



The Chalice

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Quiet?

“A Quiet Life” is not what naturally comes to mind when one thinks of Pentecost with scalps ablaze¹ and a “sound like the rush of violent wind.”² Pentecost brings to mind images of the Big Bang birth of creation as the wind (breath, life) of God’s sweeps over the face of the chaos waters³ to make a bit of stable, ordered, Garden Space for all that we know, even for us. But there is another Pentecost thread of drawing God’s people together from all languages and cultures and corners of the Earth, known and unknown. This poem, “A Quiet Life,” draws both of the roots of creation, deep in the unfathomable heart of God exploding forth with a love for all of the life we can now perceive, and a drawing together of the vast and divergent reservoirs of both God’s creation and human ingenuity and cooperation. And, finally, a quiet moment (a life?) to contemplate, to celebrate even the simplest of wonders birthed of such holy imagination and blessed cooperation. Wonder so easy to ignore, if poet Baron Wormser hadn’t drawn our attention to it. Thank you, Baron, for bringing us for a moment into the eye of Creation and Pentecost with the Holy winds and flames that might otherwise overwhelm us.

¹Acts 2:3, ²Acts 2:2, ³Genesis 1:2

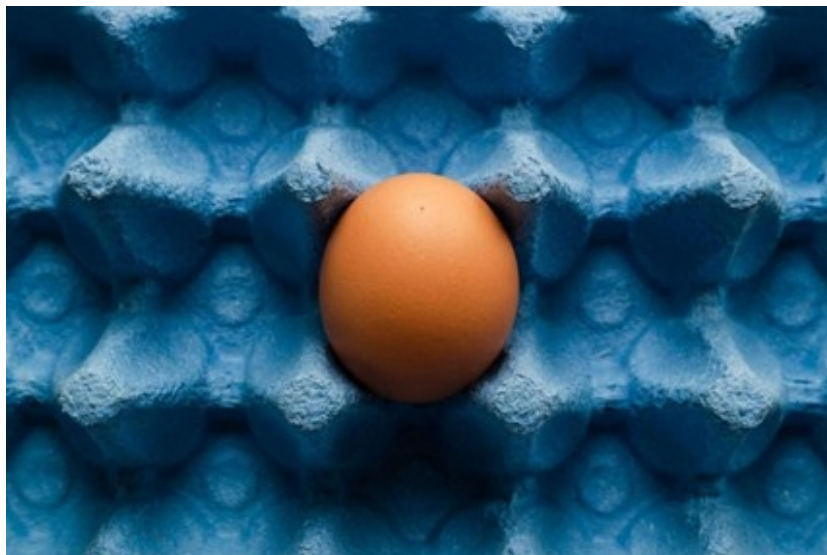
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"A Quiet Life," by Baron Wormser

What a person desires in life
is a properly boiled egg.
This isn't as easy as it seems.
There must be gas and a stove,
the gas requires pipelines, mastodon drills,
banks that dispense the lozenge of capital.
There must be a pot, the product of mines
and furnaces and factories,
of dim early mornings and night-owl shifts,
of women in kerchiefs and men with
sweat-soaked hair.
Then water, the stuff of clouds and skies
and God knows what causes it to happen.
There seems always too much or too little
of it and more pipelines, meters, pumping
stations, towers, tanks.
And salt — a miracle of the first order,
the ace in any argument for God.
Only God could have imagined from
nothingness the pang of salt.
Political peace too. It should be quiet
when one eats an egg. No political hoodlums
knocking down doors, no lieutenants who are
ticked off at their scheming girlfriends and
take it out on you, no dictators
posing as tribunes.
It should be quiet, so quiet you can hear
the chicken, a creature usually mocked as a type
of fool, a cluck chained to the chore of her body.
Listen, she is there, pecking at a bit of grain
that came from nowhere.





Sunday, June 15 – Father's Day

10:00 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

Elder: Rosa Hall

Monday, June 16

6:30 pm – Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 18

7:00 pm – Choir

Sunday, June 22

10:00 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

Elder: Cathy Moorehead

Monday, June 23

5:00 pm – Disciple Women's Meeting

Wednesday, June 25

7:00 pm – Choir

Sunday, June 29

10:00 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

Elder: Ann Smith



You're Invited to the Georgia Disciples Women Fall Retreat

Registration is open for the Georgia Disciples Women 2025 Fall Retreat, September 26-28, at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons, GA. We shared our stories at our February retreat at Ocmulgee State Park; now let's share our gifts as we explore the theme, "Spiritual Gifts: What Is Your Fragrance?"

