

Cokes Chapel UMC 2009

January

Beginning in January, an Adult Education Class, led by David Adamson, entitled *UMC Primer* is formed. Girl Scout troops meet at our church 7 times a week, one Cub Scout troop and Boy Scout troops meet at our church 4 times a week. The Jubilee Singers meet at Newnan Hospital Rehabilitation (Beaulieu) every Wednesday morning and sing with the patients.

February

Joining our membership were Linda Wozniak by profession of faith and Claudette Schunk by transfer. Robert Rawson Stewart, Jr. (Bob) died and was buried at Cokes Chapel. The Ash Wednesday service was held on February 25 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Boy Scout Sunday was very inspiring.

March

Charlene Lassetter, widow of Lamar Lassetter, died and was buried at Cokes Chapel. March 4 - UMW had Spaghetti Supper – very successful. Eagle Scout Sean McCully restored the slave cemetery connected to the church cemetery. At 4:30 p.m. on March 7 our cemetery was blessed and dedicated. March 7 - Middle School S.S. Class had a bonfire, wiener roast, lock-in and rock-a-thon. Individual youth solicited donations for each minute rocked. A pledge of \$.10 a minute would result in a maximum donation of \$24.00. March 12 -the Ladies' Lunch Bunch met at Olive Garden. . March 14 -all men are invited to attend our UMM breakfast/monthly meeting. One Roof needs volunteers. On March 15 we had an infant baptism, Levi Harrison, son of Clint and Cori Harrison. There are now 70, 252 pennies in the Million Pennies Campaign jar. The UMW has new cook books for sale in the Narthex. They are studying *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. Pastor John is ready to start a Confirmation Class. March 22 - One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday to support humanitarian aid through UMCOR - \$240.00 was donated. Mar 29 - we received Clint and Cori Harrison into our church by profession of faith.

April

April 1 Confirmation Class begins. April 3 - Middle School S.S. Class meets to fill Easter Eggs for the egg hunt on Saturday and to enjoy a hamburger cook-out. April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Sock Hop – the children had a wonderful time. April 5 - Palm Sunday – the choir presented *No More Night*, a beautiful Easter cantata. Special Holy Week services – communion each day at 12 noon, Maundy Thursday communion service, Good Friday service, April 12 - Easter Sunrise service led by Larry Carter, 8:30 & 10:55 a.m. services – an old wooden cross was

Monday, March 23, 2009

EAGLE SCOUT



Sean McCully planned and carried out restoration of the historic cemetery — including the burial sites of slaves — at Coke's Chapel United Methodist Church near Sharpsburg.

McCully restores cemetery where slaves buried

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The last resting place of black Cowetans who helped build the county in pioneer days is now marked for future generations.

The man behind the project — new Eagle Scout Sean McCully, 18 — said the presence of the slaves' graves at Coke's Chapel United Methodist Church near Sharpsburg fueled his inter-

est in restoring the historic burial ground. "That was something significant for me," he said.

"They were due their honor," he added.

McCully, who is home-schooled, will be attending North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega in the fall. He plans to study computer science.

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Coke's Chapel is one of Coweta's oldest congregations. McCully is a member of Boy Scout Troop 2193. Coke's Chapel "has really done a lot for the Scout troop," he said.

When he was ready to select an Eagle project, McCully recalled, "I had no idea what I wanted to do at first." Thinking it would be nice to do something for the church, he talked with John Hagen, the pastor at Coke's Chapel, who suggested the cemetery restoration project.

"The cemetery seemed like a perfect chance to leave a lasting memorial to the people of Coweta County," McCully said.

The work proved to be more than was expected. After procuring a plat of the property and visiting the Newnan-Coweta Historical Society, the Scout found that although the church was founded in 1833, Aquilla Hardy actually leased the land from local Indian tribes in 1825. Hardy is one of the settlers known to have come to Coweta County when the area was still Creek Indian

territory.

Of the dozens of unmarked graves at Coke's Chapel, Hardy's is one of the few that has been identified.

