

Cokes Chapel UMC 2007

January

The year starts with much hope, much prayer, and much activity.

The Jubilee Singers still go to Beaulieu Nursing Home every week. This starts our 18th year in Ministry. On the 2nd Sunday in January, Rev Bob Martin filled the pulpit while Pastor John was at "Walk to Emmaus". A total money make over program from Financial Peace University was introduced at Cokes Chapel by Mrs Jama Martin. On January 18th, a covered dish dinner, on Senior Day Out, was held at Sabbath pond, home of Rev John and Brenda Hagen. January 18th through January 25th was Week of Prayer of Christian Unity. January 28th God and Church Bible Study started for grades 6th through 8th. Pastor John preached on "Building Blocks" on the 3rd Sunday. The first block "I believe in God, the Father Almighty" God, our creator. In the beginning (Genesis). On the 4th Sunday, 2nd block "What to do with sin" John 3:16 – Jesus our Savior "I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord".

Extra Giving: Building Fund - \$15,315.89

Eubanks Mission - \$121.00

Lutherville Senior Center - \$314.50

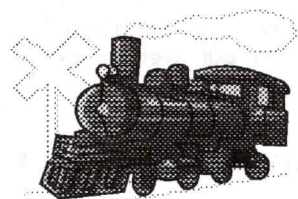
Welcome House - \$121.00

February

During this month, Boy and Cub Scouts of Coweta County participated in "Scouting for Food", Packs 2293 and 2193 of Cokes Chapel was asking members to bring 2 or more cans of food on February 4th to feed the hungry. The Ad Council met on February 3rd. 1st Sunday, Pastor John preached on the 3rd Building Block "the Holy Spirit", who delivers us from the power of sin and gives us power to be Christians. Thursday February 8th, we had our Birthday Lunch Bunch at Spoons Restaurant and played games afterwards. The Childcare Center Board meeting bi-monthly regularly, the center is scheduled to open late spring and within budget. The board is working on policies and procedures. Our fee schedules and policies go online this month. The annual Valentine's Dinner was Saturday night, February 10th, the youth took care of the nursery. The UMM meet every 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, February 11th was the day to collect warm clothes for Atlanta Union Mission. Also it was Boy Scout Sunday, - Pledges of Allegiance to the flag, Scripture, the Brotherhood of Scouting. February 21st was Ash Wednesday an ecumenical service was held in the new Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Lent begins. On February 25th, Rev. Bob Martin preached, it was the first Sunday of Lent. "Do you remember your first love? Rev. 2:4" I have this against you. you have abandoned the love you had at first".

Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church

The Messenger



The Little Church That Could

Lately I've been thinking of Cokes Chapel as the "little church that could". Faith and prayer make it a small but mighty force in this community to do great things. It has reminded me of the children's classic story of the "The Little Engine That Could". As the new building goes up I can almost hear the church - "I pray we can, I pray we can". With excitement, sweat, doubt, hope, and faith - We are headed up that mountain! It took a variety of mechanical parts, fuel and energy, powered by faith to get that little engine over the mountain to deliver toys and good things to eat to the boys and girls on the other side. Cokes Chapel is using a variety of talents and skills, powered by faith to build this building built to serve. Think of all those boys and girls on the other side! But with God as the engine, powering our talents and skills we are not delivering just toys and good things to eat - We are delivering HIM!

In celebration of what God has done and will do through Cokes Chapel:

Cokes Chapel Variety Show

Friday, April 27, 2007

7:00 curtain

Wadsworth Theatre, Downtown Newnan

\$5.00 each seat - to assist in the finishing and furnishing costs of the new building.

Just as the Little Engine used every mechanical part to get over the top of the mountain, God can use every member of Cokes Chapel to finish this building.

Has God given you a talent that could be used? Are you a performer at heart? Don't hide it under a bushel!

Talents are not just on the stage. Could you sell tickets? Help backstage? Talk it up or advertise and get people excited? Have organization or technical skills that could be put in service and celebration?

