

The Galilean Caller

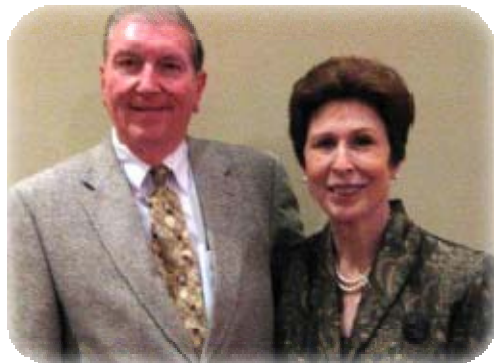
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2012

We're Off to a Great Start!

Yes, for all intents and purposes, Sunday was the first "real" Sunday of the year for us. We presented all 55 of our new member of 2011. What a wonderful sight to see all of these lined up across the front of the auditorium! We reviewed many of the events and accomplishments that took place in 2011. (If you would like to see that list, please [click here](#).) And we ordained our two newest deacons - Tim Booth and Bob Goldsmith.



When we came to the end of the worship service, **Earl and Barbara Brantley** came forward and placed their membership. They live at 253 Clarksboro Drive, Athens 30607. Please take the time

to welcome this great couple to our church fellowship. With 564 people present, it was a wonderful day! See you this Sunday for another fantastic time.

New Sermon Series Begins

We can all recite it almost completely by memory—the Lord's Prayer. These 52 words from God's Son have changed the way millions of Christians communicate with "our Father in Heaven." I'm looking forward to sharing these next six messages with you beginning this week with *The Lord's Prayer: Respect God's Nature*.



Men's Fella-ship

Thursday, January 19, 6 PM

Our study of, *Doing The Right Thing*, a video program hosted by Charles Colson, Britt Hume & Robert George continues. Guys, come to fellowship hall for our meal and join in this study involving current issues in our society.



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God's peace pillows the head when God's promises calm the heart.

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More from Tom...

By now, I hope this is not news to you but in a few months I will be retiring. On the next column is the latest report from our pulpit committee but I want to write to you just a few specific thoughts.

I love this church. I know you do, too. I don't want you to quit this church and go somewhere else just because my time to step down is approaching, September 16. If you do that, it would just break my heart. This is not a church built on Tom Plank and I want you to have the feeling, "This is my church and I love her because Jesus loves her and died for her."

You might find this change of ministry after 50 years a little frightening. I can understand that because it sure is for me, too. This will be the first time since I was 14 years old I won't draw a paycheck. But I firmly believe that the best years of this church are ahead – that a new preacher will see that what has begun will continue on. And one thing I know – a new leader will have my full support and I hope he will have your full support as well.

Tom

From Our Pulpit Committee:

(Dennis Sikes, chairman of elders, spoke these comments this past Sunday.)

We want our congregation to be aware that the six members of our committee have been very diligent in our search to find God's man for our pulpit. Replacing Tom after a 50 year ministry is just not possible. But finding the man God wants to continue his and our work at Galilee is very possible. We've prayed for this. We've sought wise council from many sources. We have received resumes and names from Pennsylvania, South Florida, New Mexico, and most of the states in between. We are now nearing the end of this process and will soon make our recommendations to the elders of Galilee. After their deliberations and in consultation with the full board, they will make a decision and present a single candidate to our full congregation for your consideration and approval.

But before this happens, we ask for your continued and increasing prayers and support. We will give more details and feedback as we can. We are confident that God has great plans ahead for Galilee. Join us in prayer and anticipation for the days ahead.



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Click on the Facebook logo to link to Galilee's Student Ministry Group page.

- « Join our group
- « Get all the information on upcoming events
- « Download forms and information



Got questions?
Contact: Brian LaRue
706.367.8072 at Church
706.248.1251 Cell
Brian@Galilee.org

LAST WEEK FOR COAT DRIVE

This Sunday marks the final Sunday to bring in your jackets, coats, sweaters, etc. We have collected 110 so far, let's double that this Sunday! Look in your closet and bring them in.



Give Warmth, Give Love

REVOLUTION NEWS

... No Revolution this Sunday, January 15 due to Winter Retreat. Please pray for us as we travel this weekend.



... Next weekend January 22 we are back and continue our new series...

HAITI MISSION TRIP MEETING

Are you interesting in going to Haiti this summer to serve? Come to our informational meeting Sunday, January 22 after service in the chapel.



Sunday 10:30AM
Middle/High School Students
in Chapel

Sunday School

Sunday 9:30 AM,
Middle/High School
Meet in the FLC



Wednesdays
6:45 PM
Middle/High School Students

Kid Stuff

Children's Director - Heather Arnold

Cell: 770-868-6226 • Email: heather@galilee.org



Pre-teen convention for 4th, 5th & 6th grade students is January 20-21. This year students will learn the answer to, "What am I made for?" The price is \$85. For more information, contact Heather.

