

Cokes Chapel UMC 2014

January

Monthly Budgeted Need - \$36,083.00

Showing God's love as we serve, share and shine.

On Sundays we have Sunday School, Disciple I and II, FOCUS Youths starts in new year with leader, Bobby Totten. On Tuesdays, we have a small group meeting in the home of Kathy Schumacher. On Wednesdays, we have the Jubilee Singers singing at a nursing home. On Wednesday evenings, we have a prayer meeting in the sanctuary at 5:00 p.m.

A mission team from the North Georgia Conference will be going to El Salvador in February. They are collecting Sunday School supplies. Deadline for donating those supplies is January 26.

We are still in need of volunteers for children's Sunday School.

January 9, ladies went to Franks Restaurant in Palmetto for our monthly Lunch Bunch – 13 attended.

January 12, a very large congregation on Sunday morning. Dr. Mark Jordan gave a glorious sermon, Emerge-Baptism. Emerge from a life of sin to the realization of a new life bathed in grace.

January 16, Sizzlin' Seniors went to the home of Nancy Williams for covered dish luncheon and planning session for events for the year. 14 attended.

January 19, sermon, Strong, based on living a life for Christ requiring strength that comes from knowing our purpose in God's kingdom and serving accordingly. We have had good attendance this month.

January 21, Chick-fil-A Spirit Night from 5-8 p.m. for Childcare Center. A portion of all proceeds will benefit the Center.

January 26, Unified, in order to fulfill the work that God has for us to do, we must remain united and not allow trivial things to disturb, distract, or divide us. Directories have arrived, the pictures are beautiful. Meeting for the new Sunday School teachers will be held following the morning service. Fonda Totten is leading this group.

January 28, snowflakes started as scheduled at 11:30 a.m. We received 2-4 inches of snow.

January monthly collection - \$26,021.50.

February

February 2, Dr. Wayne Ellis filled the pulpits today due to other commitments by our pastor. This Sunday was the beginning of the new Sunday School class for children. There were 8-12 beginning students in the classes. This evening, the FOCUS Youth sponsored "Souper Bowl of Caring" raising money for food for the needy.

February 9, Scout Sunday - Scouts in charge of the service.

February 16, Family Movie Night, with *Superman: Man of Steel*. Also popcorn, snacks & drinks. Pastor Mark led the discussion of the Christian themes in the movie. Admission: cans of food for our church's food pantry.

On Wednesday, February 19, the UMW sponsored a soup & sandwich supper to raise money for the charities which they support. They sold 75 tickets.

February 23, new message series lasting 11 weeks which will take us to Easter Sunday – "Questions God Asks Us." First question God asks is "Where Are You?" God questions Adam and Eve after they partook of the tree and ate the fruit. It was a very inspiring sermon.

February 24, there was an accident in our church parking lot after choir practice. Donna Collins was injured and airlifted to a hospital in Atlanta. The church went totally to its knees praying for Donna, the only one physically injured. The Lord responded, as always, in a mighty way. She had four fractures in her pelvis.

Monthly collection - \$29,933.00 Special Homeless Offering - \$702.00

March

March 2, the second question God asks is "Where Is Your Brother?"

March 5, Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent, there will be brief service with communion at 12 noon in the sanctuary; at 7 p.m. a full worship service. Lenten Communion will be every Wednesday until Holy Week, then it will be at noon everyday through Good Friday.

Don and Joyce Harmon are building wooden crosses for us to place in our yards to help celebrate the glory of Easter. We pay for the cross with a donation to the church. The crosses have purple, black, white, and red cloths, appropriate for Lent, Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost.

March 9, Daylight Saving Time went into effect. We had a very good crowd. Pastor Mark's sermon was the third question, "What is That in Your Hand?" Exodus 4:25. This series of sermons are very thought provoking.

March 13 – Ladies Lunch Bunch met at a Longhorn Restaurant. 12 ladies attended.

March 16, Fourth question was "What Is Your Name?" Genesis 32:27-32.

March 23, Fifth question, "What Are You Doing Here?" I Kings 10:1-13.

