

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 6, 2009
9:00 & 11:00 Service of Worship
Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His Blood
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the Family of God.*

OPENING PRAYER

Lay Liturgist

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*As the prelude begins we honor the offerings of our musicians as we
prepare our hearts and minds for worship with our prayerful silence.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

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*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“PEACE”

Charles Rice Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

People: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

Leader: God will give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

People: He will guide our feet into the way of peace.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, we enter your presence this morning, not because we have done anything worthy of your acceptance, but because you have made us acceptable through the gift of your Son. May Christ's light shine *once again* in our lives, showing us the path of *peace* between God and all people. Give us the courage to walk that path every day. AMEN.

MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lay Liturgist

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“There's A Song In The Air”

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

(Please Pass Pew Registration Booklets)

Offertory Anthem

“Before Bethlehem”

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

“Emmanuel”

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.*

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3:1-6, 14-17

SERMON

“Crossing Jordan”

Dr. R. Allen Stewart

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF INVITATION

“In The Bleak Midwinter”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** 11:00am Service*

Christian Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian love and sympathy to Anne Heimerich and family in the death of her husband, Dick Heimerich and to the family of Sara Nell Bannister in her death.

Our Prayer Ministry

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.” John 14:27

Extended Prayer Needs: Terry Johnson, Jody DiMarco, Bobby Floyd

Other Prayer Needs: Jane Hamby—Mother of Kathy Carter; Bobby Grizzard—Brother of Carolyn Martin; Michael Gale (Iraq)—Son of Charlie Gale; Kevin Lauriault—Uncle of Zachary Tellano; Samantha Willis—Daughter of Laura Carter Willis; Billy Nunnally—Brother of Ronnie Nunnally; Evelyn Gresham—Mother of Sandra Story; David Barruth—Brother-in-law of Tracy Evans

Brown Convalescent Ctr—Helen Thornton

Hart Care - Henrietta Roper, Elinor Bond

Hartwell Health Care Ctr—Gladys Woody

Lake Point - Willie Burns, Joe Seawright, Randolph Daniel, Hazel Newberry, Alma Brown, Elizabeth Vickery

Gables - Helen Leonard

Brighton Gardens - Kathryn Frye

Homebound- Randy Scott, Charlotte Teasley, Jim Condict, Eva Stamey, Mary Hyland, Maryleene Basinger, Mary Cunningham, Mary Carpenter, Bill Marsh

Church Family in Military - James Hicks (Iraq); Ben Dewitt—Son of Lynne Adams; Kyle Bucksot; Keith David—Son of Dale & Cindie David; Chris David—Son of Dale & Cindie David; Jimmy Condict—Grandson of Jean & Jim Condict; Karl Lindquist—Son of Bob & Norma Lindquist; Trav George—Grandson of Travis George; Josh Black—Brother of Joel Black; Caitlin Whittington—Granddaughter of Dottie & Earl Sisson; Tom Eberhardt (Iraq)—Grandson of Mary Chapman

We would like to welcome into our Christian Fellowship:

Bobby and Angie Floyd 1697 Beaverdam Farm Rd. Canon, GA 30520. Bobby came on Profession of Faith and received the Sacrament of Baptism. Angie came on Profession of Faith. They have three sons; Michael, Thomas, & Robert. Bobby & Angie are assigned to Care Group #3.



Volunteers for the Week

USHERS: John Milner, Ben Moore
Clive Smith, David Turner

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Doug & Margaret
Blomberg

NURSERY: JoAnn Moore, Harriett Hodgkin

ACOLYTES: Zachary Tellano, Rachel Tellano

Attendance Last Sunday

9:00 Worship Service 88
10:45 Contemporary Service 128

Sunday School 149
11:00 Worship Service 188

UNIFIED BUDGET 11/22 & 11/29 To Date

Received \$18,691 \$580,873 Windows of Opportunity 2009 Receipts: \$ 28,528
Needed Weekly \$13,150 \$631,200 Loan Amount to Date: \$1,476,580