Every one is welcome to attend one of our brainstorming and planning meetings to make it happen:

The first meeting:

Friday, March 2, 2007

7:00 pm

Helen's Room.



Anyone is welcome at any stage of this journey, so if you cannot make this meeting the future ones will be posted in the bulletin and newsletters.

If you have any questions, or just are excited to help make this happen, please contact Caryn Coyne (770-252-9280) or at Caryn12171@aol.com.

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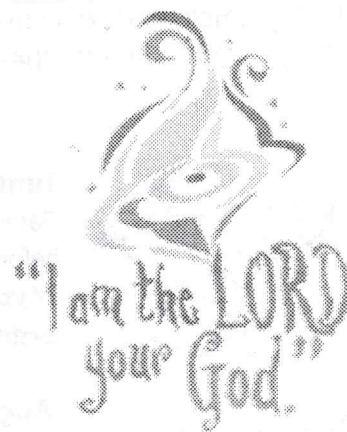
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Pastor John Hagen





Extra Giving: Building Fund - \$3,639.78

 Luthersville Senior Center - \$263.25

 Welcome House - \$141.00

 Cole Family – Needy Family - \$130.00

 Souper Bowl - \$459.04

 Homeless Offering - \$71.00

 Eubanks Mission - \$121.00

March

Girl Scout Troop 207 worked on Forensic Science Badges, “uncovering the evidence”, this month. This month, March 11th was Girl Scout Sunday. They were in charge of the service. March 18th was One Great Hour of Sharing offering Sunday. One Roof, a local faith – based coalition seeking to coordinate ministries to the needy. Cokes Chapel is represented by Earl and Betsy Bagley. Retired minister, Rev Bob Marin and wife Jama, joined our membership on March 18th. 4th Sunday in Lent, Pastor John preached on “Generation Me: the Quest for Self-Esteem.” One March 24th, the Senior group went to see The Passion Play at the Civic Center in Atlanta. On March 25, 5th Sunday of Lent, Pastor John preached on “Generation Me: Climbing the Ladder”. A get together Tea was held for new-comers on Sunday Evening, 25 attended.

