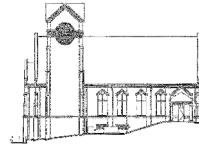


St. Paul is Praying for You!



We express our deepest Christian sympathy to Ralph & Robin Moore & family in the death of Robin's father, Buford Smith, this past week.

Special Concerns:

(30611)Rick Powell (Kim & Terri Powell's son), Susan Weeks (Evelyn Wells cousin), Laken Brown & family (co-worker of Candance Huskey), Lisa Bailey (daughter in law of Ann Bailey), Carl Taylor (friend of the Wrights), Kathy Lundberg (friend of Susan Page), Shirley Vandiver (Jimmie Glosson's niece), Lottie Stepp, Stephen Waters, James Hopkins (Janet Thorpe's father), Liz St.Clair (friend of the Wrights), Kathleen Boswell, Diana Quinn (daughter in law of Diane & Gene Marlow), Robert Irwin, Teri Strickland (friend of Evelyn Wells), Cecil Jarrard (friend of Norman & Sarah Moore), Robert Blackwell (Lisa Jackson's father)

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Ongoing Concerns:

Audrey Arrowood, Chris Ash, Lessie Brewer, Dianne Brown, John Cagle, David Carlton, Carrie Driskell, Guy Edwards, Joyce Godfrey, Zack Green, Sug Hamrick, Darlene Harbin, Clarence Hawkins, Arnold Hulsey, Eunice Humphries, Miles Irwin, Joye Jones, Don King, Dean Kring, Missy Lathop (Leiani Cary's mother), Steve Lester, Vivian Lewis, Mildred Lothridge, Mary Martin, Michelle Miller, Norman Moore, Ava Muter, Bob Patten, George Pickard, Maggie Portillo, Ondee Ravan, Tara Beth Reynolds, Gavin Ribaya, Charlie Robocker, Randy Smith (Ralph Moore's brother in law), Betty Thompson, Jerry Tipton, Byron Turk, John Turner (Mary Martin's grandson-in-law), Sybil Underwood, Angie Whitley, Andy Witham, Ola Woodall, Janet Deaver (Judy Thomas' mother)

Serving Overseas:

Missions - Melanie Martin (Nigeria)

Military - A.J. Spiess (Japan) (grandson of Laurie Spiess)

Matthew Leasure (USN - Afghanistan) (Chuck & Beth Leasure's son and Gene & Angie Whitley's grandson.)

Jacob Pitchford (Africa) (friend of the Kell's)

Taylor Daniels USMC (Afghanistan) (friend of Pat Zaudtke)

Please pray for families who have been laid off and can't find work.

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*We believe that God has placed
St. Paul UMC in the heart of Gainesville so
we can share His Word, show His love
and serve His people.*

CHOOSING LOVE!

Today's text is taken from Moses' concluding words to the Israelites as they were finally about to enter into the long Promised Land. The voice of the prophet does not focus on power. Instead, Moses' final words urge the people to do nothing less than "choose life." Deuteronomy is the last book of the "Torah", the five books of Law and Covenant in the Hebrew Scriptures. But Deuteronomy is the first book of the Torah to speak of a Loving God, and a God who invites our love.

Choosing life, choosing obedience to God, means choosing Love. Love for "the Lord your God," love for life, love for each other, love for all creation stands as "witnesses" to this new covenant. The "witnesses" Moses "called" to formalize this covenant were "heaven and earth" - which makes the requirements to "love" about as widespread as it can get.

When Moses declared that the Israelites should "choose life," he was really announcing an already done deal. The covenant had been signed and sealed on Mt. Horeb. The people of Israel did not have to "choose life" as much as they had to acknowledge - with loyalty, obedience, and love - that through grace God had chosen them. God's choosing these covenant people had nothing to do with their own worthiness and everything to do with God's unmerited love and commitment to the people of God's own creation. God chose to enter into a relationship with the fractured, fragmented human creatures of His creation.

Why? Out of love! All we have to do is love back. That is our "choice." That is how we "choose life."

