Sunday Jan. 29, 2006



Judy Lassetter, front, leads in the groundbreaking ceremonies at Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church.

# Cokes Chapel holds groundbreaking

In its 173rd year of existence, Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church near Sharpsburg recently broke ground for an educational/daycare center.

Since its beginning in 1833, Cokes Chapel built the current sanctuary in 1850, and then added Sunday School rooms, a portico and steeple, a community fellowship building and a parsonage.

The multi-use educational building will provide a full time Christian based childcare center as well as an after school program for the community. The building will also be used for Sunday School and children's worship on Sundays. Cokes Chapel also sponsors two Cub Scout packs and as well as a Boy Scout troop and a large Girl Scout troop.

The first members to break ground were the 'oldest' one on the roll, with Judy Lassetter standing in for her husband, Junior Lassetter. He joined Cokes Chapel in 1933.

Also taking part was the church's newest member, Diane Delany from Peachtree City, who joined on Jan. 22. Youth, Scouts and children also helped break ground.

that shall be a house of education and outreach of this people of God and a place devoted to the ministry of almighty God and to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

That our church and our community may meet here where children shall learn to love God and grow in grace and goodness, and in favor with God and all people, we break this ground today.

That our church and our community may meet here where youth shall be inspired to pray and serve, we break this ground today.

That our church and our community may meet here where the weary and heavy laden shall find inner peace that the world can neither give nor take away, we break this ground today.

That our church and our community may meet here where multitudes shall be refreshed in spirit, relieved from pain, released from bondage, and redeemed from sin, we break this ground today.

That our church and our community may meet here where the grace of God may make our human lives into a Christlike love and our homes places of living witness for that realm where Christ is Lord, we break this ground today.

That our church and our community may meet here from which, by the power of your Holy Spirit, your people are sent forth into this community and all the world as champions of justice and peace to all peoples, we break this ground today.

**Closing Prayer** 

Pastor John Hagen

Lord God, you fill the whole world with your presence, that your name may be hallowed everywhere. Bless us who meet here, on this ground made holy by your worship Consecrate those whose vision and work provide this site. Help us to rejoice in this work just begun and to persevere to its completion, so that this place my resound with your praises and become for us a home where we may together be nurtured in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

# Welcome to Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church

# Ground Breaking Ceremony



# January 29, 2006

Welcome Opening Prayer Greeting

Burt Taylor Larry Carter Pastor John Hagen

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.

Song of Worship

Jennie Todd

To God be the Glory Fanny Crosby

To God be the glory- great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thro' Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory- great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us; great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus, the Son, But purer and higher and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Psalm 118:1-4, 19-25, 28-29

Congregation

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, His steadfast love endures forever

Let the house of Aaron say, His steadfast love endures forever!

Let those who fear the Lord say,
His steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Song of Praise

Congregation

**Holy Ground** 

We are standing on holy ground, And I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now; We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:24-27

# **Breaking of Ground**

To the glory of God, in the presence of this congregation,
I now direct that ground be broken
for the educational ministry and mission of
Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church
The responsibility and the privilege rest upon us
to cause a building to rise here

#### Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church 2006

January--On the first Sunday, Pastor John had a Covenant Service, first led by John Wesley

200 years ago. It was very meaningful.

On the second Sunday, Pastor John, in the Children's Service, played a pirate, eye patch, etc. He showed his treasures, coins, jewels, etc. Next week, he will tell about the treasures of Jesus.

Cokes Chapel is the Featured Church of the Week on the General Board of Discipleship. Worship-Preaching-Music Web Site.

Harrison Luke Stewart, son of Matt and Stephanie Bridges Stewart was baptized.

On the 3rd Sunday, Ella Michelle Nelson, daughter of Brian and Kelly Snyder Nelson, was baptized. Pastor John, as Pirate Captain John, gave a piggy bank to the children. The 2nd clue is the Treasure Hunt. Take inventory of your treasures to find your heart. The first clue, last week, was a mirror. Look inside yourself and discover your life's desires.

Teams are being formed for several activities during Construction. Vivian Snyder is Prayer Team Leader, Jerri Statham is Hospitality Team Leader, and Sharissa Greer, Appreciation Team Leader.