Extra Giving: Building Fund - \$4,083.00

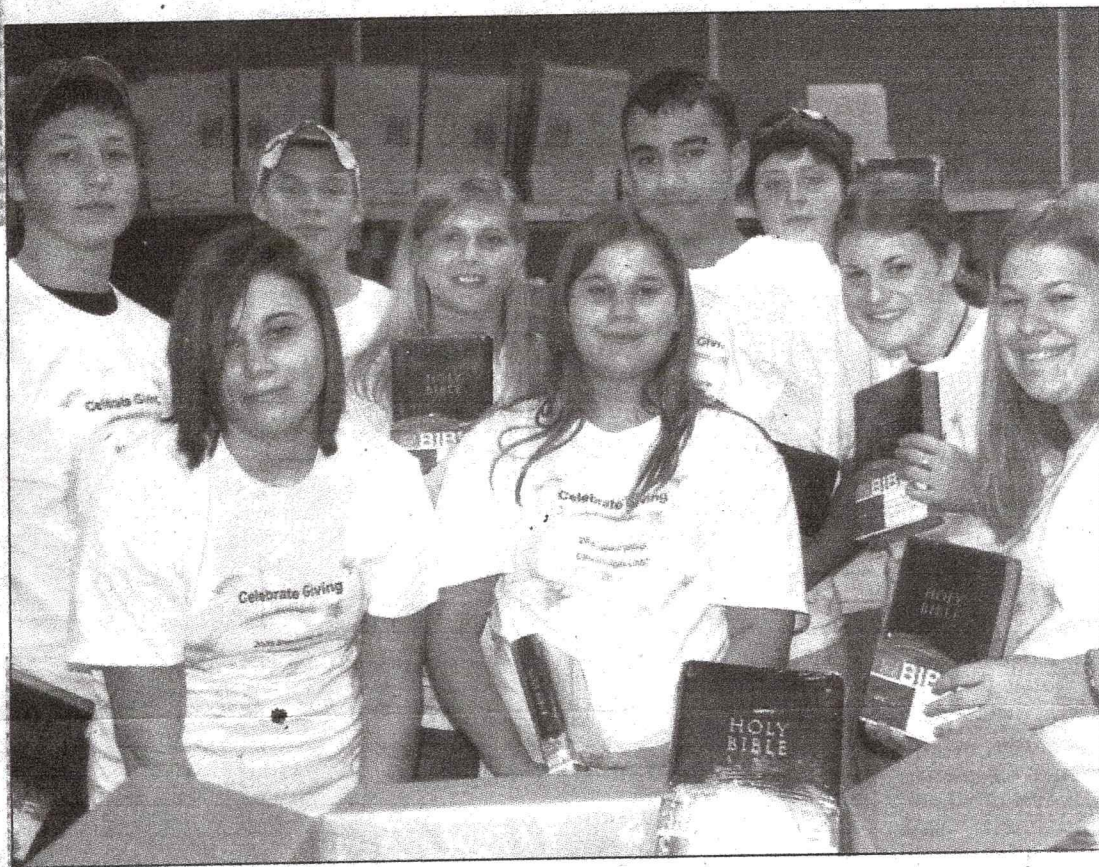
 Luthersville Sr. Center - \$337.50

 Rogers Family – Needy Family - \$550.00

 Welcome House - \$20.00

 Children’s Home - \$40.00

 Millie Kim - \$26.00



Cokes Chapel youth donate Bibles to One Roof. From left are Justin Bermingham, Janina Croft, Cole Bodner, Ashley Taylor, Brianna Croft, Seth Newton, Brent Wray, Lauryn Luppens and Becky Luppens.

Cokes Chapel youth donate Bibles

The youth group from Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church has donated a case of Bibles to the One Roof Food Pantry and Thrift Store in Newnan.

The Cokes Chapel youth spent a few hours helping Mrs. Derenda Rowe package donated bread and helped clean and organize items for the thrift store as a way to "Celebrate

Giving."

Cokes Chapel is in the middle of its yearly stewardship campaign entitled "Celebrate Giving."

April

April 1st, Palm Sunday, both a.m. services joined for the Triumphant Procession into Jerusalem. The choir sang a cantata of Easter Joy, entitled "No More Night" the soloists were Harvey Armstrong, Susan Todd, and Velda Graydon. Directed by Jennie Todd and narrated by Harvey Armstrong. April 5th, Maundy Thursday, there was a Last Supper service with communion. April 6th at 3:00 p.m., a prayer walk around the new childcare center building and at 7:00 p.m. a Good Friday service at the foot of the Cross, notes of sins are placed on the empty cross. Easter, April 8th, a sunrise service, at 6:30 a.m. was held inside the church because of the 22^o temperature Larry Carter, Lay Leader preached. At 7:00 a.m., there was a Confirmation services & Communion. Confirmed Michael Murphy and Brianna Croft, confirmed and baptized were Becky Luppens and Lauren Smolins. There were two a.m. services. Worshippers placed fresh flowers on the empty cross. Pastor John preached on "the Secret of Resurrection Power" and the choir sang "The Power of the Cross" and "I know my Redeemer Lives, Christ is Risen – Alleluia! A Fellowship Dinner followed and an Easter egg hunt. On April 15th, 4 Lay Pastors were dedicated: Burt Taylor, Larry Carter, Chad Beard, Jason Ponzio. Dick Vermilyea gave an Inspirational testimony. Chris and Carmel Johnson joined our membership, they have three children Caedman, Celles, and Cait. Also Kirk Stewart and Julie Williams joined. The Sharpsburg Spring Festival was April 21st and 22nd. Cokes Chapel served Barbeque, they made \$3564.00 for the building fund. Floyd Collins was in charge of this endeavour. On April 22nd, Tom and Johanna Overstreet joined our membership, they have six children, Ansu, Emily, Chetan, Caleb, Ragan, Elena. Walker Luppens, son of Chris and Shannon Luppens, was baptized. April is National School library month. Donations were accepted to build up a library for the Childcare Center. Summer supplies for Murphy Harpst Children's Home are collected. A new "Bible Study" Invitation to the New Testament starts Monday April 23rd with Jerry Lenox. On April 25th, the Sizzling Seniors made a spend the night trip to Mobile, Alabama, 21 made the trip. Mission Committee was starting "Helping Hands for Christ", a new group to help those in emergency situations.

