



HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cartersville, Georgia

December 11, 2013

Reaching people in the name of Christ • Discipling people in the way of Christ • Empowering people in the service of Christ

News to waking up to God . . .

In the movie *Awakenings*, Robin Williams plays Dr. Oliver Sachs, a psychologist on the staff of a mental health institution. On one of the floors of the hospital are patients who appear to be the walking dead. Day in and day out, they stare as if completely unconscious. They seem to have no ability to communicate with anyone. Some have the ability to move, but simply repeat the same movements without any apparent meaning or purpose.

Dr. Sachs tries some experimental medicines on these patients and stumbles across one that arouses and awakens them back to life. It is as if they pick up their lives from the last point before illness descended on them. Some begin to dance and sing; others can play games and tell stories. These once-silent people joyfully begin to inter-

act with the hospital staff and with one another.

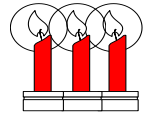
Joy brings movement to life. Which may be why we sometimes use the word “ecstatic” to describe someone who is joyful. Our word ecstasy is derived from the Greek word “ekstasis” – “Ek” means out (as in the word exit) and “stasis” (meaning a condition of standing still, stagnant).

Ecstasy, then, literally means to come out of a standstill.

The angels announce news of “a great joy” and everyone who hears it starts moving in new ways. I wonder where such news will cause our church to move this year? See you Sunday – and bring your dancing shoes.

Grace and peace,

JOY



Third Sunday of Advent
December 15

Christmas Caroling and Chili Supper

Sunday,
December 15
5:30 p.m.



Sunday,
December 29,
10:00 a.m.



One Worship Service

No Sunday school
or coffee/fellowship
time.

Family Promise is a partnership of congregations helping families who are facing homelessness. As a church family, we have been gathering information and discussing becoming one of the host churches. The next information/discussion time is **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:20 P.M.** You can read more about *Family Promise* at www.familypromise.org.



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion
Services
5:30 and 9:00 p.m.

Notes Received . . . The Heritage family has received notes of appreciation from the family of Dr. John Walker, the family of Johnny Chapman and John Fain. The notes are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

**The church office will be closed December 24
January 1 for the holiday season.**

If you have an emergency, please leave a message on the machine in the church office, and a staff member will return your call, or call Michael, 404-443-9176; Jeff, 770-714-4225; Rusty, 770-377-8716; Debbie, 770-386-0709; Susan, 678-431-2149; or Britt, 256-630-1456. (No newsletter the week of 12/30)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR:

December 18—No supper or evening activities—sanctuary choir only

December 25 & January 1—No supper or evening activities

Invitation to the New Testament

2014 Short-Term Winter Bible Study

Tuesdays, January 7-March 11

HBC, Classroom N-3, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10 for participant book

To register, contact Jeff Wright, 770-382-6076
or jeff@hbccartersville.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