On Tuesday, the 17th, "Building God's Way" people met with our Building Committee all

day. They had Contractors there.

On Jan. 29, the Official Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Educational Ministries Building is held. It was so exciting with prayer, scripture, hymns and gold painted shovels placed into the earth held by Seniors, Youth, Children, Young and older middle aged. All participated.

On the 4th Sunday"Pirate Captain John" passed party hats out to the children with noise makers for a party like God has in Heaven, every time some new soul accepts Jesus as Savior and Lord He had a cake for Children's Church.

Clue 3 on the Treasure Map-a Party Hat-Listen carefully to God's Word to find the way to Joyful Living.

Our first new members in 2006-Dianne Delaney, children--Eddie and Kayla.. Lori Reber, Richard and Nancy Vermilea, who moved their letters from Bonford, Mass.

Clue 4 on the treasure map-skull & Crossbones..Analyze the risks to uncover your fears.

Our brloved Dan Boswell died 1-31-06

Extra Giving for January--Building Fund-\$6,676.17---Eubanks Mission-\$100.00 Welcome House-\$100.00---Rogers Family-\$1,041.00 Luthersville Sr. Center-\$138.00

<u>February</u>--During this month,the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Coweta County will participate in "Scouting for food". This undertaking is the collection of canned goods to replenish the Food Pantry of the Salvation Army of Coweta County.

Feb. 5th, we had a Committment Service.

Feb.12, we had Boy Scout Sunday. Boy Scout Troop-2193, Cub Troops-2193 &2293.

Feb.18- Boy Scout Pinewood Derby at Willis Elementary School.

Relations with "Building God's Way" severed.

Our pianist, Martha Clarke, age 74, won 3rd place in the Sr. Idol Competition, sponsored by Fayette County Senior Services. She played an upbeat jazz piano piece.

The Rogers Family, Terry & Jennifer, children- Mia & Amanda joined our church family. Extra Giving for February-- Building Fund-\$13,549.00---Souper Bowl-\$224.13 Children's Home-\$511.22---Youth Trip-\$391.00

Luthersville Sr. Center-\$358.00

# Ground Breaking Ceremony Jan. 28, 2006



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March-World Day of Prayer-Friday, March 2

On Ash Wednesday, we had two Ecumenical Services with St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. The collection,\$670.88 went to Welcome House.

March 5- Rev. Gary Parish delivered the sermon "Searching the Heart".

March 12- Girl Scout Sunday- Focus on Servanthood.

March 19- Rev. Jeff Patton, a Local Church Consultant with Terry Tekyl's Renewal

Ministries led a Lenten Prayer Seminar, Creating a Dynamic Prayer Life.

March 21- Coweta County Commissioners plan to vote on Impact Fees. They plan to include churches in this. Tax the Churches. Cokes Chapel plans to join other churches and go to the meeting, to protest such a move. The Commissioners did not include churches or charity organizations in the Impact Fee. PRAISE THE LORD!!!!

The Building Committee has found a Local Contractor that will build our Educational

Building for our price. Again.....PRAISE THE LORD!!!!!

Long time member, George Lassetter, Jr., who joined the church in 1933, died on Mar. 22.

Teca Spake and her father, Charles Singleton, joined the church. Ronnie Vineyard, a long time member, died March 26.

Extra Giving for March-Building Fund-\$5705.00--Union Mission-\$150.00

One Great Hour of Sharing-\$170.00---Luthersville Sr. Center-\$180.00

April-On April 1, The United Methodist Men had their Annual Yard Sale. They made \$1,000. On Palm Sunday, the Jr. Choir joined the Adult Choir in the Call to Worship, "The Antiphonal Hosanna". The Glory of Jesus filled the Sanctuary. Then, The Adult Choir sang a beautiful cantata.

The Church was open at noon during Holy Week for prayer and communion. On Maundy Thursday, we had a Communion Service with special music by the trio, Brenda Hanes, Ann Navin, and Velda Graydon.

The Good Friday service was unique."St. Peter" visited and told his story. Susan Todd

sang"Via Dolorosa'. It was beautiful.

