

EPFM *Crosstalk*

JUNE 2013

East Point First Mallalieu UMC 11th Anniversary Celebration Planned

TODAY, June 2nd, East Point First Mallalieu UMC begins an exciting month long anniversary celebration. Both churches, East Point First and Mallalieu UMC have long histories of service to the Lord, but in the 21st century, we, at EPFM are celebrating our future and what God intends for us to be here in this community.

The celebration and events planned in June center around past and present church members and friends and neighbors in the East Point/Tri-Cities community. Committees are meeting and planning, trustees are working on the building, members are canvassing the community with flyers and everyone is gearing up for an exciting month long celebration. The celebration and community events are listed below and we pray the hearts of our church members and friends will be “strangely warmed” as they participate and celebrate the ministry and mission of East Point First Mallalieu UMC.

June 7th - Supper Club 6:30-8:30pm Reservations required (\$25.00 per person) A wonderful menu is planned and the entertainment will be great! Supper Club ticket will be included for members who pay \$111.00 for the Anniversary Celebration. Our host and hostess for the evening will be Andrew Scott & Gilda Waters. Contact: Eleanor McCoy

June 8th - Saturday Summer Enrichment Program begins. This summer program will run June 8th- Aug. 10th and it is FREE. Breakfast is included and children will be exposed to a variety of arts & crafts, drama/dance, science projects and storytelling. Registration forms /flyers are available in the crossroads or call the church office for more information. Contact: Ernestine Sumlin

June 16th - East Point Public Servant Recognition Service at 11am worship. This service will be recognizing people and groups that have supported and served our church and community in a variety of ways. We will be recognizing the East Point Fire and Police Departments, Tri-Cities High School officials, the Flower Cottage, H.J.C. Bowden Senior Center, Charles Barlow and Gus Thornhill. A reception will follow this worship service so everyone will have a chance to speak to our officials and friends. The speaker will be Dan A. Sims, principal of Tri-Cities High School.

June 20th - Senior's Line Dance Jamboree will take place from 6-8pm in the fellowship hall. Come out and see them “shake a leg” and entertain us! Refreshments will be served. Contact: Mary Ford

June 28th - Second Story Cafe' will be held from 8-10pm on the 2nd floor/side entrance by library. This is a young adult gathering where people share their talents/open mic and meet other talented, Christian young adults. Coffee and snacks are served. Contact: Lindsey McDaniel

June 29th - Community Service Day from 9-12noon. A community cookout following at noon in the parking lot.

June 30th- 5th Sunday Rally will be held in the library at 9:45am. The Eddie McMichael SS class will lead the discussion on *Joyful Worship Restored*. The **11th Church Anniversary celebration** will take place at 11am worship service. This is a Friends & Family Day along with past and present members coming together to celebrate and fellowship. A seated luncheon (free) will follow the worship service and we hope everyone will come out and help make this a meaningful celebration of not only the past, but the bright future we have on this corner!

2013 Annual Conference: Familiar site, new experience

By GLENN HANNIGAN

The host city will be familiar to regular participants but most everything else about the 2013 Annual Conference next month promises to be a dramatically different experience.

For the fourteenth time in fifteen years, the Classic Center in Athens will serve as the host site for Annual Conference. But the Classic Center has undergone a dramatic \$24-million renovation. In addition to the remade facilities, the sessions themselves will have a different feel as mission partners from around the world gather to provide living testimony to the theme: Bridges to Mission.

This year's Annual Conference Special Offering will be used to support the North Georgia Conference Bridges mission partnerships.

The greatest need of North Georgia's six international mission partners is for assistance in leadership training. Your gifts this year will go toward providing training in El Salvador, The Bahamas, Russia, the Philippines, Kenya, and Portugal.

You are encouraged to give generously to bring training to the "next level" for our mission partners. Place a check in your church offering plate made out to your church with "Bridges" in the memo line. A representative from your church will then present the check during a special Annual Conference worship service on Wednesday, June 12.

