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“ADVENT AND BEYOND”



The Advent season celebrates and anticipates the coming of Christ into the world. Advent then is about anticipation and expectation. What are your advent expectations? In addition to the great expectations I have for family, friends, and myself I would like to share a few of my advent dreams for our church.

I anticipate God doing a mighty work in our lives as we share together in prayer every morning at 6:00am. To refresh our memories, the prayer call line is 712-432-0900, code 458938#. The call back number for those who wish to hear the recorded version of the prayer is 712-432-0990, code 458938#.

I anticipate a powerful Christmas evening candlelight service that begins at 7:30pm and a mighty manifest presence of God at our two regular services on Christmas morning. I anticipate souls saved and Christ being born anew in all of our lives.

As we move beyond Advent into the season of Epiphany and look towards a New Year, I anticipate a surprising number of souls coming to Christ as we all continue our quest for new possibilities being revealed for our lives at our two New Year's Eve services at 8:00pm and 10:30pm as well as our two regular worship services on New Years Day. I anticipate that each of us will begin this New Year with “A Clean Plate.”

I anticipate God blessing us in unanticipated and expo-

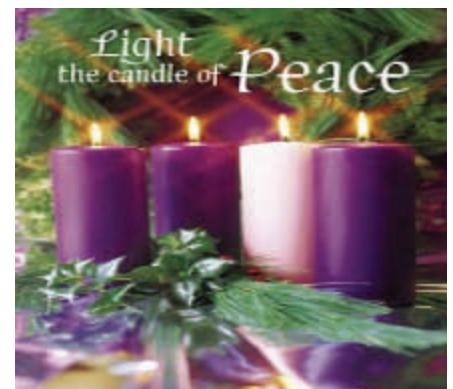
mental ways as we engage in the 21-day Daniel Fast that begins January 2 and runs through January 23.

I anticipate a tremendous church wide Martin Luther King Jr. celebration as we remember one whose life and ministry were so powerful that even though he is dead, the inspiration of his life still speaks and the truth of the Gospel he preached still stands.

I anticipate a unique, eye-opening and soul-searching Church Leader's Conference on January 20-21 as some of the new possibilities that God has for our church and our lives begin to be revealed.

What are your expectations and dreams for Advent and beyond? We serve a great God, whose powerful Son came to save us and who abides with us as the Holy Spirit who lives to guide, empower and comfort us as we walk in new possibilities no matter what our ages or circumstances. Therefore I encourage all of us to have great anticipation and expectations for this Advent Season and beyond. Peace and Power!!!

William D. Watley,
Under Shepherd



“God has a vision for our lives that is greater than any vision we can have for ourselves or that others can have for us.”

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Saint Philip's Church School

presents its annual

*Christmas
Pageant*

Sunday, December 18, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Marcia H. Moss

Family Life Center



CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT

Worship Service

featuring

Georg Friedrich Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus"

Saint Philip A.M.E. Church Mass Choir

Saturday, December 24, 2011 * 7:30 P.M.

The Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25th

7:45 and 11:00 a.m.

The Sanctuary

Come
Celebrate
Christmas
with us!

*Watch Night
Worship Services*

Saint Philip

A.M.E. Church

Saturday, December 31st

8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary

*New Year
Worship Services*

Saint Philip

A.M.E. Church

Sunday, January 1, 2012

7:45 and 11:00 a.m.

The Sanctuary

“The Angel Tree Project”

Angel Tree is an outreach ministry to families of incarcerated men and women. The program was organized with the purpose of focusing on the lives of children of prisoners, and helping to strengthen the bond between the inmate, their children and family. It is a nationwide program, founded by Mary Kay Beard and is coordinated by the Prison Fellowship organization as a ministry to provide Christmas gifts to prisoners' children on behalf of the incarcerated parents.

FACTS (national data) (*References)

One in three prisoners is a parent.

About 75% of women in prison are mothers.

1 in every 43 children has a parent in prison.

The inmate places the child's name with Prison Fellowship and local churches receive the names of the children in their area to be placed on the church's Angel Tree. Angel Tree steps in by helping to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of chil-

dren and prisoners, by sharing the love of Christ to help to fulfil their wishes for a memorable Christmas.

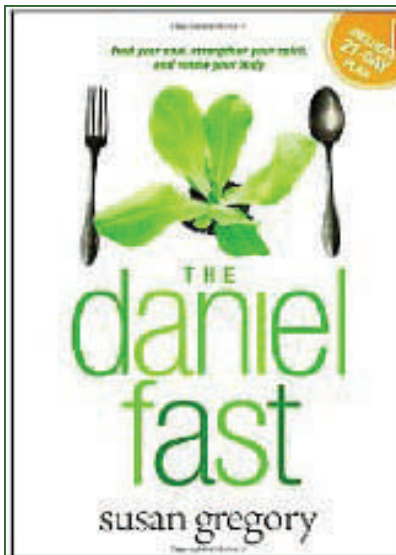
Our Saint Philip A.M.E. church family participates through our annual Angel Tree project coordinated by the Prison Ministry Unit of the NLM Women's Missionary Society. It has taken on a special meaning, as we reflect on how blessed we are and how we are called to help others in need. Over the years, with the help of the congregation, ministries and boards of Saint Philip, volunteers who make deliveries and our unit members, beautifully wrapped gift boxes and bags selected with care and love for a special child are distributed to children in Decatur, Stone Mountain, Atlanta and surrounding counties.

Blessed is he who considers the poor... Psalm 41:1

Prison Ministry Unit

Ruby Maddox – Unit Leader

NLM Women's Missionary Society



Twenty One Day Daniel Fast

January 2, 2012 until January 22, 2012

“New Possibilities for Faith, Family (relationships) and Finances for 2012”

(Same diet as Ten Day Fast but Fish option included during 21 day fast)

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