Opportunities for Worship and Service

Sunday, December 6

9:00am. Early Worship—Sanctuary **10:00am. Sunday School**
10:45am. Contemporary Service—Worship Center **11:00am. Traditional Worship—Sanctuary**
Nursery provided for all services

Monday, December 7

1:30pm Page-Wesley Group-AR

Wednesday, December 9

9:30am Pre School Chapel - Marcie
10:00am Staff Meeting-Library
1:00pm Prayer Group-Library
5:30pm FNS
6:00pm Children's Musical-FH
Youth Activities
7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 8

10:00pm Bible Study-Library
5:30pm Trustee Meeting-AR
6:00pm Bible study-FH

Thursday, December 10

7:00am Men's Prayer Group-Green Bean
8:00am Men's Prayer Group-Green Bean
12Noon Sunshine Club-FH
6:30pm YAM-Gym

Basketball Schedule for This week

Monday, December 7th at HFUMC

6:00pm G1vsFS 6:45pm G2vsFS
7:30pm G3vsFB 8:15pm B4vs FB

Tuesday, December 8th HFUMC @ Mt. Olivet

6:00pm B1 6:45pm G2B
7:30pm G3 8:15pm B3

Thursday, December 10th HFUMC at The Way

7:30pm B2

Next Sunday, the Administrative Council will offer one last survey concerning our schedule change in January. We have had two listening sessions and a previous survey, in addition to that, the Education Committee has spent three months in prayer and dialog concerning Sunday School.



Please remember those that are away from home in your prayers. If you can drop them a card, we know they would appreciate it.

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Missions Instead of Poinsettias
The deadline is today, Sunday, December 6th.

This Advent/Christmas Season, instead of Poinsettias honor and remember our loved ones by investing in life and service through sacrifice. Please consider making a donation that will help our youth and young adults. Make a tax deductible donation of \$5.00 (or more) for each person you wish to honor or remember. On December 13th, a special bulletin insert will include these names. Forms are available on the tables in the back of the worship areas or in the church.



Sunshine Club
Thursday, December 10th 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall



From the Church Office:



Christmas holidays are fast approaching and the church office will be following a modified schedule. If you have reimbursements due or pledges which need to be settled, please do so before the end of the year. **In order for your church contributions to be counted in 2009 for tax purposes, they must be turned in by 12 Noon on Wednesday, December 30, 2009.** If you normally mail your donations, please be sure to mail them in time to reach the

office by that date!

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will close December 23rd at noon and will be closed December 24 and 25th in observance of Christmas. The office hours for December 28th–30th will be from 9:00—12 noon. Then the office will be closed December 31st and January 1st in observance of New Year’s Day.

Pastoral Care during the Holidays

If you have any need for pastoral care when the office is not open, please leave a message on the church answering machine and someone will contact you as soon as possible. If it is urgent, you may call the church parsonage at (706)376-0846.

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 Extension 10

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JOHN MILNER Door Keeper

RON LEVERETTE Custodian

Joshua 3:1-6, 14-17

“CROSSING JORDAN”

¹Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over.

²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, ⁴so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it.”

⁵Then Joshua said to the people, “Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”

⁶To the priests Joshua said, “Take up the Ark of the Covenant, and pass on in front of the people.” So they took up the Ark of the Covenant and went in front of the people.

¹⁴When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant were in front of the people.

¹⁵Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, ¹⁶the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

¹⁷While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.



1. Crossing the Jordan was _____!
 Anytime you take a risk and venture out, there is a chance you will _____.
2. Crossing the Jordan was _____!
 Anytime you take a risk and venture out, there is a chance it will be _____.
3. Crossing the Jordan forced total _____!
 Anytime you take a risk and venture out, success depends on _____.




“We’ve been given only one piece of life’s jigsaw puzzle. Only God has the cover of the box.”

