 17th TGIF 6:30-8:30pm in Youth rooms
- 19th WoW Christmas Party Progressive Dinner 4:30-9:00 pm. We will travel in the busses to three houses, for a different course at each. **CYM ALUMS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!** Bring a \$5 "dirty santa" wrapped gift. Dress and theme TBA
- 24th No TGIF
- Christmas Eve Services 5:30pm and/or 7:30pm
- 26th No WoW (Christmas)
- 29th Ice Skating, Varsity, and "unplanned" sleepover 5:00pm to all night. (Meet at CPC then travel off campus to Centennial park)

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:40-10:35am in Milligan Hall.
Two-year olds meet in Milligan Hall, Room 103.

Our Children's Sunday School follows the "Show Me Jesus!" curriculum, a bible based program dedicated to Christ-centered character formation. Each Sunday, the children meet in their rooms, study together, and then are dismissed to the playground for fifteen minutes of fellowship.

Classes are organized by age:

- 3-year olds - The Angels
- 4-year olds and Kindergarten - The Missionaries
- 1st and 2nd grade- The Saints
- 3rd - 5th Grade - The Disciples



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

All are welcome to join Timothy Keller's study on "Everyday Grace" each Sunday morning at 9:40am through mid January in the Education Building, Room 203. The study is led by Bobby Holmes. The Open Door Sunday Class is hosting. *Please join us.*

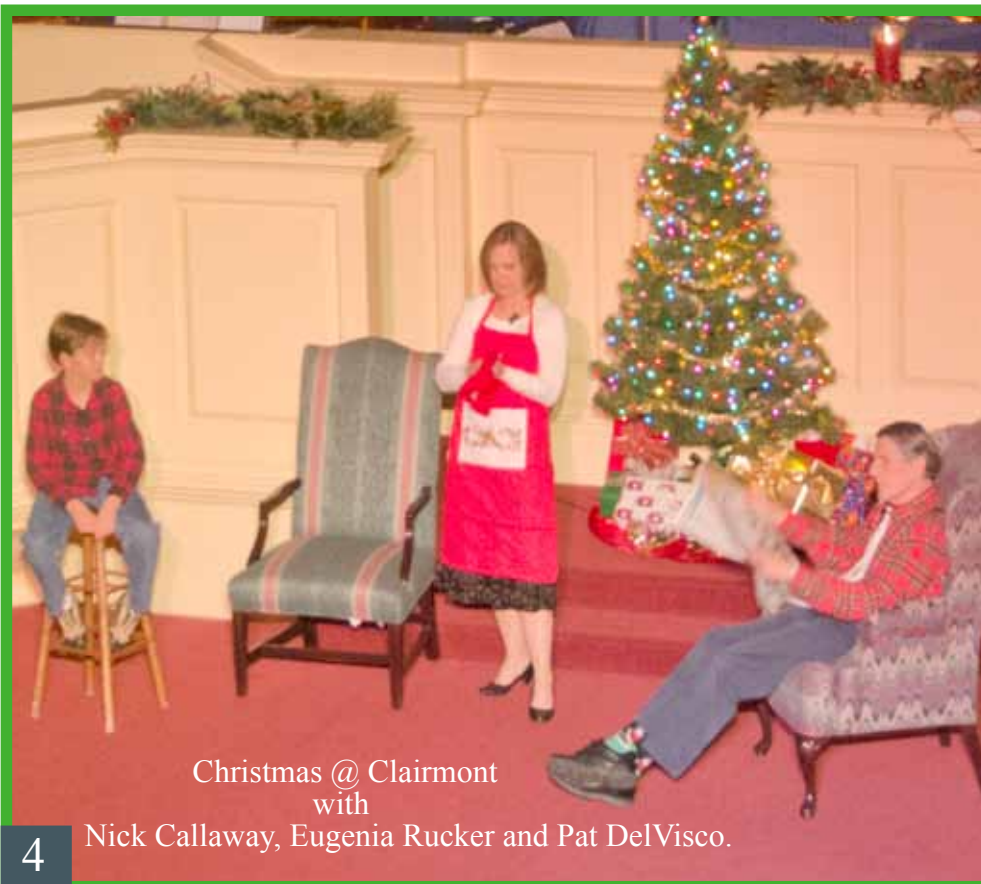
YOUNG ADULTS

Small Groups – Interested in a small group? Contact Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert at bobby@clairmontpres.org.

WITH THANKS

The Fellowship of Deacons wishes to express their deep gratitude to those who contributed their time and talents to the decorating of the sanctuary and outside areas of the church on Saturday, December 4th. They are: Mae Aycok, George Castleberry, Bobby Holmes, Jane Jaros, Norman Jaros, Sandy Luster, Linda Massey, Tammy McRae, Judy Milota, and Ila Shroyer. A special thanks to the following Youth who decorated the Chrismon Tree. They are: Dey'monn Austin, Josh Pipkin, Thomas Cowan, Mason Johnson, Mitchell Fenbert, Rumani Baller, Rachel Reed, Maggie Smith, Sarah Cowhan, Carrie Callaway, Harper Reed, Charlotte Sale, Bethany Harris, and Nate Perry.

