

It seems day by day our lives get more hectic. We all seemed pulled in different directions. And all too often we find that in the hustle and bustle, important details slip by unnoticed and opportunities are quickly passed by. We often take refuge in our church and with our church family from this chaos, but, sometimes even opportunities for fellowship, Christian growth, ministry, and worship get overlooked, passed by, or forgotten in the bombardment of life's distractions.

With this in mind, New Georgia Baptist Church, is making available this monthly newsletter. This newsletter is aimed at combating life's distractions, so that we may concentrate our focus on the gospel ministries of our church. It is with sincere prayer, that this newsletter fills the purpose its name reflects, which is to shine as a light in your life and walk with Christ.

In this edition of "The Light" you will find overviews of ministries of NGBC. As you are reading about these ministries, please place a prayer in your heart for those in service of Christ, and pray also for direction and guidance in your own service of Him.

In future editions of "The Light" you will find articles varying from financial management according to God's word, to personal testimonies. You will also continue to find overviews of church ministries and articles regarding upcoming events.

If you have questions or comments regarding "The Light", or if you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please feel free to send an email to ngbcnewsletter@yahoo.com

Giving a Good Account

Dr. James Burdette, Sr. Pastor

In the New Testament there is a constant reminder that the people of God are not to be ignorant. Paul reminds the Church in his letter to the Romans that we are not to be ignorant of the mystery of God's redemption. When Paul addresses the church at Thessalonica, he warned that if they were ignorant of what death is to the believer they would sorrow like unbelievers. Peter likewise powerfully spoke when he said that we were not to be ignorant concerning the imminent return of Christ.

The cure for this type of ignorance is found in three components of knowledge. The first component is to know Christ, and to know Him as indicated in the Scripture as Jesus, God and Savior. Secondly, is to know why Christ had to come and die in our place, forgiving us of our sin, and giving to us His righteousness. And finally, we must know that Jesus is alive and is soon coming for His Church.

This cure is readily available for those that seek it, but does requires time and study of the Scripture, and the simple obedience the Lord has commanded in **2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)** "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We must be prepared to stand unashamed before the world when the time comes. Studying and understanding God's scripture is a vital tool in preparation of that stand.

In New Georgia Baptist Church's commitment to the gospel of Christ, beginning January 6, 2009, we will be offering college level classes in Theology and Ministry studies, under the supervision of Immanuel Baptist Seminary, a long established Baptist college in Georgia. These classes will allow those that desire knowledge, an opportunity to dive deeper in the study and understanding of the Scriptures. Through this partnership with Immanuel College, New Georgia Baptist Church will be a satellite campus during the winter semester. If you are interested in attending these classes, please call the church office at 770-459-3219, or check online at www.ngbc.org for more specific information.



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2008 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

"How many million more souls are to pass into eternity without having heard the name of Jesus?" This was the question Lottie Moon asked while as a missionary spreading the Gospel across China. Now over one hundred year later, we must ask the same question – how many souls will be lost without having heard the name of Jesus?

According to current mission researchers there are 1.6 billion people that have never heard the name of Jesus or the Gospel message.

Not all Christians will be called or will have the opportunity to serve as foreign missionaries, but while you may not be able to go yourself, you can still help and support someone that can. Southern Baptists support Lottie Moon by either working directly as missionaries in foreign lands, or by providing financial donations to support missionaries throughout the world.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering currently makes up 50% of the International Mission Board's total income and supports 5,200 missionaries in the field. The national campaign goal is \$170 million and the theme is "GO Tell the story of Jesus." The goal for New Georgia Baptist Church is \$2,000. Donations can be made during December. Every penny given to Lottie Moon is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they "Go tell" the Gospel to those that have never heard the name or story of Jesus. The need is great, and the world is facing increasing urgency to know Jesus now.

Please remember to support missionaries in prayer. We dare to imagine what these men and women face from day to day. Also remember, wherever you are, whatever it is you do, always "GO Tell the story of Jesus" so that the world may know Jesus!

"How many there are ... who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God."

Lottie Moon

~information submitted by Mrs. Nita Burdette

Brotherhood: All Men Invited

Brotherhood is a men's ministry dedicated to reflecting the love of Christ and following His teaching by helping widows, and the elderly, that are in need of handy-man type help around the home. Furthermore, Brotherhood, challenges men to be "pastors" of their families, and to be wholly devoted to Christ and the gospel. Brotherhood meets every 3rd Sunday at 8:00 a.m., for monthly "Brotherhood Breakfast", in the new fellowship hall. The next Brotherhood Breakfast is December 21, 2008, with Charlie Grinstead giving devotional.

