

the Scroll



Weekly Church Bulletin

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It's a growing trend, and one that exists even within our fellowship. It's commonly called "cutting." We generally refer to it as "self-harm" behavior. This sad self-harming exercise exists primarily within our younger population. I would venture to say that if you asked one of our teens if they have a friend that cuts themselves, or know of someone who does, then they would say yes.

So, what is it? What is cutting? It is just as it sounds.

It's where someone takes a sharp object and cuts themselves. The cutting is generally deep enough to cause pain, but not so deep that it threatens cutting an artery and causing significant loss of blood and subsequent loss of life.

Why would anyone want to cut themselves? My research would yield a number of reasons. Let me just share five. 1) Some cut because they feel very little emotion in life. The pain of cutting allows them to feel something—even if that something is physical pain. 2) Some cut because they have so much anger toward others, but instead of expressing the anger in an outward manner, they direct it inward and cut themselves. 3) Some cut for the same reason that an alcoholic drinks, or a drug addict uses opioids. It is a form of self-medication. They are so miserable because of life-circumstances that they need a reprieve. Cutting, releases endorphins in the brain and allows the individual to experience a moment of euphoria. 4) Some cut because they want to dissociate from a traumatic experience from the past that keeps plaguing their thoughts. If perhaps an older teen was sexually abused as a younger person, they will cut in order to disconnect from those negative past thoughts so that like before, they can experience a moment of euphoria. In my view, this is probably the most common reason for cutting. 5) Finally, there is cutting for show. I don't mean to sound crass here. You may know someone that cuts right now. If so, it's because they felt comfortable enough to confide in you, and not because you saw cut marks on them. You see, most of the time those cut marks are hidden. However, if someone is cutting and does so on

a part of their body that is in plain sight, it may very well be because they are "showing off" the fact that they are cutting. If this is the case, they may be wanting you to know how much emotional pain they are in. (A short video that goes over these points in more detail, and is worth a watch can be found by clicking this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqDcACrtloM>.)

Okay, so that may be more than you ever wanted to know about cutting, and you may even be questioning why I'm writing about it. One, I'm writing about it because I think we need to talk about real stuff that is going on in the lives of people. Second, I'm writing about it to share a spiritual comparison. First of all I want to say that I do not want to minimize the situation if you or someone you know is cutting. It could be that a cutter wants help but doesn't know to whom they can turn. If you know someone who is cutting, be a good friend. Listen without judgment, and as one that does not have all the answers. Encourage that friend to seek help, and offer to go with them. If you are a young person, in order to be a good friend, you may need to tell an adult.

So, what's that spiritual observation that I was talking about? Here goes... Jesus was not one who engaged in self-harm behavior, but he was harmed for my self. He was harmed in every conceivable way. He was hurt emotionally, and certainly physically (Mt. 27). He was hurt socially (Mt. 26,27). We could even argue that he was hurt spiritually (Mt. 27:46). The hurt that he experienced allows us to be released from our sins of the past so that we can experience spiritual wellness (Acts 2:38). Likewise, the harm inflicted upon Jesus was put on display for all to see. Through the eye of faith we can see his agony and allow his pain to be our pain. Therefore, we can let go of our guilt and our hurt—to be forgiven, and be free from that which would cause us spiritual pain.

Perhaps you have been harming yourself, not physically, in a spiritual way by trying to take on this spiritual warfare all by yourself. Allow God to liberate you by the blood of Jesus—who allowed himself to be harmed for you. May God bless you.

—Neil Richey

Our Purpose in Life is to "Glorify God"

Our Elders:

Mike Adams, Tim Feltner, Roger Winslett (Shepherd of the Month- April)

Our Deacons:

Eric Aguirre (Lads to Leaders), Steve Brandt (PRYSM Youth Group), Derek Brown (State-side Missions/GSOP), Sim Christie (Benevolence), Dino Drain (Security / Technology), Tom Eickmeyer (Business/ Contracts), John Golden (Worship), Hunter Hughes (Member Involvement / Community Outreach), Scott Ihle (Foreign Missions), Chris Vance (Grounds), Josh Zahndt (Early Education / KFC / TNT youth)

Times of Assembling:

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Worship, 5:00 p.m. Worship
Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. Bible Study



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News You Can Use:

Good Works:

Striving to fulfill God's Purpose Through *Evangelism, Edification, & Benevolence*

Here are some of our works . . .

