



# The Fisher

Winters Chapel United Methodist Church Monthly Newsletter

## Homecoming - A Right, Good and Joyful Thing

By Rev. Shelia Preacher

Homecoming is a wonderful tradition that we carry on in the South. We declare in our communion liturgy that "It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty." But it is especially good and right and joyful to do so on this Homecoming day, together, in our church home called Winters Chapel.

Every August we do this. On the first Sunday of the month, we find our way here, and then we gather round to sing joyful hymns, pray heartfelt prayers,

and to celebrate the new life in Christ which we share and we

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call it "Homecoming." For some of us, our reunion today is the result of a physical journey—

for life has carried us to other locations, into new communities and away from the church setting which we once called home. Yet for others, our presence here today represents a spiritual journey of sorts—one of both heart and head. Either way, today is a "coming home time," a time to return to this holy ground and the fellowship we share—a time to return to and remember the foundations of our faith.

Today marks this congregation's 147th celebration. And every August, we are blessed to see new faces among us. Take

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## Confirmation Issues the Call to Follow Christ

For anyone who asks the question, what is confirmation? I'd like to provide you with a well-formed answer. Rev. Joy Butcher-Winfrey, an elder in the United Methodist Church, says confirmation means "to make firm or solid that which has gone before or what was done earlier." In other words, Confirmation for our confirmands at Winters Chapel means they are publicly, officially, and collectively - as a class, choosing to follow Jesus Christ, choosing

to be a Christian disciple and choosing the United Methodist denomination for themselves.

Equally important, it means they are beginning to take personal ownership and responsibility for the development of their faith and life journeys, as well. They are learning how to develop and profess their own faith and to articulate that faith through their beliefs, for themselves. Our confirmands are becoming more independent of their parents faith and beliefs and are maturing in

their individual beliefs.

The class is being led by Rev. Shelia Preacher, Rori Blakeney and Dena Kitchens. we feel we are participating Every Sunday afternoon for 13 weeks beginning August 8th at 12:30 p.m., we invite preteens, teens and their family to Follow Christ to learn Jesus' story, our church's story, and their story.



Follow Me

# Remember Them In Prayer

...and with His stripes we are healed. – Isaiah 53:5b  
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man  
availeth much. – James 5:16

## Those in Nursing Homes/Retirement Communities

Mary Ruth Bridges  
Lila Jensen  
Ollie Kinnard  
Lee Schreckengost  
Don Stenabaugh  
Pat Wentz

## Those at Home

JoAnn Black  
Tyrone Christopher  
Gary Coke  
Tabitha Coke  
Charles Cook  
Amy Fleming  
Nancy Godbold  
Peggy Gregory  
Charles & Doris Gorman  
Joel & Gloria Grossbart

Kathy Guth  
Marion Hampton  
Kathy Honeycutt  
Gerald & Mildred Jennings  
Shirley Manning  
Bonnie Maynard  
Jim & Jewel Maloney  
Vidette McElveen  
Joel Mullinax  
Mr. and Mrs. Travis Quigley  
Angel Ramsey  
Mark Solinger  
Lonnie Toles  
Linda Walden  
Jean Witcher  
Bobby Wolfenbarger

A full list of addresses and phone numbers are available in the church office. Please call the church office to add or remove a name.

## Happy, Happy Birthday!

Lila Jensen (8/3)  
Parker Grisham (8/4)  
Charles Gorman (8/5)  
Sam Trump (8/5)  
Ann Marie Dwight (8/6)  
Sharon Jones (8/8)  
Summer Cannon (8/16)  
Mary Burkhart (8/17)  
Jonathan Brown (8/18)



Charles Farmer (8/20)  
Roxanne Mooney (8/21)  
Gil Danielson (8/22)  
Rev. James Sanders (8/22)  
Gail Granberry (8/23)  
Rita Granberry (8/25)  
Terry Green (8/25)  
Sarah Greene (8/25)  
Halley Hardman (8/26)  
Jim Wade (8/26)

Macie Prewett (8/28)  
Kendall Vining (8/31)



Rev. James & Janice Sanders (8/7)  
Travis & Judy Wells (8/21)



## We Extend Christian Sympathies

We express condolences to Lynn Lancaster and family at the passing of her father, Argel Bennett Forrester. The funeral service was Monday, July 26 at Crowell Brothers.

Condolences can be sent to:  
Lynn and Ron Lancaster  
5358 Old Woodall Court  
Doraville, GA 30360

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the opportunity before you today to not only rejoice in old friendships, but to also make a new friend—expand your acquaintanceship of this amazing family of God called Winters Chapel!

