

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1
ALL SAINTS SERVICE
Action Ministries Sunday



November 2
First Monday Café

November 14
St. Paul Day of Prayer
HOI Dinner

November 15
Stewardship Sunday
Young Adult Dinner



November 16
Charge Conference

November 18
Thanksgiving Meal

November 22
Community
Thanksgiving Service



November 29
5th Sunday
Hanging of the Greens
Annual Chili Cookoff

December 6
UMW & UMM
Christmas Lunch

December 7
First Monday Café



December 9
Supper with Santa

December 20
Christmas Cantata



December 24
Candlelight Service

JESUS IS COMING!!

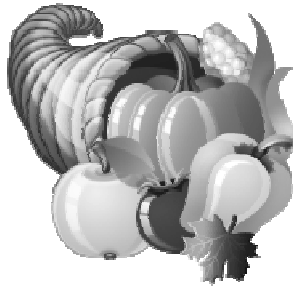


We are approaching the time of year that most people get the most excited about. We enjoy the crisp cool air, the beautiful fall colors and watching our favorite football teams. But the excitement lies in what comes next! With Halloween just barely over, Christmas décor is already out even though Thanksgiving is still to come. We love holidays! We love gifts! We love Christmas! And, for us Christians, we love celebrating Christ! During the month of December, we celebrate Advent - the anticipation of Christ coming as a baby!! But it is more than Jesus as a baby! We know what comes next! We know the story! We know that baby grows up, becomes a man, a remarkable man who leads a sinless life and dies on the cross for you and me! And we know the story doesn't end there - three days later the tomb is empty and Christ Jesus is knocking on the door of our hearts offering salvation. Through our choice we enter into a relationship with God because of the sacrifice of God's Son. Through our choice this relationship grows and becomes the center of everything we are and everything we do. We experience love and joy and we anticipate what is to come - Jesus is coming again! Just as He promised - we will meet Him in the air or if we die first we will see Him in Heaven! What a wonderful reality!

But the greater reality is what to do with the in-between time. We accept Christ as our Savior and we know that in the end we will spend eternity with God. But what about all the years we will live in-between? Before Christ left the Disciples, before He ascended into Heaven, He promised "and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age." What a great promise and what a wonderful reality of how we are to live our lives in the in-between time. Jesus came as a baby and has promised to come again but even better than that Jesus is with us today, everyday! That truth should revolutionize the way we live as Christians. For Christianity is not about a religion but about a relationship with the God who created us and made a way for us to be with Him. The in-between time should be spent enjoying this loving relationship - getting to know God, walking in friendship with Jesus, learning and growing in our faith.

We have so many distractions that keep us from enjoying what God intended for us! And celebrating Advent and Christmas can sometimes add more distractions with parties, family get-togethers and gift shopping. Make sure you and your family take time out this Advent to anticipate Christ and to celebrate Christ in our lives every day. Learn to live in a daily relationship with God by waking to prayer, praise and worship. Don't just wait till Sunday - spend time seeking God through the Scriptures and talk to Him as you go about your busy day. Spend time with God every day so when Jesus comes again - we will be ready!

JESUS IS HERE - *In the inbetween time!*



FALL—a season of life & beauty!

Fall is the season that signifies the end of the growing season when the crops are harvested. And we know that the stark winter will be upon us where there seems to be no life. But when you stop to enjoy fall you will be amazed at the life and beauty in the world around us. Check out Judy Carlton's or Marianne Cagle's pictures on *Facebook* of fall leaves and children in pumpkin patches. Or take a drive up into Helen or Hiawassee like the Loveless' did or just sit inside where it is warm and cozy and watch the leaves fall from your trees. You'll be amazed at the rich colors, the beauty and the life of FALL!

Fall at St. Paul is a season of life and beauty too! We celebrated 121 years of ministry in Gainesville last month. We heard wonderful testimonies of 70 years of ministry as the choir honored Evelyn Hancock. We heard beautiful voices of all ages singing and our Hispanic Dancers showed us the life of movement in worship. When you look back at 121 years you'll be amazed at the richness, the beauty and the life that has come before us, is present in us today and is coming in the future. The theme of Homecoming 2009 was "Greater Things are Yet to Come" and our youth singing this praise song showed us that the future is a beautiful thing walking and playing and learning among us each Sunday and Wednesday—our children and youth. Take time to watch them or volunteer to teach them and you'll be amazed at what God has in store for St. Paul over the next 121 years!

One beautiful thing that happened during the month of October was Invite-A-Friend month. We saw guests at each service and Homecoming Sunday in particular was full of beautiful faces. Continue to invite people you know who need to experience a wonderful loving Church family and go out of your way to make guests comfortable here!

On a fall day in September, St. Paul committee members met to discuss and plan for the coming year—2010. It was a rainy fall day but the beauty and life was inside the small room as we went around describing and listing all the things St. Paul is involved in. Take a moment and look at the bulletin boards in the downstairs foyer across from the elevator. You'll be amazed at the richness of our giving and the beauty of our service and the life in our ministry. Take time to thank God for all we are and for all we do as a church and look for ways to be more involved in sharing the life of Christ and the beauty of the Spirit.