A special thanks to all the participants of Christmas @ Clairmont and to the Ministry of Worship and the Arts. Those attending experienced a wonderful evening full of God's blessings.



Christmas @ Clairmont
with

Nick Callaway, Eugenia Rucker and Pat DelVisco.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Please check with the contact person for any schedule changes in December and January.

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meet on the SECOND and THIRD Tuesdays of every month. We will be studying the Book of Revelation in depth. Interested? Contact Rev. Megan Johnson at megan@clairmontpres.org.



Do you like to knit or crochet? Meet in the Parlor at 10:00am on **MONDAYS** If you can come or would like more information, please call Jane Jaros at (404)636-2169. There is something for ALL levels of expertise!

Community Bible Study has begun the study of the book of Genesis. They meet each Thursday night from 7-8:30pm in the education building. This is a 30 week in-depth, non-denominational bible study divided up into small groups for women and teen girls, and new this year, we will have a group for mothers with infants. For more information contact Renee Sabol (404)754-4610 or renee-sabol@comcast.net or go to www.communitybiblestudy.org.

Attention Clairmont women! Sisters in Christ small group meets on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Parlor. *Please join us!* Contact Sarah Brosnan at sarah.brosnan@gmail.com.

FMMG meets every Friday at 10:00am in the Parlor. Led by Rev. Megan Johnson.

SENIOR ADULTS

Senior Adult Ministry presents

*Carolyn Green and
Clairmont's Line Dancers*



Monday, January 10
11:00am
Milligan Hall

Lunch to follow.

Please call the church office with your lunch reservation at (404)634-3355.

Save The Date!

1.11.11 at 11

~ **WHO** ~
ALL Ladies of Clairmont

~ **WHAT** ~
Special Luncheon with
Rev. Sandi Wilmesherr

"It's All About Water"

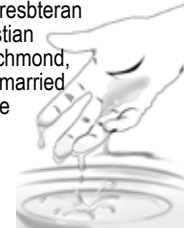
~ **WHEN** ~
Tuesday, January 11,
2011 at 11:30am

~ **WHERE** ~
Petite Auberge
(Toco Hill)

~ **How** ~
Call the church office
404.634.3355
by Friday, January 7
with your lunch reservation.
(\$16 for your choice of)
Chicken Cordon Bleu or
Burgundy Beef Roast)

Childcare available.

Rev. Sandi Wilmesherr is the Pastor of The Summit Church PC (USA) in Fayetteville, Georgia. Her passion is bringing faith and community together. She loves entertaining, Montreat, and the beach. Sandi has MA and MDiv degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary and also studied at the Presbyterian School for Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. She is married to Ken and is the mother to three grown children and three grandchildren.



ACTIVITIES

Basketball Coaches needed!

No experience necessary. We will train. One practice a week and one game on Saturday (1 hour each). Only 8 weeks of games.

We need:

- 2 coaches for 4 & 5th grade girls.
- 2 coaches for Middle School girls
- 1 coach for K & 1st Grade
- 2 coaches for Middle School boys
- 1 coach for High School boys

Contact **Debbie Palmore** at (404)634-3815 for debbie@clairmontpres.org.



IN MEMORY/HONOR

In memory of Neasy Graham:

- Phil & Mary Ann Esty gave to the Azalea Village Ministry.
- Tom & Mary Anna Brooks gave to the Emergency Fund.
- Gretta Burns gave to the Presbyterian Women.

In memory of Nell & Earl Sosby (parents):

- Robert & Virginia Sosby (brother, sister-in-law), Manual Crudrado & Hubert Irwin (brothers-in-law), & Stephen Burns (step-son), and Gretta Burns gave to the Music & Arts Ministry.

In memory of Joseph Burns (husband):

- Gretta Burns gave to the Presbyterian Women.

In memory of Virginia Zekis & Grace Kelly (sisters-in-law):

- Gretta Burns gave to the Azalea Village Ministry.

In memory of Louise Bounds:

- Gretta Burns gave to the Presbyterian Women.

In memory of Dr. Garland P. Bennett, Jr.:

- Linda Bennett gave to the Music Ministry.

In honor of Mike Strain and the Chancel Choir:

- Judith Sale gave to the Music Ministry.

IN SYMPATHY

Our loving Christian sympathy is extended to Ray Davis on the death of his mother on November 30, 2010 in Jupiter, Florida.

Our loving Christian sympathy is also extended to Penny Keys on the death of her mother, Betty L. Keys on November 26, 2010.

DIRECTED PRAYER cut and post

- Please pray for wisdom for the elders and deacons who will hold leadership positions at Clairmont during 2011.
- Pray that our everyday thoughts and actions are in God's will and pleasing in His sight.
- Pray for those in the Azalea Village families and those in the church congregation who are searching for work.

