



Keeping Warm

What a sight it is to see hundreds of coats, gloves, blankets, and hats for homeless persons presented before the chancel of a church! In several of our congregations, these garments are dedicated on the third Sunday in October every year. Again in 2004, Warm Up Sunday will be observed.

The invitation is for gently used or new items to be brought for distribution to ministries with the homeless and poverty stricken in North Georgia. Regretfully, the number of persons in need is not decreasing.

Susannah Davis, Chairperson of the Committee on Persons Living in Poverty, indicated that she was encouraged by e-mails asking about this year's observance before final plans were complete. "Please," she stated, "don't forget the children." Places as the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women are serving children as well as their mothers. Persons on the streets

suffering from AIDS are increasing in number. Ministries which address the AIDS population are likewise worthy recipients of these gifts.

Where the specified clothing and blankets go is the choice of each church. Perhaps, there are local helping agencies in your community where you wish to place these donations. The various Action Ministries units across the Conference will receive and utilize them. The Atlanta Day Shelter for Women has numerous requests for such assistance. Indeed, some churches keep items on hand for times when persons call on their church for help.

The homeless have no place to store heavy clothing and blankets during the hot summer months. Hence, each winter there is an urgency about finding something to keep warm. Your gift may save a life. I urge you to observe Warm Up Sunday on October 17 (or another Sunday soon).

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P.S. If you have questions or need suggestions, Susannah Davis may be reached at smdavis@mindspring.com.

Conference Insurance Workshops

Since we are changing carriers, it is important that those persons covered under the conference insurance attend a workshop during the week of October 18 - 21. The schedule is listed in the calendar to the right. A separate workshop at each place will be held for retired persons.

This Week's Calendar Events

- **October 11**
Northwest District Clergy Meeting - Mtn. Top Boys' Home - 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- **October 11**
New Church Leadership Academy - St. James, Alpharetta - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- **October 12**
Atlanta College Park District Lay Speaking Course - Atlanta First - 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
- **October 12**
Atlanta Marietta District Leadership Meeting - AMAR District Office - 7:00 PM
- **October 12**
Gainesville District Lay Speaking Course - Cornelia First - 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- **October 14**
Atlanta Marietta District Lay Speakers Consecration Service - East Cobb UMC - 7:30 PM
- **October 14**
Atlanta District Leadership Meeting - AMAR District Office - 12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM
- **October 16**
Advanced Lay Speakers Training - Thomson First - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- [Complete Calendar](#)

Look Ahead - HealthFlex Insurance Workshops (Change to new Carrier)

- **October 18** - Decatur First - 9:30 AM and Griffin First - 7 PM
- **October 19** - Sam Jones, Cartersville - 7 PM and Douglasville First - 9:30 AM
- **October 20** - Greensboro First - 9:30 AM
- **October 21** - Chamblee First - 2 PM and St. Paul, Washington St., Gainesville - 9:30 AM

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Lectionary and Bible Readings

Daily Bible Reading

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Lectionary Scriptures NIV Sunday, October 17, 04 - 20th Sunday After Pentecost - Color: Green

Scripture Readings

- [Psalm 119: 97-104 or 19](#)
- [Jer. 31: 27-34](#)
- [2 Tim. 3: 14 - 4: 5](#)
- [Luke 18: 1-8](#)