



# GCOM's Newsletter

## WE MADE IT! by Nan Powell

On Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, GCOM celebrated our First Anniversary — and what a celebration it was! Family and friends had a truly joyful time!

Sweet and wonderful Reverend Jay Neely was there to celebrate with us and bring the invocation. Our guest speaker was the esteemed Reverend Doctor Kathi E. Martin. She is truly a LOT of TNT packed into a tiny frame – what a powerful speaker! We were mightily blessed to have her there to enlighten us.

Jo Ann was slated to give the history of God's Chosen Ones, but put a slightly different twist on the matter with, "Here we are one year later with still 15 members—Shame on us!" Wonderfully inspired words for thought as we learn to go about increasing our membership and our outreach.

Children's hour was conducted by educator Deacon Carol Witcher with presents as well as wisdom for ALL of God's children.

And music? You betcha! Special music from members and visitors alike.

Jennetha Baines and also out dear friends **Kemo** spoke to our hearts with their music of joy and thanksgiving...guaranteed to put a smile in every heart there! After the service, there was food and fellowship to be enjoyed by everyone!

Our theme states,

Great Beginnings  
Now Let's Get BUSY!

We rocked the house! As we head towards our NEXT anniversary, imagine all the Lord is going to do with us!

### Our History

#### Our first service was on

August 10, 2009

- Rev. Mena Johnson officiated
- We had 9 people in attendance
- Our first Board of Directors were:  
Jackie Pruitt  
Sandra Bowden  
Marty Martensen  
Deborah Fanning
- Our first mission was to raise money to feed 100 homeless people for Thanksgiving.
- Our first social event was the Apple Festival in Ellijay in November 2008
- Our first birth was Donte Johnson
- Our first loss was Ross Powell

### GCOM's 411

WORSHIP—SUNDAY at 3:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY—TUESDAY at 7:00 pm

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#### PASTOR

Reverend Mena Johnson

#### DEACONS

Sandra Bowden, Jo Ann Jensen, Marty Martensen

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## Pastor's Desk

Welcome all to the GCOM Newsletter.

I would like to share with you some of our upcoming events and fundraisers. We are now doing a fundraiser for our Building Fund and also our Outreach Program. We sold candles raising \$ 500.00.

Next we will be selling **Sonic Cards**. Each card will be sold for \$5.00. These cards are savings cards, and have savings such as buy one meal and get a meal free. Each card that is sold will be 100% profit for GCOM.

Upcoming will be the cookie dough fundraiser, with details to follow at a later date and last but not least, we will be selling the all time favorite Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.

The holiday Season is arriving quickly. We have decided that for this year's Thanksgiving we will work with feeding the homeless at the "Hosea Feed the Hungry".

We will also be collecting blankets so that we can provide these to some of the homeless in the area.

You see, the Word of God in Philippians 4:13 says to us that . . .

"We can do all things through Christ". Christ has walked with us from day one and has blessed us so that we may bless others that are in need. We as a family are trying keep our eyes on Him so we can do all things through **He that Strengthens Us**, We are called to be the Community Faith that God has prescribed, that we do what is in His WORD.

I KNOW A MAN AND HIS NAME IS JESUS AND HE SUPPLIES OUR EVERY NEED.

Be Blessed

Pastor Elder Mena Johnson



## COMING—October 25, 2009 3:00 PM

**Please join us for an exciting time and be blessed by the talent and ministry of Concert pianist and songwriter, Dave Lambert.**

### *Isn't it time that you participated in worship in a new way?*

Dave has more than thirty years experience as a church musician. Twenty of those years included worship leader and music minister at a variety of large churches in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

Dave's piano skills are dynamic, exciting, and just plain extraordinary. He has been compared with Dino Kartsonakis and the pianist for Aretha Franklin all rolled into one.

Words like stellar, majestic, and Spirit-filled leap to the lips of listeners as Dave pours himself into the piano to provide a worship experience that is beyond compare. His playing styles include classical, Southern Gospel, Black Gospel, Contemporary, and everything in between.