March 30, Beautiful sunny day, with a good crowd in attendance. Donna Collins is here, in a wheelchair, but we are thankful she's here. Pastor Mark's sermon, the sixth question is "What You You Looking For?" John 1:35-42.

Monthly collection - \$31,737.00

April

April 4-6 – Two students and Bobby Totten, youth director, attended Camp Winshape on the campus of Berry College.

2014 Confirmation Program – any student 6th grade or older wishing to join the church should contact Pastor Mark or Bobby Totten.

April 6, seventh question, "Who Do You Say I Am?" Mark 8:27-30. It was an awe-inspiring sermon.

April 10, Lunch Bunch went to Broadway Diner in Fayetteville – 16 attended.

April 13, Palm Sunday, Children's Choir sang a medley of familiar hymns for both services. Pastor Mark's sermon was the eighth question, "Do You Want to Get Well?" John 5:1-14. At 5 p.m. the Celebration Singers presented their Easter musical, based on the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Holy Week Communion services daily at noon.

April 17, Maundy Thursday, Question nine, "Do You Understand What I Have Done For You?" Starting at 6 p.m., viewings of mini movie "Son of Man" interact with three Lent focused table top displays, also on Good Friday.

April 18 our sins are nailed to the cross at Good Friday service at 7 p.m. The stations of the cross were led by Dr. Mark Jordan and Dr. Wayne Ellis.

April 20, Easter lilies were placed on the altar for Easter morning and dedicated in honor and memory of love ones. The cross was placed in the sanctuary, decorated with beautiful fresh flowers. Sunrise service at 7 a.m. was held at the edge of our cemetery with Larry Carter as speaker, followed by covered dish breakfast. Traditional service was at 9 a.m. and Contemporary service at 11 a.m. Question ten, "Why Are You Crying?", John 20:1-18. The children had a Resurrection Party and Egg Hunt during the 10 a.m. Sunday School hour.

Tony Beam, long-time member died on Easter morning at 4 a.m. What a day to go to be with the Lord. His memorial service was held on April 24 in the sanctuary.

April 26, Several members participated in a walk to END LUPUS at Piedmont Park in Atlanta, in memory of Larissa Pushkar, a member of our church family.

April 29, Men's early morning weekly Bible Study starts at 6:30 a.m. with leader, Don Harmon.

April Monthly Collection - \$26,416.00

May

May 3, First annual "Spring Fling" 9-2 p.m. Bounce house, arts & crafts for kids, tricycle races, bake sale, silent auction, raffle and more.

May 4, Mother's Day baskets for residents of Community Welcome House filled with necessities. 30 baskets were prepared.

May 4 starts a new message series called "The Seven Cardinal Rules for Living.

May 8, Lunch Bunch visits the Bulloch House in Warm Springs for lunch.

May 11, Mother's Day – All mothers given a long stem rose. Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering - \$290.00.

May 18, Graduate Sunday, we honored four high school graduates and three college graduates.

May 21, Cokes Chapel UMW had an annual Hamburger Supper. They sold 73 tickets to raise money for their many charities that they support.

May 25, Dr. Wayne Ellis filled the pulpit for Dr. Mark Jordan. His sermon title was "The Battle Continues for Us." He also had a short video to honor our veterans today on Memorial Day.

May 29, Lifeline, a mobile health service came to Cokes Chapel.

May Monthly Collection - \$25,025.00.

June

A new prayer team has been established in Coweta County and have asked Cokes Chapel to participate, to be willing to sign up for 20 minute prayer shifts.

June 10-12, Annual Conference in Athens, GA Pastor Mark, Larry Carter, Debbie Carter (our church lay and alternate delegates) and Bobby Totten (district alternate delegate) attended.

June 12, Lunch Bunch had lunch at the Blue Willow in Social Circle, GA.

June 15, Father's Day, good attendance in worship services.

June 29, Pastor Mark's sermon, "Freedom, " was perfect for the Sunday before our country's birthday.

June Monthly Collection - \$29,075.00\

July

The choir is having a break until the last of this month.

The UMW is finalizing plans for Cokes Chapel's involvement in Historical Churches in Coweta County to be held on the Court Square in Newnan on July 19. We're ready to show off our beautiful history beginning in 1833. In 1850 the congregation moved into our present building. We have worshiped in this sanctuary for 164 years.

