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December 9, 2009

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Charles & Elizabeth Houston

**505 Fort King George Drive
Darien, GA 31305**

Sunday, Dec. 27 - We will have one 10:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. Sunday school will not be held that day. All children are asked to bring one gift they received at Christmas. They must be able to carry it up to the front during our children's sermon time. No live animals please.

COLLEGE PLACE VISION

College Place is a community of love and faith, training and nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ, equipping them with God's Word, and spreading His redeeming love to every soul in need.

Come Give Praise

This **Sunday, Dec. 13**, your Chancel Choir will be presenting a beautiful cantata, "**A 'Life' Story.**" Not only will we be led in worship by the choir's wonderful voices, but DeDe and an orchestra will be accompanying them.

Remember the worship services will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Extra chairs will be placed for an anticipated larger attendance. You might want to get here early to get a seat.

God has presented the world with a mighty gift at Christmas. The birth of Jesus Christ was brought in with a heavenly chorus of angels.

Someone once said, "Today, God still provides the gift, but it is now up to God's people to do the singing."

Come enjoy as God's people at College Place give glory to God's precious Son through song.

Rob

Also:

*Sunday, Dec. 20, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship, "Let Loose" Luke 2:8-20 (The Message Version).

*Sunday, Dec. 20, **6:00 p.m.** - Make your plans to attend the **Children's Nativity Program.** Our youth and children will lead us in remembering this sacred scene. Communion will also be served by the children.

*Thursday, Dec. 24, **4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** will be our Christmas Eve "**Carols, Candlelight and Communion**" Services. Join your church family as we sing the ancient carols and celebrate the arrival of the light of the world.

*Sunday, Dec. 27, **10:00 a.m.** one worship service, "Late for Christmas" Luke 2:25-40. Also our college group will be getting on the road for their mission retreat to **St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.**

RECEPTION FOR CHOIR

College Place will be hosting a reception in honor of our choir immediately following the 11AM performance Sunday December 13th in the Christian Life Center. If you would like to help host, furnish refreshments or monetarily support this event please contact Stephanie Fullard by email at sfullard@southerncontractors.net or you may call Stephanie at 265-3142 or Paula Smith at 267-7799. This is going to be a huge event so we need everyone's assistance. This is just a little way we as a congregation can express our thanks for their hard work, many hours and dedication throughout the year.

Prayer List

All Military Personnel

Bill Adams (Barbara Moons & Miriams brother)

Barbara Adams (Barbara Moon's sister in law)

Teresa Bachman

Donald & Jackie Bartlett

***Pat Benton**

Col. Ralph Brooks, Sr.

Ken Brown

Lillian Browning

Kelly Childers

Buster Connell

Cheryl Crosby

Ellen Dawson

Bob Dunagan

Evelyn Gauld (David Latner's mother)

Neil Gilbert

***Harley Green**

***Haley Haraway**

***Carol Henderson**

Margie Hitt

Melinda Hulling (Melanie Williamson's mother)

Carley Hutchinson

Evalyn Jones

Megan Kemp

Johnny Mac Kennedy

Junesoo Kim

Mike Koreckis

Sarah Marat(Robert & Cathy Haase's daughter in law)

Kelsey Marat (Robert & Cathy Haase's grand daughter)

Robert McAlum

Holly McCollum

Annie Miller

***Rex Moon**

Wesley Ness

Lee Lla Owens

Irene Purcell

Gloria Rasmussen

Bob Rice

Carter Roberts

***Venita Schwartz**

Melinda Sellevold (Melanie Williamson's cousin)

George Shirley

Beverly Sisson

Virginia Smith

Willie Mae Tapley

Nellie Taylor

Terry Taylor(Evelyn Roberson's brother)

Linda Thomas

Curtis Tucker

Gloria Tucker

Les Turner

Agnes Willis

Pray for our Homebound

Madeline Rouse

THANK YOU

For your information: "Year-End Contributions"

Please remember that any contributions you expect to have included in '09 gifts must be received in the Church office no later than midnight December 31. There is one exception: checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2009 can be included. Thank you for each and every gift.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Don't miss out on the New Orleans Mission Trip Dec. 27 to Jan. 1. Let Pastor Rob or Mark Pilgrim know of your desire to go. A \$50.00 deposit, a health form and an on-line registration with St. Bernard Project is needed. A few more hands are needed so we can help as many as we can.

