



A Place to Call Home

Tuckston

United Methodist Church

4175 Lexington Road • Athens, Georgia

**January 2 Issue**

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**WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR**



A YEAR OF NEW BEGINNINGS

Well, the New Year has begun and with it comes all those new things that we want so much to accomplish. Many are so ambitious that goals set can never be achieved. Some people have attempted new things before, only to disappoint themselves with the lack of accomplishment.

What is it that you want to accomplish this year that you know you should? Is it something that you want to stop doing? Or is it something you feel you should do to better yourself or the world around you? Whatever it is there are some simple things that you can do that will help you in accomplishing your goals.

First, be sure that it is worthy. If it is not something that will be useful to you, others, or the world around you then seek something else to try.

Second, see that it is doable. Don't try something that is not realistic. If you are going to spend your time on it, let it be something that you can really accomplish.

Third, take small steps. You don't climb a mountain with just one giant step. You do it one step at a time. Set smaller goals in order to reach larger ones.

Fourth, put a time on it. To know something must be done by a certain time helps so much in getting it done. If it is open ended there is the tendency to put it off until a better time. It may never be completed if it has no deadline.

Then, be sure that you ask for God's help in doing your work and achieving your goals. God will give you discernment and the strength to reach worthy goals.

The past is over. It is gone. It can never return. Put it down. If it is negative don't allow it to be a part of your future. Rather look to the future with excitement for the new opportunities you have to go forward. Then attempt it with the confidence that you can reach it.

Let us covenant with each other to pray for each other this year as we seek to better ourselves as we serve others and God.

May God be with you, *James*

# YOUTH NEWS

# LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

January marks a new beginning for each and everyone one of us and in particular our Youth Program. Whether we make resolutions to do better, learn a new trade, or just try something new; it's a new year and in Christ we are made a new creation. Our Youth Ministry will be embarking on a new challenge this year as we follow alongside the church in building a vital youth ministry program! There's a lot that's going on to start the year and we encourage you to check us out!

Tuckston Uth has a great Sunday night program for everyone. If you haven't been in a while or if you're a regular attendee, then the new year is going to bring about some big upgrades! If you want to find out more about all that's going on, then come to the first Harbor of the year, January 8th in the Fellowship Hall from 5-8pm. You won't regret it!

Tuckston Uth will also be embarking on our new 6 year Sunday School discipleship plan. What we've done is develop a 6 year Sunday School plan that will allow our students to learn something new each year with an optional year 7. We've done this to allow our students to fully get engaged with the Bible through both the New Testament and Old Testament. This 6 year plan will take us on a journey through the bible that will leave an imprint on our hearts and minds forever. For more information or to participate as a SS teacher, email David at david@tuckston.org.

Tuckston Uth will also be revamping our Wednesday Night program, which you'll just have to come and check out! For more information about what's going on here with Tuckston Uth, check us out online by going to www.tuckston.org.

-David <>

## *To My Loving Church Family:*

Thank you so very much for all the prayers, cards, meals, phone calls, visits, and all the other TLC that you gave me during my recent knee surgery and recuperation. I am so blessed to be a part of such a caring and loving church family. Because of all that you did I was able to come home and not go to a rehab center. Therefore my recuperation was quicker and in a more comfortable environment. I am eternally grateful. Love, Brenda Smith.

*Thank you* to the Co-Workers Sunday School Class for the delicious meal and all the visits, food, cards and most of all prayers following my recent surgery. I have certainly been blessed by all of your love. Margaret Yeargin

*Dear Tuckston Church:* Just want to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, calls, wonderful meal from HUGS and for the group who make the shawls for the warm shawl which I use daily. It is so wonderful to be a part of a caring church like Tuckston. God bless you all! Mona Huber.

*Thank you* for your prayers and the beautiful cards. It's a blessing to know you care. The ladies of our church knitted me a beautiful, colorful shawl which I will cherish and always remember the telephone calls filled with love and concern. Sincerely and with love, Gloria Mullins

*A Great Big Thank You* to Dave Beeson for the newly painted sign in the front parking lot. Also for all of his endless hours he has given to many areas of the church facility that needed a fresh coat of paint. Thank you Dave!

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## *Julia's Kids Corner*

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**Fifth Grade Leadership Retreat:** All the Fifth-graders in the church (and any 5<sup>th</sup> grade friends that wish to go) are invited to participate in this wonderful retreat Feb. 10-12<sup>th</sup>. Look for a letter in your mailbox for more information and permission/health forms. We'll have a fun time at Glisson learning about our spiritual gifts and how to use them for God. The retreat costs \$125 (scholarships available) and your money and registration is due to Mrs. Julia by January 29<sup>th</sup>!

If you would like to help chaperone we also have some space available for adults.

**Mission Possible Kids** is starting back Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> with some awesome projects. Don't let that stop you from coming to the Wednesday Night Kickoff Suppers. January 11, 18, and 25<sup>th</sup> are going to be fun evenings for the whole family!

Julia <> Children's Pastor

*Thank you so much* to everyone who participated in, and contributed to, Bethlehem Marketplace this year. We had a wonderful turnout from the community and the matinee performance was just as popular as the evening ones. A special thanks to Daniel Ford, Joel Schofield, and all the guys who helped build the set, to Shirley and Jim Jackson for their tireless efforts supplying costumes, to everyone who helped fill in the empty slots at the last minute and a huge thank you to John and Keli Hinson who filled in my mother's role of bringing me everything I suddenly needed at the last minute. Can't wait to do it all again next year!  
Melanie Ford

### SYMPATHY

*We extend* our Christian love and sympathy to Pierre and Patti Oulevey on the death of his mother, Magda Oulevey

*We extend* our Christian love and sympathy to Fred Myers on the death of his sister, Elaine Barron.

