

2013 Fall Sunday Morning Bible Classes

*Classes will begin at 8:45 am and conclude at 9:30 am

"Conversations with God"

Location: Classroom in Main Building

Oct. 6-27 **Malachi** R. Goodwin

Nov. 3-24 **Jonah** M. Shapiro

"Fighting the Good Fight"

Location: Church Office

Sept. 15-Nov. 24 **2 Timothy** R. Sawhill

Events and Activities:

Sundays *10 am Worship Service at ACOC*

Wednesdays *10 am Women's Bible Study*
Childcare Provided

Sept. 27-29 *Teen Retreat*

Oct. 6 *Swamp Corps Fundraiser Lunch*

Oct. 8-9 *Photo Appointments for Directory*

Oct. 12-13 *Middle School Retreat*
Register at www.campswamp.com

Oct. 26 *3-5 pm ACOC Fall Festival*

Oct. 30 *Family Group Facilitator's Meeting*

Nov. 1-3 *Father Son Retreat*
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CHURCH-WIDE BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!

LOCATION: TEEN BUILDING

Due to the Blood Drive, the 4th/5th grade class will not meet today. Instead, children should sit with their parents.

CHRISTMAS PLAY SIGN UPS!

Calling all 3rd-8th grade actors, singers, technicians, and stage crew for this year's Christmas play "Scrooge finds Christmas."

Sign-up sheets are in the courtyard and the first meeting will be TODAY after church.

USHERS NEEDED

Please see Mike Rose today after service to sign-up to serve as an usher. There is a need for both ushers and usher team leaders for the new rotation. If you currently serve as an usher, please let Mike know if you wish to continue to serve. If you would like an opportunity to serve, being an usher is a great way to get involved in many areas of church life.

AIM Session - Living By Faith: A Study in Hebrews

October 5 – December 14, 2013

Participate in Athens Institute of Ministry classes through Webex on Saturdays, 10 am to noon. Teachers are Douglas Jacoby and Joey Harris. There are 12 classes in all. View in real time or after the class. **To sign up, contact Donna at: athensinstitute@bellsouth.net**

SWAMP CORPS FUNDRAISER LUNCH

Sunday, October 6th after service

Menu: Baked Ziti, salad, garlic bread, brownie and drink

Adults: \$7.00

Children 12 and under: \$5.00

All proceeds will go towards campus student's costs to travel to South Africa, India and Brazil with SwampCorps!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Angie Malone is asking for prayers because she has had mono for over a month. This is especially hard to deal with in addition to her other chronic health challenges.

Our dear sister, Erin (Pearce) Kilpatrick, has lost her brother Ben. He was 35 years old and had 2 daughters. Erin was a long time member of the Athens congregation and now attends in Michigan with her husband. The memorial and funeral were this past week in Buford. Ask Heather Bass if you would like their address.

Ralph Chacon's mother, Jean Chacon, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer with no treatment options left except for TLC. Her address: 2740 E. 4th St., Apt. 243, National City, CA 91950.

Evelyn Rosser has been very ill recently. Please pray for a quick and complete recovery. Address: P.O. Box 778, Danielsville, GA 30633.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SHINE MINISTRY WISH LIST: Laminator, bean-bags, music player (DVD or IPOD), and storage boxes (small & large with lids). Email Laura Whitaker at: Whitaker.three@gmail.com



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PHOTO TAKEN FOR OUR
2013 DIRECTORY!**

**Tuesday, October 8th
Wednesday, October 9th**

To make an appointment go to: www.athenscoc.com

WEDNESDAY 10 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – You are invited to join us as we continue to study the book of Matthew this week! Childcare is provided.

TABI'S FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY: We have the following needs for the pantry: fruit, canned meats (chili, chicken, tuna, roast beef), spaghetti sauces (**only** plastic containers), tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, soups, boxes of cereal, oatmeal or grits. We are now accepting, sugar, cornmeal and flour. Also, we can use paper products, (paper towels and toilet paper). Please bring products that have a long expiration date of at least 6 months. We have the following needs for the clothing: baby clothes for girls only, small sizes for men and women. Please do not bring out of season clothes. We are now accepting clothes for the fall and winter. Please do not bring shoes. Food donations may be brought to church and placed on the shelf outside of the kitchen. If you want to make clothes donations, please contact Dana or Carolyn so they can open the pantry. You may also bring them on Sunday and ask Carolyn for a key to put them in the pantry. Please do not place clothing items on the food shelf. Thank you again!

To place an ad or announcement in the bulletin, please email accocservant@gmail.com.



Sunday Bulletin

September 29, 2013

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Campus Ministry September Update:

God is doing amazing things in the Athens Campus Ministry this fall. We want to thank the entire church for all the prayers and the support you have extended to us all. We began this semester with an incredible campus retreat entitled "Great Expectations." At the retreat, which hosted almost 100 students, we were inspired by God's Word and great fellowship. We had moving messages from Sonny & Carolyn Sessions, Robert Goodwin, Will & Tosha Archer, Joe Moon, Stephen & Kristen Van Bueren, Tom & Courtney McGuirk, Stephen Durkota, Keegan Leiba and Jonathan Burroughs. We committed ourselves as a ministry to our Four Great Pillars: the Great Commandment – LOVE (Matthew 22), Great Compassion – SERVICE (Matthew 25), Great Commission - MISSION (Matthew 28) and the Great Community - FAMILY (Acts 2). After our awesome campus led worship service that concluded the retreat, we started the first day of classes by engaging in the mission with our campus surveys.

In our surveys, we asked students what 7-week series they would like to attend from 5 choices. God blessed this effort as 752 students responded to the surveys with 653 giving us their emails and 545 giving us their phone numbers. The surveys proved to be a fun and innovative way to start conversations and engage our campus community to find out what they were eager to learn. The series that garnered the most votes was "7 Fallacies of Modern Christianity." On September 9th, we began the next phase of our plan - Bible talks. The Campus Ministry was divided into 14 Bible talks, 10 on UGA campus and 4 on UNG campus. All Bible talks are student led. It is amazing to watch God move as every day on our campuses there is a bible discussion happening. By faith at the end of 7 weeks, we will have offered almost 100 student led Bible talks in Athens. Many visitors have been coming to our Bible talks, midweek services and events so far. The level of openness expressed has been inspiring us all. In addition to the rich blessing of seeing our friends respond to our outreach, God has blessed our community with over 20 freshmen. We are proud of their faith as they have quickly gotten fully integrated into the Campus Ministry. We are very grateful for the leadership provided by Morgan & Candice Beatty, who work specifically with our freshman class. They host and provide freshman dinner every other Sunday night. We are also very grateful for the leadership provided by Stephen and Elise Durkota, who work specifically with all of our dating couples. Our family gets closer every day. We have our challenges, but we work through them together. God has also blessed our commitment to service as we have engaged in a number of opportunities to serve. We have partnered with the Homeless Help Card and the Shine Ministry for ESP among a number of other opportunities to serve the Church and our Campus Community. Though it has only been a few weeks since classes started, God has done amazing things among us. By God's grace, He has added three more to our number Amaris, Kenya and Jacob. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to see God move powerfully this semester.