

This Week at the 'Forest'

December 14-December 20, 2009

Monday, December 14

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

Tuesday, December 15

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

Wednesday, December 16

12:00noon Bible Study
6:00pm Evangelism Follow-up Team
New Members Foundation Class
Young Ambassador Choir Rehearsal
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 17

6:00pm Foreclosure Prevention Class
7:00pm Food Addict Anonymous
Combined Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Veterans EBM

Friday, December 18

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

Saturday, December 19 (3rd Saturday)

8:00am New York Retirees
8:30am Feed the Homeless
Evangelism Blitz
9:00am Brotherhood Choir Rehearsal
FH Assembly Christmas Rehearsal
Bulletin Assembly
10:00am Boys 2 Men
Final Rehearsal for Christmas Production
1:00pm Young Ambassador Choir Rehearsal
2:00pm Baptism Class

Sunday, December 20 (3rd Sunday)

7:45am Christmas Worship Service
9:30am Fulfillment Hour Christmas Assembly
New Member Orientation
10:45am Christmas Worship Service
12:30pm God's Crew Dance Ministry

Worship 7:45am

*Standing Firm on the Word
Staying Focused on the Mission
As we continue our Journey to Wellness in 2009*



LOVE + 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2009

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

DEVOTION*Deacons*

GREETING OF GUESTS & VISITORS.....
Deacon Clifton Taylor Family Ministry

MINISTRY/MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

PRAISE "*Oh What A Wonderful Child*"

WORSHIP "*Silent Night*"

CORPORATE PRAYER

CONTINUING WORSHIP..... "*Silent Night*"

TITHES & OFFERING

Offertory Prayer

Choir Selection "*Wasn't That A Mighty Day*"

SERMON *Rev. Pennon Lockhart*

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

Worship 10:45am

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

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BAPTISM "*Take Me To The Water*"

MINISTRY/MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

PRAISE "*Jesus The Light of The World*"

WORSHIP "*The Lord Is My Light*"

CORPORATE PRAYER

CONTINUING WORSHIP..... "*The Lord Is My Light*"

TITHES & OFFERING

Offertory Prayer

Choir Selection "*Thy Loving Kindness*"

SERMON*Min. Kamau Welcher*

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THROUGH MINISTRY OF SERVICE

AT THE 'FOREST'

iPraise – Greenforest Youth Ministry

Calling all Parents & Youth! **Today** at 12:30pm in the Chapel, there will be an iPraise Information Session. Come and learn about the activities and events that we have in store for the youth of Greenforest for 2010, as well as how you can get involved in our iPraise Youth Ministry! All youth and parents grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend.

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY/CLUSTER HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP



Today immediately following the 2nd Worship Service (approximately 1:30pm) the following Ministries/Clusters will have their Christmas Fellowship.

- ❖ Weatherly/Norman/E. Henderson/Lee Ministries/ H. Johnson Cluster-Genesis Room
- ❖ Brinson Cluster-Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Gourdine/R. McNair Ministry-Cornerstone Room

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? **Offering envelopes are available today in the back of the pews.**

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES



"BORN UNTO US" is a dramatization of the coming of Jesus Christ told according to the scriptures. The events surrounding the birth of Christ are brought to life before our eyes as some of those who played a significant role in the prophesized coming of the Savior gather to tell their personal stories. **The drama ministry, choirs, ushers, musicians, dance ministries and ministerial staff will participate as the story is creatively infused into the regular 7:45 and 10:45am worship services on Sunday, December 20th.** This unique corporate worship experience promises to bring to the congregation the excitement of worship and wonder as we celebrate the coming of the Christ child "Born Unto Us".



Attention Homeowners:

Have you fallen behind on your mortgage payments or do you see yourself falling behind in the upcoming months? If you want to save your home, be

proactive and plan to attend a Foreclosure Prevention Class hosted by Green Forest CDC's HUD Approved mortgage counselors on **Thursday, December 17th**. Come out and receive information on:

- Avoiding foreclosure
- The homeowner's responsibility
- The homeowner's options
- Rescue scams
- Question & answer session.

The class will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Room 12.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER BY CONTACTING MAXINE CLARK AT (404) 486-6757.

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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.

Our **2009 Watch Night Celebration** will be held on Thursday, December 31st. In the African American community, Watch Night can be traced all the way back to December 31, 1862, when it was known as "Freedom's Eve". At the stroke of midnight, prayer, shouting and singing erupted, as news came that the Emancipation Proclamation had become law and the slaves were legally free! On New Year's Eve 2009, we will celebrate how far God has brought us and we look towards the year ahead with great anticipation.

There will be two services: The first celebration will be held at **6:00pm in the Memorial Chapel** for seniors, families, or other members who would prefer not to be out after midnight.

The second service will begin at **9:45pm** and will be held **in the Sanctuary**. It will be followed by a New Year's Fellowship, that will run until 3:00am. It will include games, karaoke, open-mic and breakfast. The cost is \$6.00/person.

The Diabetes Support Group meetings are being suspended until further notice. Watch for Diabetes Seminars in 2010. For more information contact Barbara Boyd (770) 987-2887 or Rose Outlaw (770) 760-8123.

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.

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

The family of Sis. Kathy Armstrong (**CH**) whose mother, Nancy Weaver-Eberhart, was funeralized on Saturday, December 12th.

The family of Min. Jackie Henderson (Chester)-**NH** whose uncle, Rev. William Tom Collins, passed last week in Birmingham, AL.

The Family of Bro. Al Williams (Chef at Greenforest ELC) whose mother, Louetta House Williams, was funeralized on Saturday, December 12th in Thomasville, GA.

The Family of Bro. Sam Mayhan (Jo Anne)-**HG** whose sister, Mae Frances Page, was funeralized on Thursday, December 10th in Algoma, West Virginia

The family of Sis. Willie Mae Hicks and Sis. Lisa Harrison (**SR**) whose nephew/cousin, Jason Hodge, recently passed in Oakland, CA.

The family of Patricia Hightower (Teacher at Greenforest ELC) whose husband recently passed.

Thank you cards were received from the following families:

The family of Charles & Lillian Mitchell would like to thank the entire Greenforest Family for praying for our daughter and granddaughter following the tragic car accident where a friend was also killed. Special thanks to Pastor Mitchell, Rev. Cody, Deacon Jessie Harris and the Fulfillment Hour Children's Division Shepherd's upfront comfort and support during this extremely stressful time. Our family will never forget how God truly blessed and protected our loved ones. **Bro. Charles and Sis. Lillian Mitchell**