The presence of the slave graves has particular significance for McCully. Though considered property and lacking control of many aspects of their lives, those people of African origin had "a huge part to play" in Coweta County's early history, McCully said.

From conception to completion, McCully said he spent "a good year or so" on the cemetery project.

The graveyard was strewn with fallen trees, branches, debris, poison ivy and rotting stumps. More than 10 truckloads of debris were cleared from the property.

McCully asked an arborist from Country Gardens to assess the trees and found eight needed to be removed. McCully worked with businesses to get the largest two trees taken down and to rent an auger and drill so more than 40 holes could be prepared for fencing.

Hagen and McCully had decided, from the beginning, to set definite boundaries around the site and protect the area from encroaching develop-

ment. A 400-foot, split rail fence was chosen to do the job.

Gary "Ozark" Weiner of Smyrna helped with the fencing. Weiner has worked with placement of memorials at two Civil War battlefield sites.

Weiner's Civil War re-enactor group, the 54th Missouri CoF, wanted to donate about 125 feet of fence. McCully paid for the remaining 275 feet himself.

Once the fence was in place, McCully — with the help of the pastor's wife — secured a memorial stone. On it was inscribed words, penned by McCully:

"Within this
Sacred ground
Lies the final
Resting place of

The unnamed men and
Women upon whose backs
our community was built
1800-1865"

McCully has been active in Scouts since first grade, and the work at Coke's Chapel was not McCully's first encounter with a cemetery. Several years ago, he helped with restoration at Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery in Athens.

Gospel Pilgrim was founded by a fraternal organization in 1882 but had fallen into disrepair — eventually becoming a

wooded area that motorists passed regularly without realizing there were some 3,000 people buried there.

Among the people buried at Gospel Pilgrim are William Pledger, a pioneering black newspaperman; Madison Davis, a 19th century legislator; Monroe Morton, builder of a landmark theater in Athens; and Harriet Powers, a quilt-maker whose colorful designs are preserved in the Smithsonian and the Boston Museum of Art.

McCully has also taken classes in archaeology in which he had surveyed cemeteries in Turin and other locations.

McCully's Eagle Court of Honor, led by Scoutmaster Jim McCarthy, was held at Cokes Chapel on March 7. He talked about the Scout, who is the son of Dan and Christi McCully. "Sean's always got a positive disposition," McCarthy said, adding that he finds ways to overcome obstacles.

McCarthy has known Sean McCully for several years and said he "has grown into a good citizen." The new Eagle is someone who will "reflect what Scouting is all about" in his adult life, McCarthy predicted.

If These Stones Could Speak...

Several questions have been posed in the office lately about the Cokes Chapel Cemetery, so it seemed a bit of research was in order. Thanks to Lib Todd, Bert Lyons, Larry Huckaby and Pastor John for their assistance. As often happens, a little research leaves one with more questions. Look around it, and you may have questions, too.

According to the *Newnan Times-Herald* (1974), our cemetery "contains the remains of blacks and whites, Yankees and Rebs, prominent families of Coweta County history and veterans from the War of 1812 through World War II." [Question: are there now veterans of later wars?]

The earliest burials recorded are Sarah Bailey (1839) and Captain George Smith (1844). In the first 100 years, anyone in the community could use this as a last resting place. In the 1950's a map was made, plots were laid out, and church members could choose their lots. Later, the Trustees of the church, who are responsible for the cemetery, restricted cemetery usage to church members, or to non-members in a member's family lot.

In the 1990's a prayer gazebo was built on the, a project of the Prayer Committee, with Tony Beam in charge. In 1997, a wooded area was cleared to enlarge the cemetery and the road around the west side and back was improved.

In the summer of 2006, tests with ground-penetrating radar were done on the cemetery and many unmarked graves were found. Small flags were used to mark "hits," and later round concrete markers were set into the ground to mark these graves. Some 160 unmarked graves were found. A large number are in the center of the cemetery, in which no engraved markers exist. It is thought that this is a mass grave, perhaps the graves of Civil War soldiers, both Federal and Confederate. Unmarked graves are scattered throughout the cemetery.

