

**NOTICE:** The Leadership Team minutes of their January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting are available in the church office.

## CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, January 23, 2005** (Nursery Available)

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Praise and Worship

**Monday, January 24, 2005**

10:00 am Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday, January 26, 2005**

6:30 pm Surprise Supper in Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 30, 2005** (Nursery Available)

9:45 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee and Friendship Time in Fellowship Hall

10:45 am Praise and Worship

**NEW PROGRAM:** The Wednesday night supper for this week will be a surprise. The supper with drinks will be provided and will begin at 6:30 pm. Please fill out the enclosed card to indicate whether you and/or your family will be able to attend. Place the card in the offering plate.

### FOR SUNDAY, 01/16/05

#### ATTENDANCE

Sunday School = 37

Morning Worship = 63

Monday Prayer Group = 6

The love and sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Muriel Elaine Donovan, who recently passed away. Mrs. Donovan was a member of the Lithonia community and offered joy and encouragement to everyone with whom she met. May God continue to be with her dear family during this difficult moment.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and your minds to Christ Jesus.*

**Phil: 4:76 NIV**

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Montine Abbott; for all of our members who are ill with the flu;  
the continued efforts in South Asia

If you have a special need or prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Card, which is located in the pew racks, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor as you leave. The Prayer Group meets each Monday 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the church. Everyone is invited to come pray for our church, our community, each other and individual needs.

# Welcome

**January 23, 2005**

## What's Your Mission?

Paul not only had a message and a master, but he also had a mission. That is what he is telling us when he says:

“Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us; for many of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, from whence we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.”

Paul did not set out to be Christ's greatest disciple. He set out to follow Christ and to serve him, and in the following, God blessed him and used him to his glory. May it be the same with us.

What is your mission?  
Think about it!



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# “OFFER THEM CHRIST”

January 23, 2005  
The Third Sunday after Epiphany  
The Color is Green

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome

\* The Hymns of Praise Barbara Crews  
Victory In Jesus; Nothing But the Blood; Are You Washed in the Blood

Announcements

Invocation Mrs. Ann Ray

\* The Hymns of Praise Barbara Crews  
There Is Power In the Blood; My Tribute

Centering Prayer Barbara Crews

Installment of Leadership Members

Children’s Moments William Dunn

\* Scripture Lesson Matthew 4:12-23

\* Affirmation of Faith No. 887  
From Romans 8:35, 37-39

**Leader**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People**

No!

In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither

death or life nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to  
separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus or Lord.

Thanks be to God! AMEN

\*Gloria Patri

No. 71

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Lawrence E. Wilson

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. AMEN**

Offertory “Jesus Is My Life” Todd Kendall  
Kristi Mieske, Organist

God’s Tithe and Our Offering

\*Doxology No. 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

Anthem “It Is Well With My Soul” Bliss & Spafford  
Chancel Choir

The Sermon Dr. Lawrence E. Wilson  
**“Did He Really Say That?”**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn of Invitation No. 367  
“He Touched Me” UM Hymnal

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Benediction

Postlude “How Firm A Foundation” Carolyn Hamlin  
Kristi Mieske, Organist

\*Please Stand As You Are Able  
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Note: Nursery is available in Educational Building.

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