

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES *2008 - 2009*



*"Equipping the Saints
for Ministry"*

Dear Church Family,

This booklet has been prepared for you in hopes that you might find your place among the ministries of our church. We serve in order to be more like Christ. Your service in the church is important, not because it enables us to provide programs, but because when we serve we are most like Christ.

We invite you to carefully study this booklet and discover where God is leading you in service.

In Christ,

Rev. Chuck Hodges

Rev. Martha Aenchbacher

Rev. Amy Valdez Barker

Rev. Will Zant

Discovering Your Spiritual Gift

Spiritual Gifts are special abilities given by God for us to make our unique contribution to His service. They are for the common good of the Body of Christ and everybody has at least one. Spiritual Gifts direct us to what we are supposed to do in Christ's service. Please take a Spiritual Gifts Questionnaire on our website, athensfirstumc.org, to discover your spiritual gift and prayerfully consider where to serve.



Steps for filling out the Discipleship Opportunities Form

- 1.** Before making any decisions, pray that God will lead you to your place of service.
- 2.** Highlight serving opportunities that interest you. Pay special attention to your spiritual gift.
- 3.** Fill out the enclosed Discipleship Opportunities Form in the back of this book.
- 4.** Return your form to the church office. A separate form is needed for each person. Additional forms can be picked up in the church office or online at athensfirstumc.org.

After this form is received, you will be contacted by a member of the ministry that interests you to discuss the details of your selections.

Adults in Youth Ministry

****For more information, please contact Amy Valdez Barker, 706-543-1442, ext. 209 or amy@athensfirstumc.org****

101 Grade Level Sponsors

(7 year commitment)

Grade-level sponsors are “shepherds” in youth ministry for one class of youth. Sponsors typically begin with the Confirmation class in their 6th grade year and stay with their class until they graduate from high school. Their primary responsibility is to be a loving, caring Christian role-model for these youth throughout their adolescent years.

Opportunities for building these relationships with their class come through:

- Participating in Confirmation with the class (5:30 – 7:15 Sundays in the Fall)
- Participating in the Confirmation Retreat and Confirmation Trips (September – November)
- Participating in Cross Ties when available throughout the school year
- Helping lead/coordinate grade-level activities and events
- Participating in Youth Staff Meetings prior to Cross Ties as part of our team-building and training process
- Participating in Retreats/Trips/Outings as available throughout the year

102 First Word Teachers, Bible Study Teachers

(1 year commitment)

First Word (Sunday School) teachers and Bible Study (Wednesday evening) teachers are volunteers who commit one year at a time to be leaders/teachers in our Sunday School and Bible Study ministries. These leaders should be strong in their faith and dedicated to God through the Christian tradition. Their primary responsibility is to engage youth in learning about God, learning about Christianity and deepening the young person’s relationship with God through study of the bible, through study of our United Methodist Tradition and through opportunities of critical thinking and their life experiences. The expectations for this commitment include:

- Leading First Word (Sundays 9:30 – 10:45) or Bible Study (Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30)
- Working with Youth Program Staff to develop plans for curriculum and choose appropriate age-appropriate curriculum

103 Snack Supper Coordinator

(3 year commitment)

The role of the Snack Supper Coordinator is to work with parents/guardians of youth to help provide snack suppers throughout the school year for the youth. This person recruits volunteers for each Sunday that Snack Supper is provided. They work with teams of volunteers for special events including “Warmth in the Winter” and “Senior Valentine Dinner.” They also ensure that the Snack Supper supplies are stocked for every week and work with the Minister of Families with Youth on the details of the meal logistics from week to week. This person is the key communicator between the Youth Program Staff and the volunteer teams. They are also responsible for helping find and train their predecessor.

104 Youth Ministry Assistant Shepherds

All Youth Assistant Shepherds are adult leaders (including college-age young adults) who participate in building up relationships and being role models for the youth at Athens First United Methodist Church. They abide by our Safe Sanctuaries Covenants and take on a myriad of roles with the youth through Cross Ties, First Word, Bible Study, Mission Trips, Retreats and other outings. They can be called upon for one-time events or for weekly events. They are the dedicated adult leaders who love to share Christ with the youth of AFUMC.

