We welcome you to the

Albany Gospel Chapel

February 8, 2009

2556 North Slappy Blvd. Albany, GA 31705
Chapel Phone: 229-435-3546
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Sunday Morning

Breaking of Bread.....9:30—10:30 am
Fellowship & Refreshments.....10:30—11:00 am
Morning Message & Children's Sunday School.....11:00 am—12:00 pm
Speaker.....David Tyson
Speaker next week.....Bobby Marshall

Sunday Evening

Men and Women's Prayer Groups.....5:30—6:00 pm
Bible Study (1 Samuel 18-20).....6:00—7:00 pm
Moderator.....Mark Daniels
Moderator next week.....Joel Wilkerson

Wednesday

Prayer & Bible Study.....7:30—8:30 pm
This week.....Missionary Prayer Night
Next week.....Thomas Amos

Saturday Evening

Teen & Young Adult Fellowship.....6:30—9:00 pm
Location this week.....Cancelled for the Valentine's Banquet

For Information or Spiritual Guidance Contact:

Bobby Marshall.....229-432-0436
David Tyson.....229-883-5345
Clay Miller.....229-883-2350
Joel Wilkerson.....229-436-8905

The deacons invite anyone with transportation difficulties or physical needs or other hindrances to please contact them for assistance. Also, please inform them of any suggestions for maintenance and improvements to the buildings or grounds.

Mike Amos.....439-8332
Mark Daniels.....347-3454
Greg Drake.....888-3287
Carl Gentry.....439-0559
Kirt Shiver.....759-0332

Announcements

Annual Valentine's Banquet: Don't forget to come out this Saturday night at 6pm and enjoy the Valentine's Day fellowship. As always, we look forward to seeing the beautiful and creative table decorations. Contact Rebecca Miller at 883-2350 for more information.

Birthday Greetings to:

Wendy Amos.....February 8
Jonathan Amos.....February 10
Hollis Johnson.....February 12
Jessalyn Morey.....February 14

The local outreach is not going out this Saturday but will resume on February 21. So far more than 400 homes have been reached.

Bobby Marshall is ministering to the saints in Macon. Please pray for a safe trip and blessings.

The Christian life—is it tough or easy? Which is it supposed to be? Does our faith in Jesus Christ cause us difficulty, hardship, suffering, and loss? Or does it pave for us an easy road to heaven? These aren't easy questions. But if we look at some of the people in the Bible—the ones we admire and respect for their obvious faithfulness to the Lord—we see that they didn't have a life of ease. Paul, for example, faced difficulties that would make most of us wonder where God is: shipwrecks, imprisonments, beatings, and other kinds of abuse. It seems he was better off before he started following Jesus. In his book *Amusing Ourselves To Death*, social critic Neil Postman wrote, "Christianity is a serious and demanding religion. When it is delivered as easy and amusing, it is another kind of religion altogether." He's right. Jesus Himself said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24). That's a clear call for self-denial. Paul was given a task, and he did it wholeheartedly for God's glory, no matter what the cost. Are we willing to do what God has called us to do with the same dedication, whether it is easy or tough? —Dave Branon

...nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy. Acts 20:24

Calendar of Upcoming events

Women's Missionary Workshop	**February 10 & 24, 9:30-11:30 am**
Local Outreach	**February 21**
Valentine's Day	**February 14**