

FEBRUARY 8
2010

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SOUTHWEST CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sweetheart Banquet

On **Sunday, February 14**, we'll be having our annual Sweetheart Banquet, a celebration in honor our senior members. Held in conjunction with the morning service, the entire congregation is invited to stay and eat a wonderful fajita lunch. Non-Sweetheart Age folks are asked to bring a dessert that can be shared (cake, fruit, pie, brownies, etc.). The youth will provide some entertainment.

Hope you can join us!

Care Groups

- 1) Watson– Home of the Watsons, 5:00 p.m.
 - 2) Tucker– TBD
 - 3) Sandifer- Home of Lois Oden, 5:00 p.m.
 - 6) Pipes-Home of Betty Grant, 5:00 p.m.
- 242 Small Group– Home of the Brunetts Sunday, February 28

Trip to Haiti

(This is from Whitney Fleming's cousin Chris.)

Wednesday, January 20

Wednesday afternoon, dad was presented with the opportunity to go to Haiti for a week on a medical mission trip by a pediatric nurse named Angie. My father is a registered nurse and has a huge heart for helping people. He wanted to help out with the disaster in Haiti but wasn't sure what that looked like. After he received the news about this trip, he was ecstatic and believed it was a answer from God. All my dad had to do now was get things cleared with work. The medical team would be leaving Friday morning the 22nd and returning the following Friday. He was nervous about the short notice but still was going to talk to his work about it. *(Side note: Dad is a sales rep for a Medical company and this month he just started with a new territory here in Gwinnett County. In 2009, his sales territory was in Augusta, GA and Columbia, SC. He was on the road and away from home and the family all week. He was miserable. So to have the opportunity to relocate to Gwinnett County was huge!)* After being invited to visit Haiti and help provide medical care in the aftermath of the tragic earthquake he was told by his manager that his territory needed him much worse than Haiti did. Word for word. Dad was crushed with this response. Angie needed an answer within the next few hours. Dad didn't know what to do.

Thursday, January 21

Dad decided to keep his job. He called up Angie on Thursday morning (the lady that invited him on the trip) to tell her the news and to give his version of why he couldn't go. God was not finished with my dad. When he called she answered and before he couldn't even get a word out, Angie told dad that she had something to tell him. She told dad that she knew he had been wrestling with this decision. She knew it was not easy for him. But she knew that God had plans for dad's life. She explained to dad that when God opens a door we need to say yes. God will swing the door open wider than we could ever imagine. Dad began trembling. He felt the raw power of God more so than ever before. The Spirit was moving within

him.

Friday, January 22

This morning I dropped my father off at Atlanta Hartsfield airport. He decided to say yes to the trip!!! He decided to say yes to God. Dad has been fired from his job, but he is certain that God is in complete control and that doors will be opening. GOD IS SO GOOD.

Dad will be flying into Providencial and travelling to Port-Haition where he will be working with the injured, sick, and broken hearted. He is returning Friday, January 29. Please pray for him and that God will use him in powerful ways while he is down there.

My prayer for you is that you will say yes to God. For far too long my life has been really comfortable. God has called his children to get out of their comfort zone. I have asked forgiveness from God for this. If we say yes to God, the places we will go are endless. It is a scary place isn't it? To be in that kind of spot with our father who is so powerful. God will never stop taking care of His children. He loves us with a far greater love than we could ever possibly comprehend. Beloved friends, my prayer is that today you will let the Spirit guide you and you will get out of your comfort zone. God will use you. He will. He wants to use you so desperately. Trust in Him, for He is so good.

I am so proud of my father. My heart leaps for joy at what God is doing in his life. What an example he has set for me as his son. What an example Jesus has set for us. To step out of our comfort zones and to go into a foreign world to serve people with sacrificial love. My prayer is that you can do the same. May God bless each of you.

Because He lives,

Chris

PS: You can follow my father at this blog. Hopefully he will be able to update it while he is down there.

<http://ramoolive.blogspot.com/>

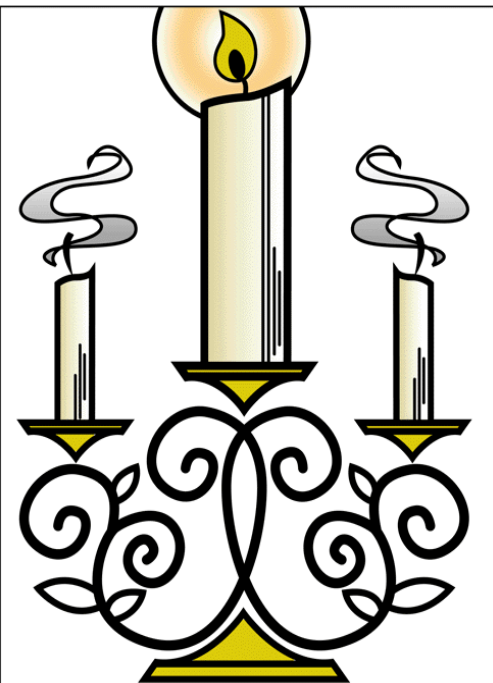
Sunny Glenn
Children's Home

March 9-11 Sunny Glen will be picking up donations. The items needed are:

- Popcorn
 - Non-aerosol deodorant
 - Liquid fabric softener
- Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.
"Helping Hurting Children Become Happy Children"

Keenagers
Bluebonnet Hunt

The annual Keenager Bluebonnet Hunt will be held on **Tuesday, March 30**. Stay tuned for more details!



"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."
Matthew 19:5

Couples Enrichment Workshop

A Couple's Enrichment Workshop will be held at Willow Meadows Baptist Church on Friday evening/Saturday morning, **February 19-20**.

There is a charge of \$75 per couple which includes, materials, meals, and child care if needed (by reservation only).

If you are interested, please contact the church office for a copy of the registration forms.

Mark Your Calendar...

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Café Grace

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Ladies Bible Class

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
SEASONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Table Fellowship
Sweetheart Banquet
CARE Groups

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Café Grace

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Ladies Bible Class

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

February 9	Leviticus 22,23
February 10	Leviticus 24,25
February 11	Leviticus 26,27
February 12	Numbers 1,2
February 13	Numbers 3,4
February 14	Numbers 5,6
February 15	Numbers 7
February 16	Numbers 8-10
February 17	Numbers 11-13
February 18	Numbers 14, 15
February 19	Numbers 16-18
February 20	Numbers 19-21
February 21	Numbers 22-24
February 22	Numbers 25,26