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OUR MISSION IS TO LOVINGLY LEAD LOST INDIVIDUALS INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST AND TO INTENTIONALLY "MAKE DISCIPLES" WHO PROGRESSIVELY BECOME MORE DEEPLY AND INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH HIM.

1ST, 2ND, 4TH SUNDAYS: SO! 8.30 A.M., CHURCH SCHOOL 9.00 A.M., WORSHIP 10.30 A.M.

3RD, 5TH SUNDAYS: WORSHIP 8.30 A.M., SO! 9.00 A.M., CHURCH SCHOOL 9.30 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS 5.15 P.M.: SUPPER, ADULT BIBLE STUDY, CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

GROWING FROM GOOD TO GREAT:

WARMER THROUGH FELLOWSHIP, DEEPER THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP, STRONGER THROUGH WORSHIP, BROADER THROUGH MINISTRY, LARGER THROUGH EVANGELISM

BENCHMARKS PER CHURCH PURPOSE/GOAL

WARMER THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

- To bond in love with each other and to use our God-given gifts to glorify God and to edify others.
 - To develop closer relationships in the church family where Jesus' commandment to "Love one another" can be learned and experienced.
1. **FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES** continued each Wednesday and included supper, Adult Bible study, Christian Youth Fellowship, Children's Ministry, and other opportunities for fellowship; average attendance: 40.
 2. **COMPANIONS IN CHRIST SMALL GROUPS** met weekly, biweekly, or monthly for study and fellowship.
 3. **MINISTRY TO MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS** on the last Saturday in each month at various restaurants and visitation to sick and shut-in and other members of the church family and community to offer encouragement, assistance, etc.
 4. **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CELEBRATION** planned by *Spirit* with Cray Chapel as guests.
 5. Women's **shopping trip** to Macon.
 6. Ministry to Men hosted **church family cookout** following worship on Easter Sunday to provide opportunities for fellowship with the church family and their families.
 7. Annual church-wide **Super Bowl Party** sponsored by the Ministry to Men.
 8. **The Annual Golden Age Luncheon** took on a different twist with the Women's Missionary Society hosting and treating the seniors (80+) to an outing and luncheon at Lake Blackshear.

DEEPER THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP

- To provide opportunities for the congregation to edify one another, to strengthen the church, and individually and collectively grow more deeply and intimately acquainted with Jesus Christ.
 - To grow in service as Christian disciples while helping others to know and experience God's love through Jesus Christ.
 - To continue to solicit and encourage the support of members by teaching God's principles of finances in the church and in each family.
 - To intentionally become disciples and "make disciples" who progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him.
1. **DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** Twelve members (including previous trainees) engaged in ten-week Discipleship Training which began during the Lenten Season. The training is designed for persons who are seriously interested in taking their relationships with Christ to a deeper level and who are interested in not only becoming a more committed disciple but also learning to become a "maker" of disciples. Additional classes are planned for 2011-2012.
 2. **Local Preacher** Dan Kemp was licensed at the Fourth Quarterly Conference (second year); Mary Barnes remains as **Exhorter**.
 3. **THE LENTEN FAST 2011:** The church family, extended family and friends engaged in a six-week period of fasting from desserts and/or meats:
 - To aid in the development of a humble attitude (Ezra 8:21; Psalm 69:10),
 - To gain guidance and help from God (Exodus 34:28; II Samuel 12:16-23; II Chronicles 20:3-4),
 - To express earnest supplication in times of mourning or distress (Ezra 8:21-23),
 - As a means of expressing one's devotion to God (Matthew 6:16-18; Luke 18:9-14),
 - To recognize special days (Acts 27:9; Luke 18:12).

