

This Week at the 'Forest'

November 30 – December 6, 2009

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

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

Wednesday, December 2

12:00noon Bible Study
6:15pm FH Leadership Training
7:30pm Bible Study & Discipleship
Singles Ministry Bible Study
Men's Bible Study
Young Adult Bible Study
` Koinonia II (Deaf Bible Study)

Thursday, December 3

7:00pm Food Addict Anonymous
Celestial Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm VOI Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 4

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

Saturday, December 5 (1st Saturday)

8:30am Holy Spirit Discernment Session
Feed the Homeless
Evangelism Blitz
9:00am Brotherhood Choir Rehearsal
Bulletin Assembly
10:00am Ministers Meeting
Fulfillment Hour Christmas Rehearsal
10:30am Celestial Choir Rehearsal
2:00pm Voice of Inspiration Rehearsal
Baptism Class

Sunday, December 6 (1st 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
3:30pm Father & Daughters Covenant Dinner
1:00pm Widow & Widowers Fellowship Brunch

Worship 7:45am & 10:45am

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH

“Stewards of A Sacred Trust”

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

DEVOTION (7:45am).....*Deacons*

CALL TO WORSHIP (10:45am)

GREETING OF GUESTS & VISITORS.....

Deacon Melvin Porter Family Ministry

GOD’S CREW DANCE MINISTRY (10:45am)

MINISTRY/MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

PRAISE (7:45am)..... *“Because He Lives”*
(10:45am) *“We Praise You Oh Lord”*

WORSHIP (7:45am)..... *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*
(10:45am) *“I Need You”*

CORPORATE PRAYER

CONTINUING WORSHIP
(7:45am)..... *Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*
(10:45am) *“I Need You”*

TITHES & OFFERING

Offertory Prayer

Choir Selection (7:45am..... *Oh To Be Kept”*
(10:45am) *“I Need You”*

SERMON (7:45am)..... *Rev. Eddie Crosby*
(10:45am) *Min. Steen Miles*

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’

Attention all College Students and Young Adults...

Please join us for a few minutes of food and fellowship **today** 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.

The 4th Quarter Holy Spirit Discernment Session

will be held on December 5, 2009 @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please come out to learn more about the Expand the Forest/Journey to Campus Wellness activities and projects, and the 2010 budget and leadership nomination process.

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 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.

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).



Please note: The **Associate Ministers and Wives Conference, "Leading from the Middle"**, scheduled for December 4-5, 2009 has been canceled.

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 place your name on the list of attendees.

D&TSC End of the Year Fundraiser/Celebration

will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 3:30pm in the Genesis Room. Featured will be Babbie Mason Award Winner Soloist's Charity Zisengwe. This year we will celebrate the relationship between fathers and daughters as they commit to support each other spiritually, physically and emotionally throughout their lives. An elegant dinner will be provided by Leon Keyes. **The public is invited. Donations \$30.00.** contact: Sis. Bobbie Holmes @ 770 597-3817, Sis. Betty McCluster @ 404 243-1998, or the D&TSC office @ 404 243-7600.

On Tuesday, December 1, 2009, there will be a meeting for the **Visitors Ministry** members and anyone who is **interested in becoming a member** of the Visitors Ministry. The meeting will be held in the Cornerstone Room. For more information, contact Min. Johnny Fowler at 404 583-0957

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rev. Herman & Min. Jeanette Cody, Sis. Lillie Treece, and Bro. Branton Cody are now proud grandparents/great grandparent/uncle of:

Andersen Sanaa Hayes

Born: November 24, 2009/ 7 lbs 10 oz. 20 ¾ inches

Congratulations Tasha & Shawn

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-McCalep Christian Center which will begin in the Fall of 2010. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available in the Greenforest-McCalep 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.



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.

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.

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.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!



November 30 – December 4, 2009

**Greenforest-McCalep Christian Academic Center
Library Media Center**

The Book Fair is returning to our school just in time for Christmas on Monday, November 30, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. We've created exciting events for families, and we want to share this celebration of reading with you. The Book Fair is one of the highlights of the school year and the profit allows us to add to the Academy Library and classroom libraries. The Book Fair will be open just for our Church Family on Sunday December 6, 2009 ... 9:30 – 11:00. Please shop with us.

See you at the Fair and volunteer

Your Library Media Center-Visit us @

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/greenforest>

Greenforest-McCalep Christian Academy
Volunteer Opportunity at 404-486-6744 or

dene.rantin@greenforest.org

PLEASE NOTE



Holiday Fellowships

Saturday, December 5th @ 12:00noon 3126 Rainbow Dr.

❖ Henry Fam Ministry-12:00noon 3126 Rainbow Dr.

Saturday, December 12th @ 6:00pm

❖ Jumper Fam Ministry-Building 3 Cafeteria

Sunday, December 13th immediately following the 2nd Worship Service (approximately 1:30pm)

❖ Weatherly/Norman/Bentley/E. Henderson/Lee Ministries/H. Johnson Cluster- Genesis Room

❖ Brinson Cluster-Fellowship Hall

❖ Gourdine/R. McNair Ministry-Cornerstone Room

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

To the families of:

- Sis. Zeporah Roberts (EW) whose brother-in-law, Eddie B. Bass was funeralized on November 22nd in Newman, GA.
- Sis. Cassandra Leverette (JAM) and Victoria Turner (EH) whose brother, Melvin D. Turner passed in Atlanta, GA on November 19th.

Thank you notes were received from the following:

The Acteens would like to thank all youth, parents and adults who participated in the "Operation Christmas Child" mission project on Sat., Nov., 14th. We would also like to thank those who donated toiletries, shoeboxes, wrapping paper, toys and wrapped gifts. Greenforest Acteens and youth donated over 75 shoebox gifts to the Samaritans Purse! What an awesome way to share Jesus Christ with children around the world through a simple Christmas gift wrapped with love. Continue to pray for the volunteers who will deliver the shoeboxes as well as the children who will receive them.

Sincerely, Ina Sherman and Karen Henderson-Acteen Leaders, Ongie Sherman-12th Grade Activity Coordinator and Rev. Pennon Lockhart-Minister of Missions

To Pastor Mitchell, Pastor Cody, Ministers Althea Waters, Johnny Fowler, Deacons Gourdine.McNair Family Ministries, Ushers Ministry, Doorkeepers and New Warriors for Christ Fulfillment Hour Classes and the entire GCBC family: Thank you for all the love, prayers, support and other acts of kindness during the recent passing of our beloved aunt, Irene Maundy. Once again, thank you for showing the love of Christ to our entire family at such a time. Leon, Sarah Maundy & Family

To Pastor Mitchell and the entire GCBC family: Thank you for your kindness and love shown to us as a result of the Home Going of our beloved brother, Pierce L. Lewis. Dea. James & Sis. Alease Wooten