—Cast of Characters, Max Lacado p.128





2nd Helping Dinner

What a wonderful opportunity to serve God and our community! Volunteer forms are available on the tables in the back, so you may still sign up with donations and to help out.




UMW CHRISTMAS DINNER
 Monday, December 14th 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall
 Speaker: Mayor Matt Beasley
 Special Music: Sally & Melanie Kearns
 \$11.00 per person **Reservations due by Tuesday, December 8th**
 Call Judy Cannady or the church office. Nursery Available
EVERYONE INVITED INCLUDING HUSBANDS!






UMW Chrismons for Missions

A new Chrismon tree has been placed in the gathering area of our new building this Christmas season. The UMW are making Chrismons for this tree and all proceeds will go to missions. Please help us by purchasing a Chrismon in honor or memory of someone. This will be an ongoing way to support missions. Ornaments can be purchased from any UMW member or the church office.



GOD'S CREATIONS 2010 CALENDERS ARE AVAILABLE

The Missions Committee has a very limited number of beautiful wall calendars for sale. Calendars are only \$6.00 and can be purchased in the church office.




Become Part of Our Wednesday Nights

Family Night Supper will begin at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
 Menu this week will be:
 Baked Ham

Please sign up on the *Orange* FNS Reservation Cards available in the pews in the Sanctuary or on the tables in the back of the Fellowship Hall. You may call the church office or email us using the form on the HFUMC website. The Children will be presenting their Christmas Musical. This production is always wonderful and such a special blessing from our children to our church.


Be sure you are there to support them and to receive your blessing!



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH
A Ministry of Christ caring for people through people.
"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2



Stuff for Kids



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA


Today until 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Enjoy breakfast AND help the youth with their fundraiser.



Please support the children as they collect money in their stockings to help others this holiday season.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Dec. 21st at 10:00 a.m. 

We'll meet at church & car pool. RSVP by Dec. 18th. Call if you can help drive.

We'll visit shut ins & nursing homes. After caroling, we'll go to La Cabana for lunch — bring money! **Make a Christmas card (or 2, or 3) to share that day. Bring a card and you will get a quarter at La Cabana!**



SHOPPING DAY FOR HART LIFE

Wednesday, Dec. 16th

Watch bulletins & emails for more info!

JOY



Current Series

Youth Christmas Party

Dec 16th 6:00-8:00

Bring a gift no more than \$5

Food: Sign up to bring soup, Sandwiches, & dessert.



Wednesday Night Schedule

MS 5:30-7:00 HS 7:15-8:30

Youth December Newsletter is on the web

www.standministries.org


Young Adult Ministries

YAM

Thursday, December 10th 6:30 pm in the Gym.
Come and bring a friend!

YAM Unites With Habitat on Project

HFUMC is excited to announce that Habitat for Humanity was awarded a grant as a result of the Young Adult Ministry being involved with the Bike and Build group last summer. The Hartwell First Young Adult Day will be announced soon and on the Habitat project all the materials for that day will be supplied by a special grant that was secured. Any young adult interested in helping, please contact Troy Ayers or Dale David at 376-3164.



The Hartwell First UMC Chancel Choir & Orchestra Presents:

Let All Heaven & Nature

Sing!



Before Bethlehem no melodies rang,
No shepherds rejoiced, and no angels sang.
Before Hope was born the night seemed so long.
Before Bethlehem's morn, we were singers with no Song.

Go and tell it on the mountains, let the rocks and hills proclaim. Shout it in the valleys, all creation praise His name! Repeat the sounding joy...**let all heaven and nature sing!**

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Sanctuary

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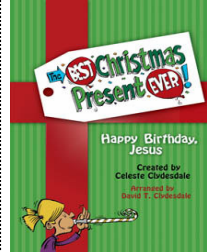
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Don't miss this precious evening of fun, food and fellowship!

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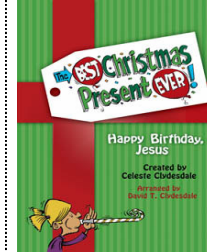
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