Evangelism

Georgia School of Preaching & Biblical Studies
Live Webcasting of Our Services

Edification

Bible Classes
Church Library (prcoc.mysurpass.net)
Ladies Workshop
Prime Timers Group
Youth Groups

Benevolence

Raintree Village Children and Family Services
Rainbow Omega

Georgia Agape

Counseling

You may contact Neil Richey for a confidential appointment. 8744 Main Street Suite 303 Woodstock, GA 770-278-9459 neil@tranquilitycounselingserv.com www.tranquilitycounselingserv.com

By the Numbers:

Sun. Bible Study: 122
Worship: 202
28 @ L2L
Contribution: \$13,328.76
Wed. Bible Study: 110

Prayer Requests:

Sympathy:

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Xavier Royalty**. Xavier is the grandson for Connie Winslett's sister.

Latest Updates:

Eric Aguirre will have inpatient back surgery on April 6 to repair two herniated disks. **Billie Bryant** had knee surgery on Tuesday. **Karen White** has been diagnosed with Stage 1 Breast Cancer. She will have surgery April 23. **Romain Montgomery**, nephew of Annette Linton, was diagnosed with Kidney Disease. **Wes Anderson**, brother of Stephanie Dockery, was diagnosed with Sarcoma and will have surgery soon.

Shut-Ins:

Louise Hardwick, Frances Leavens, Carolyn Melvin, Trae Rivero, Opal Sewell, Faye Stewart.

Continue to Remember:

Alicia Adams, Janice Hudson, Kathy Moore, Tricia Adams, Sammie & Bryan Hathcock, Billie Bryant, Harold Brown, Barbara Mabry, Chisholm Waldroop, Glen Word, Rose & Jerry Hall, Jean Robinson, James Coar, Vicki Derrick.

Friends and Family:

Christine Coleman (mother of Lawanda Coleman), Patricia Agnew (online listener), Michael Robins (son of Rose Hall), Sarah DuBois (neice of Bob Jenkins), Debbie Gaston (mother of Glenda Eickmeyer), Dennis Taylor (nephew of Tony & Jean Robinson), Mike Luke (brother of Kerry Jenkins), John

Hicks (father of Christine Aguirre), Sofia England (1 year old daughter of Brandon & Jeannie England), Mattie Small (friend of Annette Linton), Daniel Welker (son of Danny & Cindy Welker), Traci Coleman (niece of Noreda Carrington), Doris Ledbetter (mother of Marcia Jaynes).

Expectant Mothers:

Kristy Sexton— Due in August.
Kasey Brown— Due Oct. 12

Prayer requests will remain in the Scroll for four weeks unless the office is notified. If we've removed someone from the prayer list that you would like re-admitted, please call or email the office and we'll be happy to do so.

Reminder Parents:

There is a nursery available during worship as well as a training room at the back of the auditorium. We ask that this be reserved for parents with children.

Announcements:

Welcome:

A special welcome to our visitors on the Lord's Day. Members, be sure that our guests receive a visitor's card so that we can follow up with them and show our appreciation for their visiting with us. Those cards should be returned to the office.

L2L Recognition:

Please help us recognize our children that participated in Lads to Leaders this year. We will have a "Picnic Food" potluck following evening Worship on Sunday, April 15.

H.O.M.E Cooking:

We will have a fellowship meal following morning worship, Sunday, April 21. At this time we will also recognize our new members for the past quarter. Our Evening Worship service will immediately follow the meal around 130 pm. We will not have a 5 pm Worship service.

