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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! 8.45 A.M., CHURCH SCHOOL 9.30 A.M., WORSHIP 11.00 A.M.

3RD, 5TH 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

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 36.
 2. **COMPANIONS IN CHRIST SMALL GROUPS** met weekly, biweekly, and/or monthly for study and fellowship.
 3. **MINISTRY TO MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS** at various restaurants and visitation to various members and others the last Saturday in each month.
 4. **GENESIS SMALL GROUP RETREAT** to Lake Blackshear.
 5. Annual **CHRISTMAS PARTY** planned and hosted by *Genesis*.
 6. Women's **shopping trip** to Macon.
 7. Women's Missionary Society sponsored **Golden Age Prayer Luncheon** to lead the church in a special time of prayer and to honor senior citizens.
 8. Ministry to Men hosted **church family cookout** following worship on Easter Sunday to provide opportunities for fellowship with the church family and their families.
 9. Hosted the **Central Georgia Regional Spring Youth Retreat** for breakfast, worship, and lunch.
 10. *Spirit* hosted a **Youth outing** to CiCi's along with a trip to Fun Park.
 11. Annual **New Year's Day College Football Party** for Ministry to Men and church-wide **Super Bowl Party** sponsored by the Ministry to Men.

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) completed 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 2010-2011.
 2. **THE LENTEN FAST 2010:** The church family, extended family, friends, etc. engaged in a six-week period of fasting from deserts 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).
3. **CONTINUED PRAYER WARRIORS' MINISTRY** which serves as the intercessory body of the church family with group prayer on Wednesdays prior to Family Night and Sundays prior to Church School and Worship.
 4. **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 continues to be successful in integrating several SO! Guests who have become regular contributing members of the class. The Christian Methodist Women's Fellowship completed a study of *Breaking Free* (Beth Moore) and is currently involved in *When Your Heart Cries Out to God* (Salah).
 5. **COMPLETED CHURCH-WIDE STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK** at Family Night Weekly Bible studies which included a study of David Guzik's commentaries on Mark. 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.
 6. Two Youth, Director of Christian Education, President of Stewardesses' Ministry, Facilitator of the Christian Methodist Women's Class, and Superintendent of Church School attended **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**, Paine College.
 7. **STEWARDS' RETREAT** which focused on "Moving the Church Forward Through Leadership.
 8. **STEWARDESSES' WORKSHOP**
 9. *Proverbs 31* and *Timothy* (small groups) continue **study** of Henrickson's *Disciples Are Made Not Born*.
 10. Two children, two youth, and 13 adults participated in the week-end **REGIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RETREAT** at Epworth-By-The-Sea which focused on the writing of their life's mission statements.
 11. Developed and implemented **LESSON PLAN** format for use by teachers of the Church School Ministry.

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

various 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 focusing on the **2009 theme for Advent: WAITING, PREPARING, REJOICING, LOVING, ARRIVING!**

2. **EPIPHANY** (series of sermons focusing on the Revelation of Jesus and the worship of God).
3. **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
4. **DOWNTOWN HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2010**, Daily, March 31- April 2, 12.15 P.M., hosted by First United Methodist Church and included churches/preachers listed below:

THEME: JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS: IN STORM, IN CELEBRATION, IN SICKNESS, IN SIN, IN DEATH

- Monday: ***In Storm***, Mark Jones, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- Tuesday: ***In Celebration***, Ernest Davis, Pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church
- Wednesday: ***In Sickness***, Garrett Andrew, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
- Thursday: ***In Sin***, Don Adams, Pastor, First United Methodist Church
- Friday: ***In Death***, Kenneth D. McMillian, Pastor, Hines Memorial C.M.E. Church

5. **SUNDAY LENTEN MEDITATIONS** continued each Sunday both in Church School and during the hour of worship and praise.
6. **SERIES OF SERMONS DURING LENT** FOCUSING ON THE 2010 THEME: **JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS: WHEN LOST AND CONFUSED, WHEN THIRSTY, WHEN WAITING, WHEN HUNGRY, WHEN JUDGED, WHEN DIRTY**
7. **HOSTED JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION** Service with **CRAY CHAPEL C.M.E. CHURCH** which included **Stripping of the Altar/pulpit**.
8. **EASTER SUNDAY MORNING DRAMATIC WORSHIP** in Scripture and Song which included Redressing of the Altar/pulpit and climaxed with receiving of the Lord's Supper.
9. **REFORMATION SUNDAY** Emphasis (October 25).
10. **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.
11. **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.

12. Continued emphasis on development of **PERSONAL QUIET TIMES** with emphasis on two-way conversation with God, worship and praise, study, meditation, and application.
13. **PRAYER WARRIORS' MINISTRY** continued.
14. **YOUTH SUNDAY** emphasis with Youth leading worship and High School Senior Roderica West serving as messenger (January 24). High School Graduating Senior Taleo Lemon served as worship leader and Senior John Edwards, III and Mariah Benton were messengers.
15. **MISSIONARY EMPHASIS** with Missionaries leading worship (April 25).

