



Atlanta 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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Three new brothers in Christ!

In the Word, Jesus assures us that "there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10)—well, imagine the joy in heaven (as well as right here!) when two get baptized in one day! On July 1st, encouraged by a room full of friends and families, Carl Morrison and Milton Peralta (Natasha's husband) were reborn in Christ.







And on August 19th, Daniel Ruiz (Alicia's husband) was added to our fellowship of baptized believers.



Daniel's family shared their hearts, with tears and laughter





Carl works with Todd Menefee, and first came to visit the AcoCG on Cultural Sunday—he even brought food to share at the lunch afterward, which showed his giving heart from the beginning! Milton and Daniel have come with their wives to church and to other activities for some time, and when their hearts were ready, they responded to God’s call, studied the Bible, and began new lives in Christ!

We welcome these three new brothers to our part of the Body of Christ, and look forward to building our relationships with each of them in the coming days!

A time to be savored...

The Latino ministry combines its two family groups for Bible talk and a delicious meal together once every month. Ordinarily this takes place at the Medranos’ house, but in July we held a belated 4th of July cookout celebration at Collins Hill Park instead. Here are some pictures that we hope will give you a sense of the camaraderie, tasty food, and fun in the sun we enjoyed that day—





Where this group meets, you can usually count on good food, friendship, music and dancing!





After lunch, we sang happy birthday to everyone celebrating a July birthday, and enjoyed pineapple upside down cake together.



We all left with warm and happy summer memories!

HELP!

First, I'd like to offer an apology for letting this newsletter become an irregularly scheduled event. I've been traveling much more often in recent months than I usually do, seeing and helping take care of family in other locations. I hope my schedule is settling down a bit and I'll be able to do a better job of deepening our connections in the AcoCG.

Second, we need your help! This newsletter depends on pictures and information you send in, and on interviews with different members of our congregation. Without news sent in and interviews conducted, there's nothing to make into a newsletter! The last two newsletters have consisted almost entirely of pictures I've taken at baptisms and events (and I know I'm not the best photographer around!). Only two others have sent me material from other family group events to use, and I haven't been able to actually schedule any new interviews.

We want to interview every single one of you over the course of time, so that all of us can grow in understanding one another better. If you're willing to share your story with your brothers and sisters, please let me know and we can set up an interview! And at your next get-together, please take just a few minutes to snap some pictures, then send them to me with a couple of lines about the who, what, when, where and why. That little bit of effort will go make a huge difference in strengthening our family relationships in our congregation.

Thank you SO much! – Nancy Berry

SAVE THE DATE for our upcoming women's event! On Saturday, October 13th at 4 p.m., Katie Sawhill Del Rocco will bring her one-woman theatrical production "Last Nights of the King" to the theatre at Meadowcreek High School. This inspirational show dramatizes the last nights of King David and the women in the Bible who interacted with him and with each other. The sister of our congregation, as well as our middle school girls and teens, are encouraged to come, and each can invite a friend as well.
More details coming soon!

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

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