The church was beautifully decorated for Easter.After the Sunrise Service, wwe had a Confirmation Service. Brent Wray,R.V. Beam,Eddy Delaney and Kayla Kimbrow were confirmed. Kayla was baptized. We had a big crowd at both services. A covered dish dinner followed with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

It rained on Saturday in the Barbecue weekend, but we netted \$3266.00. On the 5th Sunday, the UMW were in charge of both services. Jennie Todd preached. The Choir sang a beautiful anthem, 'You Are Good". It was very spirited. Martha Clarke resigned as Pianist, due to her eye disease.

Al and Lillie Warren joined the church.

Extra Giving for April- Building Fund-\$6367.77—Welcome House-\$40.00 Needy Family- \$30.00—Children's Home- \$20.00 Luthersville Sr. Center- \$302.00



# Ash Wednesday services held at Cokes

Ashes, the universal sign of penitence, were distributed on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, a time of fasting, almsgiving and penance in preparation for Easter. John Hagen, pastor of Cokes Chapel United Sharpsburg. For several years, the two congregations have gathered at Cokes Chapel for an ecumenical Ash Wednesday church to capacity.

May-On 1st Sunday, the Prayer team passed out Families of the Church to be prayed for. They want every family that attends Cokes Chapel to be prayed for this whole month. The UMW sponsored Mother- Daughter Tea honoring all ladies.

Mothers honored on Mothers Day

Seniors went to a Braves Baseball Game. We Had a ball..

On May 24, the UMW had their annual Hamburger Supper to supply funds for their Missions.

Extra Giving- Building Fund-\$3291.95---Needy Family-\$30.00
East Coweta Kids-\$179.00---Welcome House-\$20.0
Luthersville Sr. Center-\$211.00

June- June 4 is Pentecost Sunday- We had a glorious service, followed by Church Conference with District Superintendant. Hopefully, work will start in 2 weeks for our multi-use building.

UMM worked at Parsonage, evaluating repairs to make after Katrina refugee family moved. The family moved in after hurricane hit Gulf Coast in August, 2005. We did a lot to help them, but they left the Parsonage with much work to do . Complete painting, new carpet, furniture, and structural repairs.

Vacation Bible School was held June 5-9,45 students. They collected \$237.08 for United Methodist Children's Home. The children sang the following Sunday for Church

Service. They were very good.

Fathers were honored on Fathers Day. Beth Todd McCoy sang.

A plea went out to the church body for help for a needy family connected to the church. Money was handed to Larry&Debbie Carter and they counted it when they got home. It was \$800.00. The next week, when they took the money to the needy mother- At first she said-"no-no charity". Then, they told her it was\$800.00—She broke down-relented- and told them- the week before, she admitted to God--She needed \$800.00 and had no idea where she'd get it. Miracle--God sent the amount she needed. PRAISE THE LORD!!!!

A Newcomer Tea was held June25. Nancy Lenard was in charge.

The last week in June, our Scouts attended Day Camp. 300 Scouts attended. Extra Giving for June-Building Fund--\$4009.62- Welcome House-\$20.00 Luthersville Sr. Center- \$400.00

July- The choir presented" I Love America" on July 2, directed by Jennie Todd. The soloists were Susan Todd, Velda Graydon, Cathy Snyder, Chad Beard Harvey Armstrong. Lib Todd was the Narrator. It was first sung in 1976at Cokes Chapel, directed by Beth Todd McCoy. Susan & Jennie Todd sang in 1976 and 2006.. A cookout followed. James and Lara McCarthy joined the church, their sons, Sean and Cormac. The bank agreed to the loan for our new building, so building will start soon, hopefully. Extra Giving for July- Building Fund- \$5135.40 Eubanks Mission- \$356.02 Luthersville Sr. Center-\$368.50 Welcome House- \$20.00

#### RELIGION



## Cokes Chapel seniors visit Warm Springs

The Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church Seniors go on monthly outings. Sometimes the trips are local, but day trips to interesting places are also enjoyed. So far in 2006, they have visited the Atlanta Aquarium, the Little White House in Warm Springs and Wild Animal Safari. A Braves game is on the group's itinerary. Enjoying the Warm Springs trip are, from left, front, Betty Heffel, Rita and Tommy Godwin, Judy Lassetter, Judy Roberts, Nan Watson, Louise Boswell, Patricia Archer; back. Bert Lyons.