Calvin

Sunday, March 13

8:45 - 9:45 Morning Worship
9:45 - 10:00 Morning Fellowship
10:00 - 10:45 Sunday School
11:00 - 12:00 Morning Worship
5:15 - 7:00 Youth Activities

Wednesday, March 16

10:00 - 12:00 F.L.O.W.
12:00 - 1:30 Lenten Lunch @ 1st Presbyterian
5:15 - 7:30 WW Activities

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20

Honduras Meeting

March 23

Lenten Lunch @ St. Paul

March 26

Christmon Workshop

March 30

Lenten Lunch @ 1st Baptist
(Calvin Haney preaching)

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Rev. Calvin Haney
Pastor

GOD'S SUNDAY SERVANTS

March 13, 2011

HEAD USHERS

8:45 Tom Davis
11:00 Steve Kell

GREETERS

8:45 Gregg & Cilla Johnson
11:00 Dave Syme, Sue Tibbetts

ACOLYTES

8:45 Matthew Gale
11:00 Andrew Gale

INFANT NURSERY

Staff

2 - 3 YR OLD NURSERY

Staff

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Staff

MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Sue Tibbetts, Shirley Whitaker

Daily Bible Readings for the week of March 13 - March 19

March 13 Deuteronomy 30, 31, 32

March 14 Deuteronomy 33, 34 and Psalm 52, 53

March 15 Joshua 1, 2, 3

March 16 Joshua 4, 5, 6

March 17 Joshua 7, 8, 9 and Psalm 54

March 18 Joshua 10, 11, 12

March 19 Joshua 13, 14, 15

Our Tithes and Offerings:

March 6, 2011

Attendance - Worship	8:45	80
	11:00	142
Sunday School		103
General Funds Received		\$ 14,044.00
General Funds Rec'd YTD		\$ 85,002.90
General Funds Expended		\$ 91,676.43
Building Fund Required Feb		\$ 6,410.82
Building Fund Received Feb		\$ 9,842.00

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mike Austin

5630 Raintree Trace

Oakwood, GA 30566

770-862-0214

Angel Food for March

Deadline for ordering March Angel Food boxes is March 15 before noon. Please remember that we do have a few families who need this food so if you could donate a box to someone in need, that would be wonderful! If you are in need, please talk to the Pastor. Angel Food menus for March are in the Narthex.



Lenten Devotionals Are Ready!

Lenten Devotionals are in the Narthex and can be picked up now. We are making extras so if you would like to give them to friends who do not go to St Paul, please feel free to do so.

HONDURAS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Donald Wright and David Martin will host an informational meeting about the upcoming Mission Trip to Honduras on Sunday, March 20 at 12:15 in the Sanctuary. If you need more information, call Donald Wright at 404-580-8938 or David Martin at 770-869-3083.

TRAINING SCHEDULED

CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Training: Last year the Trustees purchased an AED to place in the church. They had a couple of "training" sessions after it was in place: however, they feel that it may be beneficial to have another training session. We are also including CPR training. This training will be on **Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:00** in the Fellowship Hall following the Wednesday night supper. Kelleigh Strickland will be the instructor. Everyone is invited to attend and the ushers are all encouraged to attend. There will be NO Wednesday night Bible Study on this evening.

Please remember to pray for Calvin Haney and the rest of the people in the group who are traveling to the Holy Land, leaving tomorrow and returning on March 22.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

St. Paul United Methodist Church

March 13, 2011

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (8:45)

Leader: God has created life in such a way that evil cannot give the blessings which God gives to those who follow Him.

People: Those who follow the commandments of God are blessed with joy and happiness now and forever.

Leader: But the choice is ours whether we follow evil and perish, or choose God and live.

People: We choose God. May we witness to that fact by our love, our obedience, and our discipleship.

INTROIT & HYMN No. 158

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

INVOCATION

+HYMN No. 99

“My Tribute”

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

“Wade in the Water”

ACTS OF PRAYER

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS

+DOXOLOGY No. 95

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

ANTHEM

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

SERMON

“Choose Life”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

+HYMN No 467

“Trust and Obey”

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

+Stand as you are able.

*The flowers are placed in the Narthex to the glory of God
And in honor of our 65th Wedding Anniversary
By Pierce and Evelyn Hancock*