In March of this year, Eagle Scout Sean McCully restored and marked the northern section of the cemetery, which is the burial place for scores of slaves. These graves are in addition to the unmarked graves mentioned above. In progress is another Eagle project in the same area.

Captain George Smith, mentioned earlier was a veteran of the War of 1812. Dr. J.E.H. Ware was a Civil War surgeon. The grave of Rev. George Edward Smith, local minister in the M.E. (Methodist Episcopal) Church South, may be found there.

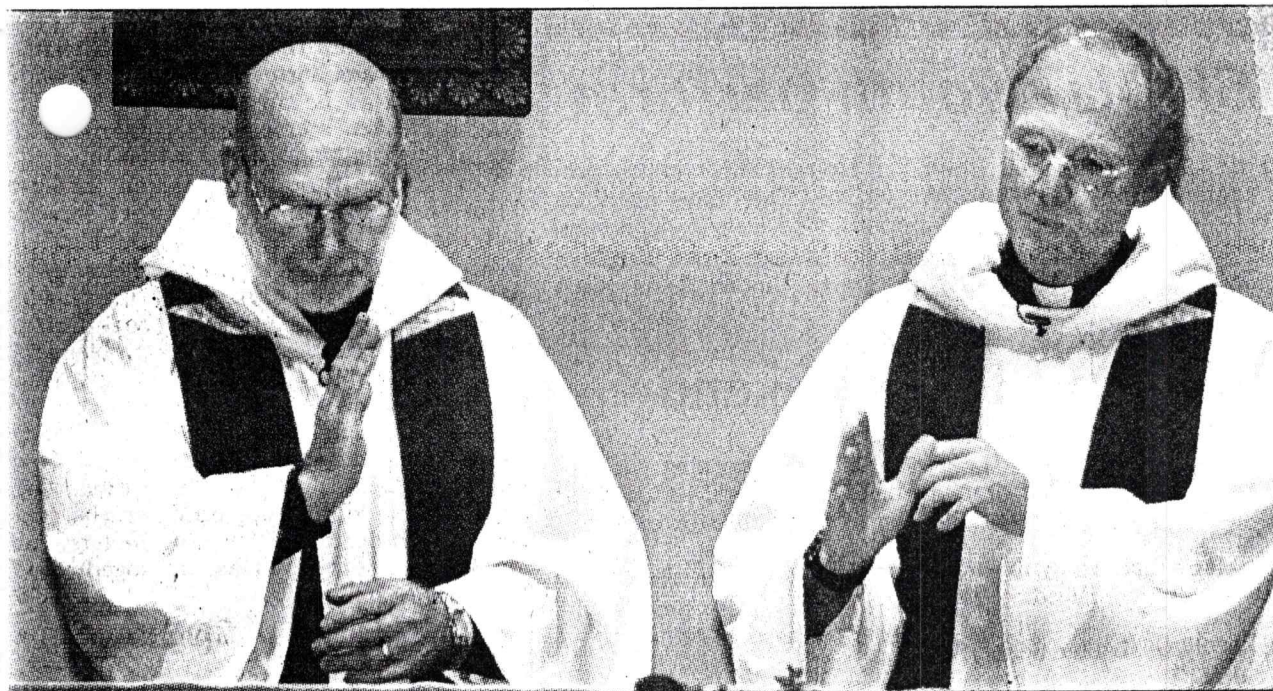
There is a marker for local a hero, Coweta County's "Nathan Hale," Pvt. William Thomas Overby; however, Overby was first buried in Virginia close to his death by hanging for refusing to reveal the location of his commander's headquarters. (You can "Google him" for more information.) His remains now lie in Atlanta's Oakhill Cemetery, not at Cokes Chapel. Our marker is placed between the graves of his father and probably a step-mother. (Question: was the soldier a member of Cokes Chapel?)

There are only a few lots left, and on general principles, we will be warning any who seek to be buried there that as in many historical cemeteries, there is the possibility of an unmarked grave.

