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*The birds of the air come and perch in its branches.  
- Matthew 13:32*

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## *Welcome to our new brothers in Christ!*

It's exciting to see how God's family here in the Atlanta church of Christ in Gwinnett has been growing this summer! On Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Perry Parks V was baptized into the Body of Christ—



—then on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Carlos Troche-Maldonado was born again—

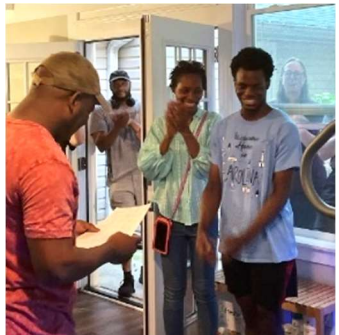






—followed by further celebration at Carlos' mom Rosa's house!

Then on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, Tobi Shorunke was added to God's Kingdom—





—and on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Joshua Britt was reborn!



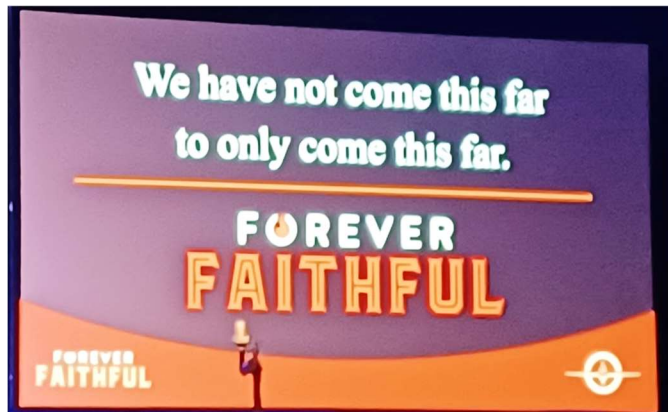
As these new disciples “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18), they will need their older brothers and sisters to pray for them and show them the love of Christ. Let’s help them strengthen their relationships with God and with His Body here in Gwinnett!

With thanks to Andrea Parks and Danny Emmett for help with pictures!

# Renewed Vision – the 2022 World Discipleship Summit



Our sister congregation in Orlando hosted the World Discipleship Summit from July 31<sup>st</sup> through the concluding worship service on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Originally planned as Vision 2020, but postponed due to the pandemic, the conference offered classes for everyone, from campus to singles to families to Spanish-speakers to older adults to leaders of all ages, and made both in-person and virtual sessions available. Participants could also hear lessons from the STRONGER Conference dealing with many difficult issues through the lens of the Word and faith, touching on topics ranging from politics to purity, from mental health to addiction and recovery, and more. Several disciples from AcoCG took part, and we were delighted to meet with old friends (some who were part of our congregation in the past) and to make new friends as well. Here are a few moments captured during the WDS—



With thanks to Sherry Rouse for help with pictures!

## Encouragement from Zambia!

On Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, we had the treat of a guest speaker at our worship service—John Maleya! The evangelist from our sister congregation, the Zambia International Church of Christ, stopped in with his wife Jane on the way to the WDS to bring us greetings from that congregation, where our singles and others have visited in the past. He also shared an insightful lesson about God’s power working despite and through our weaknesses.



And on August 7<sup>th</sup>, Twaambo Chikoye came to AcoCG (along with his recent bride, Eden) and brought us a powerful lesson about Judah, Tamar, and how God works even the tangled mess we make of our lives into His eternal plan. (We’re sorry we missed the opportunity to get a picture that Sunday!) God is the head of His Body, which is growing and thriving around the world, and when we travel and share our strengths with one another, "...the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow" (Colossians 2:19b). Amen!

## A joyful journey!

This summer, the Mukenyas were finally able to go back to visit family and friends in Kenya and beyond. Here’s a picture they shared from their trip; Carol told me this photo was taken near a village in their ancestral home/land in Kenya.



Hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer, and that this fall will bring new challenges, new achievements, new growth, and more happy memories to cherish!

We welcome news and pictures on interesting personal stories, family group activities, and more. Please send them to Nancy Berry, [nberry2@gmail.com](mailto:nberry2@gmail.com). Thank you!

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