Awana® News

Pajama Night

January 18th

Come in your favorite pajamas and have fun with us as we grow closer to God!



Listeners Needed

At Awana students work very hard to learn their Bible verses each week. You could help out by listening to students say their verses. No preparation required. No long term commitment necessary. Just come and listen to a few kids say verses. Contact Heather Arnold if you would like to learn more.



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Galilee Preschool News...

GCC Preschool prays that God blesses you with a wonderful New Year.



During January, our students are learning their “Five Senses”. Each week we are studying a new sense.

Students will have fun science projects to participate in as they learn!

January Curriculum



Numbers: 11 & 12

Shape:

Rectangle

Theme: Five Senses

January 3 – January 6

Animal: Nightingale

Letter: N

Theme: Sight

Bible Lesson: Noah



Animal: Octopus

January 9 – January 13

Color: Orange

Letter: O

Theme: Sound

Bible Lesson: “Onesimus Believes”



January 16 – January 20

Animal: Pig

Color: Purple

Letter: P

Theme: Smell

Bible Lesson: “Paul”



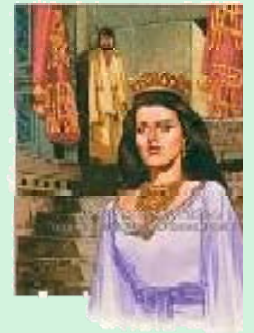
Animal: Quail

Letter: Q

January 23 – January 27

Themes: Taste & Touch

Bible Lesson: “Queen Esther”



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Building Fund Contributions

'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' Rev. 14:13B

In Memory Of

Jack Owens

**Given By
Sara Owens**

In Memory Of

Jimmy Johnson

**Given By
Sara Owens**

In Memory Of

Brenda Bales

**Given By
Bill & Marie Nowicki**

In Memory Of

Phyllis Chambers

**Given By
Theron & Janice Kesler
Bill & Marie Nowicki
Joan E. Simmons
Jerry & Gloria Martin
Sara Eskew**

In Memory Of

Ted Wampler

**Given By
Marilyn Wampler**



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Thank You!



We wanted to say thank you to all of our friends at Galilee for all the prayers and good wishes that have come from the church. Also thank you to all who attended the viewing and funeral for Don's sister, Joan. It has meant so much to us at this time. We really appreciate everyone for everything they have done.

Linda & Don Childers



GCC Cookbook In Progress!

Galilee cooks, we are putting together a cookbook of all the good recipes you wonderful cooks have. Please submit them at Women's Ministry table. If you wish to send them by e-mail, send to mcclureannis@gmail.com. Questions? Call Janice Kesler, 706-367-5565 or Annis McClure, 706-367-5608. Thanks in advance for helping us with this special project.

Look Who's Back!



Martha Voyles has returned to Jefferson. She now resides at Bentley Assisted Living in Jefferson. Her new address is:

Martha Voyles
Bentley Assisted Living
50 Sumner Way, Apt. 225
Jefferson, GA 30549

Her cell phone number is 706.248.6565.

Welcome Martha home by sending a card, giving her a call, or make a visit to her new apartment.

While you are at Bentley, stop by and visit other GCC members who are residents, **Laverne Bohanan and Barbara Brook.**



January, 2012 Birthdays



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|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Anita Hayes | 10 Jackie Johnson | 17 Gracie Federspiel | 22 James Phaturos |
| 2 Leslie Brown | 10 Patsy Tillman | 17 Ashley Martin | 22 Julie Walker |
| 2 Chessie Laird | 10 Dianne Pruitt | 17 Emily Eager | 23 Mike Holloway |
| 2 Makayla Daugherty | 11 Betty Perkins | 18 Sharon Jackson | 23 Benny Tompkins |
| 3 Avrie Crum | 11 Sarah Trippe | 18 Nancy Harris | 25 Samantha Manley |
| 4 Brianna Puckett | 11 Todd Koochel | 19 Bradley Holder | 26 Stephanie Elrod |
| 5 Merle Thompson | 12 Henry Asbury | 20 Glen Hacker | 26 Bryce Jenkins |
| 5 Vicki Hart | 12 Warren Scranton, Jr. | 20 Alan Sledge | 27 Paula Harris |
| 5 Suzanne Stepps | 12 Tess Holloway | 20 Ethel King | 28 Ginger Weldon |
| 5 Daniel Goodwin | 12 Sadie LaRue | 20 Ethan Storey | 28 Stephen Williams |
| 5 Samuel Goodwin | 13 Gloria Martin | 20 Kyle Waterfield | 29 Kristen Reed |
| 6 Joan Perry | 13 Kyndal Quiggle | 21 Forrest Garner | 29 Larry Dinkins |
| 7 Sara Adams | 14 W. Dewey Johnson | 21 Lavern Pethel | 30 June Hall |
| 7 Billie Black | 14 Bill Nowicki | 21 Kinsey Wilder | 30 Jennell Hutchins |
| 8 Sidney Garner | 14 John Ayers | 21 Rob McDonald | 30 Jack Phillips |
| 8 Virgil Moore | 14 Theresa Rush | 21 Lounell Bell | 30 C. C. Reeves |
| 9 Helen Adams | 16 Mary Brock | 22 Jean Wood | 31 Greyson Alexander |
| 9 Walker Holman | 16 Rachel McDonald | 22 Beverly McDonald | 31 Madison Rowley |