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105 Parent/Guardian Volunteers & Helpers

There are multiple opportunities for parents and guardians to volunteer as a part of our youth ministry. There are 3 specific opportunities for parents/guardians:

- Bringing donuts for First Word: Youth Sunday School. There are 52 weeks of the year that we provide donuts on Sunday Morning to the Youth: Sunday School class. Mary Beisswenger is the coordinator (mfbeiss@charter.net) and ensures that all families with youth have the opportunity to share God's Love through donuts on Sunday morning.
- Volunteering to help set-up, cook and serve Snack Supper to our Youth before Cross Ties each Sunday during the school year. We feed between 50 – 150 youth each week for this event and many hands make light work! If you can join us in feeding the youth, contact Susan McCullough at csm1342@yahoo.com.
- Game Day Parking is another great opportunity for parents/guardians to help us raise funds for our youth missions and ministries. The Parking Lot Fundraiser is one of our most profitable opportunities to send our youth to serve God through missions. Each game day weekend, we need 2 – 3 families to volunteer their time to make sure that the lot is cared for and sold out. Beth Killingsworth (kbn11@charter.net) coordinates our Game Day Parking volunteers.

We are always looking for parents willing to help chaperone retreats, events and other activities. If you want to find a way to plug into Youth Ministry, just email us or give us a call!

International Student Ministry

****For more information, please contact Lynn Bryant at Athens1stISM@aol.com****

201 ISM Friendship Partner Recruitment Coordinator

(Commitment of 1 – 2 hours per week)

A volunteer is needed to recruit families in our church to serve as friendship partners for international students who have requested an American Christian friend from our church family. This person would promote the program among Sunday School Classes, UMW Circles, and other groups within the church by helping members understand the joys and commitment required for this unique missions outreach opportunity.

202 ISM Events Support Coordinator

(Commitment of 4 – 6 hours per month)

Each month our International Student Ministry hosts a social activity or trip for international students. These events usually include food as a means of hospitality. The Events Support Coordinator would solicit and coordinate volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for ISM events.

203 ISM Ride Coordinator

(Commitment of ½ - 1 hour per week)

Often, international students who desire to attend Sunday school and worship services at AFUMC do not have their own means of transportation. UGA and Athens buses do not run on Sunday mornings. Our church's vans are also frequently unavailable on Sundays due to youth trips, etc. Therefore, volunteers are needed who are willing to pick up a student or group of students each week in their personal vehicle, bring them to church, and take them home again after the worship service.

204 Friendship Partners for International Students

(Commitment of at least one day per month)

When a new international student arrives at UGA, it can be difficult to get to know Americans in the community. American Christians are needed to befriend international students and to help them with conversational English and cultural adjustments.

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205 Van Drivers for ISM Trips and Events

(Commitment – trips usually last 1 day)

Drivers for our church's mini-buses and van are needed for monthly ISM trips and social events. A regular driver's license is required. Drivers must be at least 25 years of age and have a good driving record for insurance purposes. We are compiling a list of potential drivers who are willing to serve as needs arise. Please consider adding your name to our contact list for future drivers. It's a great way to meet people from all over the world!

Adults in Children's Ministry

Touching Hearts  *Shaping Lives*

****For more information, please contact Robin Stewart, robinafumc@bellsouth.net****

301 Nursery and Preschool Room Volunteers

(Commitment of one Sunday every three months)

Care for children along-side our nursery workers from 9:30 a.m. – Noon

302 Preschool Sunday School Teacher

Teach, nurture, and love our children by being a part of a Preschool Sunday School Teacher Team for: the 2's, 3's, or 4's Sunday school classes. Materials and lessons are provided.

303 Kindergarten Sunday School Teacher

(Commitment of one quarter – one full year)

Teach, nurture, and love our kindergarteners as they make the transition from preschool to “big” school. Materials and lessons are provided for a traditional classroom experience.

304 Shepherds

(Commitment of one year or more)

Accompany each grade level throughout the elementary rotation workshop Sunday school. Shepherds nurture and guide the children. They are not teachers, but they are essential to this method of teaching as their main function is to build lasting relationships with the children they guide each Sunday throughout the year.

305 Elementary Sunday School Teacher

(Commitment of one month at a time)

Commit to one month of teaching at a time in your room of choice in the “Old World” elementary Sunday school hall. We present one Bible story per month in each of the following rooms: Art, Drama, Puppets, Storytelling, Computers, Geography, Cooking, and Video. Lessons are provided and teachers prepare and teach the same lesson throughout the month to a different age group each Sunday.

306 Children's Church Leader

(Commitment of one year or more – does not require Sunday morning attendance)

This person will organize and nurture adults who present the children's church lesson each Sunday. Lessons are provided. The leader takes the responsibility of communication with the parent servants.

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307 Special Events Team

(Commitment as needed)

Help out with cookies and lemonade and promoting our children for Promotion Sunday, planning and helping with Fall Festival, or with the Happy Birthday Jesus party. Also, we invite you to join our team for Vacation Bible School, our largest Children's Ministry Event.