The logo for Annual Conference, a colorful illustration signifying the multi-faceted outreach efforts emanating from North Georgia, celebrates the global nature of missionary efforts.

The vibrant logo illustrates the theme in three ways:

- We may be members of the North Georgia Conference but the globe represents our parish: the whole world.
- The arrows point in the general direction of the six international bridges that we have already established and the homes of the international delegations joining us at Annual Conference this year.
- The third element, the people – men and women, young and old, as colorful as the rainbow – are linked together, hand in hand, around the globe. All of us are connected.



Wednesday night, June 12, will have no regular conference business on the agenda. The evening is being planned as an everyone-is-welcome, Bridges-focused special event. The North Ga. Conference will begin June 11th and end on June 14th. Our representatives are Pastor Armstrong, Eleanor McCoy & Don Sumlin. Anyone is invited to attend the general sessions. Reports will be forthcoming after conference from our members.

June Birthdays

Mildred Dailey	1
Eleanor McCoy	1
Jennifer Tigner	3
Hilda Godfrey	8
Steven O'Neal	9
Wilbert Strickland	9
Earlovette Dabney	11
Lindsey McDaniel	11
Celeste Smith-Carter	11
Johnny Ivey	12
Debra Mitchell	12
Judy Thomas	13
Roderick Laster	17
Otis Petty	17
Keith Hale	18
Courtney Jones	19
Jeche Rucker	19
Rayburn McGuire Jr.	20
Cynthia Givens	21
Sylvester Allen	22
Ruby Broughton	22
Jacara McMichael	22
Lakisha Petty	22
Willeen Bowens	23
Tyler Pressley	23
Jacyne Gibson	25
Renitha Williams	25
Toni Travis	27
Bryan Few	29

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fresh lemonade
 catching fireflies
 SUNTAN LOTION
 popsicles & ice cream
 SAND CASTLES
 watermelon
 FUN IN THE SUN
 FLIP FLOPS
 fresh cut grass
 BACKYARD BBQ
 LAZY DAYS
 swimming pool





The Faces of East Point First Mallalieu UMC...

Be sure and have Anthony Robinson or Taft McCoy take your face shot today as you want to be part of our faces bulletin board. They will be walking around with a camera around their neck! Stop them and SMILE!

(Individuals, couples, families, friends, any grouping is fine!)



Wednesday Night Dinners will end on June 19th and resume in the fall. Thank you to all who supported this ministry and have a blessed summer. See you in the Fall!



If you have ideas or suggestions about ways we can improve our Wednesday night programming, please share your ideas. We want to start the planning NOW!

Congratulations to our graduates! Class of 2013!

Christin-Joy Armstrong

Parrish Porter

Reginald Robinson

A reception will be held in their honor on **June 9th** in the fellowship hall following worship. This is your chance to come by and wish them well as they move forward on their life's journey!

Sick & Shut In Church Family

Homebound: Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Dailey, Laura Garrison, Lena Herndon, Cynthia McClure, Wilbert Strickland, Evelyn Thomas, Calvin Walker

Newman Hospital Nursing & Rehab

Rev. Horace Couch

Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation

Center: Lola Hazel, Rosa Sowell

Emeritus at Vinings: Anita Spann-Peek

Sweetwater Springs: Lillian Matthews, Ruenette Sewell

UMW will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30pm in the library. This will be a covered dish dinner so bring your family and friends and covered dishes! Our program will be presented by Janet Scott who will give us an overview on the topic Millennium Development Goals--where we stand in 2013 and the goals for the year 2015.

What has been achieved, what we have yet to go and what the UMC has to say on the topic. UMC has supported this; for example-- January 31, 2012--A new book of devotional material organized around the United Nation's Millennium Development goals has been published by the General Board of Church and Society, a United Methodist agency. See you on Tuesday!

