



The Voice of MABC

Week of August 18

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH

See Inside for details

Sunday, August 24
Birthday: Polly Clegg, Bill Edwards, Jan Solomon
9:30 a.m.—Minister's Prayer Time
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
Time Travelers Cooking Workshop
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
12:00 noon—I'm Big Enough
5:00 p.m.—Acolyte Training-P56/IO

Monday, August 25
9:00 a.m.—ESL

Tuesday, August 26
Birthday: Chris Conley, Josh Kendall
7:00 p.m.—ABHS

Wednesday, August 27
Birthday: Leigh Cummings
8:30 a.m.—Staff Meeting
9:00 a.m.—ESL
3:30 p.m.—Worship Planning
5:15 p.m.—Midweek@Milledge

Thursday, August 28
Birthday: Susan Bolen, Bea Grant
6:00 p.m.—Project Safe

Friday, August 29
Birthday: Julie Coleman, Polly Thomas
12:00 noon—Jubilee Comm.
6:00 p.m.—China Outreach dinner
7:00 p.m.—AA

Saturday, August 30
Birthday: Bill Ripley

Sunday, August 31
Birthday: David Dodson, Jackson Hall
9:45 a.m.— Sunday School
Time Travelers Cooking Workshop
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Monday, September 1
LABOR DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
Birthday: Stephen Cofer, Kim Romines
8:00 a.m.—Habitat 5K Race

Tuesday, September 2
7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 3
Birthday: Taylor Solomon
8:30 a.m.—Staff Meeting
12:00 noon—Golden Glows
3:30 p.m.—Worship Planning
5:15 p.m.—Midweek@Milledge

Thursday, September 4
6:00 p.m.—Project Safe

Friday, September 5
7:00 p.m.—AA

Saturday, September 6
Faith That Grows Workshop

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Monthly Budget Requirement:
\$41,325

3rd Sunday in August:
\$8994

August Offering To Date:
\$28,572

Other Contributions:
Memorials—\$450

ATTENDANCE REPORT

8/17/08
Worship:
Sunday School: 109

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By Kevin Shorner-Johnson

This past year, we finished remodeling the exterior of one of the church's most visible elements. No, this remodeling hasn't used the expertise of the building and grounds committee, though it does make the beauty of our building and grounds visible for the world. Our new remodeling took place on the World Wide Web. With the help of the technology committee, we are proud to announce the development of a new church web site that we have been working on over the past year.

A church's web site must balance two purposes to be effective. A church web site must be a welcoming way for visitors to explore and learn more about church before visiting the church in person. Visitors increasingly turn to church web sites before using the phone book as a way to "visit" the church before actually visiting it in person. To meet the needs of visitors, we have sought to provide easy access to directions, worship times, and programs using welcoming language. We have extensively used pictures of "the people of MABC" to give a human face to our virtual presence.

A church web site must also be an information source for the current members of Milledge Avenue in a way that is kept up-to-date with current information. To keep the web site relevant for members of MABC, we are uploading Voice articles, copies of the Voice, listings of the "Sunday Servants", youth activities, and children's activities all on a weekly basis. We are also adding new improvements to the web site that allow us to connect the church's calendar with our church's web pages. Staying up-to-date is a significant part of keeping a web site relevant. In addition to the Milledge Avenue site, we have developed a Facebook Application that allows us to connect information with a younger and sometimes older (Davin Welter & Claude McBride) "Facebook" generation.

At this time, we are working on an official policy to protect church member information on the church web site. For the time being, we will not identify the names of any children who appear in pictures on our web site. Furthermore, we will not post any directory or personally identifiable information beyond listings of names that appear in the Voice. Should you have any concerns about web-related information, please don't hesitate to contact the church staff.

It is our hope that our web site will serve as one more way that we can reach people to inform them about all of the great things that go on in our church. We hope that our 'virtual presence' can inform individuals about the 'real presence' of the incredible community that makes up Milledge Avenue Baptist Church.

Our worship at Milledge Avenue is most often planned around the weekly Scripture readings suggested in the Revised Common Lectionary, a system of readings used by a wide variety of Christians. This Biblically based approach can be strengthened and enhanced by the preparation of our church family as we ready ourselves to meet God and each other in worship each week. Readings for this Sunday, August 24: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MENU FOR MIDWEEK@MILLEDGE

AUGUST 27

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
French Bread
Garden Salad
Dessert

RACE FOR THE DREAM 5K

LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 1
8:00 A.M.

The race starts here at MABC and finishes by the lake in Memorial Park. Registration is \$15 per person before August 25 and \$20 on race day. Contact the church office for a registration form or call Will Chamberlain at Classic Race Services, 706-769-6593.

International Ministry Opportunity

On Friday, August 29, our church will host a pot-luck dinner for international students. This is an opportunity for students to relax after a week of classes, get to know some new friends, and share some fellowship time together. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Jennifer McClung. Opportunities include donating food, attending the dinner, or helping with set up or clean up. Other dinner dates for 2008 will be September 26, October 24, and December 19. Volunteers are welcome for one or all of the dinners!