Several projects could be undertaken on behalf of our cemetery and its care. Two are: a) research the local paper for obituaries which mention Cokes Chapel; b) create a master diagram of the entire cemetery.

A public record of the 322 marked graves (there are a few more) may be found at www.findagrave.com. Another project: keep this website updated!

Ecumenical service held on Ash Wednesday



Photos by Debby Dye

John Hagen, left, of Coke's Chapel, and Dan Fleming of St. Mary Magdalene bless the ashes for the ecumenical Ash Wednesday observance.

Jubilee Singers Going Strong after 20 Years

In June, 1989, a group at Cokes Chapel started a ministry at Beaulieu Nursing Home, now known as Newnan Hospital Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (NHNRC). Every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m., our Jubilee Singers group of 8 - 15 meets at NHNRC and sings old hymns out of the *Spiritual Life Songbook* with the residents. Our program lasts about 30 minutes and includes a reading and birthday celebrations for the residents. Afterwards, the group meets in the NHNRC lobby and chooses where to go for lunch.

Janice Sibley, from White Oak ARP Church, is the fourth pianist that has accompanied us. Lib Todd is the only original member of the Jubilee Singers and has recently given the leadership to Betsy Bagley.

While this is an outreach ministry for Cokes Chapel, the singers have discovered they receive a blessing as well. We welcome all, men and women, young and old, to join us. We make a joyful noise, so singing talent is in no way a requirement.

[From the office: We'll change "Ladies Sing" to "Jubilee Singers" for future calendars, because we know the NHNRC male residents would love for some men to be part of the group, as in former years. Remember, you don't have to be able to sing!]

covered with fresh flowers – absolutely gorgeous. Covered dish dinner following 10:55 service. Lilies placed around the altar in memory/honor of loved ones. April 18-19 is the weekend that the Old Town Sharpsburg Festival occurs. Our UMM will be selling pit-cooked barbeque and wash pot Brunswick stew. They netted \$2,892.00 in spite of rain. April 26 - we had a God & Country Award Ceremony. 24 children received awards. The Fellowship Sunday School class started an 8-10 week study of the *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church*.

May

May 2 - the UMW hosted a Mother-Daughter Tea. The Cokes Chapel trio entertained. We had 72 ladies and little girls who had a wonderful time. May 7 - We participated in the 58th annual observance of the National Day of Prayer. May 10 - Mother's Day – all mothers honored. May 14 - the Lunch Bunch went to the Bulloch House in Warm Springs for lunch. It was greatly enjoyed by 14 ladies. May 16 - the Sizzlin' Seniors went on the Coweta County Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Gate Tour. May 17 - Butch and Janice Cassell were received into the membership of Cokes Chapel. May 19 - Anna Catherine Beard was born, daughter of Chad and Jennifer Beard. May 20 - the UMW had their traditional Hamburger Supper. It was very good and very successful. The UMW has several ministries that they participate in – they made \$563.00. May 24 - high school graduates are honored, Janina Croft, Allie Statham, Lauren Smolens. A special offering was taken to purchase Rapid Deployment Kits to help reach our military troops with God's Word, by providing a New Testament, daily devotional and an evangelistic booklet. 185 kits were purchased. \$650.00 was donated. May 31 - Pentecost – Confirmation Sunday – those baptized were: Isabelle Mata, Molly Mata, Corey McCarthy, Sean McCarthy, Chandler Young, Isaac Young, Jennifer Young. Confirmed: Isabelle Mata, Lara McCarthy, Sean McCarthy, Jennifer Young. Reception into membership: Kim Young by transfer, Jennifer Young, Sean McCarthy, Isabelle Mata. Preparatory members: Molly Mata, Chandler Young, Isaac Young.

