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Chamblee First United Methodist Church

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2010—Bring it On!

I am looking forward to the New Year at Chamblee First UMC. There is much to be done and good people to be about the work. Our church and facilities have some real infrastructure deficiencies. We must restore them to their original excellence. We must...in order to spread the Gospel, reach more people, and help usher in the Kingdom.

The bridge leading into the church grounds from Chamblee Dunwoody Road held as long as it could and then one side of the apron of the bridge gave up the ghost. Mr. Gene Lawson, Mr. John Todd, Mr. Les Hammond, and Mr. Leonard Salley worked tirelessly with insurance companies, county officials, paving companies, civil engineers, and questioning church members until they had good answers to the problems. They then went to work and got it fixed! Kudos to them! And to you. Many of you came to the office bearing envelopes with offerings to help cover the cost of the restoration of the bridge. Thank you all.

The bridge is a good example of other systems in our church that need to be restored. The repair of the bridge is also a good example of how Chamblee First will get the job done! I am excited about what is in store for our church and our congregation.



We will begin right away on a Capital Funds Campaign to raise as much money as we can so that we can make our church buildings more efficient and more functional as well as more comfortable and more attractive. Many of you will be asked to help. All of you will be asked to give. I know you will do all that you can.

We have already employed architects to develop a Master Plan that will help us identify what needs to be done and in what order. The staff and some of the laity will be asked a lot of questions about what we need and what we want. This is an exciting year. I hope you will participate in every way and at every level. I hope if you have

questions you will come by the office and have a conversation with me. We are an open book.....no secrets.

I mean it when I say Happy New Year! Will you begin praying for our church now? Will you begin inviting the Holy Spirit to lead us? Will you then put hands and feet to your prayers? The Year of Our Lord, 2010 is going to be a great year!

*Blessings,
R. Stowe*



Happy New Year!

I looked up "resolute" in the dictionary and it said "set in purpose or opinion" and the

synonyms given were "firm, steadfast, fixed, unwavering, and undaunted". As I thought about it I figured that goals should be firm and fixed but the way they are achieved should not be. It is easier to hit a steady goal, but there are a thousand paths to that goal. Our goal has always been to lead children (or anyone) to Christ, but the way to get there changes. Enjoy the paths that lead us there!

	January 2010
6th	Wednesday Night Choir and Fellowship resume
18th	Martin Luther King Day No School for Dekalb County, Kindergarten and PMO
21st	Chamblee Methodist and Parent's Morning Out Registration

I want to thank everyone for their sweet thoughts and gifts this Christmas Season. I appreciate each and ever one of you and feel that you are a gift to me.

-Chris Tench

Kid's Corner

Activities

Youth Basketball

The 2010 youth basketball season begins on Saturday the 9th at 9:00am. We are members of the North Atlanta Church Youth Basketball League. There are 12 churches in the league with 7 regular season games on Saturdays. We will be hosting games at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00 and 2:00. We have 7 teams playing every Saturday at one of the 12 churches. Please stop in and buy a hot dog, drink and chips to cheer on the Chamblee teams!!!



Wednesday Night Suppers

The Wednesday night Fellowship suppers begin on the 6th after a short time off for the holidays. Everyone is welcome. Adults are \$7.00 and kids are \$3.25. Please make your reservation on the pew pad Sundays or call the office no later than 12:00 noon on the Tuesday before.



**"PROPHETS" MULTIMEDIA PERFORMANCE PREMIERES AT
CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST
ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 22ND**

PROPHETS



Experience the prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah and others in an entirely new way as our own Brad Sherrill brings to life the judgment and the hope that speak with striking relevancy for God's children today, just as they have for thousands of years! On Friday evening, January 22nd at 7:30pm Brad's first performance of *Prophets* before a live audience will be held here at Chamblee First United Methodist.

Over the past decade Brad has performed all 20,000 words of *The Gospel of John* in 600 live performances for more than 150,000 people around the world. He has spent much of 2009 adapting and memorizing large portions of texts from the Old Testament prophets for the stage. *Prophets* is also Brad's first live performance to bring Biblical texts into modern times through the use of multimedia.

Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann calls Brad's performance of *Prophets* "on target" and "a faithful, evocative rendering of the material. Brad Sherrill has used shrewdness in selecting his texts, wisdom in weaving them into a compelling unity and imagination in letting the texts be felt and heard in contemporary ways. Brad's performance is marked by courage, imagination and a passion for truth-telling."