With 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 as our focus scripture, the weekend will include relaxation, fellowship, and spiritual growth as we return to the beautiful coastal setting of Epworth by the Sea. The retreat will feature some new opportunities, including Friday evening vespers, additional workshops, and crafting choices, as well as familiar favorites like Bible study, Sunday worship, our signature silent auction, a service project with Amity House, and ample opportunity to explore Saint Simons, GA. This year, we are excited to also feature Georgia Disciples Women t-shirts for sale!

You won't want to miss this opportunity to deepen your faith and form friendships with Disciples women across Georgia!

News from ACTS

May 2025

Distribution Center: 130 East Thompson St., Bogart 30622 770-725-2330

For more info or help:

Randy Dawson, 706-540-3695 or Dennis Clarke 706-206-6250

Food Distribution, January-March, 2025

<u>Month</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>New Clients</u>
January	158	473	2
February	146	461	9
March	124	390	3

“Lord, when did we see the hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink?” ...And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:37, 40

Current Needs at ACTS

Ann Ferguson and Wanda Magness supervise the Clothes Closet at ACTS. Every Wednesday morning, starting at 9:30, Ann and Wanda are joined by several other volunteers who work together, sorting clothing and housewares. If necessary, they keep working until 12:30. They welcome all volunteers who want to help.

There is always a need for towels and washcloths. If your church is looking for a project, collecting new and gently used towels and washcloths would be a good one to take on.

It is Spring now, but in August, football games start and it can be chilly after the sun goes down. That is why ACTS is collecting winter coats now. Spring is a good time to clean out closets, so if your children's coats will be too small next Winter, now it a great time to donate them to ACTS.

Finally, ACTS always needs empty egg cartons. Trader Joe's donates lots of eggs to ACTS, but some are broken, which ruins the cartons they are in. New egg cartons are needed for the good eggs.

New Wiring!

The ACTS building has been completely rewired. It is up to code and a number of new circuits were added. As a result, each freezer and refrigerator has its own circuit.

First Christian Church, Watkinsville GA
Board Meeting
Fellowship Hall
April 14, 2025

Members present: Bill Hunt, Rosa Hall, Tracy Henson, Mary Lillie, Tommy Branch, Alan Cloar.

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Bill

Prayers concerns were mentioned.

Tracy moved that the March minutes be accepted as presented, Mary Lillie 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: not given

Old Business: none

New Business:

Mary Lillie moved that we use \$500 from the Endowment Fund for the Quest donation.
Tracy 2nd. The vote was unanimous.

Outreach:

Suggested that the donation be raised to \$10 for Meal Ministry to cover costs.

Property report provided by Mary Lillie.

The molding in the Men's bathroom has been replaced.

Athens Refrigeration will check on the ice maker

Christian roofing will give an estimate on repairing the soffit on the front of the church.

Going to have the bell and swing set painted.

New mulch for the playground and the flower beds.

Need to get an electrician to check on the timer that is in the attic that controls the front porch lights.

Plug up a hole next to the ice machine.

Deacons Report:

Deacons assigned for April.

4 Deacons will serve on Easter.

Worship Report given by Tracy.

Met March 30 and firmed up Easter plans.

Quest donation of \$493 was collected for Morgan and Britian.

Tracy will pick up the hydrangeas this week and place in sanctuary for Sunday.

Disciple Women:

We met with 10 members present.

Next meeting is April 28.

Trustees:

House is still on the market. Committee reviewing the viability of keeping the house on the market due to taxes, etc. that could offset any monetary gains.

Alan gave his minister's report.

Easter schedule has been distributed.

Bible Study survey will be conducted.

Sign-up sheet for Easter Breakfast foods will be completed.

Calendar: Dates were included for the calendar and Rosa will email Elaine.

Communion was provided by Bill.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer from Alan.

Respectfully submitted by Rosa, secretary, and Bill, Board Chair



DW meeting

The Disciple Women met on May 19 with 9 members present. The women are finishing up their Project for June by collecting towels for ACTS. We thank everyone that was able to donate towels or money for this project. Our next meeting is June 23 at 5:00 pm. All ladies of the church are encouraged to attend the next DW meeting.



Property Report

The ice machine has been cleaned and is ready for use. The Elevator has also been inspected.

Joshua Wagner, from Alexandria, Kentucky, enjoys a versatile and collaborative musical career with experience as a vocalist, pianist, educator, and conductor. He received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Choral Conducting at the University of Georgia.

An active church musician, Joshua has led music for various denominations and currently serves as Director of Music at First Christian Church of Watkinsville and as Organist and Cantor at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Athens.

