

This Week at the 'Forest'

November 23 - 29, 2009

Monday, November 23

6:30pm Nutrition Class
7:00pm Brotherhood Choir
Prayer Ministry

Tuesday, November 24

12:00noon Keenagers Fellowship
6:00pm New Ambassadors Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Dance Ministry
Public Speaking
Alpha Toastmasters
Combined Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 25

No Classes will be held
Offices Close at 12noon

Thursday, November 26

9:30am Thanksgiving Worship Service

Friday, November 27

6:30pm Line Dancing
Phoenix Rising Toastmaster
7:00pm Happy Hour Prayer Meeting

Saturday, November 28 (4th Saturday)

8:30am Feed the Homeless
Evangelism Blitz
9:00am Brotherhood Choir Rehearsal
Bulletin Assembly
10:30pm Celestial Choir Rehearsal
12:00noon Children's Chapel Choir Rehearsal
1:00pm New Ambassador's Choir Rehearsal
2:00pm Baptism Class
Voice of Inspiration Rehearsal

Sunday, November 29 (5th Sunday)

7:45am 1st Worship Service
9:30am Fulfillment Hour
New Member Orientation
10:45am Mid-Morning Worship Service
12:30pm God's Crew Dance Ministry

Some of the above activities may be cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please consult with your Ministry Leader.

Worship 7:45am & 10:45am

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH

"Stewards of A Sacred Trust"

1 Corinthians 4:1-2
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

DEVOTION*Deacons*

GREETING OF GUESTS & VISITORS.....
Deacon Isaac Phippen Family Ministry

MINISTRY/MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE *"Jesus I'll Never Forget"*

WORSHIP..... *"Can't Nobody"*

CORPORATE PRAYER

CONTINUING WORSHIP *"Can't Nobody"*

TITHES & OFFERING

Offertory Prayer

Choir Selection..... *"Falling In Love With Jesus"*

SERMON*Pastor Dennis Mitchell*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(In consideration of others and our compelling desire to reach others for Christ, please do not leave during this serious time of commitment).

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CONTINUE WORSHIP~

THROUGH MINISTRY OF SERVICE

AT THE 'FOREST'



Thanksgiving Service will be held at the 'Forest' on Thursday, November 26th 9:30am -10:30am.

Wednesday Classes

Noon Bible Study and All Wednesday night Bible Study/Track **Classes for Wednesday November 25th are postponed** until Wednesday December 2nd.

The Church Office will close at 12:00noon on Wednesday, November 25th and will re-open on Saturday, November 28th at 9:00am.

Holy Spirit Discernment Session will be held on December 5, 2009 @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Reminder: Fulfillment Hour ends for adults as well as children at 10:30am. Many of the Shepherds for the Children's division must leave the ELC no later than 10:40am in order to get to the 10:45am Worship Service. Remember Children's Chapel is held on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays; however, there is no Children's Chapel on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. It is therefore important that children are picked up by 10:30am on those Sundays.

Campus Traffic Re-routed

Effective Wednesday, November 18th, all traffic exiting the campus will be channeled onto the auxiliary parking lot near Building 3. The current driveway beyond that point will be blocked off. An exit lane on the auxiliary parking lot has been established to channel the traffic flow. All traffic will need to operate at a reduced speed. This inconvenience may last into the 1st week of December.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

What do we do about those missing Christ's invitation? There are people around the world who are missing God's invitation to come to Him in faith because...1) they live in places that are hard to reach (mountaintop villages, alongside jungle rivers) 2) They live in hard-to-live places (unheated homes, polluted areas, hot and dry climates) 3) there is open hostility toward outsiders, a lack of Scripture in their language or little religious freedom. Our God knows the name of every missing person. We can help reach these still missing from God's family by giving sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. May we count on you to help them hear the saving message of Christ's love?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Greenforest & Greater Travelers Rest combined Orchestra** will perform at South Dekalb Mall on Monday, November 30th from 7:00-7:30pm in front of Macy's department store. Come out to hear the Orchestra as they minister to others with holiday music.

A **Fellowship Brunch for all Widows and Widowers of Greenforest** will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 1:00pm in the Building 3 Cafeteria. If you are a widow or widower, and did not receive an invitation, we welcome your presence and hope you will attend. Simply call the church office and rsvp.



Are you an expectant mother? If so, please contact the church office (404 486-1120 or Sis. Sandra Harris at 404 304-9251.



The next **Baby Dedication Ceremony** is scheduled for December 27th during the 10:45am worship service. Interested persons should contact Debra Coleman at 404 486-6740 or Rev. Tom Walker at 404 284-7217.

Attention all college Students and Young Adults...

Please join us for a few minutes of food and fellowship on November 29th immediately following the 10:45am service in the Cornerstone Room. We will also give an update on the scheduled activities for the December holiday season.

Attention all college students and parents of college students...

In an effort to "Get Back in Step" with our college students, we are asking our college students and parents to help us obtain updated contact information for all our members in college. Specifically, we are asking you to provide us: student's name, college, year in school, email address and cell phone (optional). Please send all information to: Min. L. Moore @ lawrencemoore7@gmail.com or Sis. D. Coleman at debra.coleman@greenforest.org

Each year, the college ministry puts together a **Care Package for our College Students** filled with some of the needs (and goodies) that will make their stay at school a little more comfortable. We are asking for donations from the congregation such as; toiletries, money, gift cards, snacks, pens, paper, etc. These donations can be left at the church office by December 13, or you may contact Minister Lawrence Moore @ 404-663-0517. We thank you in advance for your support of the college ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rev. David Hopewell, and The Joshua Ministry, will be hosting an **Associate Ministers and Wives Conference, "Leading From the Middle"**, at GCBC on December 4-5. On Friday evening there will be a dinner for the associates and their spouses. Saturday will be a day of instruction which will include a class for the spouses of the associate ministers. Visit www.JoshuaMinistry.com to view conference flyer or to register.