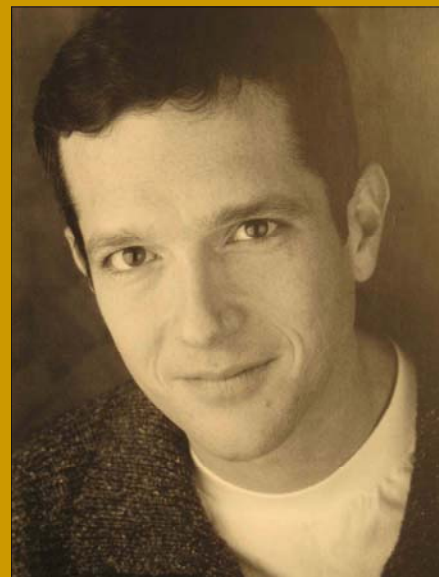
In March, 2010 *Prophets* will have its professional theatrical premiere at the Conant Performing Arts Center (produced by Georgia Shakespeare Co.) However, Friday evening, January 22nd will be your first opportunity to experience it right here at Chamblee First United Methodist! Please place it on your calendar...and bring your friends!

EVENT: *PROPHETS*

DATE: Friday, January 22nd, 2010

TIME: 7:30PM

PLACE: Chamblee First UMC Sanctuary



Spiritual Life Retreat

Youth News

February 26-28, 2010
ONLY 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE

Breathe” is the theme for the weekend at **Camp Glisson** as we look at what it takes for us to be alive and in relationship with God, based on Job 33:4 – “The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

We are intentionally designing the weekends to be full of tools and resources to help you and your youth group in your spiritual journeys as you “Breathe.” Worship, small groups, fun and games, experiential activities and much more will be a part of the weekends as you join with other youth groups from across the conference.

If you have any questions. Call Mikey at 770-457-2525

The cost is \$100.00. \$75.00 non-refundable deposit will be due Sunday January 10th with all the forms completed.



Notes on Music



Weekly Choir rehearsals for 2010 resume as follows:

- Jan. 6 Children’s Choir and Chancel Choir (nursery provided)
- Jan. 11 Ladies’ Choir and Handbell Choir (nursery provided)
- Jan. 13 Youth Choir rehearses with Chancel Choir from 7:30-8:00 for the remainder of January

All church members and friends from the community are invited to attend a special Atlanta Roswell District Adult Choir Festival and Worship Service at 2:30 on Jan 10 at St. James United Methodist Church at 4400 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd NE Atlanta. Our own Chancel Choir will join several other area choirs for the concert, and two of the six choral anthems will be conducted by Mary Lynn Weatherly and accompanied by Bill Callaway.

Ladies Choir now has a nursery for the Monday 1:30-2:30 rehearsals, so moms of young children are encouraged to join this group that focuses on a wide variety of musical styles and outreach to the community through music. In addition to singing for two worship services now through May, this group will be working on some Broadway show tunes for three community performances, including a May 19th Wednesday dinner program.

All choirs welcome new members at this time. Contact Mary Lynn Weatherly for more information.

Many thanks to the actors, singers, ringers, instrumentalists, and accompanists who provided inspirational music by sharing their talents during Advent and Christmas. Special gratitude to Bill Callaway, Bob Lingle, Bobbi Matthews, Tom Stokes, Becky Sanders, and Katherine Rodriguez for excellent leadership and assistance.

Mary Lynn Weatherly,
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Regular Activities for the Month of January

<u>Sundays</u>	
Worship Service	8:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
UMYF	5:00 pm
<u>Mondays</u>	
Ladies Choir	1:30 pm
Bell Choir	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts	7:00 pm
<u>Tuesdays</u>	
Prayer Group	8:00 am
Cub Scouts	7:00 pm
<u>Wednesdays</u>	
Disciple 1 Bible Study	12:15 pm
Youth Bible Study & Fellowship	6:00 pm
Fellowship Supper	6:00 pm
Children's Choirs & Activities	6:30 pm
Chancel Choir	7:30 pm
<u>Thursdays</u>	
Adult Bible Studies	6:30 pm
AA Meeting	8:00 pm
<u>Fridays</u>	
<u>Saturdays</u>	
AA Meeting	8:00 pm



Five Weeks of the Prophets

January 17th–February 14th

Sundays Evenings

6:00pm–7:30 pm

Taught by Dr. Brent A. Strawn, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Candler School of Theology.

Topics include: The Prophetic Phenomenon, The Prophets Calling, Prophecies of Doom, Prophecies of Hope, and “What does it mean?”

Contact Rev. Jordan Thrasher to register at:

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*Childcare is available upon request

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