June

June 2 - 13 week course begins for Financial Peace University - a biblically based video driven small group study. W. L. and Patricia Archer have joined our membership by transfer from Peachtree City Presbyterian Church. Every Sunday night Pastor John has a Bible Study of beginning Bible. Report from Childcare Center – continues to be in the black and is providing support for the church. June 7 – Bishop's special offering brought to the church. This is for pension support of retired clergy or surviving spouses outside the U.S. \$555 was donated. June 14 – UMW Sunday - service conducted by UMW members. Musical message *Sing unto the Lord* – congregation included. Favorite songs were discussed by several members and sung by congregation. After the service, the congregation was invited to tour the church office, newly renovated. June 15-18 – VBS with Lara McCarthy and Carmel Johnson, Directors. *Son World*



Taking part in the recent religious emblems ceremony at Cokes Chapel are, from left, front, Lindsey Jackson, McKenzie Artman, Avery Grillo, Cassidy Powel, Rylen Hersey; middle, Zachary Thomas, Connor Reid, David Gardner, Joshua Curde, Joshua Parker, Noah Aaron; back, Brenda Powell, John Hagen and Jim McCarthy.

Cokes Chapel Scouts complete religious emblems requirements

During the months of January through April of this year, 23 scouts worked on their religious awards at Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church.

The Scouts have shown dedication to the three parts of the Scout oath, where a scout promises to show duty to god, duty to country and duty to others. They were guided by Cubmaster Jim McCarthy and

scout leaders Glenda McCool and Brenda Powell.

The God and Country Award is based on a Christian biblical resource that teaches students about the Bible in a unique way and involves the whole family.

The God and Country series is aimed at furthering a Christian education for children in grades 1-12.

"We congratulate these Scouts for a job well done and

in helping in shaping the Christian ideals of our community," McCarthy said.

During their ceremony at the historic church near Sharpsburg, McCarthy — who is cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 2293 — was also honored by Pastor John Hagen and the members of Cokes Chapel UMC with the "Building Faith Award."

Adventure Park was a wonderful experience for our children. 20 youth assisted – 27 children attended. June 16-18 – Annual Conference in Athens, GA. Cokes Chapel will be represented by Pastor John and Lay Delegate, Larry Carter. Jama Martin is a District Lay Delegate and Bob Martin will attend as a local pastor from the Griffin District. June 20 – Middle School S.S. Class went to the Atlanta Fest at Stone Mountain. June 21 – Father's Day – a donation was given to the Childcare Center in honor of all fathers by UMW. Bob Martin filled the pulpit for Pastor John. June 25 – Sizzlin' Seniors visited the Fernbank Science Center Planetarium celebrating the International Year of Astronomy. (400th anniversary of Galileo's use of the telescope). June 28 – David Adamson filled the 8:30 a.m. pulpit and Kevin/Allison Wallace filled the pulpit at 10:55 a.m. with word and music. Jama Martin led the Sunday evening Bible Study.

July

July 5 – Bob Martin filled the pulpit and led the study of Genesis. July is Camp Meeting month at the 8:30 a.m. service with singing from the Spiritual Life Songbook. Seven of our young people were at Jodeco Road UMC July 6-10 in a Christian camping experience. We needed \$245.00 to cover our commitments and our love offering was \$265.00. Praise the Lord! In the month of July, we collect school supplies for ACE (Alliance for Children's Enrichment). As of July 12, total in Million Pennies Campaign is 112,561 cents. July 25 – a seminar was held, *Solving the People Puzzle* - 12 attended. Thanks to all those who supported our first Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A. The youth made \$211.00. Adult choir practice begins July 29.

August

August 2 – baptism of Anna Kathryn, daughter of Chad and Jennifer Beard. Million Pennies Campaign – 120, 658 cents. Monthly meetings are resuming this month. August 9 – A cry has gone out for Sunday School teachers. We are in great need. Disciple I and II start September 13. The Sizzlin' Seniors are going to the Braves game on August 15. Lucille Singleton has transferred her membership from the Cairo First UMC in Cairo, GA. Jack Selby died August 11, a great loss to Cokes Chapel. August 16 – a get-acquainted tea, hosted by Nancy Lenard, was held – 20 guests attended and got to know each other and learn about the church. Nancy Williams joined our membership. August 29 – the Middle High and 9th graders are having a cook-out and game night. August 30 – 5th Sunday Night Singing of old hymns with fellowship. Wednesday Night Suppers have started again. The first one was sponsored by the UMW, and we had a good crowd. Million Pennies Campaign – 131, 942 cents.