But as we look around, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge those dear faces that aren't with us today — in particular, those beloved souls who have passed on from life with us to new life with Him! They may be gone from this world, but their faces, their voices, stay with us—down through the generations.

Homecoming is a right, good, and joyful thing, for today we gather, and in one mighty voice, God's people here on earth and all the company of heaven, praise His holy name and join in the everlasting and unending hymn. Dearly beloved, "Welcome home"—"Welcome to Homecoming 2010."



## Ancient Labors:

*A Family*

*Sunday School Experience*

All children, youth and their families are invited to **Ancient Labors: An Exploration of Occupations in Bible Times**, a unique event, exploring the occupations of the people of God in Bible times. Join us Sunday, September 5 at 10 a.m. for this interactive, intergenerational Sunday School.

## United Methodist Women

Start saving your gently used items for the United Methodist Women's Annual Flea Market. The sale is Saturday, October 2. Proceeds from the annual sale go to support the missions and special projects of the church. Contact Betty Williams for more info.



## Ministry Matters

### "Show and Tell"

**Thursday, August 19th  
11 a.m.**

The Primetimers, an active senior adult group of Winters Chapel, invites you to an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship. On Thursday, August 19th starting at 11 a.m., they will gather for "Show and Tell" followed by a pot luck lunch. Please see Martha Beavers for more information

### Angel Food Ministries

The deadline to place your order is **Thursday, August 12th**, and the pick up date is **Saturday, August 21st**, from 12 noon until 1 p.m. The cost is \$30. To see August's food menu, please visit: [angelfoodministries.com](http://angelfoodministries.com).

### Remember and Honor Loved Ones with Flowers

The flower calendar still has many dates open. Please consider donating flowers (\$15.00 per order) in honor of someone special, an anniversary, birthday or in memory of a loved one. The calendar is located in the narthex.

### Restock the Pantry

The pantry provides a variety of canned and packaged food, useful paper goods and toiletry items to all ages. Current priority items include: canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta and pasta sauces, rice, beans, cereal, tuna and shelf stable milk.



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# Reflections from MAP Participants

## *Following Christ Means Serving Others*

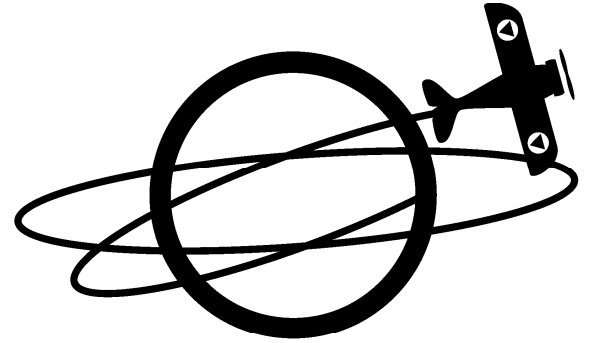
**What I expected and why I liked it:** I expected it to be just building and prayer. I didn't think it would be much fun, but I thought I'd just go to help people. It was more fun than I could've ever imagined. The worship was my favorite part because it was full of fun skits, good music, and a touching message every time.

It wasn't boring, which I find can be the biggest let-down in most churches. The food was also more delicious than I expected. I was kinda thinking it would be a rustic feel, but it wasn't at all. Building was easier than I thought it would be. I was scared that I wouldn't know what I was doing but we were guided and I actually felt I accomplished something by helping people (despite the

hot hot heat!). I also didn't think they would give us money to go to the gas station: BIG PLUS!

**Would I go again and why I said yes:** Yes and I'd like to bring friends with me! I felt kinda lonely at times, but I knew God was there with me and listening to my worries. I'd still like to have my friends with me so they could experience what I did.

I said yes to the mission trip because I learned from going to church at Loganville First Baptist that having a relationship with God is also about serving him. I thought that this would be a perfect service opportunity and would give me an oppor-



# M I S S I O N

## T R I P

tunity to be closer to God. It worked and my relationship with God is stronger than ever before. I took what I learned from M.A.P. and am spreading the good of God to my friends.

— Doriane Kaboya

### **“The hard work paid off”**

Sleeping on the floor, on air bags or sleeping bags – no worries.

No time or worry about looking pretty: we had more important things to be concerned about.

The meals were great, no time to be hungry

Fellowship time was awesome and produced renewed energies. Meeting new people, everyone was so friendly and helpful

The hard work paid off: I

think it is a blessing to be blessed, and a privilege to be on the giving end.

In the words of PastorSheila, “to be the hands and feet of God”, we were a living testimony of His presence to the world, and the people receiving this blessing can also testify of God’s presence.

