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## December/January Schedule:

- Sundays**     *10am Worship Service at ACOC*
- Dec. 19**     *-6:30pm TEEN MIDWEEK at  
Rorabaughs - 7pm Dinner  
\*RSVP by Monday  
-No Middle School Midweek*
- Dec. 24**     *5pm Christmas Eve Service*
- Dec. 29**     *HATS - Holidays at the Swamp*
- Jan. 2**       *NO MIDWEEK*
- Jan. 6**       *21 Day Fast Begins*
- Jan. 9**       *Congregational Devotional*
- Jan. 13**      *Worship in the Round*
- Jan. 19-21** *Teen Snow Tubing Trip*
- Jan. 25-26** *All Night Prayer/Break Fast*

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR UGA GRADUATES!**

**Alexandra Bathon** is graduating from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in Art History. She is doing the "one year challenge" starting in January in Sydney, Australia to serve the church there.

"I want to say thank you to the Athens Church and the campus ministry for being my home and family these past four years! During my time here, I've learned what it means to be a part of God's Kingdom. I have been inspired, encouraged, supported, challenged, and loved by this ministry. It's because of all of you and the deep friendships that God has given me that I feel prepared to move on to the next stage in my life. Thank you!"

**Kathryn Bohnhoff** is graduating *cum laude* from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education. She plans to stay in Athens and nanny in the spring and look for a teaching job to begin next fall.

"I am so grateful to God that He provided me with a home here in Athens through His church. Without this body, and the influence of so many here in the fellowship, I can honestly say I wouldn't love God as much or as wholeheartedly. I'm deeply indebted to you all not only for your support, but also for your help in preparing me to be faithful to Christ long after my years in the campus ministry. Thank you!"

**EPSS BRIDGE ROAD ZAXBY'S** is holding a percentage night on **Monday, December 17th from 5pm to 8pm**. A certain percentage of the profit between those hours will help *SwampCorps* members to get to South Africa.

## TABI'S UPDATE:

Thanks so much to all of the children who helped to make the canned food drive so successful. Because of their success, we don't need any more green beans or corn. We could use canned fruit, dried beans, boxed cereal, squeezable jelly (no glass jars), any kind of canned meats, oatmeal, and grits. We are also ready to receive winter clothing. Remember to bring gently used clean clothes. All adult clothing needs to be on hangers. All children's clothing should be folded. Please only bring winter items because we don't have any storage. Any items that we can't use, will be taken to ACTS. If you or anyone in your family group needs to come to Tabi's, please contact Dana or Carolyn to set up a time. Also, if someone you know needs help, we are now able to meet the needs of our friends as well. Please bring any clothing items on Sunday and take them to the enclosed garage at the church office. It will be open AFTER church for the next few weeks.

Thanks so much,  
*Carolyn Sessions*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

*Jenna Lombardi's grandfather (also Grayson's and Holland's, students in the campus ministry, grandfather), Bob Williams, was admitted to a hospital with pneumonia and a kidney infection. Please pray for both him and his wife, for the doctors, and for the rest of the family.*

*Al Clark had a stint put in his heart's artery on Wednesday after it was discovered to be 90% blocked. He is now recovering at home. Address: 120 Conrad Drive, Athens, GA 30601.*

*Matthew Alford is having surgery on Monday morning.*

*Patsy Alford's co-worker's relative, Logan Beastly, is 15 years old and has had over 30 brain surgeries. He is fighting for his life and needs our prayers.*

*Fran Van Deven has had a second foot surgery and will need to be off her foot for a few weeks as she recovers. Her address for cards is 402 Delaperriere Loop, Jefferson, GA 30549. Phone: 706-654-7045.*

*Sharon Brooks' grandmother, Joan Nichols, has been diagnosed (once again) with cancer..... this time inflammatory breast cancer. She is now facing surgery, chemo and/or radiation (she just went through this 2 years ago).*

*Ken Lauderdale was diagnosed with cancer. Address: 75 Old Edwards Road, Arnoldsville, GA 30619.*

*Allison's Veal's sister, Leigh Ann Neyland, was diagnosed with breast cancer and has started chemo. 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:**

**THANK YOU** - Thank you all for your prayers, phone calls and visits. God's miracle working power was on display this week in our lives in a great way. To Him Be the Glory.  
~Al Clark

**BRRRR! It's Cold Outside:** 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](http://www.theamcc.com).

**To place an ad or announcement, please email [acocservant@gmail.com](mailto:acocservant@gmail.com). Deadline is Thursday at 3pm.**

### **CHRISTIAN CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE: GE WASHER & DRYER** Extra-large capacity; Dryer \$100. and washer \$75. Call Wendy at 225-235-9698.

**SEASONAL HELP AVAILABLE:** Email Creighton at [creightonarrington@yahoo.com](mailto:creightonarrington@yahoo.com).



## Sunday Bulletin

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### **“It Truly Does Take A Village”**

This week Stephen Goodwin will be moving to Roswell, Georgia where he has accepted a position on the full time staff as the teen leader at the Northview Church of Christ. It's hard to believe that this 6'6" young man was once a chubby, hyperactive blonde headed little boy with more energy than a five hour energy drink.

There are so many people to thank who have literally helped “raise” Stephen to become the young man of God that he is at this point in his life. In the early years, Greg/Kay Garcia and Don/Lee Burroughs allowed Stephen to spend a lot of time with their families and in particular with their sons, Alec and Jonathan. In fact, Stephen was named after Don and Lee's oldest son. Ed, Kellie, Jed and Blaine Baxter have been like Stephen's second family. Stephen probably has spent as much time as a “Baxter” as he has a Goodwin. Mike and Mary Shapiro, for all their patience when they led the teen ministry (which was during a lot of the truly “Scuba” years of Stephen's life). Griffin Spotz and others who studied the Bible with Stephen and helped many of the campus guys to draw Stephen into their fellowship during his senior year in high school. He has had many “best friends” in the campus ministry over the years that have impacted his life and relationship with God. Most recently, Jeff and Jennifer Rorabaugh have helped Stephen to develop into someone who loves working with the teens and serve that group wholeheartedly. He has also been impacted so much by his siblings Philip, Kaitlin, and Bella.

Finally, we want to thank Sonny and Carolyn whose influence, challenge, faith and love have given Stephen a vision, or should we say “dream,” of what he can do with the talents God has given him. We are grateful for their dedication to God, dedication and determination to have others, like Stephen, carry on the legacy of the Swamp.

In closing, we love you Stephen and are so grateful for your love for life and most of all for God. We will miss having you in Athens, but know that God has great plans for you in Roswell and beyond!

~Robert and Nancy Goodwin