*We extend* our Christian love and sympathy to Marion Montgomery on the death of his father, Marion Montgomery, Jr.

*We extend* our Christian love and sympathy to Claire Benson on the death of her father, Andrew Prince.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Vicky and Elizabeth Wilkins on the death of their mother/grandmother, Pauline Bemis.

### TUCKSTON'S NEW MEMBERS

Dr. David W. and Nina Hill, 223 Wolfskin Road, Arnoldsville, Georgia 30619; 706-742-8441.

### CONGRATULATIONS

*David Gene Jarecki*, son of Massai and Deb Jarechi, was born on December 16, 2011.

*Robert Edward Hutton*, son of Jonathan and Katie Hutton was born on December 20, 2011. Proud grandparents are Connie/Bobby Bowen and Becky Hutton.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Tuckston Stephen Ministry* will be sponsoring a "Living Well Georgia" workshop beginning January 16 from 10:30 to 11:30am in the FH. This will be a 6 week workshop tailored to those with ongoing health conditions, such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, and chronic pain. The class is free. Please contact Bill Howard (706-549-6902).

*The Brazil Mission Team has pecans for sale. \$9.00 per pound bag*

*Monday Morning Women's Bible Study* January 16, 10am in the Pathmakers' Classroom (C 150). Study of Daniel lead by Beth Beeson. For more information contact Beth 706-850-6762 or bcsastt@aol.com.

*Mind, Body, and Soul!* Strengthen your connection with Christ as you strengthen your body with Holy Yoga on Tuesday nights in the FH, 6-7pm starting January 10. No experience is needed; come check it out. NOTE: You'll want to bring a yoga mat or thick towel. The donation of a small toy at each session is requested, and there is a \$5 monthly fee to cover class costs. Sponsored by Tuckston's Health and Wellness Ministry. Questions? Contact Mary McKinney, instructor, marym@holyyoga.net, 706-201-3432.

*Please Note:* The following designated funds— "Loaves and Fishes", "The Pastor's Discretionary Fund", and "The Benevolence Fund" — have been combined into Local Missions. To continue contributing to these funds, please mark your contribution Local Missions.

### *Church Leadership Training!*

January 7 (Saturday) from 10am to noon. Everyone is invited and all Administrative Council Members are expected to attend.

## A NOTE FROM J. T.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, Tuckston Family! Thank you for loving Anita and Johnny, Sara-Beth and Abby and me into your family this year! You have prayed for us and we have felt it and stood upon your rock of faith both in starting our ministry with you and in the birth of Abigail (boy, did she require a lot of prayer!). She is doing well by the way. We look forward to all the new and cool things God will do with and through Tuckston in this New Year. I look forward to doing ministry with you in the New Year.

At the beginning of the year, it is good to look back for a moment and consider what we have done for Christ in our community. Just to let you know what you did in ministry to the Athens Community this past year: through your "Local Missions Ministry," you served over 125 people in need donating and using over \$6,900.00 in your monetary resources. You helped with food, clothing, gas, much needed medical prescriptions, rent, electricity, a new well, helped a few people afford drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, and helped them pay tuition for courses, like ServSafe, to help them get on their feet in their careers. You are awesome!

### New Year Kick Off Suppers

- Jan. 11      **THE NEWLYWED GAME** (*Staff Cooks*)  
                 Pasta, Salad, Bread, Peach Cobbler, Ice Cream
- Jan. 18      **MEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF** (*TUMC Men Cook*)  
                 Chili, Salad, Cracker, Sherbet
- Jan. 25      **TLC FUNDRAISER AUCTION** (*TLC Cooks*)  
                 Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Slaw, & Dessert

*Reservations must be made by Monday noon of each week for the Wednesday supper. Call the church office (353-1311) or sign up on Sunday.*

There will be a **Kitchen Crew Training (with supper) on January 4th @ 5:30 PM**. If you were on the Kitchen Crew this Fall and if you would like to be on the Crew for the Winter/Spring semester, then please come for food and training.

**Wednesday, January 18, is the MEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF! Men sign up** outside John's T.'s office or at the information center desk in the narthex. Make one or two huge pots of your "award-winning" chili (everyone must be able to taste) and win the grand prize, a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble!

Our **Wednesday Evening Small Group Life** (short term small group studies) will begin on Wednesday, February 1. Here is a peek at one of the studies that will be offered: ***The Teaching of the 12: Believing and practicing the primitive Christianity of the Ancient Didache Community***. I will lead a study of the Didache, an early church handbook of the Christian community used in the time between Paul's letters to the early church and the synoptic gospels. If your gift is teaching, let me know if there is a short study God is leading you to teach in the spring semester.

See you around the church in the New Year!

John T.

### Weekly Events

#### Mondays

9:00 am Senior Aerobics  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
6:30 pm Christian Believers

#### Tuesdays

6:30 pm Disciples 2

#### Wednesdays

1:00 pm Bridge Group  
6:00 pm Disciples 1  
6:15 pm Handbells  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursdays

7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am Senior Aerobics  
9:30 am Crochet Group  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study  
7:30 pm Worship Band Practice

For more  
information, please go to  
[www.tuckston.org](http://www.tuckston.org)

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Lois Bryant	<i>St. Mary's Long Term Care</i>
Linda Brown	<i>University Nursing Home</i>

### MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The 2012 Flower Chart* is in the church office hallway ready for you to sign up to provide flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Cost is \$50 payable to Tuckston UMC.

*Reservations are a necessity for Wednesday Night Supper* - reservation envelopes are available in the pews and on FH tables or online at [www.tuckston.org](http://www.tuckston.org). PLEASE NOTE! Registration is due by Monday noon.

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