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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!

**ADULTS!! YOU ARE INVITED TO
COME OUT TO MARVIN ON
FEBRUARY 14TH @ 6:30 PM AND
JOIN US FOR DINNER & TO SOLVE A
MYSTERY "HOO HUNG WOO". WE
WILL SIT AT TABLES OF 8
(EACH PERSON WILL BE ASSIGNED
A CHARACTER PART IN ADVANCE)
AND TOGETHER WE WILL SOLVE
THE MYSTERY of who done it and have
a lot of fun in the process. Please try to let
us know by February 1st if you are
planning to be here! Admission is
\$5.00. Carnations will also be sold.**

ALAN'S CORNER

Over the last several years, I have done a lot of thinking about church doctrine. When I was in college, there were not many doctrines that I held to be essential to one's being a Christian. In my 55th year, I realize that I was seriously immature in my 20's. It took the Church 500 years to begin to define what it meant to be a Christian. Yet over the last 200 years we have gradually eroded what it means to be a Christian.

There are no short cuts or many optional beliefs. The moment anyone begins to pick and choose the essence of our faith, we will begin to lose those elements that define who are.

We often depend upon confirmation classes in our youth to support us in our adulthood. No adult would depend on our junior high or middle school education to get us through life. Yet we assume that we can get through Christian with a junior high religious education.

If you are not in a Sunday School class or disciple class, I invite you to join one. Next Fall we are offering a class in basic beliefs of the Christian, but you do not have to wait until then. Come to Sunday School or Sunday Night Study now.

Grace and Peace, *Alan*

Confirmation Classes for 6th grade or above will begin on Sunday, February 9th during regular Sunday School hours from 9:45-10:45 AM. The class will be held in Pastor Alan's office. Please call the office to register your child in advance.

PRESCHOOL Several military families are moving and we now have openings in the 3 & 4 year old classes. Please advertise and have anyone interested call the church office.

The Hands to Honduras BBQ/Auction will be held on Feb. 21st @ Dunwoody UMC at 6 PM. Cost is \$24 per person or tables can be reserved. Reservation are required. Call Chris Selleck at 678-533-1360. This is a North Georgia Conference project to take rising high school juniors through just-graduated seniors to Honduras. Questions-call Jennifer Davis @ 404-982-0634.

FINANCE ROUNDUP JANU

2003 Budget & Income Est

INCOME	2002
Stewardship Campaign	\$231,838
Other Contributions	\$124,564
Building Fund	\$ 3,960
Facilities Rental	<u>\$ 7,000</u>
	\$367,362

Significant Changes

Stewardship Campaign/Other Contributions - Fewer # of Stewardship Campaign (121 for 2002; 97 for 2003). Eight give to death, moving and transfer to other churches.

Facilities Rental - Our largest single renter, the State of Georgia classes to another location.

USE OF FUNDS

	2002 (Act
Christian Education	\$ 17,100
Children/Youth*	\$ 40,400
Adults/Family	\$ 1,100
Communications/Evangelism	\$ 1,500
Missions	\$ 5,300
Worship/Music*	\$ 24,365
Other Programs	\$ 7,750
Clergy Compensation	\$ 54,600
Benefits	\$ 50,724
Administration Expense	\$ 20,800
Facilities/Building*	\$ 59,713
Debt Service	\$ 40,552
Apportionments	\$ 36,123
Capital Reserves	<u>\$ 10,400</u>
	\$370,427

*Direct Staff Compensation Included

Significant changes:

Christian Education - New Education Coordinator position p

Other Programs - Acquisition expense and projected upkeep

Clergy Compensation - Pastor elected to move some money
Pastor's actual salary increase was 3%.

Administration Expense - Reduced expenses for monthly ins
Also we reduced expenses for copier/printer/Priport under nev

Facilities/Building - Reduced estimates of utilities expense fo

Apportionments - Set by the North Georgia Conference.

Capital Reserves - Money is set aside each week for emergen

improvements. Hopefully, we will have no major unplanned c

Budgets are estimates...someone's best guess at what will happen. We should give us ideas about what we need to do to stay within them. If we have good ideas could be: Watching our expenses, keeping our giving current, adding new members. The Finance Committee calls shortfalls such as a budget year, Faith Factors. Since 1992, Faith Factors have ranged from \$9,175 in 1994 for a 10 year average of \$8,560. This year's Faith Factor average, is not a new challenge for Marvin.

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\$201,598

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\$ 5,840

\$ 4,200

\$345,688

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**THE NUTURE TEAM will have a Training and Planning Retreat here
at Marvin on Saturday, February 8 from 9 AM until 11:30 AM.**

**MAD We are looking for a MAD team, that's right, a team of MAD
folks to help with Marvin's Amateur Drama Team.** If you are willing to
have fun, we need folks of all ages to help deliver God's message through an
interactive and creative Drama Ministry. If you enjoy acting join us on
Sunday, February 2 @ 3:30 p.m. for an informational and organizational
meeting in the Fellowship Hall at the church. We also need items for props -
old suitcoats, old suitcases, old jackets, vintage clothing; etc. If you can
donate any of these items just drop them by the church.

