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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.

1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS: SO! 8.45 A.M., CHURCH SCHOOL 9.30 A.M., WORSHIP 11.00 A.M.

3<sup>RD</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS: WORSHIP 8.45 A.M., SO! 9.15 A.M., CHURCH SCHOOL 9.45 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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ENJOY OUTING TO SEE HARLEM GLOBE TROTTERS

### BENCHMARK PER CHURCH PURPOSE/GOAL

ACTS 2.42-47(CEV) LIFE AMONG THE LORD'S FOLLOWERS

*42* They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread <sup>[d]</sup> and prayed together. *43* Everyone was amazed by the many miracles and wonders that the apostles worked. *44* All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. *45* They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it. *46* Day after day they met together in the temple. They broke bread <sup>[d]</sup> together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, *47* while praising God. Everyone liked them, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved.

### 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 each Wednesday which included supper, Adult Bible study, Christian Youth Fellowship, Children's Ministry, and other opportunities for fellowship.
  2. MINISTRY TO MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS at various restaurants.
  3. COMPANIONS IN CHRIST SMALL GROUPS which met weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly for study and fellowship.
  4. CHRISTIAN METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS SHOPPING TRIP to Tallahassee
  5. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TO GLOBE TROTTERS GAME, PARK, AND LIBRARY VISITS; YOUTH EVENINGS OUT
  6. INTERACTIVE CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES: VIRGINIA BROWN BIBLE CLASS (ADULT WOMEN), CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, MINISTRY TO MEN, CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.
  7. GIRLFRIEND'S IN CHRIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE which featured Author and Motivational Speakers Barbara Faison and Anita Jefferson.
  8. GENESIS SMALL GROUP RETREAT to Lake Blackshear.
  9. Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY and Celebration planned and hosted by Middle Men's Small Group.
  10. MEN'S WEEKEND GETAWAY to St. Simon Island, Savannah, and Jacksonville, FL. (May 16-18).

## 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 and "make disciples" who progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him.



YOUTH AT RETREAT AT EPWORTH-BY-THE SEA

1. Companions in Christ **SMALL GROUP STUDIES** which included the study of several books: *Disciples Are Made Not Born* (Middle Men) and *What Happens When Women Pray* (Evelyn Christenson) (Genesis).
2. Tuesday noon day **PRAYER MEETINGS** led by Coordinator of the Ministry to Men.
3. **GIRLFRIEND'S IN CHRIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** which offered Bible study, educational sessions, and addressed issues which are unique to Christian women with featured presenters Author and Motivational Speakers Barbara Faison and Anita Jefferson.
4. **PRAYER WARRIORS' MINISTRY** which serves as the intercessory body of the church family individually and collectively -- group prayer on Wednesdays prior to Family Night and Sundays prior to Church School and Worship.
5. Fifteen members participated in the **FALL CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** in Tifton.
6. Four new members completed series of **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES**.
7. **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 studies of (1) *Shoulder to Shoulder: Insights into the Life of the Apostles* (Gene Getz) and (2) *A Bio of the Personalities of Old and New Testament Figures*, and have begun *The Man God Uses*

(Henry and Tom Blackaby). The Christian Methodist Women's Fellowship completed studies of (1) *A Heart Like His* (Beth Moore) and (2) *I Dare You: Facing Life with a Passion* (Joyce Meyer) and have begun study of *Finding God's Path Through Your Trials* (Elizabeth George).

8. **COMPLETED STUDY OF II SAMUEL AND JAMES AT FAMILY NIGHT WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES** which included a study of David Payne's *I & II Samuel*. Weekly study notes are posted on the church's website; the link to the week's study is emailed each week to the church family and other supporters and friends across the connection.

