



# Cites and Insights

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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 DISCIPLESHP, STRONGER THROUGH WORSHIP, BROADER THROUGH MINISTRY, LARGER THROUGH EVANGELISM

### BENCHMARK PER CHURCH PURPOSE/GOAL

#### WARMER THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

1. FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES continued each Wednesday which included supper, Adult Bible study, Christian Youth Fellowship, and Children's Ministry
2. COMPANIONS IN CHRIST SMALL GROUPS which met weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly for study and fellowship.
3. MINISTRY TO MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS at various restaurants.
4. INTERACTIVE CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES: VIRGINIA BROWN BIBLE CLASS (ADULT WOMEN), CHRISTIAN METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, MINISTRY TO MEN, CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY).
5. GENESIS SMALL GROUP RETREAT to Lake Blackshear.
6. Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY planned and hosted by *Spirit*.
7. TWO MINISTRY TO MEN GET-A-WAYS TO ATLANTA.

#### DEEPER THROUGH DISCIPLESHP

1. CONTINUED PRAYER WARRIORS' MINISTRY which serves as the intercessory body of the church family
2. 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 *The Man God Uses* (Henry and Tom Blackaby) and are currently studying *Word in Prayer* (Kathleen Grant), and have been successful in integrating several SO! Guests who have become regular contributing members of the class. The Christian Methodist Women's Fellowship completed studies of *Finding God's Path Through Your Trials* (Elizabeth George) and are currently involved with *Breaking Free* (Beth Moore).

3. COMPLETED CHURCH-WIDE STUDY OF MALACHI AND EPHESIANS AND STARTED THE GOSPEL OF MARK AT FAMILY NIGHT WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES which included a study of David Guzik's commentaries on Malachi, Ephesians, and Mark. Weekly study notes are posted on the church's website.

#### STRONGER THROUGH WORSHIP

1. Annual detailed observation of ADVENT: Isle of Poinsettias, weekly meditations and lighting of candles during church school and worship, 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 the Revelation of Jesus and the worship of the God).
3. LENT: Ash Wednesday Service, daily devotionals, church-wide fasting, church published Lenten brochures, series of sermons and weekly meditations focusing on the 2009 Lenten Theme: *A 40 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE CROSS: FORGIVENESS, HUMILITY, PRAYER, FAITH, COMPASSION, SERVICE*.
4. REFORMATION SUNDAY Emphasis (October 26).
5. Co-sponsored daily Downtown NOON HOLY WEEK ECUMENICAL SERVICES for Downtown Churches hosted in 2009 at First Presbyterian Church. Other sponsors included First United Methodist, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal, and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches.
6. JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION Service with CRAY CHAPEL C.M.E. CHURCH.
7. SO!: Continued third and fifth Sunday morning worship services in the Family Life Center with members of the

community and homeless/transitional population who come for breakfast each Sunday morning.

8. Continued emphasis on development of PERSONAL QUIET TIMES with emphasis on two-way conversation with God, worship and praise, study, meditation, and application.
9. YOUTH SUNDAY emphasis with Youth leading worship.
10. MISSIONARY EMPHASIS with Missionaries leading worship.

## BROADER THROUGH MINISTRY

1. BREAD FOR THE WORLD Sunday increased awareness of the congregation of world hunger.
2. SO! (Sunday Outreach) prepared and served 3200+ BREAKFASTS and provided opportunities for fellowship, study, and worship to homeless, semi-homeless, and struggling men, children, and women in the community. Breakfast served 52 Sundays of the year.
3. Each member prepared a CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE which was distributed at breakfast on the Sunday morning before Christmas Day (included needed items as well as fun items) specifically for a man or a woman for each of the SO! Guests.
4. Inclusion of Father's Day prayers and litanies in 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday worship with homeless/transitional men during the SO! ministry; presented Father's Day gifts to each man.
5. 76 FAMILIES RECEIVED CLOTHING, 42 RECEIVED BAGS OF GROCERIES, AND 147 ATE A PRE-THANKSGIVING MEAL at the Annual Caring and Sharing Ministry.
6. Hosted luncheon for Community Service leaders and began restructuring plans for HINES ADVOCACY MINISTRY.
7. Observed WEAR PINK DAY to increase BREAST CANCER AWARENESS in church and community and WEAR RED SUNDAY to increase HEALTHY HEART AWARENESS.
8. Church School Observations with special programming: CHILDREN'S SABBATH, MLK, JR. HOLIDAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AND STUDENT RECOGNITION.
9. Partnered with *Outback Steak House* to sponsor Luncheon to generate funds for RELAY FOR LIFE, and in conjunction with other efforts, reported \$2000+
10. Partnered with *Outback Steak House* to sponsor luncheon to secure fund and reported \$3300+ to GEORGIA KIDNEY FOUNDATION for aid for kidney transplant patient.
11. Active participation and volunteering as mentors with Communities in Schools at ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

## LARGER THROUGH EVANGELISM

1. Continued OUTREACH MINISTRY TO HOMELESS/TRANSITIONAL MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN in the community (extending God's love to them) by serving breakfast each Sunday morning and providing opportunities for study and worship each week.

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

1. Director of Christian Education, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Church School, and Pastor attended training, etc. at the NATIONAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE, Orlando.
2. HOSTED ALBANY-THOMASVILLE DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING.
3. HOSTED THE ALBANY-THOMASVILLE DISTRICT *Good to Great* Christian Education Conference.
4. Director of Christian Education Annie Adams serves as ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGION; Missionary Darol McGhee serves as VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
5. Pastor represents the South Georgia Region on CONNECTIONAL BOARD, serves as SECRETARY OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD for *The Christian Index*, represents Georgia on the CONNECTIONAL COMMISSION ON LITURGY AND WORSHIP, and serves as CHAIRMAN, South Georgia Regional JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE, President, 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.
6. Two members and Pastor elected by the region to represent the South Georgia at the National General Conference in Mobile, June, 2010.
7. HOSTED THE 2009 SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE, June 22-26.
8. 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.

## 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.

