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FAITH A.M.E. ZION CHURCH: WHERE FAITH COMES TO LIFE AND LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED.

FAITH HOSTS 2nd CONFERENCE CHECK-UP MEETING

Saturday, April 25, Faith hosted approximately 150 worshippers from across the Georgia Conference during the 2nd Check-up meeting for the conference year.

Check-up meetings are an opportunity for our Presiding Bishop, Kenneth Monroe, to hear reports, convene committee meetings, and fellowship with Presiding Elders, local Pastors, and district officers.

The Georgia Conference consists of three districts; **Atlanta** (Presiding Elder, John Paul Ruth), **Conyers-Winder** (Presiding Elder, Don C. Phillips, Jr.) and **Augusta** (Presiding Elder, Jeffrey L. Tribble) and includes 31 churches.

Prior to the meeting, Bishop Monroe met with all ministers while Missionary Supervisor, Sheila Monroe, met with all local Missionary Presidents. This Check-Up meeting was marked by an awesome word from Bishop Monroe, "*Between No Longer and Not Yet*", the retirement of Rev. Gaines Culpepper and the assignment of Rev. Orlando Tucker to Smith Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church.

Special thanks to Faith's Mass Choir, ushers, photographers, sound technicians, logistic organizers, catering and hosting volunteers.

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Family & Friends Sunday is May 31, 2009. Beginning the first Sunday in May, the Lifestyle Stewardship Committee will distribute "***I've Got Shoes***" envelopes to members, You are asked to pay your shoe size in dollars and solicit contributions from your family and friends for their shoe sizes. A prize will be awarded to the person who reports the largest amount of funds generated from family/friends invited on that date.

Faith on the Move: What's Happening in the Lives of People of Faith



Lisa Mickles-Miles celebrated her home dedication on April 20. Family, friends, neighbors and church members gathered to fellowship in a ceremony officiated by Rev. Gloria Wright.

Faith welcomes new members **Cathy Blue** and **Cortell Manuel** (nephew of John Steele) as well as new musicians **James "Ellis" McGinnis** (Minister of Music, vocalist, organist and pianist) and **Leandre "Andre" Dabney** (Drummer).

Proud parents, **Jecorey and Kira Leggins**, welcomed baby **Jessica Janae** on Easter Sunday. Just one day prior, the mother-to-be was honored with a baby shower from her Faith family.

Michael Bettis completed Floor Tech/Custodial Services Training on April 17, 2009 and is now a certified Floor Technician.



Jillian's Walk

Carole Lane participated in the 2009 Walk for Lupus Now on April 25, 2009 to raise funds for the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America.

Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body (skin, joints and/or organs inside the body). Normally our immune system produces proteins called antibodies that protect the body from foreign substances, like bacteria and viruses. With lupus, your immune system cannot tell the difference between these foreign invaders and your body's healthy tissues and creates autoantibodies ("auto" means "self") to attack and destroy healthy tissue. These autoantibodies cause inflammation, pain, and damage in various parts of the body.

Lupus is also a disease of flares (the symptoms worsen and you feel ill) and remissions (the symptoms improve and you feel better). With good medical care, most people with lupus can lead a full life. No gene or group of genes has been proven to cause lupus. Certain ethnic groups (people of African, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, or Pacific Island descent) have a greater risk of developing lupus, which may also be related to genes they have in common.















Carole surpassed her fundraising goal of \$500, raising over \$850, but encourages friends and family to continue donating in memory of Jillian and in support of others battling this debilitating disease. Donations will be collected through May 25, 2009 at <http://gawalk09.kintera.org>.



Jillian Lane lost her battle with Lupus late last year.

MAY 2009

“GO A LITTLE FARTHER WITH GOD” – MARK 14:35

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Corey Booker 
3	4	5	6 Cecil Gordon  Ndugu & Alice T'Ofori-Atta  12p Noonday	7	8	9
10 Ronald & Fran- cine Morris  Angel Food Orders Due	11 Calise Tucker  7:30p Girl Scout Meeting	12	13 12p Noonday Bible Study 7p Bible Study	14	15	16 Angel Food Dis- tribution Day
17 Betty Stephens & Jasmine Fill- more 	18 7:30p Girl Scout Closing Cere- mony	19	20 12p Noonday Bible Study 7p Bible Study	21	22 Chymeshia Harper 	23 Deborah White 
24 Phyllis Fletcher  Reginald & Mich- ele Morton 	25	26 Laura Heyward 	27 12p Noonday Bible Study 7p Bible Study	28 John Richard- son, III 	29 Tiara Watts 	30 10a Cluster Meeting @ Shaw Temple
31 PENTECOST Ottis & Delores Johnson & Lester & Gladys Reid  8:45a New Members Family & Friends Day						

CED Celebrates Resurrection Day

The Christian Education Department (CED) celebrated Resurrection Day with a focus on children. Utilizing traditional Easter activities, an egg hunt was held on the church grounds on April 11. On Resurrection Day (Easter Sunday) children and youth recited speeches in honor of the resurrection of Christ. Visit www.faithamezion.org for more pictures of resurrection events.



LEFT: Children search for hidden eggs.



RIGHT: The youth recite speeches.

MEMBER'S MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, Faith held a call members meeting to discuss the status of our mortgage. With approximately \$13,000 of interest due in the coming weeks, the Trustee Board elected to borrow from our Lifestyle Stewardship Campaign fund. On the leadership front, Pastor Love appointed **Crystal Young** as Class Leader of Class #4 and **Mattie Edwards** as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

USDA FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



The Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority, Inc. (FACAA) and the Department of Human Resources/Food Nutrition Programs in partnership with faith and community organizations distributed commodity food from the US Department of Agriculture TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) commodities to Low Income Residents in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County on Saturday April 25, 2009.

As a host site, Faith participated in it's first Distribution to 100 families. Volunteers picked up the food Monday and assembled the boxes Wednesday and Thursday for distribution. Many thanks to those who assisted:

Alfred McCrary, John Steele, Ray Daniels, Gladys Reid, Michael Cooper, Toni Reid, Bridget Rhodes, Melissa Luck, Crystal Young, John Richardson, Tony Myers, Pastor Love, Lexi Love, Lisha Love, Jacqueline Gilbert, Brandon Williams, Lisa Mickles-Miles, Rufus Thomas, Ottis Johnson, Henrietta Strong, Jacqueline Herndon, Joyce Thomas, LaQuinnya Missouri, Robert Burt, Leslie McCrary, Cynthia Jones, Johnny Green and Phyllis Fletcher.

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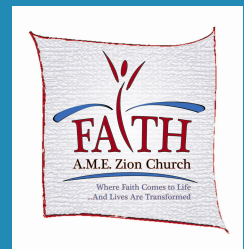


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