St. Paul serves Community FOOD PANTRY

November 10-20 is St. Paul's next opportunity to stock and serve at the Community Food Pantry. Please bring canned goods and non-perishables to the bins located in the church foyers. Monetary donations directed to the Food Pantry are always welcomed.

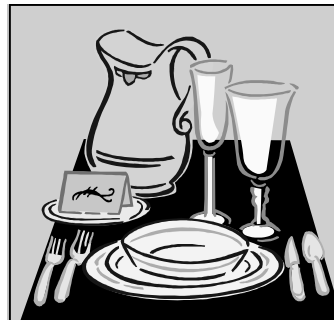
"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9

St. Paul hosts HOI Ministry Dinner Saturday, November 14 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Anyone who has participated in a mission trip to Honduras or anyone who is interested please join us for a covered-dish dinner with six other churches and staff from Honduras Outreach in Atlanta and from The Ranch. It will be a great opportunity to hear what other churches are doing on their mission trips. Child-care is available. Please RSVP the church office with the number attending and your child-care needs.

St. Paul's Thanksgiving Meal Wednesday, November 18 - 5:15 p.m.

Come enjoy's Rexann's traditional Thanksgiving meal at the last Wonderful Wednesday of the Fall!



Young Adult Dinner

**All Young Adults—Married or Single
Are invited to
a dinner especially for you
November 15
5:30 p.m.**

**Church Fellowship Hall
Child-care will be provided
Don't miss this evening
of fun and fellowship.**

**Please call the church office
770-532-2977 no later than November 8 to let
us know you will be attending.**

FALL Mission PROJECTS



Every Fall our youth sponsors a drive as a mission project involving the whole church. Last year we collected 20 flood buckets and sent them to UMCOR's Relief Center in Louisiana. We visited there the year before on our Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans. When we were there the need for flood buckets was great due to the flooding that had taken place in the Midwest. After Katrina, our church supplied 100 flood buckets! And now with flooding in our own area the need for flood buckets is even more of a concern.

Before we got involved with helping with Disaster Relief, our youth helped collect items for Christmas Shoe Boxes to be sent to needy children in Third World Countries through Samaritan's Purse. We have sent as many as 100 wrapped boxes. St. Paul has always been generous this time of year to help spread the love of Christ around the world in a tangible way.

Recently, our Hispanic Congregation has been wrapping store bought gifts for needy children in our own community. Last year they gave out over 1000 gifts at a Christmas dinner at the Georgia Mountains Center. This year they will be hosting their program on three nights in our Fellowship Hall. "We hope that the people receiving gifts will see St. Paul as a place to come and worship too," stated Hispanic Pastor, Luis Lopez. Last year several churches helped fund this project that affects the people in our own backyard.

So this year for our fall collection mission project you can choose from one of three options. We have not set any collection goals this year but look forward to sending out gifts and ministering to relief aid in any way we can. Pray about how you can give this fall.

FLOOD BUCKETS: Due to the flooding in Paulding and Cobb Counties you may want to assemble a flood bucket. It costs about \$45 to purchase

the 16 items needed. Some have been able to buy the same items at a Dollar Store for \$25. Use the list to the right to get the right sizes and amounts. The church will provide the bucket and the youth will pack it for you. If you choose to do a bucket please be willing to buy all the items needed—we will not be doing any supplemental shopping this year. Please bring your bucket supplies in a shopping bags and bring to the collection center in the downstairs foyer.

SHOE BOXES: If you have missed the opportunity to send gifts around the world then choose to buy toys and school supplies for Third World children. Remember everything has to fit in a shoe box. Spend as much or as little as you want. Use the list to the right to guide you in your purchases. Bring the your items in a shoe box or grocery bags to the collection center in the downstairs foyer. Our youth will wrap and package the box. Deadline for sending Operation Christmas Child gifts is November 15.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: If you would like to help give gifts to needy children who live around our own church then purchase a gift for this wonderful Hispanic outreach. The Hispanic congregation will wrap your gift and if you would like to volunteer to help with their outreach party, December 17-19, call the church office. Purchase gifts for boys and girls of all ages. Choose a boxed item so wrapping is easier. **Ideas:** Barbie Dolls, Baby Dolls, Cars, Car Tracks, Games, Art Projects, etc.

ENJOY SHOPPING FOR OTHERS!



Through our Fall Mission Projects you can give gifts that can bring the love of Christ to a hurting world!