GOOD THINGS COME IN
SMALL PACKAGES
SHOEBOX
PROJECT UNITED WAY
OF GREATER ATLANTA

Shoebox Project for Homeless Women and Children

Last year the United Way collected and distributed over 18,000 shoeboxes to more than 60 agencies that serve homeless women and children. This year East Point First Mallalieu UMC joined the United Way in collecting shoeboxes and toiletries. The Young Adult Ministry collected 40 shoeboxes, the United Methodist Women collected 25 shoeboxes, and the Youth Ministry collected 9 shoeboxes. Thank you for your participation in making the project a success.

YA Ministry: Lindsey McDaniel

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." John Wesley

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

In 2007, my Dentist brother joined a medical mission to the Dominican Republic under the auspices of Solid Rock International (www.solidrockinternational.org). He had been invited by a friend and veteran of many other trips to the DR, Africa and Russia/Soviet Union. They had identified a need for a dentist and believed my brother, Cordell, would fit in nicely. He had some second thoughts about going – what about the food, water, toilets, hygiene, etc – but was determined to go once to assess the long term investment. At that time I told him if it **just met his expectations**, I would go the next year as his assistant. When I picked him up from the airport after that trip, he was overwhelmed by the need, the graciousness of the people and the strong spirit of giving of his time to people much less fortunate than us. So, in March 2008 it was with some apprehension that I set out to a country I knew little about for a mission trip where my medical skills were sadly lacking BUT my spirit was more than willing!



The Dominican Republic has a democratically elected government, a strong agriculture base (sugar, coffee and tobacco), tourism in selected coastal areas (ex. Punta Cana - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punta_Cana) AND a strong religious community. However, when you leave the capital city of Santo Domingo the reality of life for the vast majority of Dominicans becomes apparent – subsistence living, rocky soil, concrete block homes, schools and churches interspersed among literally stick-built homes around a common water facility. It is truly humbling....



However, 2013 represented my 5th trip to the DR! Each year, I have been generously blessed that I can provide help to those with much less than anyone I know or of which I'm aware in our community. Each day starts with a prayer and breakfast, prayer before each trip into the barrios and prayer before dinner that night. Our objective is to minister to the people spiritually and medically - treat them with the same level of professionalism and dignity they would receive in the finest of doctor's offices in the US, welcome and warm them with a smile and try to convey a strong sense of hope that their lives will be better – because our lives have been touched by them.

My job in the field is simple – clean, organize and keep track of the dental hand instruments so that my brother can focus on the task at hand. In the barrios there is a lack of running water, proper sanitation or reliable electricity for air or drills, so all he can do is extract teeth. For children with either baby teeth or permanent teeth, tooth decay is wide spread and “normal” typically caused by sweet, fruity drinks that can be purchased for a few pesos. For adults, it is rare to find a full set of teeth and rarer still to find dentures as they are expensive and require several trips – via motoconcho – to the bigger city.

The teams typically set up in a school or church. In the schools we have a class room dedicated for the dentist and room to move. Churches present another problem as there is usually just enough room for the doctors and mobile pharmacy but no room for the dentist. At least once a week we end up outdoors, hopefully, under a tree; at least once a week we are invited into someone's living room/kitchen to setup.



When we return to the host compound, the nights are pretty routine – prepare the next day's medical and dental medications, sterilize (autoclave) the instruments and then to bed – the electricity goes off at 11. Water for drinking is triple filtered from a very large cistern on the roof of the compound that also supplies water for bathing. The sanitation system is primitive – no paper is flushed which requires a great deal of thought given our habits. The resulting plumbing blockage will impact the entire compound and no one wants to be the cause of that!

The last photo (*de los Santos family*) shows the family of 2 sisters we have “adopted” providing school tuition, books, meals, supplies and uniforms. Carina is 16 – white blouse on the right w/ bow in her hair and Carolin is 9; both attend one of the schools sponsored by Solid Rock in San Juan de la Maguana.



When I anticipate going to the DR I have to remind myself that I am so blessed that I have the time and resources to help – even if only once a year. When I return, I am always thankful for the opportunity to provide a smile, a hug, a gesture of friendship and an embrace of brotherly love to other brothers and sisters in Christ – it is then that I remember:

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Written by: Robert Scott

Administrative Council, Co-Chair