Car Wash - The college group who are going on the mission trip will hold a car wash Saturday morning, Dec. 12 in front of the church. All donations will be appreciated to help defray the cost of the work being done in St. Bernard Parish.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the congregation for all your generous contributions and donations to the Social Concerns committee through communion offerings. We were able to help a lot of people during this troubling year. We were able to give generously to Faith Works, who help so many through gift card for gas and food, provide rent assistance, assistance on electric bills, medical needs and home repairs. It is only through your generous support that we are able to help so many in times of need and I appreciate your loving gifts, as well do the recipients.

Pamela Seals, Social Concerns

WORSHIP

USHERS 11:00 AM

***Bob Williamson Charles McCollum**

Fred Stregles Tim Holcomb

Jimmy Franklin

ACOLYTES

Dec. 13-Megan Leotis & Ashley Williams

Dec. 20-Chelsea Holcomb & Belle Smith

Dec. 27-Allie Tuttle & Megan Leotis

MEF SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS

PAY IT FORWARD STORY

Jesus said 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' *Matthew 25:40*
God Is Great! He showed me that again yesterday, mere minutes after I took the "Pay It Forward" envelope. Following the service, we made a stop at Wal-Mart for odds and ends. As we exited the store and approached our vehicle, a young man in a pick-up truck with a Tift County license plate pulled up next to me. Being in public service, I can tell a great deal about a person by their body language and appearance. It was obvious the young man was in distress. "Can you help me?" were the first words he said. He went on to explain how he had come to Glynn County to rendezvous with a woman that he had met on a chat room. Apparently, that meeting didn't turn out well. "My Papa told me to go to church to meet a girl, but I fell into one of these chat rooms. Don't ever do that. Those chat rooms are bad news," he warned. "I only need \$5, and I can get enough gas to get back to Waycross." Five dollars: the exact amount in the envelope that had been placed in my hands a few minutes before. I pulled a \$20 bill from my pocket and gave it to the young man. He immediately refused it saying he only wanted \$5 dollars. "Follow me over to the gas station, and I'll give you your change back," he said emphatically. He tried his best to get me to only give him \$5. I told him to take the \$20, use what he needed for gas and keep the rest, but to use it wisely. "You'll have a chance to help someone someday," I told him. At this point, he stuck out his hand, thanked me, and asked my name. I told him (our) names and my wife prompted him to tell us his name. "David," he said. I don't know what the future holds for David, but I do know that he left the Wal-Mart parking lot knowing that there is something in this world other than deceit and pain. Thanks for the privilege of passing your love through me to David.

CHILDREN

We are busy learning what Christmas is all about in Sunday school (9:45), Children's Church (8:45 & 11:00) and MEF (5:00 - 7:00) this month! Join us for Bible stories, music, crafts, and games.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 20, 6:00 Children will lead worship with a live Nativity, Christmas Hymns, and Communion. Followed by a family Christmas Dinner We do the turkey and ham, you bring a side and/or dessert. This will be a very special event you won't want to miss. Grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins (you get the picture) welcome!

YOUTH

College Place Youth are heading to Boone, NC for a ski retreat that is similar to the Gathering Place, but picture the Gathering Place on Steroids! Students will ski each day and nationally known worship leaders and speakers lead students each night in experiencing God's presence!

Cost- \$375 per student

Dates: January 15-18th

THANK YOU

Thanks for all the cards, calls, visits, and food brought to our family during my time in the hospital and since returning home, especially for the prayers (for me and my family), we will always be grateful! College Place is a very loving and caring church. We're proud to be members here.

To Rob, for his concern and many visits to the Brunswick Hospital (and St. Vincent's) we will never forget. College Place is blessed to have him as our Pastor and to Donna and JoAnn, for their visits, prayers & concern, we love you!

The 2nd & 3rd grade Sunday school class along with "Ms Kelly" made my stay in the hospital much better with their pictures and self written notes! God Bless you all! Hope to see you soon!

In Christian Love,
Gloria Tucker and family

NEWS LIBRARY

Judy Cleveland has been helping out in the library and with her help all books have been processed, on the shelves and ready to be checked out. We are caught up at last. YEA!