If you are a man, young and old, you are personally invited to attend Brotherhood.

~information submitted by John Shrewsbury

Reaching Beyond the Church Walls: NGBC Outreach Ministry

As servants of the Lord, we are to "go out into the highways and hedges" (Luke 14:23) to spread the gospel and show God's love. Outreach does just that through weekly visitations. Outreach is divided into two different groups or teams. The first Outreach team visits those that are unable to attend worship service, Bible study or other ministries due to illnesses, or other physical limitations. This team meets on Tuesday mornings and then divides into smaller groups that visit rest/nursing homes, hospitals, rehabilitative facilities, and individual homes. The second Outreach team coordinates "follow up" visits with people and families that have attended and completed a visitor card during worship service, Sunday school class, Bible study or other NGBC ministries. This team plans and prepares visitations on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested in serving in the Outreach ministry, please contact Don Nutting.

~information submitted by Mr. Don Nutting

NGBC Care Closet...A Ministry of Assistance and Hope

The Care Closet is New Georgia Baptist Church's food pantry ministry. The Care Closet provides emergency food for individuals and families in our community, or in our church, that have found themselves in need of assistance. Following initial and required screening, individuals, or families are given a supply of "staple pantry items".

The Care Closet is more than just a food pantry; it's a way to share the gospel through our actions, words, and hope. Many come to the Care Closet with a feeling of hopelessness. However, through the ministry of the Care Closet the gospel of Christ is shared, which is a gospel of hope. It is the strongest desire of those that volunteer with the Care Closet that the Lord Jesus Christ will be known through this service and ministry.

Miscellaneous Information:

- The Care Closet purchases food from the Atlanta Community Food Bank the 1st Thursday of each month (as needed).
 - If a church member would like to donate non-perishable food items, please see Pam Hilderbrand
- Families must call ahead to be approved before picking up food.

Hours of food distribution:

Mon 9-10 am and Wed 9-10 am and 4-5 pm

. ~article by Mrs. Pam Hilderbrand

God Centered Learning at the CELC

The CELC (Christian Enrichment Learning Center) is the weekday preschool ministry of New Georgia Baptist Church. The CELC offers classes for children beginning at the age of 18 months (as of September 1st) through 5 year kindergarten. The program currently has 92 students enrolled. The CELC focuses on Biblical truths along with "ABC's" and "123's". All classes participate in weekly Chapel lessons, taught by Pastor Keith Stell, and in weekly computer lab and music class.

You and your family are invited to attend a special Christmas program presented by the 3, 4 and 5 year old kindergarten classes on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the New Georgia Baptist Church Worship Center.

Mrs. Dianne Pennington, a founding director of the ministry, will be resigning from her position as of December 31, 2008. Dianne will be missed.

~ article by Mrs. Lenora Cooper

Come "Check-out" our Media Center:

Did you know that NGBC has a media center with Christian literature and resources available for you and your family?

If not, then you are invited to "check us out". The media center is open from 9 – 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, from 5:30 – 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings, and from 6:30 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The media center can be opened at other times, by special request, and according to the availability of the staff.

If you have any questions regarding the media center, or need to request a special time to visit the center, please contact any of the following staff members:

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~information submitted by Mrs. Carol Clarke

New Georgia Baptist Church Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us for a time of caroling for our shut-ins on December 14th at 4 p.m. This is always a wonderful time for everyone and it appears year after year that those caroling receive a blessing far greater than can be imagined. Bundle up yourself and the kids and come enjoy the afternoon. We will be back in time for Evening Worship at 6 p.m.

*~ Submitted in Praise of Him & Hymn by
Rich and Tracy Kenyon*

Preschool and Children's Choir News:

Please be advised we will not have preschool and children's choir on Sunday, December 21st, or on Sunday December 28th. Both will resume in January. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

~ Rich and Tracy Kenyon

Upcoming events for Children and Youth:

Children:

Beginning January 11, 2009, the children of NGBC will begin a 12 week study on purity on Sunday nights. The children will continue to meet in the Children's Choir room at 6 pm. We will be using material by Jennie Bishop based on the books *the Princess and the Kiss*, and *the Squire and the Scroll*.

Youth:

December 31st is the annual youth lock-in. The youth will be staying up all night participating in fun activities and in devotional study of God's word. The lock-in begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 7 a.m. the following morning.

For questions regarding either of these events, please contact Derrick Fielder at 770-459-3219.

submitted by Derrick Fielder