## 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:** Isle of Poinsettias, weekly meditations and lighting of candles during church school and worship, bulletin boards, series of sermons focusing on the 2008 theme for Advent: *JESUS: LIGHT OF THE HEART, LIGHT OF LIFE, LIGHT OF TRUTH, LIGHT OF SALVATION, LIGHT OF THE WORLD*.
  2. **EPIPHANY** (series of sermons focusing on leading lost individuals into a relationship with Jesus Christ,
  3. **LENT:** Ash Wednesday Service, daily devotionals, church-wide fasting, church published Lenten brochures, series of sermons and weekly meditations focusing on the 2008 Lenten Theme: **FORTY DAYS FOLLOWING JESUS: SELLING EVERYTHING, BEING INTERRUPTED AND LEAVING THE FAMILIAR, MAKING ADJUSTMENTS AND CHOOSING ATTITUDES, GIVING UP LIFE AND DYING TO SELF, BEING MOLDED, GETTING REFINED,** and extinguishing of Lenten candles during church school and worship leading to Good Friday.
  4. **REFORMATION SUNDAY** Emphasis (October 28).
  5. Hosted daily Downtown **NOON HOLY WEEK ECUMENICAL SERVICES** for Downtown Churches: First Baptist, First Methodist, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal, Friendship Baptist, and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches with daily average attendance of 180.
  6. **JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION** Service with **CRAY CHAPEL C.M.E. CHURCH**.
  7. **SPECIAL WORSHIP EMPHASIS DURING THE SEASONS OF EASTERTIDE, PENTECOST, AND KINGDOMTIDE** WHICH INCLUDED PRAYERS AND LITURGIES, MUSICAL SPECIALS, HYMNS FOR THE SEASONS, AND SERIES OF SERMONS.
  8. **THANKSGIVING MORNING** Worship.

9. SO!: Continued third and fifth Sunday early morning worship services in the Family Life Center with the struggling men and women in the community who come for breakfast each Sunday morning.
10. MUSICAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE led by Julia Davis Choir which highlighted favorite pieces from the past fifty years of the choir.
11. Continued emphasis on development of PERSONAL QUIET TIMES with emphasis on two-way conversation with God, worship and praise, reading, study, meditation, and application.
12. PRAYER WARRIORS' MINISTRY continued.
13. YOUTH SUNDAY emphasis with Youth leading worship and High School Senior Jeremy Ingram serving as messenger (January 27).
14. MISSIONARY EMPHASIS with Missionaries leading worship (May 25) with The Reverend Dollie Howell Pankey, Assistant to the Dean of Chapel and Adjunct Professor at Miles College in Birmingham and Associate Pastor and Minister of Music at Miles Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Birmingham serving as messenger for the day.

## 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. Collected funds in SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT EXCEEDING \$15,000 for youth who wish to attend Albany State University.
  2. Participation in walk and winner in the church division raising the most money for AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION (EXCESS OF \$2000).
  3. Participated in County-wide RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER WALK RAISING AND CONTRIBUTING \$7500+
  4. 93 FAMILIES RECEIVED CLOTHING, 55 RECEIVED BAGS OF GROCERIES, AND 138 ATE A PRE-THANKSGIVING MEAL at the Annual Caring and Sharing Ministry sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society.
  5. MINISTRY TO SICK AND SHUT IN: each SICK/SHUT IN member was assigned to one of the ministries of the church for special care, visitation, nurture, etc. These were rotated bi-monthly at the convening of the church conference.
  6. *Stand Up and Speak Out* emphasis which secured funds for BREAD FOR THE WORLD and increased awareness of the congregation of world hunger.
  7. Pastor served on BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS/ALBANY DOUGHERTY PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION.
  8. SO! (Sunday Outreach) prepared and served 3100+ BREAKFASTS and provided opportunities for fellowship,

study, and worship to homeless, semi-homeless, and struggling men and women in the community. Breakfast is served 52 Sundays of the year.

9. Each member prepared a CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE which was distributed at breakfast on the Sunday morning before Christmas Day (at a minimum cost of \$25 and included needed items as well as fun items) specifically for a man or a woman for each of the SO! Guests. Valentine gifts (aimed at making sure the men and women know that God loves them) were distributed by an anonymous member.

