

### Notes from Noah . . .



Even our grocery stores have been hit hard by the economic slow down. H.W. was working at a local store when his hours were cut due to a slow down in business. The Ark helped pay his rent for July. He's hopeful his hours will return to normal come fall. On behalf of H.W., we thank you for your continued support.

"Notes from Noah" are single case examples of the work of The Ark highlighting the importance of our ministry in the community. Initials are used to respect the client's identity.

### Upcoming Events . . .

August 8 Fellowship Golf Challenge  
October 17 Gala Anniversary Banquet

### Feeding the Flock Cookbook

The Ark has published a cookbook to commemorate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The cookbook features favorite recipes from Ark volunteers and members of the community. Contact The Ark (706) 548-8155 to purchase. Cost is \$10.



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## MESSENGER FROM THE ARK

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### Christmas in July

While the temperature outside is anything but wintry, our low income neighbors require a commitment that stretches beyond any particular holiday or season. Thus the need for **Christmas in July**.

With the current economic situation and the increase in utilities and gas, more and more families are struggling to make ends meet. They continue to turn to The Ark, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year of operation, for financial assistance. We ask that you take a few minutes to make a donation supporting The Ark's ongoing ministry of helping neighbors in need.

Thank you in advance for your generous support. Your donation will ensure that The Ark spreads the joy of the holiday season all year long.

*Merry Christmas in July!*

### Fellowship Golf Challenge "Swing Fore Hope"

On Saturday, August 9th The Ark will host its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Ark Fellowship Golf Challenge "Swing Fore Hope". The tournament will be held at the UGA golf course. The entry fee is \$100 per player and includes a BBQ lunch and some terrific prizes. The Hole in One Prize is a 2009 Kia Spectra sponsored by Terry Reid Bulldog Kia.

Registration will open at 7:30 am with the shotgun start at 8:30 am. Mulligans can be purchased on the day of the event for \$10 (only two per player). Register online at [athensark.com](http://athensark.com).

If you don't golf you can still support this important fundraiser by being a tee sponsor and/or donating a prize.

We ask our supporting congregations to encourage their golfers to register for the tournament to help their congregation win the **Congregational Challenge Trophy**.

We invite everyone to come out for a fun day of golf and fellowship while supporting a great cause. For more information contact Patty Brooks at The Ark (706) 548-8155 or e-mail us at [arkumoc@msn.com](mailto:arkumoc@msn.com).



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# Save The Date

October 17, 2009

20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of

The Ark: United Ministry Outreach Center

&

Honoring Laura MacArthur upon her retirement

6:30 pm

Georgia Center for Continuing Education

Dinner Cost \$30 per person

(Invitation to Follow)

## New Ark Program - Jubilee Fund

The Ark is excited to be implementing a new program - The Jubilee Fund. The Ark is known for its emergency financial assistance in cases of loss of income or unexpected necessary expenses. With the creation of its Jubilee Fund in partnership with the Georgia Federal Credit Union, The Ark has created a platform to respond to more than just a client's immediate needs.

The Jubilee Fund will provide small, short-term, no interest loans to clients who meet strict criteria and demonstrate the ability to repay. Typically the loans will be less than \$1,000 although the amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

With the involvement of the Georgia Federal Credit Union, participants will have the opportunity to become more fully integrated into the economic financial mainstream. The Jubilee Fund will operate in the manner of a revolving-loan fund. As funds are repaid, they become available for new loans.

*The Lord said to Moses . . . It shall be a jubilee for you . . .  
If one of your countrymen becomes poor and is unable to support  
himself . . . Do not take interest of any kind from him."*

**Leviticus 25:1 . . . 36**

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The Ark: United Ministry Outreach Center

## 17th Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge "Swing Fore Hope"

Saturday, August 8, 2009 @ UGA Golf Course

### Help Sponsor A Great Cause

Business/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name as you wish it to appear on sponsorship sign:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Check Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mail To: The Ark / 640A Barber Street / Athens, GA 30601

Payment by Credit Card: MasterCard \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your selection from the following opportunities:

- Title Sponsor \$1,000**  
4 playing spots, name on banner at registration table, name on all promotional materials, exclusive hole signage.
- Gold Level \$500**  
2 playing spots, name on sponsor banner, recognition as Gold Sponsor in all promotional materials, exclusive hole signage.
- Silver Level \$250**  
1 playing spot, name on sponsor banner, recognition as Silver Sponsor in all promotional materials and hole sponsor sign.
- Tee Sponsor \$100**  
Your company name will appear on golf hole signage.