NURSERY NEWS

I would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year! It is hard to
believe another year has come and gone. I would like to take this time to
thank all my volunteers for their help in the Nursery in 2002. It was a blessing
for me and for the children. I pray that you will be willing to continue with
this Ministry for another year. I would like to invite any willing person that is
between the ages of **14 and 99** that loves to spend time with small children to
volunteer just a few times a year. I will be in the nursery most times but you
will have someone to help you when I am out of town or sick. I will send out
a roster with names, dates and phone numbers on it to all the volunteers so
you will know in advance which Sunday you will be there for. I would like to
invite **all** our little **angels** from infant to age 3 to come and have a great time
with other children and be taken care of by loving people of the church. The
Nursery is open - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM church services and also at 9:45
AM during Sunday School and on Sunday Night at 6:30 PM. I invite
everyone in the church to come by the nursery and say good morning. The
children and I are very blessed by this.

Becky Collins, Nursery Director

SHOE MINISTRY - Don Raley along with Westside Ministries is going
on a mission trip to Honduras in February. We are collecting shoes (new or
used) to be shipped to Honduras for those who do not have shoes. Please
bring your shoes by and place them on the stage in the gym. Shoe deadline
is February 16th.

ADVENT PRAYER VIGIL - A special thank you to all who participated in
the Advent Prayer Vigil. Many blessings have been reported and it was
thrilling seeing some "old" Marvin families revisit our church. Of course,
those who prayed received the greatest blessings of all! We will have a
churchwide Lent Prayer Vigil so pray about being a part of it. The vigil is
over, but please keep praying and join us on Monday nights at 7:30 so we
might pray together!

Trinity-on-the-Hill will have a Spring Children's Consignment Sale on
Saturday, March 15 to support local, national and world missions. If you
are interested in donating or being a seller call Kathy McVeigh at 738-8822,
ext 17.

FEBRUARY 2003

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Jim Hemphill, Karen Lester
- 04 Carol Hendrickson
- 05 Evelyn Riley
- 07 Phyllis Collins
- 08 Sherry Guillot, Walter Whitmire
- 09 Alex Eash, Judy Thompson
- 12 John Branch, Lauren Ringel
- 15 Ed Anthony, Cecelia Powell, Frances Fischer
- 17 Jenny Hall
- 18 Richard Rountree, Beverly Edmiston,
Dorrie Garber
- 19 Jesse Hawes, Peggy Lobello, Michael Yates
- 21 Bernadine White
- 22 Phil Hendrickson
- 24 Lisa Marie Newton
Paul Myers
Wendy Godwin

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Andy & Rae-Anne King
Gene & Charlene Scroggy
- 16 Charlie & Jackie Pangle
- 27 Alan & Carolyn Chafin

UNIV. OF GA STUDENTS THAT NEED TO KNOW THEY ARE LOVED AND MISSED -

Write to them at :

Laura Newton -260 Springdale St, Apt. 24,
Athens, GA 30606

Erika Stone - 330 Mary Lyndon Hall, Athens,
GA 30609

James Boothe 413 B. Boggs Hall, Athens,
GA 30609

Lisa Marie Newton - 355A Russell Hall, Athens,
GA 30602

Melissa Lang - Mell Hall, Room 208, Athens,
GA 30609

LOCAL STUDENTS - Drop them a card to let them know they are loved and prayed for - **Kira King, Joseph Brown, Linda Lang, Robbie Lester.**

(We will have more addresses for our college students next time)

Congratulations to Marie Glenn on the birth of her first grandson, Shaller Glenn Simmons born on Wednesday, January 22nd. Joel and Jeanne Simmons are the proud parents.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Della Bunch, Julie Tomes, David & Sherry Guillot, Nell Blanchard, Ben Hayslip, Margie Lowell, Betty Hendrix, Connie Hutchinson, Leonard Tankersley, Pat Casey, Dominic Franc, Mary Runtz, Clyde Snow, Mary Kamaka, Lila & Emory Lewis, Emily L, Mack Smith and Mom, James Crosby, Mark Wilkinson, Walt & Jeff Briguais, Grace Drake, Hamby family, Tom Edenfield, Dorrie's aunt, Joe Ben Cassidy, Rubye Holder, Mildred Boggs, Patty Smith, Bonnie, April & Heather, Evelyn Snyder, Sylvia Anthony, Elijah & Cameron Boydston, our youth, our military families, our leaders, our nation, our pastor and our church.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Teresa Mays and Frances Kost on the loss of their mother, Ila Magreski. Ila had 23 step great grandchildren, 12 step great grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and 3 grandchildren. Francis and Teresa send their appreciation to those in the church who provided prayers, friendship, visits, food, and flowers during this difficult time.

The Augusta Lynx will have a church night on Friday, February 28th at 7:35 PM. Tickets are \$10 - lower bowl; \$8 second level; and \$5 for the upper level. Tickets must be ordered in advance to get these prices. Please call the church if you are interested. For info call Doug Linton at 724-4423.

If you live out of town and do not wish to receive this newsletter please call or drop us a line.

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