New Fiction books: "The Yada Yada Prayer Group Series" is ready to be checked out. A gift from Irene Carter who says they are great.

Nonfiction: "Caring for Mother-a daughter's long good bye, "an excellent book for caregivers-donated by Cora Herndon.

Thanks to all of you in the church who have given books to the library. We are most grateful and appreciative. Our beautiful shelves, which are only a few years old, are almost completely full. Therefore, we are asking that you do not donate any books that have a copyright date before 2008. We only have room for the most current materials. We suggest that you save your wonderful books for the Mission Garage Wait in the fall or check out Friends of the Library downtown. Also, as many of you already know, we do not have room to store Sunday School study books/literature. WE appreciate your cooperation with these requests.

We will still accept Christian fiction, which seems to be our best circulation books at this time even if they are a few years old.

Hope you all will find some quite time this holiday season, stop by the library, check out a good Christian fiction, or devotional book and spend time with God. "He is the reason for The season". Merry Christmas from your library staff.
Jackie Bartlett, Elinda Price & Judy Cleveland

MIDDLE SCHOOL SS CLASS

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL SS CLASS

On Sunday, December 20th the Middle School Sunday school class will be building a Gingerbread House. If you want to participate please be in the class by 9:00am.

CHILDREN Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 19, 8:00 - 10:30AM



breakfast, visit with Santa,
Christmas crafts

Bring your camera! \$5.00 per person or
\$20.00 for a family of 4 or more

Sign up now

No drop offs please

Name _____
_____How many

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 13:

9:00 AM A "Life Story"
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM A "Life Story"
5:00 PM Financial Peace Course #12—Final Class
5:00 PM MEF/MYF

MONDAY, December 14:

9:00 AM Preschool
6:30PM FCA Banquet—CLC

TUESDAY, December 15:

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Pre- School Christmas Party
10:00 AM Lamplighters
11:00 AM Mom's Connection CR
5:30 PM Staff Parish Relation Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Bible Study-Middle School class
7:00 PM Bible Study- YOUTH Building

WEDNESDAY, December 16

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Christmas Party
11:00 AM Retired Educators Christmas Party-Sanctuary
7:00 PM Brunswick Funeral Home Christmas Party—CLC
7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, December 17:

Staff Luncheon
6:00 PM Finance Committee

FRIDAY, December 18:

Choir Robe Celebration

The Chancel Choir would like to take this opportunity to thank all individuals and groups who pledged and contributed to the choir robe fund. The dinner was a huge success! To date, we have collected \$8,400 and have another \$1,300 in pledges yet to be collected. Through your generous support, we have placed an order for choir robes and stoles that will be delivered in six to eight weeks. The total cost of the robes exceeded \$10,000 and while we have not yet reached that goal, we were able to place the order with a 50% deposit. We have so many wonderful supporters; and we know that with your continued contributions and support, our robe purchase will be fulfilled.

Happy 91st Birthday to Clo Foster
and

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Frank & Sylvia Sweat

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

We are so fortunate to have such a talented and devoted staff. Please remember each of them and their family members in your prayers through-out the year, but especially as we approach the Christmas season. They are all working very hard to help create a joyous and worshipful atmosphere for our families as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

Let's remind our staff members how much we appreciate their efforts on our behalf. If you would like to join others in providing Christmas gifts for our staff please place your gift in an envelope, mark it as Staff Christmas Gift, and place in the offering plate or drop it by the office. We need to collect all contributions by December 20th.

Thank and a very Merry Christmas to all from your Staff Parish Relations committee!

Financial Report December 6, 2009

OPERATING MINISTRIES FUND

Amount received this week	\$14,126.76
Amount received this month	\$14,126.76
Amount received this year	\$414,282.12

BUILDING FUND

Amount received this week	\$2,078.00
Amount received this month	\$2,078.00
Amount received this year	\$58,021.65
Communion/Social Concerns	\$344.19
Building Fund Principal as of 11/22/09	\$176,710.52
Building Fund Principal Remaining 11/29/09	\$176,710.52
Bus Fund Bal. Includes accrued interest (\$15.00)	\$34,938.92

8:45AM Service	128
11:00 AM Traditional Service	179
TOTAL	307
Sunday School Total	239