4. **CONTINUED PRAYER WARRIORS' MINISTRY** which serves as the intercessory body of the church. The various boards (ministries) of the church are represented in the warriors' ministry and representatives have begun daily prayer at the church: Stewards on Monday, Trustees on Tuesday, Missionaries on Thursday, and Stewardesses on Friday. The pending goal of the warriors is to have all members of the ministries present and engaged in prayer at the church on the respective days beginning in the fall.
5. **CHURCH SCHOOL:** in addition to use of the Sunday School curriculum of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church which was used by **The Virginia Brown Bible Class**, the **Ministry to Men** completed a study of **Praying in the Word** (Kathleen Grant) and is presently engaged in a study of Henrickson's **Disciples Are Made Not Born**. The class continues to be successful in integrating SO! guests who have become regular contributing members of the class. **The Christian Methodist Women's Fellowship** completed studies of **When Your Heart Cries Out to God** (Salah) and Henrickson's **Disciples Are Made Not Born** and are preparing to begin **Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit** (Lester Sumrall).
6. **HOSTED THE FALL REGIONAL CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE** with 130+ persons from across the region attending. **FORTY PLUS HINITES WERE IN ATTENDANCE.** Director of Christian Education, Pastor, and Christian Education Trainer Dr. Sheryl Venable taught classes in the Christian Training Institutes in West and Central Georgia.
7. **ENGAGED IN CHURCH-WIDE STUDY OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** at Family Night Weekly Bible studies which included a study of David Guzik's commentaries on *The Acts*. Weekly study notes are posted on the church's website; the link to the week's study is e-mailed to the church family and other supporters and friends across the connection.
8. One youth, one young adult, the Director of Christian Education, Facilitator of the Christian Methodist Women's Class, Superintendent of Church School, and one Christian Methodist Man attended **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**, Paine College.
9. **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** **SHAKE IT UP** was the backdrop as forty-four adults and thirty-seven children and youth gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of the relationship between the festivals of the Old and New Testaments including *Passover, Holy Eucharist, and Pentecost*. The school's relationship with Jesus was "all shook up" as they studied, fellowshiped, and grew into deeper relationships with Jesus Christ, further realizing that God has a recipe for each of our lives and as we grow into deeper and more intimate relationships with Him,

He works in, through, with, and for us to bring a lost world to Him.

10. *Proverbs 31* and *Timothy* (small groups) continued **study** of Henrickson's **Disciples Are Made Not Born**.
11. Continued development and implementation of required **LESSON PLANS** for use by teachers of the Church School Ministry.
12. **Church School Observances:** Grandparent's Day, Children's Sabbath, MLK Celebration, Black History Month, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Student Recognition Sunday.

STRONGER THROUGH WORSHIP

- To provide a variety of collective worship experiences which focus exclusively on God and are awe-inspiring, joyful, and life transforming.
- To encourage daily personal devotion, study, and worship and provide counsel and training which enhance personal quiet times.

1. Annual detailed observation of **ADVENT:** Display in the sanctuary of Banners for Advent (Hope, Joy, Love, Peace) in the sanctuary which were given by certain members in memory of loved ones. Other disciplines included weekly meditations and lighting of candles during church school and worship, bulletin boards, and a series of sermons focused on the **2010 theme for Advent: Praise, Watch, Wait, Receive, Rejoice.** **EPIPHANY** (series of sermons focusing on the revelation of Jesus and the worship of God).

2. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

3. **TENEBRAE** (Latin for shadows) **SERVICE:** the Church School Staff led the church family and SO! Guest in a Tenebrae Service on Passion Sunday which recreated



the emotional aspects of the passion story. The worship experience, which ushered in **Holy Week**, brought the Passion Sunday worshippers face to face with the suffering of Christ as the leaders staged a glimpse of His **Betrayal, Aloneness, and Suffering.**

4. **DOWNTOWN HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2010**, Daily, April 18-22, 12.15 P.M., hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal Church from the theme, *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone.*