308 Children's Council

These individuals serve on a council that guides and supports our ministry to families and children.

309 Wednesday Night Bible Study

(Commitment of Wednesday evenings September – May)

Join the team that leads our children as they "get into the Bible" through active learning at 6:00 p.m. in the Marketplace of our Old World elementary hall. Children have a chance to get excited and experience the truth as they study God's Word, opportunities for service, and much more.

310 Resource Support

(Commitment as needed)

Join a team to help organize our resources and space throughout the year.

311 New Member Welcoming

Children's Music Ministry

Growing in Christ  *Loving in Christ*

****For more information, please contact Carol Reeves at 706-543-1442, ext. 213 or creeves@athensfirstumc.org****

312 Children's Choir Volunteers

(Commitment of about one hour each Wednesday)

- **Children's choir leaders** who have a love of music and children commit to leading or co-leading one of our seven graded choirs from ages 3 to Grade 5 on Wednesday nights.
- **Piano accompanists** play for Wednesday night rehearsals and accompany the children when they sing in Worship and for special programs.
- **Choir parents** assist the choir directors on Wednesday nights with caring for the children, taking the roll, addressing cards, chaperoning trips, and taking pictures.
- **Choir parents** assist with refreshments, telephoning, sitting with the children when they sing in worship, helping with robes, chaperoning trips, and taking pictures.
- **Musicians** assist by sharing their gifts on special occasions either at a special Wednesday night rehearsal and/or to accompany one of our children's choirs for a Sunday Worship Service. We love having instrumentalists play for and with us!

313 Sunday School Music

(Commitment of approximately 15 minutes on Sunday mornings)

This person will lead children in a fun time of singing and moving to help reinforce the Bible stories and scriptures that are being taught in our preschool and elementary Sunday School.

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314 Music and Arts Week

(Commitment of 3 ½ days during June)

- **Teachers** assist by sharing their special gifts of art, crafts, music, puppets, story-telling, service projects, dancing, instruments, singing, and any other form of art where the emphasis is worshiping and praising God. This camp is for children in grades 1 – 5 and promises to be a fun-filled three day week of ARTS for all involved!
- **Shepherds** accompany the children to all the classes offered at Music and Arts Week. Shepherds nurture and guide the children and have the opportunity to experience all these wonderful classes right along with the children!
- **Hospitality, snack coordinators, greeters, and lunch monitors** assist the children who attend camp and also serve our adult and youth volunteers.
- **Youth** assist teachers, shepherds, and children and are also wonderful role models for these Music and Arts Week participants.

315 Special Events

(Commitment as needed)

- **Children's Choir Festivals** (*Commitment of one Saturday*)
Adults chaperone the children and assist the director on trips to Atlanta and surrounding areas for a one day trip where children from all over the southeast join together and sing!
- **Nursing Home** (*Commitment of a Sunday afternoon*)
Adults chaperone the children and assist the director on trips to nursing homes so that the children can share their music with out older adults in the community.

Adult Music Ministry

For more information, please contact Stephen Mitchell at 706-543-1442, ext. 215 or stephen@athensfirstumc.org

401 Music Ministry Volunteer

(Commitment of 1 – 2 hours per week)

Assist with needs in the music ministry including filing and cataloging music, data entry, and general office duties and special projects as needed. No musical skills required!

402 Sanctuary Choir

(Commitment of 1 ½ hours per week on Wednesday evenings and singing on Sunday mornings)

Sing in the Sanctuary Choir. The choir sings each Sunday during the 9:45 and 11:00 worship services and for other special services and programs throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. No auditions are required.

403 Carillon Ringers

(Commitment of 1 hour per week on Sunday evenings and once a month for Sunday worship services)

A handbell choir for the beginning ringer. No previous experience is necessary. This group rings in worship once a month.

404 Alleluia Ringers

(Commitment of 1 hour per week on Sunday evenings and once a month for Sunday worship services)

A handbell choir for the advanced ringer. Previous experience ringing handbells is preferred. This group rings in worship once a month and in the community for special events.

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405 Instrumentalist

(Commitment as needed)

The music ministry is always looking for instrumentalists to accompany choirs and/or play an offertory in worship. A certain skill level is required for the commitment. Contact Stephen Mitchell, Director of Music, for more information.