The experience was fulfilling and rewarding, a great sense of accomplishment.

— Mary Mwambay

# How Do Our Children Grow?

We are offering an exciting new study in September study for parents and grandparents.

**How Do Our Children Grow: Introducing Children to God, Jesus, the Bible, Prayer, Church** written by Delia Halverson, a Christian education specialist, offers parents, caregivers and educators solid, practical ways to introduce children and young people to the Christian faith.

Our Director of Children's Ministries, Dena Kitchens, will be offering a study based on this book for parents of our preschool students. Parents and grandparents from the congregation are also invited to participate. The cost of \$20 will cover book and materials. This class will be offered either Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 9:30. If you are interested, contact Dena at 77-671-1462 or [denak@winterschapel.org](mailto:denak@winterschapel.org).



## Christmas Drama **Mark Your Calendar**

We're going to see a **Sanders Family Christmas** [a play at **Marietta's Theater in the Square**] on **Sunday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.** Reserve your special 1/2 price ticket for **\$14.00** today. **Please see Sandra Lackland for additional details.**

# Lay Speaking at Winters Chapel

We are so proud to be hosting this year's Lay Speaking Classes for the Atlanta Roswell District.

God calls every one of us to proclaim His power and presence in all that we say and all that we do. Lay Speaking Ministries is yet

**Dates:**  
*Three Saturdays  
September 11, 18,  
and October 2*

**Times:**  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Cost:**  
\$40.00

**Registration  
Deadline:**  
September 1

another avenue that helps us learn and helps us lead God's people. Lay speaking is more than just speaking; it is about teaching, serving, training, leading, participating, caring, loving, and communicating. Every one of us meets more than one of those criteria. We ask you to be supportive of Winters Chapel's outreach as a host church and sign up for a class - it is my personal testimony that it has been life changing in terms of my relationship with God and with all of you, my fellow church

members. Don't miss this opportunity - I know I'll be there.

Registration forms available at the church office.



**MISSION  
TRIP**

— Kathy Honeycutt

## Primechimers Tuning Back Up

The Primechimers will resume their rehearsal in September. For more information, please contact Thom Suddreth.



Primechimers



## "Friends of Faith"

Melissa Alagon served as the artist in residence of Sunday, July 18th. As the worship service unfolded, Alagon created a painting that she entitled "Friends of Faith." The painting is on permanent display in the youth area.

After service, she led a session on connecting faith and art. Some of the results of this experience are also on display in the youth area.

**NCD**  
The Winters  
Chapel



# GOOD STEWARDSHIP

*As a member of Winters Chapel, I will faithfully participate in its ministries . . .*

**By my Prayers . . .**

JoAnn Black, Mary Ruth Bridges, Tyrone Christopher, Gary Coke, Tabitha Coke, Charles Cook, Amy Fleming, Nancy Godbold, Peggy Gregory, Gloria and Joel Grossbart, Kathy Guth, Marion Hampton, Kathy Honeycutt, Walt Imig, Lila Jensen, Gerald & Mildred Jennings, Ollie Kinnard, Jim and Jewel Maloney, Shirley Manning, Bonnie Maynard, Vidette McElveen, Joel Mullinax, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Quigley, Angelyn Ramsey, Lee Schreckengost, Don Stenabaugh, Mark Solinger, Earle and Nancy Trumble, Linda Walden, Pat Wentz, Jean Witcher, Bobby Wolfenbarger

**By my Presence . . . (The Month of July)**

Attendance

Sunday School: 22 (7/25); 20 (7/25); 5 (7/11); 14 (7/04)

Worship Services: 68 (7/25); 97 (7/15); 71 (7/11); 58 (7/04)

**By my Gifts. . . (The Month of July)**

\$3, 830.35 (7/25); \$1,318.40 (7/18); \$2,638 (7/11);

\$5,085 (7/04)

**By my Service . . . (The month of August)**

Altar Guild: Betty Lancaster, Nancy Trumble, Joan Vining, Mary Van Horn and Betty Williams

Audio: Jeff Pruett

Children's Church: Dena Kitchens

Counters: Sandra Lackland and Cathy Letson

Hospitality: Nancy Spickard, Gail Granberry,

Judy Wells and Mary Ann Tucker

Lay Worship Leaders: Kathy Honeycutt and Mike Macomber

Music Ministry: Misha Stefanuk, Thom Suddreth and guests

Nursery: Kelly Romano

Ushers: Cathy Letson, Ron Letson, (Captain), Steve Lackland,

Gail Granberry and Mike Granberry

**By my Witness. . .**

Angel Food Ministries and Scouting Ministry

## **Safe Sanctuary Training**

Winters Chapel has recently updated its Safe Sanctuary Policy. We will be having a training session for all individuals who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults on Tuesday, August 17th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See Rori or Dena for details.