Extra Giving:	Building Fund - \$4,087.00	Youth Program - \$25.00
	Luthersville Sr. Center - \$129.00	Library Books - \$100.00
	Welcome House - \$25.00	Children's Home - \$25.00
	Eubanks Mission - \$30.00	Rogers Family - \$530.00

May

Pastor John and Brenda Hagen are in Hawaii on vacation. Larry Carter gave the sermon on May 6th. The Children sang "the Solid Rock". The book drive is still going on. May 12th was the UMM yard Sale, they made \$300. On May 13th, Hunter Scott Adams, son of Scott and Christie Adams, was baptized. Mother's Day the UMM gave all mothers a plant. Chad Beard gave an inspiring testimony at the 11:00 a.m. service. One May 19th the UMW sponsored the Mother-Daughter Tea, 40 attended. "The Wings", a duet, entertained, very inspirational. May 20th was UMW Sunday, good crowd, good program, excellent music- Beth Todd McCoy sang "His eyes Is on the Sparrow" – Dee Croft, Jennie Todd, and Lib Todd did a skit, "The Lord's Prayer". May 23rd, Wednesday Night Supper was sponsored by the UMW 132 tickets were sold, made \$630.00. On May 27th, Jay and Linda Byrd joined our Church family.

Extra Giving:	Building Fund - \$4087.00	Children's Home - \$50.00
	Luthersville Sr. Center – 379.50	Needy Family - \$30.00
	Youth Program - \$100.00	Welcome House - \$50.00
	Children's Program - \$100.00	Mission Program - \$100.00
	FPU Scholarship - \$180.00	

June

June is "Families Praying for Families" month. Book drive is still going on. Pastor John's sermon, first Sunday, was named "Receive the Holy Spirit". Susan Todd sang "How Beautiful". Jim McCarthy gave his testimony. On June 6th, the Seniors went to a Braves game, they had lunch in Atlanta. June 17th was Father's Day. All fathers were honoured and given a gift by the UMW. The childcare center is almost finished. Landscaping is being done now. Building is finished and pavement finished.

Extra Giving:	Building Fund - \$8,178.00	Welcome House - \$25.00
	Needy Family - \$30.00	Summer Games - \$2805.00
	Luthersville Sr Center - \$328.50	Walk to Emmaus - \$100.00

Child Care Center seeks to accommodate local growth

This fall, the members at Coke's Chapel UMC in Sharpsburg near Newnan will open the doors of its brand new state of the art Child Care Center. The center will have all the bells and whistles of a corporate operation, but with the addition of a faith-based curriculum, according to Melanie Reeves, the associate director.

"The vision is for this to be an outreach to the community," she said. "We are here to reach the unchurched, and there is a really big need for child care in the area. ...we see this as a bridge to bring people in," she said.

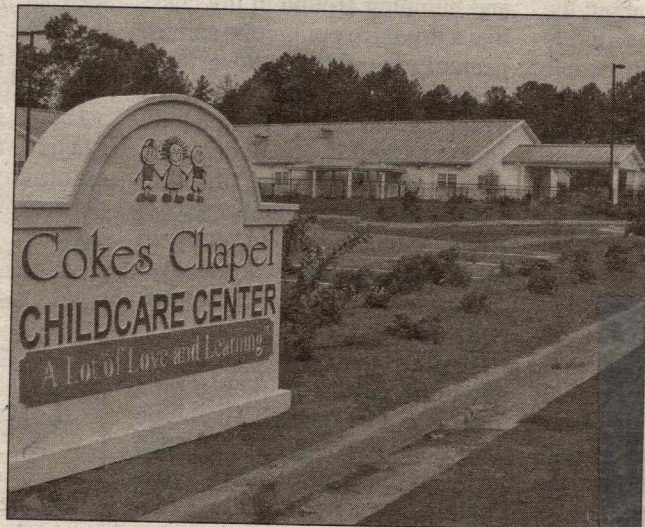
In late September, the center was awaiting its final approval by the state before it could officially open; full capacity will be 144 children. At press time, said Reeves, 21 children were enrolled and there had been 50 inquiries. Like many corporate centers, the one at Coke's Chapel will be open from 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and accept children ages six weeks to 12 years. The after school program is set to offer enrichment classes such as karate and gymnastics.