## Patriotic musical set for July 2 at Cokes

"I Love America" will be presented by the Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church Choir on July 2.

The patriotic musical will be

presented at the historic church near Sharpsburg at 5 p.m. Jennie Todd will be direct-

ing the choir.

Soloists will be Susan Todd, Velda Graydon, Cathy Snyder, Chad Beard and Harvey Arrmstrong. Lib Todd will narrate the program.

The first time the Cokes Chapel Choir sang "I Love America" was in 1976 for the 200th birthday of the United States. All but two of the singers are new, but the message is still the same: "We love America, and America needs

One of the songs is "It's Time To Pray."

### Cokes VBS participants help other children

Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church near Sharpsburg held its Vacation Bible School from June 5-9. VBS offered an exciting week for 46 children with 25 volunteers, led by Brenda Hagen. Participants were "treasure seekers" who sought Jesus and the Word of God. The offering received at VBS each day totaled \$237.08. The offering went to the Methodist Children's Home.

The children also brought school supplies and filled a large wheelbarrow. Those items were taken to the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church in Athens by John Hagen. The supplies will help children in disaster areas.

On the evening of June 9, the Cokes Chapel Brownie Troop held a wiener roast for the VBS treasure seekers and their parents.

August- On the 17th, the Seniors Day Trip was the Cyclorama and Civil War Museum.

It was greatly enjoyed.

Children's Choir Practice resumed the 16th.—Ad Council met the 19th. God and Country Series starts the 20th, the first of the series is God and Me for grades

Extra Giving for August- Building Fund-4099.02- Needy Family Fund-\$30.00 Martha Clarke Love Offering-\$321.00 Luthersville Sr. Center-\$274.00 —Sound System- \$1000.00

September- 3rd- Chris Johnson started as Instrumental Musician. He plays many instruments.

On the 5th, The trees are Coming Down..Finally,construction on our building is ready to

On the 6th, Children's Ministry had a Hamburger Supper. They made \$608.71 Joining the church-Marie Allen, Harold & Cindy Allen, Wilfred & Sandra McDaniel ,the 10th The Bring Your Bible Class is starting a new study, Parenting with Purpose & Grace. Joshua Peeler from our Scout Troop 2193 is now an Eagle Scout. He is the son of Al &

We had a beautiful weekend for our Barbecue. Profit-\$4115.00 for Building Fund. On 3rd Sunday, Pastor John started a 4-Sunday Series. "Building the Church. Extra Giving for September—Building Fund-\$3928.77— Needy Family- \$30.00

Luthersville Sr. Center-\$168.65---Welcome House-\$20.00 Methodist Children's Home-\$60.00

October- "God in Me" medallions given to Boy & Girl Scouts. Parents received Mentor Pins. "God in Family" starts Oct.1

Christmas Shoe boxes for Samaritan Purse are being filled for "Operation Christmas Child"

Land cleaned off for building. Stakes placed at corners.

Confirmation Class begins the 11th for 6-8 grades. "Name the Child care Center" contest going on this month. There is a prize for the winning name. The Seniors took a day trip to Convers Outlet Mall. They had a good time.

On 2nd Sunday, we built a church, The finale of Building the Church. The Adult and Children's Choirs sang.

Youth had a Car Wash-Made \$320.00 for Building Fund. On the 28th, 17 youth and

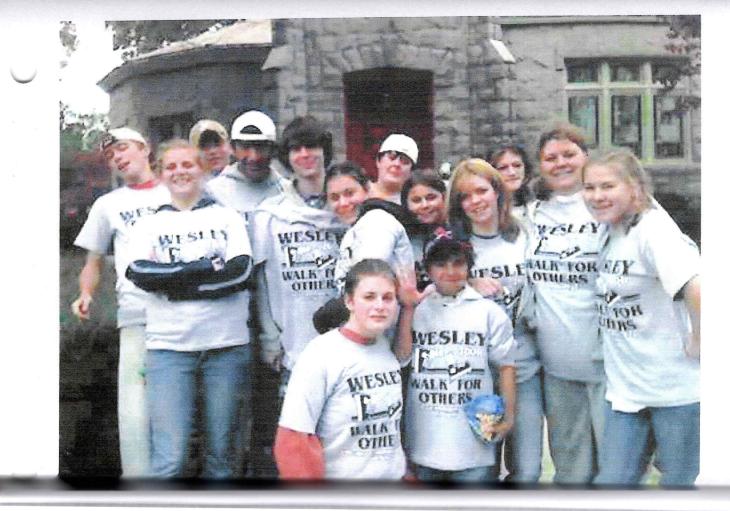
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attended the 24th Annual Wesley Walk for Others. They walked 5 miles around Stone