# Hispanic Taskforce Hopes to Offer ESL Class

By Thom Suddreth

*Que pasa? Como esta usted? What's up? How are you?*

We've had a series of meetings this summer with Nora Martinez from the North GA UMC New Church development office. In those meetings we've discussed how to reach out to our Hispanic neighbors in the community in order to broaden our appeal to those who live nearby. Nora has been wonderful in guiding our thoughts in a direction where we look at all possibilities.

Here are some of our explorations:

Several of us have attended the Saturday classes hosted by the Latin American Association on teaching English as a second language or ESL. We've learned quite a bit there and have been a little overwhelmed at times with the complexity of offering ESL classes.

We have attempted to survey folks in the neighborhood re-

garding what their highest point of need is that Winters Chapel might meet.

We have tentatively made plans to offer an eight week ESL class this fall as a small first step.

We have discovered that the NGA Conference has resources (funds) that we might access to jump start our efforts. We want to be really careful here to make sure that we have a reasonable expectation of success in using those funds.

That's pretty much where we are at this point in the process. Over the next couple of weeks we'll come up with a written

plan and timeline outlining our goals and expected activities.

One other thing, our meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to talk to me or anyone else involved in this effort and by all means, feel free to come to the meetings. Everyone's input is welcome. Adios for now.

The taskforce members are: Thom Suddreth, chair, Alison Dixon, Summer Cannon, Mike Macomber, Kathy Honeycutt, Harriet Chapman and Shelia Preacher

## Escape to Hawaii at the Preschool Open House



You are invited to an open house for prospective parents and children on Thursday, August 19th at 10 a.m. There will be a guest storyteller during the open house. Limited openings are available for the Fall 2010 school year. To visit the preschool, please call Mary Trompeter at 770-393-3478 ext.6.

## Children's Choir

Come join in song with Children's Choir every Sunday morning (except the 4th Sunday) following the Doxology. We will learn together how to praise God through song, music and dance. All children grades Pre-K and up are invited to join us downstairs each week. Pre-k through 2nd grade may come down for Children's Church right after the Children's Moments, then older children may join us after the Doxology.



We are kicking off the collection now because school starts soon and school supplies are on sale. Children need back packs, pencils, colored pencils, pens (blue, black, and red), markers, highlighters, pocket folders, loose notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pencil pouches, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, and crayons. There will be a collection point in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Summer Cannon (404-259-1304).

# Month-at-a-Glance

**Worship Times: Sunday – 11 a.m.**

**Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Please note that childcare is provided at 9:45 a.m. and during morning worship.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Homecoming	2	3 Cardio Kick Boxing 6:30 p.m.	4 Staff Meeting 6 p.m.  Choir 7 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Follow Me 12:30 p.m.	9	10 Run Off Elections	11 Choir 7 p.m.	12 Angel Food Deadline  NCD 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  Atlanta Balalaika Society 7:30 p.m.	13	14
15 Follow Me 12:30 p.m.	16	17 Cardio Kick Boxing 6:30 p.m.  Safe Sanctuary 6 p.m.	18 Choir 7 p.m.	19 Preschool Open House  COH  Atlanta Balalaika Society	20	21 Angel Food Pick-up @ noon
22 Follow Me 12:30 p.m.	23	24 Cardio Kick Boxing 6:30 p.m.	25 Choir 7 p.m.	26 Atlanta Balalaika Society 7:30 p.m.	27	28 AROS Children's Minis- try Network 9:30 a.m.
29 Follow Me 12:30 p.m.  NCD 12:30 p.m.	30	31 Cardio Kick Boxing 6:30 p.m.		Atlanta Balalaika Society 7:30 p.m.		

Please Submit Your  
News Briefs to *The Fisher*.

If you have an item that you would like to include in the September edition, please submit it to [info@winterschapelumc.org](mailto:info@winterschapelumc.org) **NO LATER than 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 20.** All information received after that date will not appear in the August edition of *The Fisher*.

Your news brief must be thirty (30) words or less and in paragraph form. We reserve the right to edit news briefs for spacing and clarity. Thank you in advance for your help.

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### BREAD OF LIFE CAFE

On Sunday morning, we invite you to visit our Bread of Life Café, "Where the Body and Soul Are Fed." We open at 9:20 a.m. We look forward to seeing you.