

2013 SOUTHEASTERN EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

MARCH 29 - MARCH 31

30 Churches/6 States 5,500 Disciples

For more info visit www.secchurches.com

## **Upcoming Schedule:**

Sundays 10am Worship Service at ACOC

Nov. 25 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Turkey Bowl

Dec. 8 Children's Christmas Event

Dec. 29 Holidays at the Swamp

Register at: www.campswamp.com

Jan. 6 21 Day Fast Begins

Jan. 13 Worship in the Round

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## 1st Annual Turkey Bowl Campus vs. Church



The Athens Church of Christ will be holding its first annual flag football Turkey Bowl on **Sunday**, **November 25th** in Athens! The campus ministry brothers would like to take on the men who are in the single and married ministries (teens are invited too). If you're interested in going against the Campus Ministry, please see Joseph Whitaker today for more information.

### **CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR TABI'S**

The fifth graders are heading up a contest to see which class (PreK-4th grade) can bring in the most canned foods. The fifth graders are collecting the canned food for Tabi's Food Pantry. They will be collecting the cans from the Prek-4th grade classes through the month of November. The class with the most canned foods will get a doughnut party in December. So if you have a PreK-4th grader bring in your canned goods and the fifth graders will come around each Sunday to tally up the cans. Thanks for your help!



### **Children of All Ages Christmas Event!**

Please join us in starting our Christmas season off right! Saturday, December 8th, from 4pm- 7pm we will be decorating cards for those who will not be with their families during the holidays (military, nursing homes, prison ministries). We would like to bring the kids together and encourage a spirit of giving to start off a holiday that all to often turns into a "getting" holiday. We will eat together at around 5:30pm and will watch a Christmas movie complete with hot chocolate and popcorn at around 6pm. Come out and join us! There will be something for all ages to enjoy.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

The family of Damian Jean-Baptiste and the Caribbean Churches as they mourn the loss of this incredible brother.

**Betty Jo Wallace** is recovering from shoulder surgery. Address: 1641 Flat Rock Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

**Betty Bloom** is recovering from back surgery. Address: 105 Oakwood Drive, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**BRIDAL SHOWER** - Please join us for a day of celebration as we shower the soon-to-be wed, *Jillian Stanfield and James Tomol*. ALL are invited to come and join in the festivities (yes, even the men)! Please drop by the Bass' house on Sunday December 2nd anytime between 2pm and 4pm. The Bass' home is located at 2310 Cleveland Road Bogart, Georgia 30622. To view Jill and James registry, visit their wedding website at <a href="https://www.weddingwire.com/jamesandjillian">www.weddingwire.com/jamesandjillian</a>.

**ATTENTION: PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN** How would you like to Christmas shop WITH your spouse WITHOUT children in tow? The ladies of "Tabi's Angels" are offering to babysit your children, ages infant-4th grade on **Saturday, Dec. 1, from noon-4pm**. Please see Annette Saul in the courtyard to sign up, or call her at 706-769-5220 for any additional details. DEADLINE to sign up is next Sunday, November 25.

**ATHENS ADOPTION RESOURCE PROGRAM IS SPONSORING A PARENT'S DAY OUT: Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from noon – 4:00pm.** Parents can go shop while we watch the kids! Donations only. Contact Jim Ousley at 404-432-9210 or Heather Bass at 770-713-6297.

**BRRRR!** It's Cold Outside: As the weather cools, there are many people in Athens without a warm home. We are collecting items to help the homeless in Athens. Please bring us your used or new adult winter hats, gloves, scarves, or coats (blankets would be great too!!) We are also collecting small personal care items such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash to make goodie bags for them. For more information please see Debbie Atwood or Teresa Simon or bring your items and put them in the box in the courtyard.

**AMCC INVITES US TO 2013 NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH!** Located at Stars and Strikes at Stone Mountain and includes fun for the whole family. Fliers are available on the bulletin table or get tickets online at www.theamcc.com.

**TEACHER NEEDED:** The Children's Ministry is in need of a lead teacher or lead teaching couple for the 3rd/4th grade class on Team B (Dec, March, June). Please contact Tammy Pope at tampope58@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

To place an ad or announcement, please email *Dana Chacon* at chacons@gmail.com. Deadline is Thursday at 3pm.

#### **CHRISTIAN CLASSIFIEDS**

**SEASONAL HELP AVAILABLE:** Creighton Arrington will be home from college from December 10th through the 1st or 2nd week in January. Anyone interested in hiring him for babysitting or raking leaves or other odd jobs? Email: creightonarrington@yahoo.com



# Sunday Bulletin

November 18, 2012

## **November is Adoption Month**

According to the U.S. Government's "5th Annual Report to Congress on Public Law 109-95" the estimated number of children who have no father or mother is 17.8 million.

And yet the number of caring adults it takes to make a lifelong difference for an orphan is one... the power of one.

All Christians are called to take care of orphans:

Give to a charity that helps orphans. Listen to an orphan's story. Be aware of the plight of orphans in the world. Donate funds to families who are willing to adopt. Pray for orphans. Read scriptures about God's heart for orphans.

In you the orphan finds mercy. **Hosea 14:3** 

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. James 1:27

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows — this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families. Psalms 68:5-6

Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows. Isaiah 1:17

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Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice. **Proverbs 31:8-9** 

And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. Matthew 18:5

I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me! Matthew 25:40

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