

GOOD NEWS AT UPC

APRIL 2023



GLAD TIDINGS FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

In Genesis 1: 26, God says “Let us make humankind in our image...” The pronouns, us and our, speaks of more than one being. Many theologians understand this as the Trinitarian God in three persons from the beginning. In John’s gospel we hear, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God...” So, many now understand that even before The Big Bang, God and Christ were. Some 2000 year ago, according to John, the Word became flesh in the human person of Jesus.

Here in April, 2023 we are, in the Christian Church, observing Holy Week and Easter once again. For many this is the best holiday of the year. We celebrate the Risen Christ. It is also true that we don’t enjoy Holy week which leads to death by crucifixion. We prefer our palms to the passion of Jesus. Passion Sunday is observed by some churches rather than Palm Sunday, because we just can’t deal with the reality of the unholiness of Holy Week. We just want Easter!

My friends, I believe it is important for our faith to seek the reality that is found in two experiences of this week, suffering and love. Though they may seem to us, at first glance, as opposites, they are linked together like crucifixion and resurrection. That is also what was experienced by God that first Holy Week, as Jesus suffers and dies, loving us even then and forever. God’s Love resurrects! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Amen,

Russell

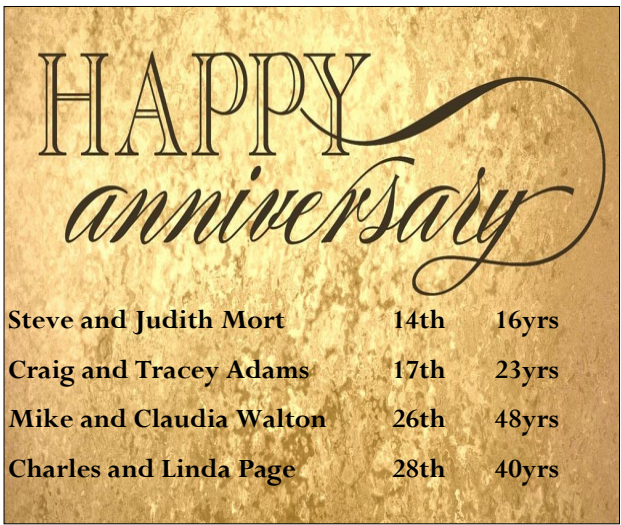
Vidalia Presbyterian Church



My name is Danielle Cannady, I am the new Administrative Assistant in the Church office. I am 34 years old, born and raised locally and a proud mother of two girls, Annalise (age 10) and Kaylee (age 7), who attend the Vidalia School System. Our family enjoys animals, nature and spending time at the Ohoopsee River together. I enjoy challenging myself to learning new things while striving to be a better version of myself each day. I believe life is about growth and being authentic. I pride myself on my bubbly personality and ‘can do’ attitude.

SERMONS FOR APRIL

2nd	“A Different Kind Of King”	Matthew 21:1-11
9th	“The Gardener”	John 20:19-31
16th	“Recognizing Christ”	Luke 24:13-35
23rd	Charles Webb Preaching	
30th	Congregation Gathering/Discussion	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

REBECCA DAVIS	2
NANCY MCDONALD	5
OTHA DIXON	13
JOHN ACHENBACH	14
ELLEN RICE	14
CLAY DAVIS	14
BRITTANY TOOLE	14
BEKAH HILTON	14
B.J. DAVIS	22
JAMIE THOMPSON	25
JETT MONTFORD	27



Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month...

May God bless you on your special day!

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed please contact Danielle in the church office at (912-537-3500) so that we can correct our records.

Prayer List

Our College Students:

Jansen Killian-University of Georgia School of Law (107 Cherrywood Dr., Vidalia, GA 30474)

Our Friends and Family:

Melba Claxton-Home

Elizabeth Killian-Wilkes

Carol Anne Claxton Baker

Melissa Branch

Judy Rhodes

James & Peggy Thompson

Ozeas Silva

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

STEWARDSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE

Lent is the season for introspection and self-reflection, when we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter through special prayers and spiritual disciplines. This year make stewardship a focus of your Lenten practices. Devotionals, prayers and ideas can help you grow as a steward.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Come join your fellow church ladies as we gather on the second Wednesday of each month at a local restaurant for food and fellowship. This month, the group will meet on April 12th at 11:30AM at Burgers on Broad in Lyons.

THIRD SUNDAY LUNCH

Our next Sunday Lunch is scheduled to be April 16th in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a good time of food and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share!

LITURGISTS SPRING SCHEDULE

A new liturgist schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary. This will be for April through June. If you are interested in becoming a Liturgist, please contact Pastor Russell.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Wednesday evening Book and Bible Study Group begins again on April 12th from 5:30pm-6:45pm. Please join us! We meet in the Ewell Nelson Room. Our book is Enduring Grace by Scott Black Johnston. Books are available, please contact Pastor Russell.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sarah Montford is teaching our children on Sundays, with additional help from Kathy Gladding and Blythe Wilcox. We can always use more help, so please consider volunteering for approximately 20-25 minutes once or twice a month.

BE A GREETER

Would you like to serve as a greeter at the front door of the church, welcoming members and visitors as they arrive. To sign up, just go to signup.com and choose a date, or simply call the church office. It takes only minutes, and it's a fun way to way to welcome people to church.

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The Session

Kelly Brand-Class of 2023
Kyle Montford-Class of 2023
Mike Walton-Class of 2023
Angela Lane-Class of 2024
Cissy Alderman-Class of 2024
Ben Davis-Class of 2024
Angela Cloud-Class of 2025
Glenn Goode-Class of 2025
Ethan Gray-Class of 2025

Officer & Associates reporting to the Session

Cissy Alderman(2024)-Clerk of Session
James Thompson-Treasurer
Mike Walton-Associate Treasurer

Staff

Rev. Russell B. Gladding, Jr., Pastor
Sarah Montford, Director of Music
Danielle Cannady, Office Administrator
Samuel L. Dixon, Sexton

Publication Deadlines:

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