GOLDEN GLOWS WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 3, 12:00 NOON

Our program will be
"50 Years of Computing at UGA"
(a documentary featuring our own
Dr. James Fortson)

Bring a side dish to share and be sure to
invite a friend!

5TH ANNUAL IHNA BANQUET AND GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 28 and Monday,
September 29 are dates for your fall
calendar. Come and help us
celebrate 5 successful years of
assistance to Athens Area homeless
families, more than 70 families to
date. IHNA depends on these two
events for over 10% of its annual
budget of approximately \$100,000.

On Sunday evening at 6:00 at First
Baptist Church we invite you to
dinner, guest speakers from the
Augusta IHN program, and a silent
auction. Tickets for this event are
\$25 and may be purchased from the
Day Center or from your church's
IHNA coordinator. Monday, Sept.
29 is the 5th annual IHNA Golf
Tournament to be played at the
Athens Country Club. Information
and signups for this event are
available through the Day Center
(706-425-1881) or by calling Bill
Hopper at 706-316-9872.

Participation in these events in not
limited to the IHNA churches, so
invite friends to come and share in
one or both of these very meaningful
events.

Sunday Servants August 24, 2008

Deacon of the Week:
Gail Williamson
Deacon Minister-on-Call:

Janett Gibbs

Acolyte:

Lauren Black

Worship Preparation:

Julie Graham

Audio:

Fred Sloan

Greeters:

Donna McEwan, Ila Crenshaw

Door Opener/Closer:

Bill Braselton

Ushers:

Ken McLeskey, Doug McFarland,

Davin Welter, Bill Jones

Nursery Coordinator

Sarah Stark

Nursery during Sunday School:

0-1 yr olds

Susan Bolen, Mary Conley

2-3 yr olds

Julie Graham, Glada Horvat

Nursery during Worship:

0-1 yr olds

Mary Boswell, Maricia Parker

2-3 yr olds

Becky Akin, Lynn Mathis,

Gail Williamson

Gathering Room Prep:

Bill & Anne Jones

Youth Meal Provider:

White Family

STAFF AWAY

David Currie will be on vacation from
August 21 through September 4.

Our Prayer Concerns

*If you know of any changes that need to be
made to the Prayer List, please contact the
church office.*

Chandler Griffin

Pierce Eredia (Nephew of Hank &
Janet Faglie)

Ruth Stowe (Mother of Anne Jones)
Maude Manuel (Grandmother of Ken
McLeskey)

Norris Mullis

David Heard (Nephew of Roland
Heard)

Ui Sun Chong (Mother of Erin
Hudson)

Elkins Family

Judy Seitz (Aunt of David Dismuke)

Jim Fortson

Dylan Tuck (nephew of Amy Shorner)
Deleon Terrell (friend of Gail
Williamson)

Jennie Banks (sister of Laura Lewis)

Lonnie DiCarlo (friend of Laura
Lewis)

John & Wilma Bolen (parents of
Edward Bolen)

Diane Collier (daughter of Hester
Fechtel)

Jennifer Gonyea

Sarah Manning (Bob White's
grandmother)

Rawdon Akins (Lynn Mathis' father)

George Boatwright (brother of Gene
Langdale)

Grover Coleman (uncle of Barry
Coleman)

Recovering at Home:

Margaret Rodgers

Dogwood Forest:

Estelle Farmer

Silverleaf

Camilla Barge

SABBATH RETREAT PARTICIPANTS

Our Make-up Date for our Retreat
follow-up will be on Sunday,
September 14. Please let Amy know
if you are able to attend.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Children are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3)

On Sunday, September 14, we will celebrate the gift of our children. Children and families are invited to a breakfast party at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall. Many of our children will lead in worship at our 11:00 service. Jennifer will be contacting children about different opportunities to lead in worship that day. If your child has expressed an interest in leading in worship through music, prayer, reading, or other expressions of worship, please let Jennifer know.

MIDWEEK @ MILLEDGE FOR CHILDREN

Our Wednesday night activities for fall have begun! Join us for dinner at 5:15 and then a variety of activities...

6:00 – 6:30 Children Choir (grades 2-5)

Club K1 (grades K-1)

Jesus Loves Me! Bible Story time (preschool)

6:30 – 7:15 K-5 Girls: Women of the Bible Crafts & Stories

K-5 Boys: Bold Bible Kids

Mission Friends (preschool)

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

September 19-20

Come escape for a night of camping, a day on the Broad River and some time away to talk about faith and the environment. We will leave at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and return after dinner on Saturday. See Amy for details.

All Youth who wish to help with the Block Party (Set Up, Games or food), please contact Amy so that we can be prepared to give jobs out to adults. Ice cream, hot dogs, and lots of other fun goodies provided to you as well as our neighborhood guests.

Calling all Church Members

Are you looking for a way to get to know others in church? Are you interested in meeting people outside of class, but feel like you have a busy schedule? We are looking to start an After Church Lunch Group just for fellowship. Every fourth Sunday, beginning in September, we will pick a different restaurant and go out to lunch together. The restaurant will always be a family friendly environment. Stay tuned for more information.