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. **63 FAMILIES RECEIVED CLOTHING, 31 RECEIVED BAGS OF GROCERIES, AND 167 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 **3600+ 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.
 4. Each member prepared a **CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE** which included needed items as well as fun items specifically for a man or a woman 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. Women's Missionary Society purchased and **donated range** to Slater King Center for Senior Citizens.
 7. Bible Studies (Women's Missionary Society) with **residents at Slater King Center for Senior Citizens.**
 8. Church School Observations with special programming: **CHILDREN'S SABBATH, MLK, JR. HOLIDAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AND STUDENT RECOGNITION.**
 9. Ministry to Men actively participated and volunteered as **mentors** with Communities in Schools and served students at **VARIOUS SCHOOLS.**

Each active member of the Ministry to Men mentored 1-2 young men which included weekly visits to the school, various Saturday activities, and a trip to the Georgia Aquarium.

10. Received and reported **\$930 TO AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.**
11. Received and reported **\$700 TO HAITIAN RELIEF FUND.**

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 devotions 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 continue to be successful in **INTEGRATING SEVERAL SO! GUESTS** who have become regular contributing members of the class.
3. **HOME VISITATIONS**, etc. by Ministry to Men the last Saturday in each month.

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

1. **HOSTED ALBANY-THOMASVILLE DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING.**
2. **HOSTED THE ALBANY-THOMASVILLE DISTRICT *Good to Great* Christian Education Conference.**
3. Missionary Darol McGhee serves as **VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY** and local Director of Christian Education Annie Adams serves as **DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGION.**
4. Pastor represented the South Georgia Region as a member of the **CONNECTIONAL BOARD:** serves as **SECRETARY OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD** for *The Christian Index*.
5. Local President of the Stewardesses' Ministry, Wyndolyn Edwards, serves as President of **STEWARDESSES FOR THE ALBANY-THOMASVILLE DISTRICT.**
6. Pastor represents Georgia on the **CONNECTIONAL COMMISSION ON LITURGY AND WORSHIP** (six meetings: Birmingham, AL and hosted two meetings in Albany) and was given the individual task (which is underway) of composing the litanies, prayers, etc. for the new hymnal of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.
7. Pastor and Annie Adams were delegates and John Wright served as an alternate for the South Georgia Region to the 36th Quadrennial Session and the 137th General Conference in Mobile. The Pastor served as the leader of

the clergy delegation and represented the region on the Episcopacy Committee with Annie Adams serving on the Evangelism and Spiritual Life Committee.

8. Attendance at **BISHOP'S COUNCIL** in December in Warner Robins.
9. Eight members attended the **ALBANY-THOMASVILLE DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING**.
10. Two members and pastor attended **Spring Convocation and Bishop's Retirement Celebration** in Augusta.
11. Pastor served as **Co-Chair of Sixth Episcopal District Committee for Bishop's Retirement Celebration**.
12. Pastor attended the **PASTOR'S CONFERENCE**, January 11-14, in Atlanta.
13. Pastor 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**.
14. Two youth, Director of Christian Education, President of Stewardesses' Ministry, Facilitator of the Christian Methodist Women's Class, and Superintendent of Church School attended **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**, Paine College.
15. The Director of Christian Education along with four members of the Ministry to Men attended the **banquet of the Ministry to Men of the Moultrie-McRae-Brunswick District** in Fitzgerald.
16. Three delegates and two alternates represent the church at the **2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**.
17. **HOSTED THE 2009 SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**, June 22-26.
18. Nine **SENIOR CITIZENS (80+)** HONORED at Albany Thomasville District Luncheon.
19. Two Youth and 12 adults participated in the **REGIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RETREAT** at Epworth-By-The-Sea focused on the writing of their life's mission statements.
20. Director of Christian Education serves at **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 emailed 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, 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/TOOLS** 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.
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.
7. Pastor held **Interviews/conferences with individual officers/nominees** prior to making recommendations to the Quarterly Conference for confirmation.
8. **UPGRADING/REPAIR PROJECTS COMPLETED**: Family Life Center: Kitchen has been brought up to code, including the **fire alarm and fire suppression systems**. The damaged storefront window was replaced. Lockset on the back door upgraded. All ballasts in the light fixtures were inspected and defective units were replaced. An inspection is in progress to assess the condition of the roof and make suggestions for repairs are pending that inspection.
9. The **church property north of the main building and alley** has been cleared and a plan of action to maintain that property has been implemented.
10. **FUTURE PLANS FOR UPGRADES/REPAIRS**: a survey of land has been completed and a **design for paving the parking lot** inside the fences in the rear of both buildings is underway; a proposal is forthcoming. Upon receipt of proposal, bids will be solicited for the actual construction. A **lift chair** to aid the physically challenged in accessing the upstairs sanctuary has been priced, and ordering and installation are pending. Consideration is being given to contracting a **designer** to aid in pursuing/planning possible **renovations and aesthetic improvements** to the main building.
11. Six members participated in Mentor Training provided by Communities in Schools of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Education.

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.

