

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

Dec. 8 -Children's Christmas Event

-Reception for Burroughs at Greg and Kay Garcia's home

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 29 Holidays at the Swamp

Register at: www.campswamp.com

Jan. 6 21 Day Fast Begins

Jan. 13 Worship in the Round

Jan. 25-26 All Night Prayer/Break Fast

Athens Church of Christ

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CANNED FOOD DRIVE WINNER ANNOUNCED

The fifth graders in our Children's Ministry held a contest to see which class could bring in the most food for our own Tabi's Food Pantry. Each Sunday in November the 5th grade class collected and counted food items brought in from the PreK-4th grade classes. We wanted to announce that that winning class is the Pre-K/Kindergarten class. This class will be rewarded with a doughnut party for their work. Thanks to all who helped with this food drive.

A Note from Cambodia dated November 12, 2012:

Dear Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends...

The *Phnom Penh Church of Christ* is about 350 (+/-) in number; by and large the members lead simple lives that focus on family, work, education, and their relationship with God; there is little affluence in the congregation. As a collective body, *I think these are the most humble and serving people on this earth*. All of us from first world countries can learn a lot from the Cambodians about how to really have a fulfilling life.

The church celebrated its 20th anniversary this weekend by hosting a 3-day celebration; it was an incredible event in every regard. Attending were representatives (and in some instances whole congregations) from churches in Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, Japan, the US, Singapore, China, Switzerland, Taiwan, Myanmar, Australia, and elsewhere. It was as well executed and as uplifting an event as I have ever attended and it was done in a developing country by a group of people who have learned how to host, love and respect others through their study of scripture and their relationship with Jesus...they lived out the Acts of the disciples this weekend. I am not going into a lot of detail about it, I simply wanted to share my joy with all of you.

One of the more moving things for me personally was my interactions with the Christians from Vietnam. I consider myself a very patriotic American and a few minutes into my hugs and greetings with brothers and sisters from those churches, it suddenly hit me that not that long ago we (Americans) were in a costly, protracted, and internally divisive war with these people....these wonderfully warm, embracing, and loving people.....our God is indeed an awesome God.

Love to all,

Keith Goodwin

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Tim Armstrong's grandmother, Mary Ellen Navarro, passed away last week. Tim's address: 1030 Laurel Chase Road, Bishop, GA 30621.

Ken Lauderdale was diagnosed with cancer and has gone to Texas for a second opinion. Address: 75 Old Edwards Road, Arnoldsville, GA 30619.

Allison's Veal's sister, Leigh Ann Neyland, was diagnosed with breast cancer and started chemo on Friday. Her address is: 3985 Manor House Dr., Marietta, Ga. 30062

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:

SPONSOR A FOSTER CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS - There are still children in foster care in Clarke County who need to be sponsored for Christmas this year. If anyone is interested in a wish list, please contact Rachele Gibson at 706-714-2271 or stevenrachele@gmail.com. Thanks!!

RESULTS FROM THE 1ST ANNUAL TURKEY BOWL: The campus guys pulled out the victory in a close game 14-7! Congratulations campus!!!

NEW ADDRESS: *Terry and Cricket Morrow* have moved to Athens! Their new address is 165 Arrowhead Road, Bogart, GA 30622.

BRIDAL SHOWER TODAY - 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 **TODAY** 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 www.weddingwire.com/jamesandjillian.

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.

To place an ad or announcement, please email *Dana Chacon* at chacon@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



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DECEMBER CALENDAR



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.**

YOU ARE INVITED...

We would like to invite the church to a "Come and Go" Reception and Christmas Celebration to welcome Don and Lee Burroughs

 $\textbf{Sat. Dec. 8 from 5pm-8pm} \quad \text{Not everyone all at once, but "come and go"}$

It will be catered with finger foods by Mama's Boy and non-alcoholic beverages. This is in lieu of our annual Christmas student party we host at our house. Normally, we have the students bring a Toy for Tots. We would like to do this again this year as well... this part will be just for the students.



Thank you, Greg and Kay Garcia 225 Skyline Parkway Athens, Ga. 30606



ATHENS ADOPTION RESOURCE PROGRAM SPONSORING A PARENT'S DAY OUT!

Sunday, December 9th 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.