"The thing that sets us apart is our curriculum, which is faith-based," said Reeves. "We'll have prayers, Bible stories and focus on character building," she said.

The new building that houses the center has security cameras and key cards for access. Although it was built for the day care center, it can also accommodate multiple uses, such as Wednesday night family suppers.

"We are planning to offer a safe environment full of Christian love for all children," she said, adding that her own children will be attending the center, where there will be Chapel times and possibly family counseling help available, as Reeves is a deacon in the United Methodist Church and her husband, William, is Associate Pastor at Newnan First UMC.

She got acquainted with Coke's Chapel this past summer when she brought her children to Bible school. "I was just so impressed by the spirit here," that she ended up working



at the center in July. "As a deacon, I have one foot in the church and one foot in the world, so this is a great place for me," she said.

Reeves said the area where the church is located is booming with new business and residential development. Lots of traffic flows by the church, which is sure to attract interest in the brightly colored Child Care Center sign. "Our mission behind this center is reaching the community," said Reeves.

The church's pastor, the Rev. John Hagen, said the church began thinking about the possibility of a child care center some five years ago. Even though building the \$1.5 million center was a stretch for the 250-member church, he said, "We felt like God's called us to it."

He predicts that the center will help reach the "unchurched." "Our focus is finding people who don't know the Lord," he said. Plans are also in the works for possible parenting classes and other outreaches.

July

CHURCH FAMILY worked all of the first weekend – planting scrubs – flowers – preparing ground for sod – cleaning the building for inspection. God has given His approval. With the terrible drought we are in, God has sent rain Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Praise the Lord! The quartet, Chad Beard, Ann Navin, Velda Graydon, Brenda Hanes, sang on 2nd Sunday – Beautiful... The sod will be here early Wednesday (July 11th). Several church members will be here to lay it down. One July 15th, Chad Beard preached, his first sermon at Cokes Chapel, Harvey Armstrong sang. Vacation Bible School, July 16-20 is “Holyland Adventures” Galilee By The Sea” Approximately 40 Adults and 50 Children enrolled. Children wore costumes Leaders wore costumes, they all had a wonderful time “in Jesus”. The following Sunday, the children sang and danced for the church service. Vacation Bible School initiated the new building. July 26th, the seniors went to Exploration Antiquity Center in LaGrange, GA, an exciting trip into Biblical Times, 12 attended. At the Childcare Center, Landscaping is finished, outside painting is in process. Playground equipment will be installed soon. Furniture and equipment is arriving daily, the buses are ready to be picked up. We have a Director and Associate Director already hired. The end is drawing near. A small concrete cross was found covered with dirt, on the Center site. It stood for many years, in front of the church, before the road was paved. After Pastor John reconstructed the base of the cross, it will be placed in Honor somewhere in the church yard.

Extra Giving:	Building Fund - \$6,994.00	Eubanks Mission - \$255.00
	Luthersville Sr. Center - \$313.00	Needy Family - \$30.00
	Welcome House - \$25.00	VBS donation - \$300.00
	Children Home - \$25.00	Walk to Emmaus - \$25.00