406 Special Music Ministry Services / Programs

(Commitment as needed – 2 or 3 times per year)

Assist with the needs for presenting special music programs

- Greeters
- Ushers and handing out programs
- Hospitality for visiting choirs
- Publicity

Outreach Ministry

****For more information, please contact Carol Rymer at 706-543-1442, ext. 206 or carolrymer@mac.com****

501 Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

Day Coordinators

(Commitment of 4 – 5 host weeks per year)

Be a day coordinator during our church's Interfaith Hospitality Network Host weeks! Coordinators communicate with volunteers who have committed to help during a day that our guests are with us during the week. Hours are 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. once per week during our host week. One meeting/training is required before each host week

Overnight Hosts

We need overnight hosts who are willing to stay the night with our IHN guests. Arrive at the church at 7:00 p.m., sleep in your own room on the third floor of the Sunday School wing (cot, mattress, linens included!) and home by 8:30 a.m. We are developing a list of "willing and able" overnight hosts who we can call on if needed. Thank you!

Van Drivers

Would you be willing to drive the IHN van each morning (or any morning) during our host weeks? Volunteers would need to arrive to the church by 7:00 a.m., drive our guests to where they need to go – work, kids to daycare, and back to the IHN Day Center (Hancock Avenue). Van drivers are usually finished with their route by 8:00 or 8:30 a.m.

502 Month of Service

Project Leaders

We need project leaders to help lead our Month of Service and Great Day of Service projects in September. Projects range from landscaping and painting to singing at nursing homes and assembly projects. Time commitment would involve planning the project, calling volunteers on your project team and being with your team the day of the project. Project leaders will need to attend one meeting scheduled for late August/early September. Exact time and date, TBA.

503 Thursday Night Sack Suppers / Chapel Service

Coordinator

This summer and fall we are offering a sack supper and brief chapel service to those in need every Thursday evening at our church. We need a coordinator to organize and recruit volunteers who would be willing to prepare 20 sack suppers every Thursday. (bags, napkins, silverware provided)

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504 Souper Supper

Coordinator

Souper Suppers begin the first Thursday in December! We need someone to help organize and recruit volunteers to cook and serve a hot meal to our guests each Thursday night.

505 After-School Program Planning Team

Would you like to be on our planning team to potentially begin an after-school program for kids living in our downtown area? Join us twice a month, September – December, for discussion, planning and prayer for this ministry.

506 Athens Heritage Home

(Commitment of 1 hour once a month)

Volunteers are needed the first Sunday of every month from 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. to provide musical entertainment, play BINGO, and/or a brief devotional to the residents at Athens Heritage Home.

507 Mobile Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed to help distribute 10,000 pounds of food to the needy every fourth Saturday of the month. Distribution takes place in our church parking lot. Set-up begins at 8:15 a.m. and we are usually finished no later than 11:30 a.m.

Evangelism Ministry

****For more information, please contact Will Zant at 706-543-1442, ext. 203 or will@athensfirstumc.org****

508 Pie Team

(Commitment of 1 year)

In this ministry, volunteers deliver pies to first time guests after the 11:00 worship service on Sundays. Responsibilities include:

- Retrieving attendance slips after worship
- Baking and delivering pies to first-time guests

Volunteers are a part of a rotation and should expect to deliver pies once a month.

509 Ambassadors

(Commitment of 1 year)

Ambassadors serve as our greeters on Sunday mornings at the Hancock Street, Washington Street, and Lumpkin Street entrances. Ambassadors are a part of a rotation and should expect to greet once every six weeks. The times are from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

510 Wednesday Night Shepherds

(Commitment of 6 months)

On designated Wednesday nights throughout the year, we will need dinner shepherds to host new church guests. From 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., shepherds will share a meal in Hancock Hall with our guests and answer any questions that they may have about our church. Shepherds are welcome to take our guests on a tour of the church after dinner.

511 Visitation Teams

(Commitment of 6 months)

These volunteers will visit guests in their homes or at the church. Our visitation volunteers will tell church guests more about our church and more about God's gracious love. Volunteers should expect to make one visit a month.

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Worship Ministry

601 First Light Acolytes

(Commitment flexible depending on response)

Adult Acolyte Managers are needed each Sunday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Duties include helping acolytes robe and giving them instructions regarding baptisms, special candles, etc. We have a great team of 50+ youth who serve as acolytes here. If you wish to connect with some of these youth while serving during the worship service, this opportunity is for you! For more information, please contact Janis Maxwell, 706-543-1442, ext. 236 or janis@athensfirstumc.org.

602 Serving Holy Communion

(Commitment flexible)

Assist with the serving of the sacrament of Holy Communion at the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship service. Assistance is also needed for the 11:00 a.m. contemporary worship service held at the Morton Theatre. For more information, please contact Judy Madden, 706-543-1442, ext. 207 or jmadden@athensfirstumc.org.