September

The Scouts of Pack 2293 and Troop 2193 are selling popcorn to help support activities for the upcoming year. The UMM are selling barbeque again at Old Town Sharpsburg Festival on Sept. 19 & 20. The Festival was rained out but we netted \$2,601.00. 9th-12th grade Sunday

July

Solving the People Puzzle set for July 25 at Cokes Chapel

Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church near Sharpsburg will be sponsoring a Solving the People Puzzle Seminar.

The seminar — presented by Walk Thru the Bible Ministries — will be held July 25, in the Cokes Chapel Community Hall. Participants will use a highly-effective personality discovery tool to gain an understanding of their own behavior style and to develop an appreciation of various personality types, learning how each is most effectively motivated.

Recognizing that personality differences often lead to incompatibility and conflict, the seminar offers practical skills for building stronger, healthier and more godly relationships. The Solving the People Puzzle Seminar can help people gain new insights about themselves, as well as family, friends and co-workers.

Participants learn about their God-given strengths and talents, how to identify their ideal work environment and relational needs, how to sharpen perceptions of others to see

each as a unique individual and how to understand why people act the way they do and how to anticipate their actions.

In addition, the seminar will offer insights on how to relate to difficult people and minimize tension in relationships, as well as how to realize the freedom of being one's self and allowing others to be who they are.

Solving the People Puzzle is designed to help people regardless of what roles they will in life — spouse, boss, employee, parent, child, teacher, friend.

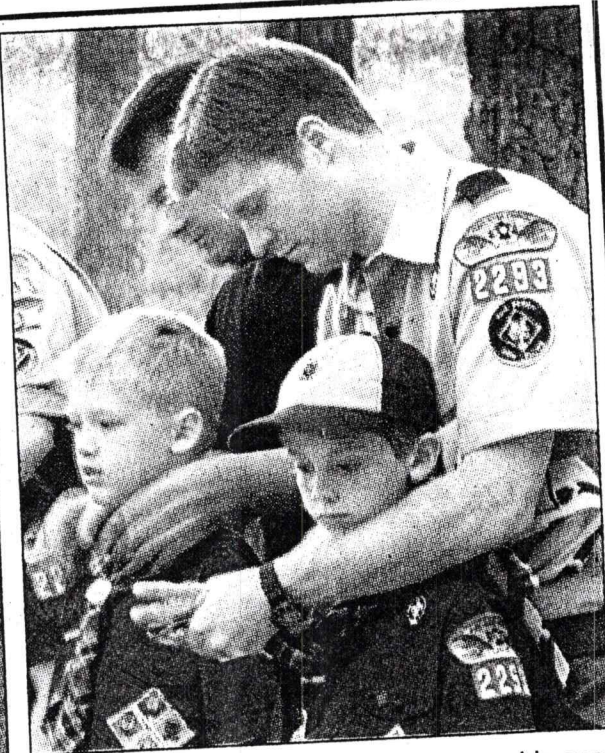
The seminar is a train-the-trainer event for Walk Thru the Bible, and the cost is only \$6 — considerably lower than the regular tuition of \$17 minimum.

The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and lunch will be offered on the premises for \$5.

For information and to register, call the church office at 770-253-6052. "It will be a quality experience for any who come," said Jama Martin, who is helping to plan for the seminar.



Members of Phoenix Patrol display their Webelos plaques. From left are, kneeling, Derek Higginbotham; sitting, Aaron Ponzio, Thomas Williams; standing, Aaron Strickland, Samuel Wright, Bobby Marcum, Sean McCarthy.



Bear Den Leader Jimmy Oliver prepares his son, Warren in the exchange of the Bear neckerchief to the Webelos neckerchief. Nolan Keohane and Chase Mason are also pictured.

Coke's Chapel Scouts hold Crossover Ceremony

Cub Scout Pack 2293 recently held an impressive Cub Scout Graduation and Crossover Ceremony.