A HERITAGE OF HELP AND HEALING, HOPE AND HOME

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Celeste Clotfelter, home
 Ronnie Satterfield, home
 Darby Bryant, Atlanta
 Anne Mulkey, step mother of Peggy Pulliam
 Anthony Heaten & Jeannette Bearden, friends of the McCoys
 John Fain, home
 Cathryn Leveen, mother of Lydia Hightower
 Karen Beech, friend of John Murray
 Joyce Smith, sister-in-law of Charles & Gayle Smith
 Johnny Rodgers, home
 Terry Holden, sister-in-law of Suzanne Walker
 Heidi/Craig Saxton, family of John & Sandy Hess
 Kay Andrews, friend of Anita Webb
 Mary Wright, mother of Jeff Wright
 Benny Bandy, father of Chad Bandy
 Jim Higgins, friend of Sally Anne Burdette & Cindy Dalton
 Bryce Thomason, friend of Mary Carol Sheffield
 Amber Gifford, granddaughter of Judy and Dick Gifford
 Dallas Worsham, father of Connie Abernathy
 Carol Ann Prewett, cousin of Barbara Bentley
 Kirk & Cathy Smith, neighbors of the Satterfield's
 Rebecca Stone Smith, niece of Martha & Jimmy Stone
 Guy Matthews, uncle of Amanda Nelson
 Kitty Jones, friend of John & Sandy Hess
 Michele Hubbs, friend of Jim & Pat McCoy
 Gail Lyle, friend of Marina Robertson
 Perry Bailey, relative of Lamar Wadsworth
 Sherry Jarrett, sister-in-law of James & Becky Jarrett
 Ginny Holden, sister-in-law of Carol Culverhouse
 Lucy Thomas, mother of Jo Ann Branton
 Beth Giddens, cousin of Libba Birmingham
 Diane Monroe, friend of Jim & Candy Smith
 Cynthia Goff, friend of Britt & Courtney Hester
 Adrienne Polley, friend of Lola Nation
 Jerry Prewett, cousin of Jimmy Stone
 Jan Hughes, friend of Lamar Wadsworth
 Betty Kight, mother of Peggy Pulliam
 Rozell Payne, friend of Austin & Fannie Panter
 Jean Ciccarelli, friend of Jimmy & Martha Stone
 Frances Gibson, relative of Al Johnson
 Monica Boone, sister-in-law of Ted & Karen Boone
 Suzan McWhorter, home
 Ninette McGowin, aunt of Carla Branch
 Randy Henderson, home
 Helyn Kesler, sister of Candy Smith
 Kathleen Warren, cousin of Piety Seymour
 Gene Cantrell, husband of Myrtle Cantrell
 Brant Nelson, home
 Lee Payne, friend of many
 Harry Thompson, Piedmont Hospital
 Susan Stephens, friend of Cathy Branton
 Robbie Robertson, brother of Ray Robertson
 Mary Katherine Jacob, aunt of Leigh Anne Conduff

DECEMBER 15: "DOUBT AND LOVE" (ISAIAH 35:1-10; MATTHEW 11:2-11) When John the Baptizer is arrested, he begins to doubt the One in whom he had placed his confidence. He sends some of his followers to ask Jesus if there is any reason to keep believing. Jesus doesn't give a direct answer, but instead points to small signs of healing and hope. What signs of love do you see that give you a reason to believe in the face of doubt?

USHERS, GREETERS, SECURING BUILDING, & NURSERY RESPONSIBILITIES—DECEMBER 15
Ushers-Jay Pye
Greeters-Jim & Candy Smith, Leigh Anne Conduff, Charles & Gayle Smith
Nursery Workers-Gay Miller, Anne Bunch
Secure Building-Jay Pye

STEWARDSHIP
GENERAL BUDGET NEEDS EACH WEEK-\$9,152.39
General Budget Receipts, 12/8-\$13,629.44
 Receipts through October, \$346,910.01
 Expenses through October, \$367,243.09
Debt Retirement Receipts, 12/8-\$2,227.00
 Receipts through October, \$51,063.47
 Expenses through October, \$57,635.62
 Other Receipts, 12/8-\$22.00

2013 CONTRIBUTIONS
 Contributions for 2013 must be in the church office by December 31 or must have a postmark of December 31 or before.

Youth Christmas Party
 Sunday, December 22
 at the home of
 Steve, Sherylann & Cavett Wesner
 5:00-8:00 P.M. 39 Riverwalk Pky., Euaharlee, GA

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you all for your generous support during this past Sunday's youth bake auction! Your support totaled \$1,317! That is incredible! I cannot begin to tell you how grateful we are for the time, energy, and money you all graciously gave in order to make this a successful event for our youth. This money will go directly toward the cost of camps and retreats such as Passport, our summer mission camp. Without your generous gifts these trips would not be possible. So, with great joy and sincere gratitude, and on behalf of the entire youth ministry, "Thank you!" *Britt*

Passport Kid's Camp 2014
June 30-July 3
 Deposit of \$60 for kids attending Passport Kid's Camp next summer is due Sunday, January 12, 2014.