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Looking To Be Healthier In 2012?



For physical, mental, and spiritual well-being try out Galilee's Yoga class, Tuesdays at 6:15 PM in Worship Center's lobby. Your first class is FREE! The class is open to everyone at all skill

levels. Each pose can be modified to fit each student's individual body condition and is taught from a Christian perspective.

Yoga's benefits include:

- ... Increased flexibility, strength and concentration
- ... Decreased stress, anxiety and depression (including PTSD)
- ... Better breathing and posture
- ... Deeper relationship with Christ

Discounted classes and private lessons are also available. For details or answers to questions, please contact Elaine Brady (certified yoga teacher) at **770-314-7595** or email b.elaine.brady@gmail.com.

Ladies New Year's Luncheon



This Saturday, all women are invited to join us at noon in Fellowship Hall to honor those ladies joining Galilee last year. All others are asked to bring a covered dish salad to share—meat, congealed, leafy, or pasta salad. Come and enjoy special entertainment and a lot of good fellowship. Childcare is provided.

Start 2012 off right by joining us and giving our new members a very warm Galilee welcome.



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2011 Galilee Accomplishments



It is so easy to forget all the hard work by so many over the past 12 months. We need to remember! Every item on this list (and we know we've forgotten some things) represents much effort, money, prayer, and work for the Kingdom. May God bless what we've attempted for Him both in the past and now in the weeks ahead.

Planning For Our Future

Dick Hess Financial Planning
Our 1st Pulpit committee in 50 years formed and working hard
55 new families and individuals added to our Galilee Family

Improving Communication

Prayer Ministries redesigned, our distribution list expanded
New bulletin redesign with weekly themes and pictures in color
Our 2011 Church Photo Directory created "in house"
Galilee's Jackson Herald Homecoming Insert sent to thousands
We're moving to a Church-wide Calendar accessible electronically

Guest Speakers

CY Kim, missionary to Korea and China
Rajan Ipe, missionary to India
Andres Valencia, missionary to Chile
Fledge Fiamingo, Sons of Safari
Babbie Mason, singer



Equipment and Building

Printing Hardware and Software purchased to reduce costs
New thermostats installed to reduce energy costs
Parking lot resealed
FLC New Sound System Installed

Outreach and Missions

Disaster Relief trip to Tornado stricken Alabama
Haitian Trip—15 helped at a children's orphanage
GAME—many helped the needy with various projects
National Missionary Convention held in Atlanta
Winter's Run—Children visiting those in need

Children's and Youth Ministries

VBS sets new missions offering with \$2,500 raised
Christian Camp programs in the NE Georgia Mountains
Promiseland sets attendance record with 55 kids
New Youth class created to teach "How to become a Christian"
Another record broken! More than 100 kids present on Sunday

Wednesday Ministries at Galilee

August Kickoff had a record 300 in attendance
Puggles (2 & 3 year olds,) a new class created for Awana
Awana Kick-Off Carnival our largest crowd with many new families
Awana Ministries moves to worship center and doubles in size
Mid-week meals are free of charge with 3000 served to date

Special Events

Day of Outreach with many first-time families
Spring and Christmas Children's musicals
Mother's Day with an all-time non-Easter high attendance (589)
Galilee Preschool graduates another class
Veteran's Day Service when we say "Thank You" to our heroes
Mission 5k Run is the largest yet and raises money for Haiti
142nd Homecoming (Tony Dyer, guest speaker)
3rd of July Service Patriotic Service
Ladies Ministry Spring Tea with nearly 300 attending
Ekklesia 2011, a gathering of Christian Churches at Galilee
October Barn Party (What a fun evening!)
The Amazing Cape Cod Trip with 80 travelling together
Adult Choir Easter and Christmas Presentations
Galilee Ringers Handbells giving various concerts
Galilee Christmas Banquet
Easter 2011 with 902 attending



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