August

Only one permit left. The State agreement of the Childcare Center. The licensing process continues. On August 4th, the Seniors left the church at 12:45 p.m., and ~~went and~~ ate lunch at Christopher's restaurant in Peachtree City and then went to the Legacy Theatre in Tyrone, to see “High School Musical”, 12 attended. On August 8th, the UMW sponsored a Spaghetti Supper. We used our new Community Hall in the new center, for the first time, Very exciting. We made \$447.97, the children enjoyed the playground. On August 9th, the lunch bunch went to the Green Manor in Union City for lunch, 17 ladies attended. Jason Ponzio is starting a Men's Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoon, starting August 12th. Disciple

I and II Bible studies starting in 2007. Short term Disciple Studies starting in September. Sunday night Bible Study with Pastor John is starting September 9th. Financial Peace University is coming August 26th to hold a seminar for 13 weeks. Five new Girl Scout Troops will be added in September. Cokes Chapel will support all five levels of Girl Scouts. The signs in front of the Childcare Center and the Church have been erected.

Extra Giving: Building Fund - \$64,225.00

 Luthersville Sr. Center - \$313.00

 Needy Family - \$30.00

September

On September 1st, the American Flag was raised on its flag pole by Col. David Adamson and Scouts in front of Childcare Center. There was scripture, Patriotic reading and music. Scouts assisted Rev. John Hagen and Cubmaster Jim McCarthy very inspiring – answer to prayer, had good attendance, the flag is donated by Col. Adamson and his family. State has yet to give approval. The center's two vans are so nice. On the first Sunday, Patricia Martin joined our membership. On September 3rd, Labor day the Seniors attended a Braves baseball game, 7 attended. On September 8th, Saturday evening begins a weekly service. Chris Johnson is in charge and Pastor John will preach, this is a Mission Outreach to those outside the church, an Ancient-Future Worship, named the Well. On 2nd Sunday, Sept. 9th, Rachel Bodner and her two children, Cole and Olivia, joined our membership. At 6:00 p.m., Bible Study, led by Pastor John, began. Tommy Godwin supplied the music – no sign up, just an informal meeting to Praise the Lord and learn from God's Word. A second Children's Choir, led by Cathy Snyder started on Wednesday the 12th, ages 4 through 3rd grade. Jennie Todd will lead the 4-8 grades. The Sharpsburg Fall Festival is September 15th & 16th Cokes Chapel will serve Barbecue. This is a bi-annual money maker for us and also, it is a ministry, we made \$3224.35. On Sunday, the 16th, Betty Head joined our membership. On Sunday, the 23rd, we had a special offering for United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, GA ~~collections~~. On Sunday, Sept. 30th, we had a Luncheon and Consecration Service of Childcare Center with Open House. Public invited at 3:00 p.m. We honoured Pastor John, Pat Hopkins, Building Committee, Child Care Center Board, Director, and Assistant Director with Tour of Building.

Cokes Chapel UMC dedicates flagpole



Helping to raise Old Glory for the first time at Cokes Chapel are, from left, Scouts Thomas Williams, Sean McCarthy and Aaron Ponzio and Lt. Col. David Adamson.

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One of Coweta County's oldest congregations has something brand new — a flagpole from which the stars-and-stripes proudly fly.

The flagpole at Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church near Sharpsburg was dedicated with pomp and ceremony on the morning of Sept. 1. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts all took part in the program, which was held out-

doors in front of the church.

Scouts solemnly unfolded the flag and then lifted the banner aloft on the new pole — under the watchful eye of Lt. Col. David Adamson.

Adamson also was the guest speaker for the ceremony. He wore his fatigues as he stood proudly and offered words of insight.

Adamson was also honored for his service to the United States during the program.

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Lt. Col. David Adamson bring inspirational words during the flagpole dedication program.

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included a prayer by John Hagen, who has been pastor at Cokes Chapel for several years. Hagen blessed the day and reminded those present that "duty to God" should always be "in our hearts and in our actions," McCarthy said. The flagpole is just outside the church's newest facility, a daycare center. Cokes Chapel was organized in 1833. The current building,

which replaced a log cabin, was built in 1850. A fellowship building was constructed in 1949, and a Sunday School annex dates to 1954.