July 9-13, FOCUS Youth went on the River of Life mission trip. 14 youth were accompanied by Bridget

Adamson and Bobby Totten.

July 17, Sizzlin' Seniors attended a performance of "Music Man" at the Legacy Theater in Tyrone, GA.

July 20, Bobby Totten filled the pulpit with sermon entitled, "The Legend of Bagger Vance." The display from the Historical Churches in Coweta County was shown in the Narthex.

July 21, VBS was held through July 23. The theme was "Thrive" with Mary Beth Thompson serving as director.

July 27, Cynthia Myers filled the pulpit today which Pastor Mark and family were on vacation.

July Monthly Collection - \$22,755.00

Murphy Harpst collection \$205.51

August

August 3, Thanks to those who helped remove the chimney, probably 164 years old, from the attic.

Over the next two weeks, we are collecting school supplies for A Brighter Day children's organization in Coweta County. We are currently collecting Bibles to give to Pine Mountain United Methodist Church. Pastor Mark's sermon, from Colossians was titled "About Time." Scouts have resumed their meetings – girls and boys and cub scout packs.

August 10, Pastor Mark's sermon from Ephesians was titled "Les Miserables and a New Story." FOCUS Youth meetings resume tonight.

August 16, Larysa Pushkar's died today. A memorial service is scheduled for August 23 at Cokes Chapel.

August 24, Larry Carter preached in the absence of Pastor Mark. Dr. Wayne Ellis assisted Larry in the service. His topic was "Why Do We Need to be Saved?"

August Monthly Collection - \$30,877

September

September 7, Pastor Mark's sermon, "Come Awake" comes from Romans 13:8-14. FOCUS Youth hosted Pier 3,4,5 children at Junction Lanes for bowling and pizza. They were asked to bring a friend who is not a part of Cokes Chapel.

September 11, Lunch Bunch met at Red Lobster in Newnan. 13 attended.

September 14, organizational meeting of Disciple Bible Study, "Jesus and the Gospels." It begins in two weeks, with Jennie Underwood as facilitator. Harvey Armstrong was back in church this a.m. after a long absence. Kim Reindl has been hired as children's director for the church.

September 16, UMW met with six members present. It was announced that Cokes Chapel is planning their first Women's Retreat for January 23, 24, 25, 2015.

September 21, Dr. Mark's sermon, "Privileged?" was from Philippians 1:21-30. Bill and Madeline Harris joined our membership, and their son Leonard William Harris, was baptized – a wonderful service.

September Monthly Collection - \$23,346

October

October 5, Pastor Mark's sermon was from John 1, entitled "Logos."

October 6, Charge Conference at Korean United Methodist Church of Newnan.

October 9, Lunch Bunch traveled to Pine Mountain Country Store.

October 12, Pastor Mark's sermon from Isaiah 43:1-3 and Psalm 23:4 entitled "Bridges of Hop." All shoe boxes have been claimed for Operation Christmas Child. They need to be returned by November 9.

October 13, Jubilee Singers were honored at the Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris for their dedicated service to Beauleigh Nursing Home (now Newnan Rehab Center) for 28 years.

October 15, new Bible Study for men beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wayne Ellis and Carl South will be leading. It will run through December 3.

October 16, Sizzlin' Seniors departed church at 10:45 a.m. to go to the Antiquity Center in LaGrange.

October 19, Pastor Mark's sermon from 1 John entitled "Values." From 10-11 a.m. we celebrated everyone's birthday with a Birthday Brunch. A table was set for every month of the year.

October 25, Bobby Totten and FOCUS Youth went on the Wesley Walk around Stone Mountain.

October 26, Pastor Mark's sermon was "Here, There and Everywhere." Scripture was from Acts. The Boy Scouts of Troop 2193 served a BBQ Lunch and Bake Sale. They sold 200+ tickets and made \$3700.

October Monthly Collection - \$22,325

November

November 2, All Saints Sunday. Pastor Mark's sermon was "All Saints." The saints that went to be with the Lord since last years' service: Ruth Murray, Francisca Ojeda, Debbie Johns, Octavia Alvarado, Tony Beam and Larysa Pushkar.