FLOOD BUCKETS

- ~ Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle)
- ~ 5 Scouring Pads
- ~ 7 Sponges
- ~ 1 Scrub Brush
- ~ 18 Cleaning Towels (reusable wipes)
- ~ Liquid Landry Detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- ~ 1 Household Cleaner (12-16 oz. bottle)
- ~ Disinfectant Dish Soap (16-18 oz. bot.)
- ~ 50 clothes pins
- ~ Clothes Line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- ~ 5 Dust Masks
- ~ 2 Pair Latex Gloves
- ~ 1 Pair Work Gloves
- ~ 24-bag roll Heavy-duty Trash Bags (33-45 gallon—remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- ~ 1 Insect Repellant Spray (6-14oz. can with protective cap if aerosol)
- ~ 1 Air Freshener (8-9 oz. can with protective cap if aerosol)

SHOE BOXES

Gift Ideas: Small Cars, Balls, Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Kazoos, Harmonicas, Yo-Yos, Jump Ropes, Small Etch-A-Sketch, Toys that light up or make noise (include extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

School Supplies: Pens, Pencils and Sharpener, Crayons, Markers, Stamps and Ink Pad Set, Writing Pads or Paper, Solar Calculators, Coloring and Picture Books, etc.

Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Mild Bar Soap, Comb, Washcloth, etc.

Other: Hard Candy and Lollipops, Mints, Gum, T-shirts, Socks, Ball Caps, Sunglasses, Hair Clips, Toy Jewelry, Watches, Flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

SERVICE & LOCK-IN

Our youth will be babysitting church kids so parents can go on a date or do last minute Christmas shopping.

BABY JESUS BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, December 18

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Kids will enjoy pizza, cookies & a movie!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN

8:30 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Youth will enjoy pizza, underground church and IHOP (bring \$\$)

Church Website: www.st-paul-umc.org

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY CLASSIFIEDS

WEEKLY PRAYER TIME

Join our prayer group on Wednesdays at 4:00 in the Conference Room located to the right of the Sanctuary in the Narthex.

PRAYER BOX

All members are encouraged to use the Prayer Box located on the table outside the office. Write your prayer request on card and slip it in the box. Our prayer group will pray for your request. We will keep your request confidential.

DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday, November 14

The Sanctuary will be open from 7:00 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. Sign up for a time slot that works for you. Come pray for our Church and our Pastor as well as your own personal needs.

PECANS ORDERED

Fresh pecans are on the way for your holiday baking and gift giving!

UMW & UMM LUNCH

Sunday, December 6
Covered Dish after church for holiday meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Administrative Board

Sunday, November 1
1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Council on Ministries

Tuesday, November 17
6:30 p.m.
Mixed Blessings Room

Finance Committee

Thursday, November 19
6:30 p.m.
Mixed Blessings Room

Caring Committee

Monday, November 23
5:00 p.m.
Mixed Blessings Room

SPECIAL TREE OFFERINGS

During the month of December you will have to opportunity to participate in special offerings

Baby Jesus Tree -

Place change that represents your age or more in the little white bags provided. Donations are given to UMW Missions in honor of St. Paul babies.

Glove Tree -

Pick up extra gloves and scarves for children and adults when you are out gift shopping. Place them on the tree and they will be given out in January to those less fortunate.

FIRST MONDAY CAFÉ

Nov. 2 and Dec. 7

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Volunteers needed!
Church open at 7 a.m. to receive your crockpots.
Lunch is \$5 plus \$1 for desserts. Join us for good food and fellowship!

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday Evening
November 22
6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church

ANGEL FOOD

November


Deadline: Nov. 10
Distribution: Nov. 14
8:30-10:30 a.m.

December

Deadline: Dec. 8
Distribution: Dec. 12
8:30-10:30 a.m.

Plastic Grocery Bags

We are recycling bags to be used for Angel Food Distribution. There is a bin located outside the church office.



“Christmas Wishes”
Voices of North Georgia
December 4 & 5
7:30 p.m.
St. Paul UMC Sanctuary
Come enjoy a wonderful chorale Christmas production sung by several of our very own members. Tickets can be purchased from Jean McCorlew or Liz Smith.

Return Receipt Requested

CHRISTMAS

HANGING OF THE GREENS



November 29 at 5:00 p.m.
Come help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent!

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

November 29 at 6:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited to enjoy homemade chili in the Fellowship Hall (\$5 Adults/\$3 Children)

SUPPER WITH SANTA

December 9 at 5:15 p.m.
Enjoy a delicious breakfast while children visit Santa!



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

December 20 at 10:30 a.m.



Special one-service with our Chancel Choir singing Christmas favorites!

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Special Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

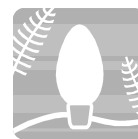
CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Communion

Service in Sanctuary
Thursday, December 24
6:00 p.m.



SPOTLIGHT



Thanks to
Trey Cely
Jim Sapp
Steve Ward
Peggy Ward

for being the faithful few at our last church work day!

And thanks to all the church members who showed up on the same day to volunteer for **ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES!**

CONTRIBUTIONS

Year end tithes and offerings must be received by and/or post-marked by December 31.

OFFICE CLOSED:

Noon on Nov. 25 - 26
Noon on Dec. 23 - 24
Noon on Dec. 30 - Jan. 1

Rev. Calvin Haney, Pastor

Director of Ministries—Tim Atwood; Choir Master—Tim Gale; Accompanist—Terry Sapp; Admin. Secretary—Susan Page; Financial Sec.—Frances Steedley; Hospitality—Rexann Hulsey; Building/Grounds—Ralph Moore