As a pianist, Joshua maintains an active accompanying schedule and has played for many choirs in the central Kentucky area. Joshua has performed with the ECU Jazz Ensemble and was the accompanist for the ECU Musical Theatre program. Currently, Joshua serves as the accompanist for the Georgia Children's Chorus.

In 2022, Joshua received ECU's Robert Whitt Award for Choral Excellence and won first place in the ECU Barry McCauley Vocal Competition. He has performed for renowned artists such as Dr. Jeremy Huw Williams, Cynthia Lawrence, Dr. Kimberly Lazzeri, Katherine Keen, Dr. Joyce Hall Wolf, and Dr. Mark Kano.



Daijing at her Graduate Recital for piano performance in Ramsey Concert Hall within the UGA Performing Arts Center on April 22, 2025.



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LETTER OF COMMITMENT

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(Over a period of up to 5 years)

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This gift is made in support of the following endowments, programs, facilities and/or project:

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Gifts will be made ☐ annually ☐ semiannually ☐ quarterly ☐ monthly, with the first in _____

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Will pledge be paid by Donor Advised Fund (DAF) or private foundation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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THANK YOU!

The [Teresa Harris Guthrie Student Worker Award](#) is given annually to an outstanding student employee who has made a positive impact on the Division of Development & Alumni Relations (DAR) at UGA. The student is recognized at a DAR staff meeting and receives \$500 funded by the [Teresa Harris Guthrie Memorial Fund](#).

Thank you for your support of this fund, which honors our former colleague and carries forward her legacy of mentoring students who worked with her at UGA.

This spring, we proudly presented the **fifth annual Teresa Harris Guthrie Student Worker Award to Emaleigh Cone**, a third-year student from Dacula majoring in graphic design.



Emaleigh began working for the Research & Prospect Management (RPM) team in Fall 2023 and has left her mark on the division. Emaleigh's communication skills and sharp intellect enable her to tackle challenging tasks with confidence and a positive attitude. She has helped our team identify new donors, assisted with data cleanup efforts to support UGA's new School of Medicine, and supported a planned giving survey that was sent to donors - among many other initiatives.



As one of her supervisors wrote in their award nomination:
Emaleigh's dedication, professionalism, and passion for excellence make her a pleasure to work with. The RPM team wholeheartedly nominates her for this well-deserved recognition and is confident that she will excel in any endeavor she chooses to pursue.

The 2025 **Teresa Harris Guthrie Award** was presented in April 2025 to Emaleigh Cone, a third-year student from Dacula, Georgia, majoring in graphic design. We caught up with Emaleigh to learn a bit more about this outstanding UGA student.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AS A DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS STUDENT EMPLOYEE?

I currently work with the **Research & Prospect Management (RPM)** team. My day-to-day consists of gathering and organizing information related to UGA donors and potential prospects.

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS POSITION AND WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO APPLY?

I was made aware of the opening in RPM through a friend that has experience collaborating with the team. While the job may not pertain to my degree, I have always had a fondness for analytics. This stems from the side of myself that has keen observational skills and is meticulous. I found the idea of trying a new field refreshing and intriguing.

WHAT HAS YOUR POSITION TAUGHT YOU AND/OR HOW HAS IT PREPARED YOU FOR THE FUTURE?

This position has given me a new outlook on what it means to be professional. The environment requires a level of collaboration, self-accountability, and a strong work ethic. Trust is extremely important in these settings. Trust that the work will be done in a timely manner and with excellent quality. I have learned how rewarding it can be to have that kind of faith placed on you, and to be able to provide helpful work in return.

WHAT IS ONE SURPRISING THING YOU LEARNED ABOUT UGA, DAR OR RPM?

The care and consideration that I received in the office and from my boss was unexpected but very welcomed. My schedule can be taxing and change in a moment's notice depending on required work by teachers. The DAR staff are understanding and supportive of my college journey, which makes me feel well taken care of and more eager to provide my assistance.

WHAT HAS BEEN MOST REWARDING ABOUT YOUR ROLE?

The experience that I have gained will shape how I approach future jobs and how I will carry myself with regard to attitude and ethics.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO AFTER GRADUATION?

After graduation, I intend on exploring my graphic design career options, especially ones that pertain to the book publishing field. I hope to work with other creatives to help bring an idea or brand to life.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO THOSE WHO DONATED TO THIS FUND IN TERESA'S HONOR?

I would love to say thank you for supporting students that recognize the value of having a positive workplace environment that allows for growth. The award is highly encouraging for the students that continue to work hard for DAR.

Many thanks to the generous donors who continue Teresa's legacy by donating to the Teresa Harris Guthrie Memorial Fund.