The cemetery adjacent to the church is the last burial place of George Smith, a veteran of the War of 1812, as well as several relatives of William Thomas Overby, who has been called "the Nathan Hale of the Confederacy."



their discipline and expertise as they unfold the flag. From left are Ben McCarthy, Thomas Williams and Aaron Ponzio.



John Hagen, pastor of Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church, offers a prayer at the flagpole dedication ceremony. Flanking him are Cubmaster David Adamson and Eagle Scout Jim McCarthy.

Church activities

ACTIVITIES

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- Church Women's Day Banquet, parish hall, First United Methodist Church, Newnan, Nov. 10, 5 p.m. Tickets, \$15 men/women; \$7 children 12 and under. Tickets, Prescilla Person, 404-372-5862; Janice Dickerson, 770-253-4860; Donna Freeland, 770-969-7886.
- Mary Dave, Women's Day, Mt. Vernon First Baptist Church, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.
- Ginny Luedeman, "Prayer, Healing, and You," Christian Science lecture, Country Inn and Suites by Carlson, Nov. 11, 2:30 p.m. Sponsor — First Church of Christ Scientist Fayetteville

- Nov. 11, 8:30/10:45 a.m. International Day for the Persecuted Zion Baptist Church, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.
- Consecration David Epps as bishop International Charismatic Episcopal Church Our Shepherd Church, Peachtree 7 p.m.
- Non-profits presentation Network Meeting First United Methodist Church, Nov. 13, 7 p.m. Habitat for Humanity CAFE, Coweta Fd Salvation Army, Coweta Fd — 770-253-7400 www.newnanfund.org select "Job Network Resources."

Extra Giving: Building Fund - \$21,236.05

Luthersville Sr. Center - \$25.00

One Roof - \$65.00

Needy Family - \$30.00

Communion Offering - \$255.95

October

The UMM held a Barbecue Chicken Dinner in the Fellowship Hall using the restored Barbecue Pit, the money went to their missions. They cleared \$800.00. the prayer team introduced FRAN Prayer Program. Friends-Relatives-Acquaintances-Neighbors-named the person-those that need to meet the Lord. October – Prayers for the unsaved and unchurched. November – Prayers and meet face to face-December-bring to church. On October 27th, the 25th Annual “Wesley Walk For Others” was held. For 105 years, Wesley Community Center have been helping meet the needs of the poor in Atlanta. The Youth who walked from Cokes Chapel were: Brent Wray, Cole Bodner, Ashley Taylor, Janina Croft, they collected \$320.00. On October 28th, All Saints Sunday, we had a Memorial Service for all the Saints who have gone to be with the Lord- the latest two are Pete and Ruth Kobar who died a week apart in October. That night 20 new people attended a Get-Acquainted Tea hosted by the Welcome Committee, chaired by Nancy Lenard.

Extra Giving: Building Fund-\$4,485.91

Eubanks Mission- \$258.00

Luthersville Sr. Ctr- \$128.50

Children’s Home- \$1200.00

Needy Family- \$5.00

One Roof- \$449.50

The Well- \$50.00

Wesley Walk for Others- \$320.00

November

It’s time for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are filled and delivered to a Newnan Receiving location to be delivered to children all over the world. Love from Jesus through Christians. 77 boxes were filled and delivered. On November 6th, the Seniors went to Atlanta to see the musical “White Christmas”. 19 attended. There was a fire at the Children’s Home in