The pack is sponsored by Coke's Chapel United Methodist Church near Sharpsburg. With more than 150 in attendance, Cubmaster Jim McCarthy greeted the proud families of the Scouts.

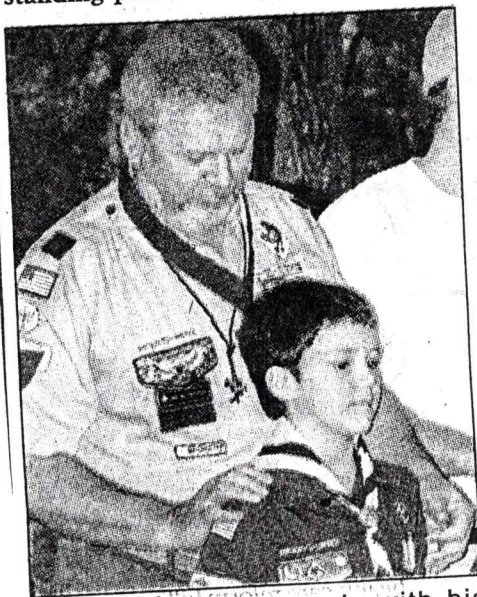
Fifteen Wolf and Bear Scouts earned their American Heritage medals for outstanding patriotism and understanding

regarding their country and the American flag. Bear Scouts exchanged their Bear neckerchiefs for a Webelos neckerchief — the step just before entering Boy Scouts.

As a result of the April 28 crossover, a new Webelos group, the Phoenix Patrol, was formed. Members of the Webelos II Scout group — who crossed over into Troop 2193 — are Derek Higginbotham, Turner Hill, Sean McCarthy, Bobby

Marcum, Aaron Ponzio, Aaron Strickland, Thomas Williams and Samuel Wright.

All the new Webelos have earned the Arrow of Light Award, Cub Scouting's highest honor. Five earned all 20 activity pins. After the ceremony, members of Phoenix Patrol displayed plaques designating their achievement of the Webelos rank.



Corey McCarthy stands with his father, Cubmaster Jim McCarthy, as he receives his American Heritage medal.



More than 150 people attend the Cub Scout Graduation and Crossover Ceremony for Pack 2293 from Sharpsburg.



School begins September 20 at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 – we can collect the plastic containers for our shoe box ministry with Samaritan's Purse *Operation Christmas Child*. The deadline is October 11 – 57 shoe boxes filled. Sept. 20 – we collected the United Methodist Children's Home offering – we received \$390.00. Sept. 27 – *The Well* begins this evening at 6:00 p.m. This is a casual contemporary service with lots of praise music and worship.

October

Oct. 4 – we received World Wide Communion Offering. Oct. 24 – the annual *Wesley Walk for Others* around Stone Mountain. Also this is the day of the Fall Festival – lots of fun for children of all ages. \$325.00 was made for children's ministries and Childcare Center. Oct. 29 – Charge Conference met at Mt. Gilead UMC with Dr. Howard Wright, D.S., presiding. The churches – Cokes Chapel, Cornerstone, Moreland, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Olive and Newnan – Korea. Cokes Chapel had 2 Lay Speakers, Larry Carter and David Adamson, apply for approval. Both were approved for certification. Our pastor reported a gain of 17 members, loss of 9, total membership – 285.

