

### Our Week in Review: May 6

Attendance: 414

Contribution: \$15,587.

## Generosity Sunday



Collected - \$115,380.

Pledges - \$17,230.

**TOTAL = \$132,460.**



### Upcoming Schedule:

<b>Sundays</b>	<i>10am Worship Service at ACOC (Except June 10 and July 8 &amp; 29)</i>
<b>May</b>	<i>Midweek in Family Groups</i>
<b>May 13</b>	<i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>
<b>June 6</b>	<i>Congregational Ice Cream Social</i>
<b>June 10</b>	<i>Meet in House Churches</i>
<b>June 17</b>	<i>Father's Day</i>
<b>July 5-8</b>	<i>2012 World Discipleship Summit (Go to <a href="http://www.icocconference.org">www.icocconference.org</a>)</i>
<b>July 8</b>	<i>Meet in House Churches</i>
<b>July 9-12</b>	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>
<b>July 29</b>	<i>Meet in House Churches</i>

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## *Coins for Kids*

*Coins for Kids* is a grass-roots fundraiser implemented by HOPEworldwide's Athens Chapter (aka, Athens Adoption Resource Program or AARP). The premise is simple: give everyone the chance to make a difference in the life of an orphan. Whether we're young sons and daughters, moms and dads, grandparents, or whole families, we all put our spare change somewhere – the ashtray in our cars, plastic cups, glass jars, on top of our dressers...we save it for those moments when we need a little money for the parking meter, to buy some juice from a child's lemonade stand, rent a movie, pay for lunch, or when we're out of cash and payday is still a few days off. We save those spare coins for our times of need; why not share it with those in the greatest need - orphans?

Enter the pastel-colored, plastic baby bottles with a simple pink or baby-blue ribbon tied around its neck: a gentle reminder that there are children who need that spare change a whole lot more than we do. Placing this staple of virtually every American household in a visible spot in our homes helps us keep orphans near the top of our mental checklist.

The results have been encouraging. Since February, \$1,387.75 has been collected in these baby bottles. Combined with existing funds, *Coins for Kids* has helped the adoption efforts of three families to bring home five (possibly six) sons and daughters: one (possibly 2) children from China, three brothers from South America, and a young girl from India. Spare change helps make a difference!

Since its inception in 2004, the *Athens Adoption Resource Program* (formerly the *Athens Adoption Ministry*) has spent over \$72,000 to support 31 families and 5 foreign orphanages/children's AIDS homes. Of each dollar spent, the percentage of each dollar that supports orphans is .95! A recent, informal partnership with Christians in the *Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett* has leveraged recent grants to some adoptive families as the Gwinnett church has donated over \$10,000 of their own resources toward these adoptions.

Change, in this case copper and silver coins, does help make a difference. Keep that baby bottle where you can see it!

-Keith Goodwin, May 2012

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Steve Gibson's youngest sister, Amanda Dobson, lost her baby recently. Please pray for Amanda and all the family.**

**Lucille Brady** is back at Family Life Enrichment Center recovering from hip replacement surgery and a recent stroke. Address: 3450 New High Shoals Rd., High Shoals, GA 30645.

**Thomasene Smith** is fighting Lymphoma and spent most of last week at ARMC. She is now back at home. Address: 440 Vincent Drive, Athens, GA 30607.

**Clete Elliott** continues chemo treatment. Address: 1511 Oconee Crossing Circle, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

**Colin Mays** (Julie Moon's future brother-in-law) was recently diagnosed with testicular and renal cancer. He is recovering from surgery and will have more tests done to determine where cancer has originated from. Colin Mays and Jami Howard: 125 A Woody Drive, Athens, GA 30606.

**Amy Moon** (JulieMoon's sister-in-law) is recovering from surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.

**Chuck Lucas** has a very serious infection and needs our prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** – Will Pursell received his Eagle Scout Rank last Tuesday. He built an outdoor classroom for an elementary school. It took a year and half of planning and 366 hours to complete it. He started the project when he was 12 and at 14 has completed it. Congratulations Will for such a tremendous accomplishment!

**THANK YOU** – We would like to thank everyone for all the love and support we received during Ray McGinnis' passing. We appreciate the prayers, visits to the hospital and meals. We are grateful to know such wonderful people are there for us in our time of need. Thank you, Cathy McGinnis, Billie Fisher and Amanda Picart

**AARP will have a brief meeting on Sunday, May 20th** before worship service at 9:30am. Please meet at the "Coins for Kids" table as we will vote on helping another family!!

**WEDNESDAY 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will continue meeting every week as we study the book *A Gentle and Quiet Spirit*. Childcare is provided.

**REQUESTING DONATIONS** - If anyone would like to donate used medical/dental equipment, instruments, and/or supplies for the HOPEworldwide Sihanouk Hospital in Cambodia, please contact Lisa Goodwin before June 18<sup>th</sup> at 706-424-1418 or email her at lisagodwin79@gmail.com.

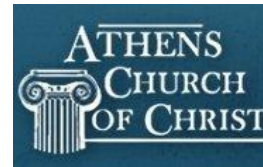
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**CHRISTIAN CLASSIFIEDS:**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - Anyone who has medical/dental/psychiatric experience or a BIG HEART & would like to volunteer in Cambodia, please join Keith and Lisa Goodwin on Sunday, May 20th at 12:30 after worship in the 1st/2nd grade room. Bring your lunch & pen/paper!

**FOR SALE:** Scooter for sale (2008, 49cc's, 13,000+ miles...MUST sell. Very good running condition and great gas mileage. See or call Keith/Lisa Goodwin at 706-621-1519.

**NEED WORK** - Available all day, every day, but transportation would have to be negotiated. Willing to do any type of work, including yard work, cleaning, babysitting, pet sitting, organizing, tutoring and editing. Please call Emma Jacoby at 678 237 3941 or email atyelarema@gmail.com to get in touch with me if you need anything, at any time. I am only in Athens for a few more weeks and I need to earn as much as possible before I leave.



# Sunday Bulletin

May 13, 2012

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A Note from the Elders:

**“Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens, you who have done great things. Who is like you, God?”  
~ Psalm 71:19**

The might and power of our Lord is a never-ending source of inspiration. Last week, we saw him work through our church family to yield a blessing that surprised and inspired all of us. He exceeded all our expectations by giving us “more than we could ever ask or imagine” on Generosity Sunday! On that day, the pure hearts of our congregation were truly revealed. In response to the faith of the saints, God has now given us the resources to help our brothers and sisters in Jamaica, continue to support the ministry efforts in Clemson, and even begin work on a playground for our children!

The elders would like to thank every brother and sister in our church for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your personal sacrifice. We are completely amazed by your response to Generosity Sunday and extremely proud to be able to serve this congregation. We are excited to see what great things will grow from the seed that was planted last week. As it says in Job, “God’s voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding.” Amen!