5. **SUNDAY LENTEN MEDITATIONS** continued both in Church School and during the hour of worship and praise.
6. **SERIES OF SERMONS** DURING LENT FOCUSING ON THE 2011 THEME: **MUST JESUS BEAR THE CROSS ALONE: IN MINISTRY, IN PREACHING AND TEACHING, IN FAITHFULNESS AND OBEDIENCE, IN PRAYER, IN GIVING AND FORGIVING, IN**
7. **JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION** Service at **CRAY CHAPEL C.M.E. CHURCH.**
8. **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** which included **Stripping of the Altar/Pulpit.**
9. **EASTER SUNDAY MORNING DRAMATIC WORSHIP** in Scripture and Song which included redressing of the Altar/Pulpit and unveiling of the flowered cross.
10. **REFORMATION SUNDAY** Emphasis (October 31).
11. **SPECIAL WORSHIP EMPHASIS DURING THE SEASONS OF EASTERTIDE, PENTECOST, AND KINGDOMTIDE. SERVICES INCLUDED PRAYERS AND LITURGIES, MUSICAL SPECIALS, HYMNS FOR THE SEASONS, AND SERIES OF SERMONS. THANKSGIVING MORNING** Worship.
12. **SO!** Continued third and fifth Sunday morning worship services in the Family Life Center with members of the community and the homeless/transitional population who come for breakfast each Sunday morning.
13. Continued emphasis on development of **PERSONAL QUIET TIMES** with emphasis on two-way conversation with God, worship and praise, study, meditation, and application.
14. **PRAYER WARRIORS' MINISTRY** continued.
15. **YOUTH SUNDAY** (January 23) emphasis with youth leading worship and college freshman Talao Lemon serving as messenger.

BROADER THROUGH MINISTRY

- To develop ministries that mobilize those who are looking for ways to help make unbelievers aware of the ways of Jesus Christ.
 - To make Hines an outreach center for spiritual, social, recreational, and economic activities.
1. **SEVENTY-FOUR FAMILIES RECEIVED CLOTHING, 43 RECEIVED BAGS OF GROCERIES, AND 144 ATE A PRE-THANKSGIVING MEAL** at the Annual Caring and Sharing Ministry sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society.
 2. **BREAD FOR THE WORLD** Sunday increased congregation's awareness of world hunger.
 3. **SO!** (Sunday Outreach) prepared and served **4200+ BREAKFASTS** and provided opportunities for fellowship, study, and worship to homeless, semi-homeless, and struggling men, women, and children

in the community. Breakfast served 52 Sundays of the year.

4. Member prepared **CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGES** which included fun items as well as specific items needed by men or women for each of the SO! Guests. Packages were distributed at breakfast on the Sunday morning prior to Christmas Day.
5. Observed **WEAR PINK DAY** to increase **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS** and **WEAR RED SUNDAY** to increase **HEALTHY HEART AWARENESS** among church members and citizens of the community.
6. Bible Studies and other activities (Women's Missionary Society) with **residents at Slater King Center for Senior Citizens.**
7. Ministry to Men actively participated and volunteered as **mentors** with Communities in Schools and served students at **SELECTED SCHOOLS.** Each active member of the Ministry to Men mentored 1-2 young men through weekly visits to the school, various Saturday activities, and a trip to the Georgia Aquarium.

LARGER THROUGH EVANGELISM

- To train, equip, and empower members to bring others into God's eternal family.
- To seek inclusiveness of members through an evangelistic outreach ministry.
- To lead lost individuals into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

1. Continued **OUTREACH MINISTRY TO HOMELESS/TRANSITIONAL MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN** in the community (extending God's love to them) by providing brief meditations and serving breakfast each Sunday morning. Also provided opportunities each week for study and worship.
2. The Ministry to Men completed a study of **Praying in the Word** (Kathleen Grant) and began **Disciples Are Made Not Born** and continue to be successful in **INTEGRATING SEVERAL SO! GUESTS** who have become regular contributing members of the class.
3. **HOME VISITATIONS** by Ministry to Men on the last Saturday in each month.