If you are graduating High School or College, or have a graduate in your family for 2018, please notify the office.

Check Out or Miss Out?

We have two of the finest libraries around. Many books were donated from the collections of our finest ministers. Go to <http://prcoc.mysurpass.net> or stop by to browse.

SATURDAY
APRIL 21
1:00 pm
to
4:30 pm



**THE SAFE CHURCH
LEGAL WORKSHOP**
WITH MATT VEGA, J.D.

1pm PREVENTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT	2pm PROTECTING YOUTH	3pm DEFENDING THE CHURCH
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LOOKING AHEAD

- 4/8 Bible Class, 930 am, Worship, 1030 am
PRYSM Area Wide- not meeting in April
Worship, 5 pm
- 4/11 Bible Study, 715 pm
- 4/14 Ladies Devo & Brunch, 9 am
- 4/15 Bible Class, 930 am, Worship, 1030 am
Worship, 5 pm
- 4/18 Bible Study, 715 pm
- 4/21 Safe Church Legal Workshop, 1 pm
- 4/22 Bible Class, 930 am, Worship, 1030 am
HOME cookin' luncheon, 11:30 am
Worship, 1:30 pm
- 4/25 Bible Study, 715 pm
- 4/29 Bible Class, 930 am, Worship, 1030 am
Worship, 5 pm

*GSOP Classes meet on Tuesday & Thursday nights
Ladies Workshop meets every Tuesday, 930 am

The Youth Zone

Be sure to pick up a **Sermon Advantage for Kids** or a **Sermon Advantage for Pre-teens** located on the bulletin board by the nursery or the welcome center.

TNT= Tots N Truth,
birth - 1st grade

KFC= Kids for Christ,
2nd - 5th grade:

Faithfully Falling into

Scripture- Let us continue our habit of weekly Wed. night memory work and keep our tree in bloom. Spring leaves are ready for any and all memorizers of all ages.

PRYSM=Piedmont Road Youth Serving the Master,
6th-12th grade:

See the PRYSM bulletin board for upcoming events, sign up sheets and information. If you have any questions about events please see the Brandt's and check your emails.

Upcoming Events:

L2L Recognition Fellowship- April 15 following evening Worship. See page 2 for details.

Bulletin Board Makeover - If any of the members of the PRYSM group would like to help update the PRYSM bulletin board, please let us know. We would love to hear your ideas or even if a couple of you want to take it on as a service project or for the Lads-to-Leaders event, we think that would be great.

Monthly Card Writing - Service Project

Area-Wide Youth Devo- Next meeting will be May 20 hosted by North Cobb.

Harding Honors Symposium- For more information visit <https://www.harding.edu/events/symposium>

GSOP Lectureship - Babysitting Service Project - Saturday, May 5 - 7:30 AM - 1:30 PM. If you are not attending the GSOP Lectureship and would be willing to babysit so that parents with young children can attend. Please sign up on the PRYSM bulletin board. We would like 2-4 people for two time slots. The first time slot is from 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM and then one from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM. We are also in need of adult supervisors.

Spotlight on Missions

Bohol Island Philippines Mission Work & Medical Evangelism *Church of Christ, Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines*

Michael Stock & Deborah Stock, MD - Missionary

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Overseeing: Piedmont Road Church of Christ, 1630 Piedmont Rd, Marietta, GA 30066

There is much work going on here in Bohol, Leyte and Southern Leyte. We hope that you will consider partnering with us as we continue to spread the Gospel of Christ throughout the Philippines.



The Raintree truck will be here Monday, May 7. They will only be picking up food items on this trip. There is a list of needed supplies on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall. Please place your donations in the Raintree room on the lower level.

Their 31st annual Mother's Day special collection benefiting the Children of Raintree Village will be on Sunday, May 13.

The Ladies Corner

Ladies Devo & Brunch:

Meets at 9 AM on the second Saturday of each month in the fellowship hall. Next meeting is April 14.