## 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. FALL FESTIVAL in recognition of the Children's Sabbath which included vendors, games, displays, demonstrations, health seminars, etc.
  2. AGAIN ADDRESSING OUR WEAKEST AREA, completed a church wide/Church School study of *Outflow*, an evangelistic study which teaches believers to naturally share God's love with others and to consequently reach out to others in sharing their faith and in leading others into a relationship with Jesus Christ.
  3. Active participation and volunteering in activities at ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL (which serves middle graders in the immediate area of the church) including reading to the students, supporting the Girls' Scouts Troop, and making plans for enlarging participation in the school's activities.

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

1. HOSTED SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT SPRING CONVOCATION at Hilton Garden Inn.
2. Four youth and five guests, Director of Christian Education, Director of Christian Youth Fellowship, President of Board of Christian Education, one steward, and Pastor attended REGIONAL YOUTH RETREAT AT EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA ON ST. SIMON ISLAND. Pastor served as Coordinator of the retreat and Director of CYF and President of the Board served as presenters.
3. Director of Christian Education, Superintendent of Church School, Director-elect of Children's Ministry, and Pastor attended the NATIONAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE, Orlando, July 7-11.

4. Nine members attended the DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION in Thomasville.
5. Missionary Darol McGhee serves as VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
6. Pastor represents the South Georgia Region on the CONNECTIONAL BOARD: serves as SECRETARY FOR THE EDITORIAL BOARD for *The Christian Index*.
7. Pastor represented Georgia on the CONNECTIONAL COMMISSION ON LITURGY AND WORSHIP (two meetings during 2007-2008, Orlando, Florida) and worked with the Committee to prepare the new hymnal of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.
8. Three members and one youth represented the South Georgia Region at the WOMEN'S QUADRENNIAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL in Atlanta, August, 2007; Pastor and five other members attended; Missionary Lucy Dunn offered herself as a CANDIDATE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL.
9. Four missionaries attended the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, Jacksonville.
10. Five members and Pastor attended BISHOP'S COUNCIL December 1-3 in Warner Robins.
11. Twenty four members attended SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT ONE-IN-THE-SPIRIT BANQUET in March.
12. Pastor attended the PASTOR'S CONFERENCE, January 7-10 in Atlanta.
13. Pastor serves as CHAIRMAN, South Georgia Regional JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE, Chairman, 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 South Regional YOUTH RETREAT.
14. Julia Davis Choir provided music, Pastor served as messenger, and two additional stewardesses participated in the ALBANY-THOMASVILLE DISTRICT STEWARDESSES' WORKSHOP IN THOMASVILLE.
15. One missionary and Pastor attended MISSIONARY INSTITUTE/CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, June 3-6, Paine College.
16. Three members represent the church at the 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
17. Fifteen members attended the FALL CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE in Tifton.
18. One youth participated in the REGIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY YOUTH PAGEANT.
19. Five Missionaries attended the South Georgia Regional Women's Missionary Society's SISTER-TO-SISTER LEGACY LUNCHEON in Thomasville.

## 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 emailed each week to the church family and supporters and friends of the church across the connection.
2. CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF VISIONS/JOB DESCRIPTIONS for departmental officers, church school staff, children and youth ministries, Christian Education, stewards, stewardesses, trustees, Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Commission on Social Justice and Human Concerns, etc.
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, MINISTRIES, ETC., TO INSURE A GREATER PROBABILITY OF MEETING THE CHURCH'S GOALS AND MISSION.
4. Continued implementation of EVALUATION CRITERIA to be used post-event in evaluating all programs, ministries, activities, etc. to guarantee that goals of the program are met and the vision, mission, and purposes of the church are fulfilled through these programs, etc.
5. Implemented COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM (Membership Plus) for membership record keeping.



## 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.