Chris and Shannon Luppens, children Lauryn, Becky, Walker joined the church On 5th Sunday, Pastor John started 4 weeks series "Imagine"-"God's Plan For This World"

Extra Giving for October-Building Fund-\$5007.07-- Atlanta Union Mission-\$193.00 Luthersville Sr. Center- \$204.00-Needy Family-\$630.00 United Methodist Children's Home-\$390.00-Welcome House-\$20.00

November-First Sunday-Pastor John's 2nd Sermon in Imagine Series-"The Body Of Christ" It is the church. 2nd Sunday-3rd Sermon-"Living on a Higher Plane". Nov.14.the annual Charge Conference was held at Mt. Olive U.M.Church on Poplar Road. 6 churches participated. Cokes Chapel, Cornerstone, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Olive, Peachtree City and Turin On the 16th, the Seniors had a Thanksgiving Dinner at Sabbath Pond, home of Pastor John and Brenda. Great food and Fellowship. 3rd Sunday-4th sermon "Abundance at Cokes Chapel." Nov.19, childrenthat have completed the study "God and Family" were given medallions and certificates by Pastor John.



Wesley Walk for Others

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RE: Warranty Deed from Mark Smith to Trustees of Cokesberry Chappell Church recorded May 2, 1842 in Deed Book G, Page 134, Office of the Clerk, Coweta County Superior Court.

Warranty Deed from Blair Graydon, Joanne Brown, Jerry Lenox, Larry Huckaby, Larry Smith and Larry Carter, as Trustees of Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church, formerly known as Cokesberry Chappell Church, recorded in Deed Book \_\_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_\_, Office of the Clerk, Coweta County Superior Court.

Plat of property dated 9/11/98 prepared by Don A. Smith for Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church of record in Plat Book 87, Page 33, Office of the Clerk, Coweta County Superior Court.

OWNER: COKES CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

GEORGIA, COWETA COUNTY

Before me, an officer authorized by law to administer oaths personally appeared JOSEPH PENISTON TODD, who being duly sworn under oath, deposes and says:

That he is 86 years of age and has been a member of Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church, Inc. for approximately 70 years. Deponent further says that the plat of Don A. Smith, attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A" and referenced above, accurately depicts the boundary lines of the main Church property that was conveyed by deed from Mark Smith in Deed Book G, Page 134, above-referenced.

Deponent further says that said Church was at one time known as Cokesberry Chappell Church and Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church. Said Church is now known as Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church, Inc.

Deponent further says that he personally attended Church functions, including Sunday School and Worship Services during his years of membership as set out above, along with other members of the congregation.

Deponent further says that possession of the Church and property on which it is located was evidenced by the Church's physical building on the property, by the maintenance of the land around the Church, by the maintenance of the Church property, maintenance of the Church cemetery on said property and by other acts incidental to ownership of property.

Deponent further states that the Church property was acquired in the middle 1800's and that a Church was built on said property shortly thereafter.

Deponent further states the possession of said Church and the land on which it is situated has always been open, notorious and public in such as to attract the attention of all persons whatsoever.

Deponent further says that as stated above, the property has been continuously used by Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church, formerly known as Cokesberry Chappell Church for a period of well over 70 years as evidenced by Worship Services and other meetings held at said Church and by acts generally carried on by Churches, as well as the maintenance of said property, maintenance of the Church cemetery on said property and other acts generally incidental to the ownership of property.

That to Deponent's knowledge, no other person or persons during the above stated period set out above have occupied or claimed any part of said property adversely to said Church or its predecessors in title.