WARMER, DEEPER, STRONGER, BROADER: ACTIVE IN THE DISTRICT, REGION, EPISCOPAL DISTRICT, AND CONNECTIONAL CHURCH

1. **HOSTED THE FALL SESSION OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE.**
2. Local Director of Christian Education Annie Adams serves as **DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE**

SOUTH GEORGIA REGION AND Missionary Darol McGhee serves as **VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

3. Pastor represents the South Georgia Region as a member of the **CONNECTIONAL BOARD:** serves as **SECRETARY OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD** for *The Christian Index*.
4. Local President of the Stewardesses' Ministry, Wyndolyn Edwards, serves as President of **STEWARDESSES FOR THE ALBANY-THOMASVILLE DISTRICT.**
5. Pastor represents Georgia on the **CONNECTIONAL COMMISSION ON LITURGY AND WORSHIP** and hosted several meetings of Bishop Lawrence Reddick and Dollie Pankey Howell, Project Director of the new hymnal, to continue work on the liturgy, etc. for the hymnal. Pastor was given the individual task (which is complete) of composing the litanies, prayers, etc. for the new ***HYMNAL OF THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.***
6. Director of Christian Education Annie Adams attended the meeting of the Connectional Board of Christian Education in Memphis and is currently taking online courses for certification with the Department of Christian Education.
7. Pastor and Director of Christian Education attended the 24th C.M.E. Convocation in Louisville, KY.
8. Attendance at **BISHOP'S COUNCIL** in December in Warner Robins.
9. Eleven members attended the **ALBANY-THOMASVILLE DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING.**
10. Hosted **Spring Convocation at Hilton Garden Inn, Albany.**
11. Pastor serves as **CHAIRMAN**, South Georgia Regional **JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE**, **Associate Director**, Regional **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**, **Chairman**, Regional **BOARD ON PERSONNEL SERVICES**, **CHAIR OF CHAIRS** of the Joint Boards of Finance of the Sixth Episcopal District, and **COORDINATOR** of the Regional **YOUTH RETREAT.**
12. Two youth, the Director of Christian Education, Facilitator of the Christian Methodist Women's Class, Superintendent of Church School, and one member of the Ministry to Men attended **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**, Paine College.
13. Three delegates were elected to represent the church at the **2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**
14. The Director of Christian Education serves as **Coordinator for the District Christian Education Conference** and, along with four other members, attended **District Board of Christian Education meetings** at Christ Church and Cottrell Chapel.

WARMER, DEEPER, STRONGER, BROADER: OTHER

1. **WEEKLY UPDATE**, News of the Hines Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, is posted on the church's website each week, and the link is e-mailed each week to the church family and supporters and friends of the church across the connection.
2. Continued implementation of **VISIONS/JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND EVALUATION TOOLS** for departmental officers, church school staff, children and youth ministries, Christian Education, stewards, stewardesses, trustees, Commission on Membership and Evangelism, and the Commission on Social Justice and Human Concerns.
3. Continued Implementation of **MARKETING PLANS** for all church/departmental activities to assist in identifying target groups, developing goals and objectives, and evaluating all programs and ministries to insure a greater probability of meeting the church's goals and mission.
4. Continued implementation of **EVALUATION CRITERIA/TOOLS** to be used post-event in evaluating all programs, ministries, and other activities to ensure that goals of the program are met and the vision, mission, and purposes of the church are fulfilled through these programs.
5. Continued use of **PASTORAL EVALUATION TOOL** completed by members in an effort to assist the pastor in improving his skills and providing better service.
6. Continued use of the **LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND SELF EVALUATION TOOL** completed by officers and reviewed with Pastor.

We have reserved a place for you!!!

We invite you to become an active and growing Christian in our church family. Our goal is to be in the middle of God's work and to be used by Him as He carries out His work in us and in His world. We invite you to spend much time communing with Him in worship, prayer, study, and meditation and to spend much time with us in fellowship, prayer, study, worship, and ministry as together we grow more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him.