A Father/Daughter Covenant Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 3:30pm in the Genesis Room. Celebrate the relationship between fathers and daughters as they commit to support each other spiritually, physically and emotionally throughout their lives. This elegant dinner is sponsored by D&TSC. Contact: Sis. Bobbie Holmes 770-597-3817, Sis. Betty McCluster 404-243-1998 or the D&TSC office 404-243-7600.

Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company presents "Black Nativity" by Langston Hughes-a Holiday Gospel Celebration- on December 8th at 8:00pm at the Southwest Arts Center, 915 New Hope Road – Atlanta. "Black Nativity" is a soul-stirring gospel music celebration that tells the Christmas story through the combination of scripture, poetry, dance and song. The cast consists of youth from Atlanta Metro area. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the new Performing Arts Program at Greenforest-McCaleb Christian Center which will begin in the Fall of 2010. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available in the Greenforest-McCaleb Christian Academy Business office. *Special Discount Rate for Employees: Buy one ticket at regular price of \$25.00 and get the 2nd ticket for \$15.00 (Limit 1 ticket at discount rate) **A limited amount of tickets are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Quarterly Fellowship

The quarterly fellowship for members who joined or were baptized during the months of July, August, and September will be held from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Saturday, December 5th at Suburban Lanes (2619 N. Decatur Rd) in Decatur. Members planning to attend should RSVP to Rev. Tom Walker (404 284-7127 by November 30th).

MINISTRY ALERTS

Domestic Violence on the Rise – sadly, the incidence of domestic violence is rising across the nation, state and county. This abuse which causes physical and emotional damage to the lives of so many is never justifiable and must not be tolerated. If you or anyone you know are the victim of domestic violence, seek immediate help by contacting **The Center for Domestic Violence 1 800 799-SAFE (7233) / center@center@centeragainstdv.org**. If you are a member of Greenforest, you may also contact Rev. Wanda Holder for guidance. MEN: If you struggle with temper issues which have or may lead to abusive behavior, you are encouraged to contact: **Men Stopping Violence msv@menstoppingviolence.org** or: Rev. Herman Cody. All information/calls will be kept confidential.

2010 Cautions from the Better Business Bureau

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, to avoid becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft.

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, ask to see their identification badge before answering their questions. The only information Census workers are requesting at this time is to verify and the number of people living at your address. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U. S. Census.

Boys-To-Men Ministry

Your help is needed! The Boys-To-Men Ministry is looking to expose its participants to various professions that will provide the boys with new experiences and increased knowledge about unfamiliar jobs/experiences.

If you are able to offer participants time on your job or exposure to your career/profession or if you are aware of places/activities that would be exciting options for a possible field trip with all of the boys, please contact Dea. Glenn Dixie via email at GDixie@bellsouth.net or at 404 294-8405.

BEREAVEMENT & THANK YOU NOTES

Please remember the following families in your prayers during their time of bereavement:

To the families of:

- Bro. Robert Grant (Janice) (HD), whose sister, Ernestine Levy passed on Nov. 14th in Buffalo, NY
- Sis. Flora Zabach (WH) whose brother, Clarence Mike was funeralized on Nov. 19th in Savannah.
- Sis. Marsha Jean Wilson (Johnny) (SJ) whose mother, Reba Wingfield was funeralized on November 21st in Decatur.
- Bro. Midquel McClendon (JM) whose sister, Dewanda Ellis was memorialized on November 21st in College Park, GA.
- Sis. Fatima Bryant (Jonathan) (FP) whose aunt, Teresa Broughton Bryant was funeralized on November 19th in Lithonia.
- Sis. Lozie Gude & Eva Reid (CH) whose nephew, Tommy Asberry was funeralized on November 18th in Austell, GA..

Thank you cards were received from the following families:

To Rev. Mitchell and the Greenforest Family, thank you for the beautiful plant and for your prayers. Losing a mother is never easy no matter how old you are, but my peace comes in knowing that she is resting in the arms of Jesus. A special than you to Rev. Hopewell and Sister Edie, Rev. Cody, Dea. McGee and Genesis I FH class. God bless you. Barbara Spann & Family

My heartfelt thanks to Pastor Dennis Mitchell, Rev. Herman Cody, The Pastoral Care Ministry, Min. Althea & Bro. Harold Waters, Dea. Charles Coleman, my Fulfillment Hour Class, "His Word", the Ushers Ministry, and GCBC family. I am so grateful to you for your prayers, food, cards, and telephone calls I received during my surgery and recovery. I am blessed to have a Christian/spiritual family like you. Thank you so much. I love you. May God continue to bless each of you. Sis. Alma & Dea. Henry Drakeford

Dear Greenforest Family, I can never thank you enough for your kindness and generosity shown to me and my family in the passing of my mother, Thelma Savage. I have received many calls, cards, and words of comfort. Indeed you have been my brotheres and sisters in Christ, there to strengthen me at my time of need. I especially want to thank Rev. Cody and Dea. Mizzell for all they hae done to assist my family. God answered our prayers through them. They will never know just how much their expression of love meant to us. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all always. Your brother in Christ, Elder James Savage