Ladies Night Out (LNO):

Meets one evening a month for a fun get together / craft / community service project / etc.

Ladies Workshop:

Meets each Tuesday morning at 930 on the lower level.

Digging Deep Ladies Bible Study:

<http://new.livestream.com/whcoc/for-women>. Watch the podcast in the comfort of your own home on your own time.

H O M E

HELPING OTHERS MAKE ETERNITY

ACTS 2:42-47

- **Red H.O.M.E. group coordinators**— LeRoy & Nila Fogle and Scott & Alexis Ihle
- **White H.O.M.E. group coordinators**— Dan & Ursula Thompson and Chris & Carie Vance
- Weekly Bible study at the home of Neil & Emily Richey. On these nights, dessert will be shared at 7:00, and the Bible study will begin promptly at 7:30. We'll conclude by 8:30.*
- **Blue H.O.M.E. group coordinators**— Derek & Kasey Brown and John & Misty Golden
- **Green H.O.M.E. group coordinators**— Steve & Bonnie Binkley
- **Yellow H.O.M.E. group coordinators**— Andrew & Jessica Wingfield

Family Bible Time each Sunday night at 5:00, just before we start our evening worship service. There are yellow cards in the foyer with the first set of Bible facts that we want to learn. Pick one up for your family and spend a little time each week working together to prepare yourself for our *Family Bible Time*. The idea is to memorize where in the Bible we can find certain Bible subjects.

Ascension of Christ.....Acts 1	Jerusalem meeting.....Acts 15
Birth of the church.....Acts 2	Conversion of Lydia and the Jailer.....Acts 16
Healing the lame man.....Acts 3-4	Athens.....Acts 17
Ananias and Sapphira.....Acts 5	Aquila and Priscilla.....Acts 18
Deacons.....Acts 6	Demetrius the silversmith.....Acts 19
Stoning of Stephen.....Acts 7	Work of elders.....Acts 20
Conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch.....Acts 8	Paul's arrest in Jerusalem.....Acts 21-23
Conversion of Saul.....Acts 9	Governor Felix.....Acts 24
Conversion of Cornelius.....Acts 10-11	King Agrippa.....Acts 25-26
Death of James.....Acts 12	Paul's voyage.....Acts 27
Paul's first missionary journey.....Acts 13-14	

Sunday, 4-8-18 Announcements: Terry Moore

	Morning	Evening
Song Director:	Larry Carter	Daniel Ward
Opening Prayer:	Jesse Phillips	Bob Crompton
Serve at the Table:	Cliff Hicks	Sam Carrington
Assist AM		
5 Zeke Poskevich		4 Emery Wooten
6 Brad Burrell		3 John Sexton
7 Kevin Derrick		2 Tony Robinson
8 Scott Ihle		1 Bob Jenkins
Scripture Reader:	Tyrik Blocker, Jr.—Song 2:16-17	
Sermon AM:	Neil Richey—Solomon's Advice for Marital Bliss	
Shepherds Closing Prayer AM:	Tim Feltner	
Sermon PM:	Neil Richey—Awesome Discoveries	
From Our Daily Bible Reading		
Closing Prayer PM:	Derek Brown	
Greeters		
Bible Study	West	Don & Louise McCord
AM Worship	East	Skip Slatton & Gene Davidson
AM Worship	West	Steve & Bonnie Binkley
PM Worship	West	Larry Carter
AM Ushers:	Mark Dale & David Whitehead	
PM Usher:	David Reece	

Wednesday, 4-11-18

Announcements/Prayer: Neil Richey

Devotional/Speaker: Neil Richey

Song Director: John Golden

Closing Prayer: Charles Derrick

Unable to Serve Sunday AM?
 Call Rex Burrell 770.427.7595

Unable to Serve Sunday PM or Wednesday?
 Call John Golden 770.361.6232

For the Month of April

Communion Prep- Ben Golden

Open Building- Gene Mitchell

Close Building- Derek Brown