Hapeville. A cabin was destroyed but Praise the Lord- no casualties. A miracle occurred at Piedmont Hospital, Mrs Dorothy Stevens, mother of Nancy Bridges and grandmother of Cathy Snyder, was unconscious, expected to go to be with the Lord anytime – suddenly awoke – became alert – truly a miracle. On November 6th, she was in Rehab and on November 10th, she went home, Praise the Lord! Tuesday, November 6th, Cokes Chapel hosted the 2007 Charge Conference. The Churches participating: Cokes Chapel, Turin, Mount Gilead, Cornerstone, and Mount Olive. The new District Superintendent, Howard J. Wright, led the service. As on November 7th, we hear that the State Rep. will be here November 13th to inspect the Childcare Center. We pray that everything will pass for the first time. The doors will officially open November 14, 2007. Church members worked Sunday PM and Monday preparing for the State inspection. On Tuesday November 13th, the State gave a Childcare Center a license. Praise the Lord. One Wednesday November 14, 2007, at 6:00 a.m. the doors opened and 18 children entered. After much work – much prayer the Cokes Chapel Childcare Center is open and operating. Nov. 25th, 4th Sunday, Pastor John is back after a much needed rest. Parker Joseph O'Bryan, son of David and Michelle Todd O'Bryan, grandson of Susan Todd, and Great-Grandson of Joe and Lib Todd and Anna Rodgers, was baptized. 41 children are registered in our Childcare center. They had a Book Fair. An Angel Tree is placed in the Narthex with names of needy children and their Wish List. We are their angels and help them to have a wonderful Christmas.

Extra Giving:	Building Fund-\$4,393.00	Eubanks Mission-\$53.00
	Luthersville Sr. Center-\$35.00	Needy Family-\$5.00
	One Roof-\$25.00	Thanksgiving Baskets-\$100.00

December

Saturday, December 1st, the Chrismon Tree was placed in the Sanctuary and decorated. Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent was a beautiful service. The first candle lit was Hope. The sermon was entitled "Talkers or Walkers". The title for the next three Advent Sermons will be "the Jesus you never knew". Barbara LaChapelle joined the church. In the afternoon, we had the Hanging of the Greens. The sanctuary and front exterior were beautifully decorated followed with a Chilli supper. Pledge cards were handed in for 2008 giving. Blessing of the Chrismon Tree and Advent Wreath were observed. 2nd Sunday of Advent Candle lit was Peace – the sermon was "the Jesus you never knew", the choir sang two anthems – absolutely beautiful. We have a wonderful choir: Susan Todd, Cathy Snyder, Donna Collins, Debbie Erickson, Velda Graydon, Dee Croft, Carmel Johnson, Jennifer Beard, Ann Navin, Brenda Hanes,

Becky Peters, Harvey Armstrong, Chad Beard, John Hagen (Pastor) Kirk Stewart, Chris Johnson, Jennie Todd (director) they sang the Cantata "Peace on Earth" Sunday PM – the children's Christmas party followed. A new Sunday school has begun for children in the 1st – 5th grades. The SS approach presents a Biblical story over a period of six weeks. Each week focusing on a different aspect of the story. First, project time – large group time – (last) small group time, a full hour. 3rd Sunday of Advent – Candle lit for Joy. The Men's quartet sang Chad Beard, Harvey Armstrong, John Hagen, and Kirk Stewart, they were great. The Ponzio family joined the church, Jason and Nancy, children Megan, Aaron, Lois, and Jane. Pastor John preached on "the Jesus you never knew-3". \$10,000 has been promised to the Childcare Center if the church matches it. Poinsettias (29) placed around the altar in memory of or in honor of by members. The matching challenge was over, matched \$16,414.57 was collected – total \$26,414.57. the Angel Tree Mission produced 27 large bags of gifts and seven bicycles for Needy children. Our gifts went to 20 children in six families. Due to the death in the family, Pastor John was absent on the 4th Sunday in Advent. The candle lit was Love. Larry Carter preached for the 8:30 a.m. service and Rev. Bob Martin filled the 11:00 a.m. pulpit. Christmas Eve, at 6:00 p.m. the children had their own service. At 9:00 p.m., there was a Candlelight Communion Service. The Christ candle on the Advent wreath was lit. Pastor John was here for the Christmas Eve Services. On the 5th Sunday, there was a Covenant Service used at one time by John Wesley.

Extra Giving:	Building Fund-\$53,376.57	Needy Family-\$309.00
	Luthersville Sr. Center-\$287.00	Youth Donation-\$200.00
	One Roof-\$201.00	Emmaus-\$100.00
	Eubanks Mission-\$200.00	

IN 2007

On the Membership Roll

Number on Roll – 259

New Members – 17

Removal by Transfer – 2

Removal by Death - 2