**All Proceeds to Benefit The Ark: United Ministry Outreach Center.** A tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization  
The Ark provides direct financial assistance for basic needs such as rent, utilities and prescription medicine for those individuals and families who can verify loss of income or unexpected necessary expense. Self-sufficiency and responsibility for ones own actions is foremost throughout The Ark's policies.



The Ark: United Ministry Outreach Center  
**17th Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge**  
**“Swing FORE HOPE”**

Saturday, August 8, 2009  
 UGA Golf Course

**REGISTER ONLINE WWW.ATHENSARK.ORG**

**Registration 7:30 am**  
**Shotgun Start 8:30 am**

**Format: 4 person Lauderdale**

**Fee: \$100 per golfer**

*includes a light breakfast, free soft drinks/water/snacks on the course and a BBQ lunch from Fresh Air Bar-B-Que.*

**Registration Deadline: August 3**

► **HOLE IN ONE PRIZE**



**2009 Kia Spectra**  
 Sponsored by  
**Terry Reid Bulldog Kia**  
 4285 Atlanta Hwy, Bogart

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team – Low Gross
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team – Low Net
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team – Low Net
- Longest Drive
- Closest to the Pin
- Door Prizes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ If you do not have a handicap, please enter your average score for 18 holes.

\*Ark Congregation Challenge (name of Supporting Congregation): \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Player #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Player #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name of Supporting Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Name of Supporting Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Name of Supporting Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee \$100/player** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mulligan's \$10 (2 per player)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amount of Check Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Payment by Credit Card:** MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mail or fax completed form to The Ark  
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**\*CONGREGATIONAL CHALLENGE\***

The congregational challenge is a contest designed especially for our supporting congregations. Players from supporting congregations should enter the name of their congregation in the appropriate space above.

The trophy will be awarded to the supporting congregation that has the most players and it will be theirs to keep along with bragging rights until the next tournament.



**2008 Winner:**  
**Chapelwood United Methodist**

**Financial Aid Given Through 7/15/09**

Type of Assistance	# Served	\$ Amount	% of Aid
Utilities	93	9465	47%
Housing	48	7091	35%
Transportation	15	315	2%
Medical/Dental	59	3173	16%
Other	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>20,044</b>	

**FUNDRAISERS**

**GIFT OF HOPE:**

**IN CELEBRATION OF:**

Marriage of Andy & Kari Barber  
*by Sarah Twill & Matt Sharpless*  
 WSU Dept. of Social Work  
*by Sarah Twill*

**IN HONOR OF:**

Kelly Paul  
*by James & Linda Jarrard*

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Willene Bramblett  
*by Bob & Brenda Glasscock*  
 Mamie Deutsch (Dr. Tony Deutsch mother)  
*by Laura MacArthur*  
 Red Petrovs Mother  
*by Laura MacArthur*  
 Jack Sorrells  
*by James & Nancy Miller*  
*Laura MacArthur*  
*Gary & Louise Fleming*

John Sangioanni  
*by Sarah Twill & Matt Sharpless*

Bill Peters  
*by Laura MacArthur*

Eleanor Pittenger  
*by Sarah Twill*

**HOLIDAY BENEVOLENCE MARKET: \$965**

**ENTRÉE OF HOPE: \$2693**

**ARK COOKBOOKS: \$1150**

**GRANTS**

Episcopal Charities  
 Georgia Federal Credit Union (Jubilee Fund)  
 Athens Community Foundation (Jubilee Fund)

**Contributions February—June 2009**

**CONGREGATIONS**

- Athens Christian
- Athens Seventh Day Adventist
- Campus View Church of Christ
- Central Presbyterian
- Chapelwood Methodist
- Christus Victor Lutheran
- Church of the Nations
- Community Alliance
- Covenant Presbyterian
- First Baptist of Athens
- First Christian
- First Pentecostal
- First Presbyterian
- First United Methodist
- Green Acres Baptist
- Holy Cross Lutheran
- Milledge Avenue Baptist
- Princeton United Methodist
- St. Gregory's Episcopal
- St. Stephen's Parrish
- Trinity Lutheran
- Tuckston United Methodist
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Winterville First Baptist

**INDIVIDUALS/ORGANIZATIONS/ETC.**

- Athens Academy
- Philip & Christie Bettendorf
- Kevin & Carolyn Clancey
- Gail Cowie
- Crossroads Church
- Doug & Barbara Eza
- Jim & Linda Jarrard
- George & Cindy Kuhlman
- Gladys Murphy
- Virginia Parham
- Patricia Perrodin
- Presbyterian Women/Central Presbyterian
- Sarepta Baptist Association
- Elizabeth Sheerer
- Betty Simmons/Diann Carter
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- Elizabeth Taylor
- Tuckston United Methodist/Gatekeepers Class
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