



# Church of Christ in Gwinnett

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

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## Rejoicing in rebirths!

We are so grateful that God has added two new disciples to our CoCG fellowship! Responding when God called them to become "children of light" (Ephesians 5:8), these children of disciples stepped out in faith to embark on their own walks with God. On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Noah Muriithi was reborn—



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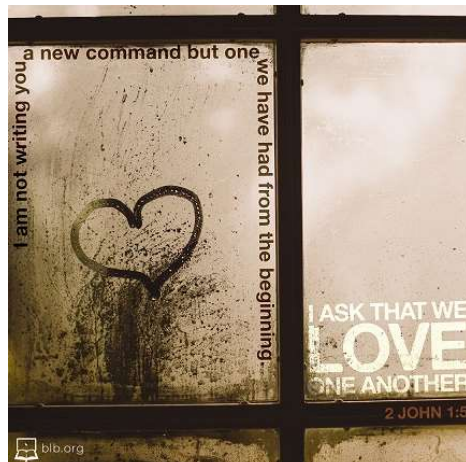
—and on Sunday afternoon, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Izabelle Jean was baptized into Christ.



As always, we need to support these new Christians in our prayers, and get to know them in fellowship—as Paul taught the disciples in Thessalonica, “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11) Amen!

## Helping Mamas help families in Gwinnett!

On Saturday morning, July 13<sup>th</sup>, disciples from CoCG joined other volunteers at the Helping Mamas location in Norcross to help this wonderful community-focused organization put diapers of various sizes into the hands of those in need. (Ordinarily there are more supplies than just diapers being distributed, but on this occasion diapers were the only donated items available.) We worked together to bring packages of diapers from the storage area out to where parents could drive through and pick them up, making sure every family got the size or sizes their children needed, giving friendly smiles and greetings and doing our best to help everyone feel connected and cared for. It was a great experience—the next volunteer opportunity will be on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, to help prepare donated materials to be given out later, so please take part if you can!



# Diversity and unity!

Our annual Cultural Sunday international worship service and feast took place on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The music ministry poured themselves out to bring us songs in a variety of languages, from English to French, Sinhalese, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and even sign language, and the welcome and opening prayers reflected some of the same diversity, which we are so grateful for in the CoCG. Perrie Keeve drew on both Old and New Testament passages as he challenged us to "Follow the Flame." (You can find this and other CoCG sermons at [https://acocg.org/sermons/.](https://acocg.org/sermons/))

After the service, the fellowship was dynamic; members and guests wore colorful clothing honoring various countries and cultures, and the food was delicious! Dishes from every region of the world reflected disciples' talents and willingness to serve. To everyone who gave their hearts and efforts to make this a memorable day for members and visitors alike, serving and giving in so many ways, we thank you all! Once everyone came in, we were too busy to take pictures, but here are some snapshots taken during the service and the dining preparations that day—







điêu ky  
lyc tim



pour moi, pêcheur, qui crois,  
fais-toi pêcheur, fais la passion,  
avouglé, mais je vois.  
  
Vietnamese  
Lặng nghe ân phước ô sao diệu kỳ  
Đôi tai làm tôi được cứu  
Bao năm lạc lầm giờ đã được tìm  
Đôi tai này đã sáng rồi



George Noyes  
Ochotai Akapays  
Ochotai sthuthaye  
(Your glory is before you, thanks to You and to You)



Women:  
Fill me Lord with Your Spirit  
and make me like a leader



I'm goin' up yonder  
I'm goin' up yonder  
I'm goin' up yonder  
To be with my Lord



# Thank you!



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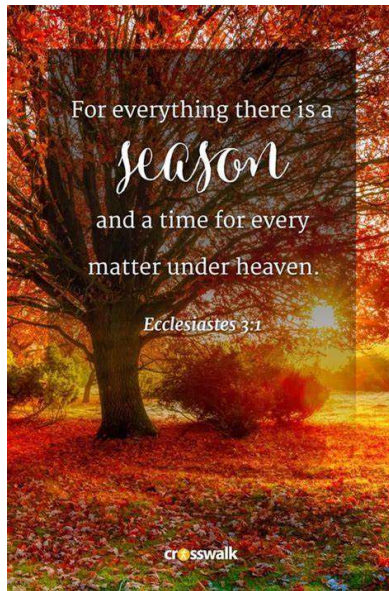






## Upcoming events

Our women's retreat, with the theme "I will give you rest," is coming up on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Enon Ranch in south Atlanta. Our men's retreat, planned for October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, is still in the planning stages, so keep your eye out for details and registration information in future emails. Please pray for both of these special times of rest, refreshment and spiritual recharging. Thank you!



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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