November 9, Dr. Wayne Ellis filled the pulpit. All shoe boxes were returned filled for Operation Christmas sponsored by Samaritan's Purse to be sent to children worldwide.

November 13, Lunch Bunch meets at Green Manor Restaurant in Union City.

November 14, River of Life for Coweta County comes to Cokes Chapel. This is a youth mission of Cokes Chapel, Cornerstone, and Newnan First United Methodist Churches. The youth will do service projects, worship, fellowship and will conclude with a worship and communion service on November 16.

November 16, Bobby Totten gave a report on River of Life. There were 40 students involved in a busy weekend. Scouts began their "God and Me" classes today. An Advent Workshop has been scheduled.

Rev. Carolyn Evans filled the 9:00 a.m. pulpit with a sermon entitled "When the Messiah Comes." Scripture was from Luke 7:18-23.

November 18, FOCUS Youth is selling turkeys, smoked and fried, as a fundraising project. UMW is now taking orders for poinsettias.

November 20, UMW meets at 6:30 p.m. Following the business meeting is the Ladies Holiday Dinner with Secret Sisters revealing and drawing names for 2015. 22 ladies attended.

November 23, Dr. Mark's sermon "No Sleepwalking Allowed" was based on scripture from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. This week we provided Thanksgiving dinners for 10 families.

November 29, Hanging of the Greens for Advent and Christmas. Chrismon Tree and Joshua Tree were decorated. Chili lunch followed the decorating of the church.

November 30, Student Day is celebrated in the United Methodist Church and a special offering was taken to help benefit the denomination's scholarship program.

November Monthly Collection - \$28,961

December

December 7, Pearl Harbor Day. Joe Todd, age 94, was present at the service. He was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 73 years ago at age 21. Dr. Wayne Ellis filled the pulpit today. Velda Graydon sang "Mary, Did You Know?" Dr. Ellis' sermon was about Mary, from Luke 1:39-56. The Advent Candle of Joy was lit. This afternoon we gathered around the fire pit for a bonfire and refreshments.

December 14, the sanctuary is beautiful this a.m. with poinsettias around the altar. The music was great. Pastor Mark gave a wonderful sermon, "Joseph" with scripture from Matthew 2:18-25. Today was the deadline for Angel Tree gifts. Advent Candle of Peace was lit. FOCUS Youth had their Christmas Party.

December 21, the music was beautiful and so well done. The Advent Candle of Love was lit by Dr. Ellis, The sermon was "Along the Road" from Luke 2:1-6. Christmas Cantata, "We're Glad You Came," was presented at 5:00 p.m. Beautiful music with a full house, directed by Jennie Underwood. The Youth and Pier 3,4,5 Christmas caroling followed the Cantata. There was a large group of young people involved.

December 24, services at 4 and 9 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Worship communion and candlelight celebrations in sanctuary. 7 p.m. Contemporary worship with communion and candlelight celebrations in contemporary worship center.

December 28, 11 am. Combined worship service in sanctuary with Dr. Wayne Ellis bringing the message from Galatians 4:4-7.

The Fellowship Class is an active Sunday School class of middle aged men and women. Some are husbands and wives, widows and widowers – all are good Christians. They give monthly to One Roof, donated to a mission trip to El Salvador sponsored by the North Georgia Conference. In February they donated to a mission trip for Caleb and Katie Earle. They gave a donation of \$100 to David Adamson's church, St. James UMC, \$100 to Childcare Vet's fund, another \$50 in July to St. James UMC. \$46 to Chick-fil-A. In August, another \$50 to St. James UMC and \$200 to April & Mike Clark. Again in September, \$50 to St. James, and \$15 to Mike Clark. In November, \$50 to St. James, \$100 for Thanksgiving baskets, fruit basket for Ralph Cook, a gift to the pastors and Floyd Collins.

Cokes Chapel had a good year. This is the last report I will write. I have loved keeping up the records all these year. I have seen good times and bad – lean years and full – but God has blessed us all the time.

December Monthly Collection -

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