Of particular interest to churches, Dave has a unique gift for leading listeners into the presence of God through music.

***"It's not just the music, it's the miracle behind the music!"***



## October Birthdays

**James Maxwell            5**

**Diwaun Hall                17**

"Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."

Proverbs 19:20-21

# My Greatest Strength is Enduring Weakness by Bryce S. Hardin

## What are the definitions of weakness?

- *Weakness: lack of strength or determination;*
- *Weak point: a weak point in the structure or arrangement of something;*
- *Character flaw: a feature of somebody's character regarded as unfavorable;*
- *Fondness: a strong liking for something;*
- *Object of desire: an irresistible object of desire.*

In most human cultures, when the subject of weakness is brought up, we usually refer to the first definition. In reaction to this, we not only look upon weakness as an abhorrent element to be ashamed of, but also try to hide our infirmities up to the point of ridiculing and humiliating others' flaws before ours begin to take notice.

As a consequence, we miss out on opportunities in not only learning from our mistakes and weak points, but also gaining strength by endurance in them. What do I mean by that? I will sum it up: weakness could be one of, if not, the largest hardships to endure. For example, suffering violence, bearing fierce insults, tolerating discrimination, pushing an immobile object, managing in a job downsizing, etc. In all this, what do we gain from enduring these preceding situations: strength.

Jesus demonstrated this by being beaten, stoned, made to carry the cross he was going to be nailed to and died on. He has also said to us when someone wants to hurt us in violent way, the strongest reaction is to not react at all. If someone were to sue us for our coat, give them a cloak also.

Remember the last definition of weakness: object of desire. If our object of desire is eternity, then we are willing to endure whatever it takes to have that.

Another strength in enduring weakness is the confessing of them to and acceptance from with the utmost unconditional love. That means when one reveals a flaw to us, we love and honor them for the disclosure of them and, as needed, to assist one another with them. This can also be considered an act of vulnerability, putting us at risk of being attacked with fierce mockery. Again, Jesus has withstood this to show us true strength.

I encourage everyone to view weakness as an opportunity of growth and trust instead of a mark of shame.

**Our strength grows out of our weaknesses .**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## Newsletter Info

This information is to help you, the servants, at GCOM with your newsletter. As you progress and grow the newsletter will hold more and more importance. It, like the web site, will be the printed material that tells people who and what you are all about. It may be passed from person to person and may be read, even when outdated by people that know nothing about GCOM. As you present material to go in the newsletter, keep this in mind. What you put in the newsletter is a definite reflection of who you are and like most ministries you are an eclectic group of people with

like thoughts and very different thoughts.

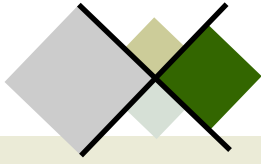
Each month, you will be able to check your newsletter to find the deadlines for future issues. The Newsletter will also be available on line at the GCOM website. There will be the current newsletter and some of the past newsletters.

Keep your material fresh and relevant. You can send your material to the Pastor or email it to:

[Newsletter@GodsChosenOnesMinistry.com](mailto:Newsletter@GodsChosenOnesMinistry.com)

All information and articles may not be used in the month received and occasionally there will be some that will not appear.

Unless otherwise notified due to holidays and special events, the deadline for each month for the GCOM newsletter will be the 21st of the month so that we can get the GCOM Newsletter out by the 1st of each month.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Word of God proclaims to be the Gospel of Jesus. In His Word is the Mission of God's Chosen One's Ministry. GCOM is a Church without division that is open to all.

GCOM is a church that is

- void of segregation based on race, creed and sexual orientation.
- without walls of denomination barriers, where God's banner over us is love
- of born-again, spirit filled believers whom are governed by principles of God's Word
- where the fruits of love are joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith and temperance are abundant

This ministry plans to reach out to those who are lost, hungry and thirsty in their spiritual and human realm. We are called to reach out beyond these walls and demonstrate the principles of the Kingdom of God on this earth and to assume responsibility for our church, the community and to set standards of righteousness. These are the things that are prescribed by God's Word and is our mission to fulfill.



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