This affidavit is made with the understanding that it will be relied upon by Purchasers or Lenders dealing with Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church, Inc., by attorney's certifying title to said property and by title insurance companies insuring title to said property.

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This 25 day of October	, 2006.	
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	JOSEPH PENISTON TODD	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this		
day of, 2006.		
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Notary Public, State of Georgia		

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ON Nov 21, the UMW hosted a covered dish dinner. They revealed 2006 Secret sisters. FOUNDATION OF NEW BUILDING POURED. Extra Giving for November-Building Fund- \$3935.15 Needy Family- \$30.00 Welcome House- \$20.00 Wesley Walk-\$80.00 Luthersville Sr. Center- \$179.05 U.M.Children's Home- \$20.00 Thanksgiving Baskets- \$50.00

December-

1 Chrismon Tree decorated. Advent Candles set up.

2 First Sunday in Advent. Greening of the Church- a large group came and helped decorate

the church. Afterwards, they enjoyed a Chili Dinner.

7 Seniors had dinner at Spaghetti Factory, then, rode through Life University campus in Marietta to see the beautiful lights. Brenda Hagen rented a 15 passenger van so we could ride together. We enjoyed everything, but most of all, the Christian Fellowship. 8 The Seniors S.S.class had a Christmas party at Al & Kathryn Sealy's. 45 Christmas

Shoe boxes are sent to Samaritan's Purse. 8 volunteers from Cokes Chapel helped pack

10, our Choir presented "Jesus, no other name". It was a beautiful message of Jesuswell-done, by the 15 member choir, directed by Jennie Todd. Harvey Armstrong was Narrator Afterwards, a Christmas Party was held for the children with Santa Claus. 17 On 3rd Sunday, 3 children were baptized. Jessi Kosen,daughter of Chris and Teri Kosen, and Emily and Caleb Overstreet, children of Tom and Johanna Overstreet. 23 The choir had their Christmas Party at Pastor John and Brenda's home, and went Caroling, making many Seniors and Shut-ins happy.

An Angel Tree was placed in the Narthex with names of needy children on it. On 3rd Sunday, the Narthex was full of wrapped gifts for these children. Bicycles, clothes, toys,

They will have some happiness on our Lord's Birthday.

24 On Christmas Eve, there was a joint A.M. Service at 10.30. We had a full house. there was a lot of music and scripture. It was glorious. At 6.00 P.M., the children had their own service and at 9.00 P.M., there was a Candlelight Service. It was awesome. 31 We had John Wesley's Covenant Service on New Year's Eve. God keeps His Covenant. I pray that the people of Cokes Chapel will keep the Covenant they made with Him.

In December, the building started going up. When 2007 arrives, we can almost tell what our addition is going to look like. Things are really moving now. WE PRAISE THE LORD. Extra Giving for December-Building Fund- \$9903.20 Welcome House- \$40.00

Needy Family- \$900.00 Missions -\$100.00 < Ga.Power Luthersville Sr. Center-\$326.50

Bill of Needy Family>

Christmas Eve Gifts- \$714.00

## Christmas events held at Cokes Chapel

Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church near Sharpsburg has held several events during the holiday season.

The historic church held its Hanging of the Greens service on the afternoon of Dec. 3. On the afternoon of Dec. 10, the church choir presented "Jesus, No Other Name" with Harvey Armstrong as the narrator.

Santa Claus visited with children after the musical program.

On Christmas Eve, a children's service is scheduled at 6 p.m. A candlelight service will be held at 9 p.m.

#### Year's Record

New Members-Adults-19 Children-9

Confirmations-4

Baptisms-7

Deceased-3

Financial Gifts-

Building Fund \$71,608.12 Welcome House-\$300.00 U.M. Children's Home-\$1021.22 Wesley Walk-\$80.00 Eubanks Mission-\$456.02 Needy Family Fund-\$1780.00 Sound System-\$1000.00 Souper Bowl-\$224.13 Luthersville Sr. Center-\$3109.70 Union Mission-\$343.00 Christmas Eve Gifts-\$714.00 One Great Hour of Sharing-\$170.00

Love Offering-Rogers Family-\$1041.00

Martha Clarke-\$321.00 E. Coweta Kids-\$179.00

Youth Trip- \$391.00

End of 2006