November

Nov. 1 – All Saints Sunday – we lost 3 saints in 2009 – Charlene Lassetter, Bob Stewart, and Jack Selby. Nov. 7 – Sharefest Coweta occurs in our local community. We will be joining people from other churches in our county to provide services in three areas – a clean sweep team to clean up roads and parks, a food drive team to collect food and a fix-up team to help with small projects. Our Missions Team passed out grocery bags to be filled up with canned food. It was a great success. Nov. 8 – Veteran Sunday – veterans recognized and honored. Thanks to them for their sacrifices – the price of freedom is high. Joining our membership are Harvey and Betty Armstrong, Jason and Caryn Johns (children Caleb and Chase) by transferring from other UM churches. Clint and Daphne Odom are restored as members. Our Angel Tree is standing in the Narthex. Names with wishes of children are hanging on it. Soon the tree will be empty. Gifts will be returned. We provided gifts to 26 children. Nov. 17 – UMW Thanksgiving Dinner – Secret Sisters were revealed and new names chosen for next year. Nov. 22 is Commitment Sunday – pledge cards are turned in for 2010 giving. Joining our membership are Howard and Margie Jones, Michelle Spencer, and Bonnie Walker. Nov. 28 – church decorated for Christmas – hanging of the greens – Chrismon tree erected. Nov. 29 – first Sunday in Advent. The church is beautiful. Poinsettias surround the altar, wreaths on the walls, garland and bows decorate the altar rails. The candle of Hope was lit by the Adamson family, and Willie and Jane Wilson. Blessing of the Advent wreath and Chrismon tree at both services – at 4:00 p.m., we sang carols, followed by refreshments of cider and finger foods. Million Pennies Campaign – 151,617 pennies.

December

Dec. 2 – second Sunday in Advent – the candle of Peace was lit by Middle School S.S. Class and Tommy & Rita Godwin. Gifts for the children from the Angel tree were brought to the manger on the altar for blessing. Dec. 10 – Lunch Bunch met at the home of Wanda Moore to celebrate December birthdays, including our Lord Jesus. Dec. 12 – the UMM had their Christmas meeting with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Dec. 13 – third Sunday in Advent – the candle of Joy was lit by Bert & Esther Lyons and Tom and Nancy Lenard. At 5:00 p.m., the adult choir presented *No Other Name*. Jennie Underwood was the director, Harvey Armstrong, the narrator. Soloists were Susan Todd, Carmel Johnson, Cathy Snyder, Velda Graydon, and Ann Navin. A Christmas party for the children followed. Dec. 20 – fourth Sunday in Advent – the candle of Love was lit by Paul and Vivian Snyder and Clint and Cori Harrison. Dec. 24 – the church celebrated the birth of Jesus with a Candlelight Communion Service. On Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. a communion service was held in the sanctuary. On Christmas Eve, Cooper Spencer, son of Thomas and Michelle Spencer, was baptized. On Dec. 27 Caden Lewis, son of Patrick and Amber Lewis was baptized.

During 2009, you have given \$1,188.13 in loose change and bills for our Childcare Center. Our total is now 156,056 pennies.

Total Membership in 2009 – 301

Deceased: Robert R. Stewart, Charlene Lassetter, Jack Selby
Baptisms: Levi Harrison, Isabelle Mata, Molly Mata, Corey McCarthy, Sean McCarthy, Chandler Young, Isaac Young, Jennifer Young, Anna Kathryn Beard, Cooper Spencer, Caden Lewis
Profession of faith: Linda Wozniak, Clint Harrison, Cori Harrison, Jennifer Young, Sean McCarthy, Isabelle Mata, Butch Cassell, Janice Cassell, Nancy Williams, John Moyer, Deborah Moyer
Transfer from other churches: Kim Young, W. L. Archer, Patricia Archer, Lucille Singleton, Claudette Schunk, Harvey Armstrong, Betty Armstrong, Jason Johns, Caryn Johns, Michelle Spencer, Bonnie Walker, Howard Jones, Margie Jones, Patrick Lewis, Amber Lewis
Restored: Clint Odom, Daphne Odom

THE FINANCE CORNER. A thankful look at the 2009 year-ending numbers:

	<u>Church (UMC)</u>	<u>Childcare (CCCC)</u>
Starting Balance (1/1/09)	\$4,690.51	\$4,307.09
Ordinary Income	\$247,231.53	\$591,777.60
Other Income	\$8,275.00	\$7,491.66
Transfers CCCC to UMC	\$54,457.38	-\$54,457.38
Expense	-\$313,706.96	-\$532,310.54
Place in Reserve Fund		-\$6,753.38
Ending Balance (12/31/09)	\$947.46	\$10,055.05
Gifts to Other Funds	\$32,593.19	