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2012 WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION AVERAGE:

**\$13,599.54**

## January Schedule:

- Sundays**     *10am Worship Service at ACOC*
- 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*

## Athens Church of Christ

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## **2013 Church Pictorial Directory**

Our church will be producing a new pictorial directory. The photography dates are **January 22 thru 26** and **January 29 thru February 2**. Each family photographed will receive a free directory and a free 8 by10 portrait of their family. No purchase is required; however, for those interested in purchasing portraits you may do so at the time of photography. Lifetouch Church Directories will be taking the portraits. You can make your appointment by going to the church website at [www.athenscoc.com](http://www.athenscoc.com) and look for the pictorial directory link. If you do not have internet service you can make your appointment after church on January 6 and January 13 or you also can call the church office and they can assist you in making your appointment. We need everyone to be in our pictorial directory. Thank you for your cooperation!

### THANK YOU NOTE:

Dear Athens Church of Christ,  
**We are astounded with the kindness, love, friendship and financial support given to us by you in our time of need.** We are humbled in this new chapter of our life. One of the first sermons we remember twenty two years ago is how God works through people to help you. You, our dear church, are a true testament to that. **Ephesians 1: 18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."** We have felt the power of your prayers in so many ways and have been amazingly calm and strong. We thank God for you and every word you have sent up to God on our behalf!  
With love,  
*Ken and Linda Lauderdale*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Skylar Bailey** has a rare condition called Kikuchi Disease. Please pray for this condition to resolve itself very quickly, especially because of the fevers associated with it. Address: 4133 Windgrove Crossing, Suwanee, GA 30024.

**Gwen Payton** had carpal tunnel surgery on both wrists so she will have very limited use of her hands over the next few weeks. Please pray for a restful and speedy recovery. Address: 159 Featherwood Hollow, Athens, GA 30601.

**Dana Chacon's mother, Betty Snodgrass**, is hospitalized and is recovering from wrist surgery after a fall, the flu and a kidney infection. Address: 233 Fairway Circle, Naples, FL 34110.

**Laura Bonoff Whitaker and Kathryn Bonoff** lost their dear maternal grandfather recently. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Ken Lauderdale** was diagnosed with cancer and is getting treatment in Houston, TX. You can keep up with him on his care page on caringbridge.org. Address: 7550 Kirby Street, #1521, Houston, TX 77030.

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

The Children's Ministry needs to form new teams of helpers for the Orange curriculum we will implement in February. We need teens, college students, singles, marrieds, empty-nesters--basically just about anyone who could assist with any of the following:

- technical support involving audio, video, and computer graphics
- musical support involving leading songs with children and/or playing the guitar
- dramatic support involving skits, storytelling, show-hosting talents
- crafting/supplies requisition support involving cutting, sewing, scrounging for items
- environmental design support involving decorating classrooms and sign in tables to reflect monthly themes

These teams will be supporting the teachers to take our Children's Ministry to the next level. You know you have gifts from God; we need you to share them with us!! If you aren't sure what gift you have that we can use, talk to us, we will find something for you!! Please see Beth Spinella or Tammy Pope to sign up.

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.



## Sunday Bulletin

January 6, 2013

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### ***The Power of Prayer and Fasting***

*Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not drive it out?" And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. "But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." (Matt. 17: 20-21)*

The disciples here fail to accomplish something Jesus said they could do, and that they had done before! When they inquire about the reason for their powerlessness, Jesus connects their inability to a neglect of prayer – *and fasting*. There is God-given strength in that heavenly combination.

**Today begins our 21 day congregational fast.** We take our inspiration from the prophet Daniel who had a life-changing encounter with God as a result of his 21 day period of seeking the Lord (see Daniel chapter 10: 2-3). This will be a time of breakthrough in our church, but it will mean no more in your own life than you let it be. *If you keep on doing what you have been doing, then you will stay where you have been.* Why not stretch to the next level of faith? Do something radical! What you do during the 21 days and how you do it is between you and God, but as you step out in faith, God will move in your life!

### **CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK**

*Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

**\*Childcare will be provided**