CLAIRMONT MEMBERS

Nell Ball	
Linda Bennett	
Ken Bexley	
Mary Beth Davis	
Phyllis Davis	
Bill Fleming	Terri Mountain
Maggie Hartsfield	Sara Owen
Flora Hendrix	Lois Pruitt
Louise Hood	Joyce Rogers
Deb Hosford	Judith Sale
Melba Hull	Jay Scott and his siblings
Janie Kinard	Evaughn Taylor
Debra Love	Kay Turner
Caroline MacNeill	Jimmie Waggoner
Betty Martin	Elizabeth Ward
Graham Mothershead	Mike Watson
and her family	Doris Whitener



FRIENDS & FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Glenn Andrews (*Andrea Peppers & Jim Hardeman's friend*)
 Lucile Cobb (*Betty Rowe's mother*)
 Peggy Dalton and Shannon Harper (*Ann Wooten's friends*)
 David King (*Avis King's son*)
 John Langtim (*Shirley Langtim's son*)
 Jim & Tom McCoun (*Mary Jo McCoun's sons/Ann McCoun's brothers*)
 Tom Merritt (*Dot Burnett's Son-in-law*)
 Ken Neal (*Julie Comer's friend*)
 Irene Scott (*Jay Scott's mother*)
 Forrest Shroyer (*Ila Shroyer's grandson*)
 Karen Smith (*Jane & Ed Duckworth's friend*)
 Mary Ann Wilson (*Joyce Rogers' friend*)

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.

Clairmont's Emergency Fund is designated for the needs of Clairmont members. If you are interested in replenishing this fund, please send your donations to the church office. You may also apply it to a memorial or honor.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Casey and Ali Hedrick on the birth of their baby, Jay William Hedrick on December 3, 2010, weighing 7lbs 5oz.

Congratulations to Ron and Nancy Whitten on the birth of their new grandbaby, Emma Grace. She was born December 1, 2010 at 9:45pm and weighed 7 pounds and is 21 inches long. Kimberly and Kevin are very happy parents.





Happy Birthday

December 22

Ann Villwock
Judy Johnson
Elizabeth LeDuc

December 23

Lois Pruitt

December 24

Juanita Hudson

December 25

Jean Teare
Paul Cronce
Jonathan Rouse

December 26

Denise Armando
Christina Burden

December 28

Patrick Lail

December 29

Doug Singleton
Joseph Armando

December 31

Avis King
Kay Carr
Paula Smith
Margaret Landers

January 1

Bill Fleming
Tom Pruitt
Evaughn Taylor
Pat Kilgore
Karen Turney
Marc Ball

January 2

Dorothy Burnett
Edna Jennings

January 3

Robert Watkins
Carson Overstreet

January 4

Chad Langville
Daniel Nichols

January 5

Elise Ralls
Maria Weber

January 6

Elaine Beavers
Hannah Choi
Terry Scott

January 7

Hannah
Hackermeier

January 8

Rene Miller

January 10

Evan Hackmeyer

January 11

Tom Chalker
Joy Roth

January 12

George Hood

January 13

Carol Crochet
Daniel Comer

January 14

Dave Mathieson
Nancy Miranda
Larry Sale

January 17

Dot Edelson
Savannah
Sullivan

January 18

Amelia Thomas

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

Merry Christmas from Calvin Center to you! May you have a blessed Season of Advent and Christmas. May it be full of Christ's Peace!

Service, Hand in Hand

Calvin Center Hosts Hands On Network Conference
Picture one hundred impassioned volunteers from across the country gathering for a week, feverish to discuss, experience, and ultimately learn how to more fully serve local communities. This was the reality of Calvin Center in early November when Hands On Network was hosted as they prepared and educated volunteers for service across the nation.



LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP



The Lifestyle Stewardship theme for December is "Our Things."

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Matthew 6:19-20

This holiday season consider taking time to go through some of your "things" and determine what you may be holding onto that could benefit others in need. Donations of clothing and other household items may be received at the following 2 organizations:

<http://www.goodwill.org/get-involved/donate/>
http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn_2.nsf/vw-local/ways-to-give

Clairmont also receives donations of clothing and certain furniture on behalf of those in need. Please contact the church office for further information.

GIVING

The current tally through December 13 of all the Estimate of Giving Cards for the 2010 budget is:

Total Number of Cards Received: 185
Sum of all Estimates Recorded on the Cards: \$739,062

Please be good stewards of the church's postage and retrieve your 2011 Offering Envelopes in the hallway by the church offices after December 5th. Please use the new envelopes after the first of the year.



Year End Giving

Contribution Statements for giving through November 30 were mailed on December 7. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office and we will get one to you. Please *prayerfully* consider making a special gift to the church - over and above your normal giving if you are able - in order to help us eliminate our projected deficit of \$32,000, and so we can begin 2011 with full momentum. (Your contribution must be postmarked or in the church office by December 31 to be credited to your 2010 giving record.)

"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?" (Psalm 116:12)



*The Pipkin Family
wishes you and all
that you love a Blessed
Christmas and a
joyful New Year.*

"O Come Let Us Adore Him!"

Tom

*Tom Pipkin,
Senior Pastor*



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December 19, 2010

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

One service only on Sunday, December 19 at 10:30am and One service only on Sunday, December 26 at 11:00am.