Adult Ministry

****For more information, please contact Martha Aenchbacher at 706-543-1442, ext. 214 or martha@athensfirstumc.org****

701 Double Sunday School

(Commitment of 1 year at a time)

These are persons who will help form Sunday school classes at the 11:00 hour.

Design Team

Adults willing to dream this new program into existence

Adult Teachers & Students

Adults willing to form Sunday school classes at 11:00 a.m.

702 Sunday School Counters

(Commitment of ~1 hour on a Sunday morning – on a rotation schedule)

These are individuals willing to count heads in the preschool, elementary, and youth areas at the Sunday school hour.

703 Bible Study Leaders

(Commitment of one study period at a time – 1 day per week for up to 9 months, depending on the study – will require preparation time)

These are persons who will recruit students for a Bible Study class and then will facilitate that class.

- Disciple Bible Study Series
- Companions in Christ Series
- Experiencing God
- Beth Moore Series
- New Studies

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704 Small Group Leaders

(Commitment of 1 year +)

These are persons who will form small groups and recruit members to participate.

- Food & Fellowship
- Marriage Care
- Grief Care
- Divorce Care
- Support Groups

705 Men's Ministry

(Commitment of 1 year +)

Men who will help shape Men's Ministry as a United Methodist Men's group or other groups.

Design Team

Adults who will help design men's ministry efforts

Group Leaders

Adults who will recruit members and facilitate meetings and fellowship

706 Women's Ministry

(Commitment of 1 year +)

Women who will expand ministry for women through UMW circles, First Tuesdays, and other groups

UMW Circles – Contact Mary Beisswenger - mfbeiss@charter.net

Leaders & Participants for a variety of women's ministry opportunities (First Tuesdays, etc.) – Contact Missy Jackson - missyljack@hotmail.com

707 Senior Fun Volunteers

(Commitment of 1 year +)

Persons who will assist in ministry and planning with older adults. We have monthly program luncheons and off-campus trips to get involved with.

708 Church Library Assistants

(Commitment as needed)

Assist our church library coordinator, Cindy Kuhlman, in maintaining and growing our literary selections. Some tasks would include: helping put books away, sorting materials and cataloging new books.

Recreation Ministry

****For more information, please contact Rusty Wood at 706-543-1442, ext. 220 or rusty@athensfirstumc.org****

801 Adult Basketball League (offered during fall, winter, & spring seasons)

This will be an exciting and competitive league for adults age 18 and older. The teams will meet on Monday and Thursday evenings and are guaranteed 8 games with a tournament.

802 Adult Softball League (offered during fall & spring seasons)

We are defending our spring championship! Game days and times will be announced. Come be a part of a winning tradition.

803 Adult Volleyball League (offered during fall & spring seasons)

This will be an adult coed volleyball league with games on Tuesday nights.

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804 Pre-School Gymnastics (offered during fall, winter, & spring seasons)

Learn basic tumbling skills with Candy Byrd and Ann-Lee Allen, both with years of experience with gymnastics. We are very excited about offering pre-school gymnastics this year!

805 Home School P.E. (offered during fall, winter, & spring seasons)

The Recreation department will be offering Physical Education for home schooled students in the community.

806 Youth Basketball League (offered during winter season)

This church league is available for all boys and girls in pre-K through 6th grade. Practice will be held 1 to 2 days per week with play on Fridays or Saturdays. There may be some traveling for the two older groups. Camps will be available for the players prior to the season.

807 Youth Cheerleading (offered during winter season)

This is for all girls, pre-K through 6th grade, who want to learn how to cheer and be a part of the youth basketball league. Practice will be held 1 to 2 days per week with cheer on Fridays or Saturdays.

808 Weekday Pre-School Basketball (offered during winter season)

This is a program for our pre-school children at the church. It will allow children to practice after school one day per week with games on Saturdays.

809 Youth Soccer (offered during spring season)

This program is offered to boys and girls and will be split into “6 and under” and “8 and under” groups. Saturday games will be held away from the church.

810 Athens Pacers Running/Walking club

Join our runners/walkers on the church track (please sign in each time you run or walk) Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

811 Fitness 1

Low impact workouts with weights and aerobics begin August 12 (Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m.)

812 Fitness 2

Low impact workouts with weights and aerobics begin August 11 (Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 a.m.)

813 Pilates (TBA)

814 Boot Camp

This is a six week class offering high impact workouts. Offered Monday and Thursday from 12 – 1 p.m. beginning August 18.

Administrative Needs

****For more information, please contact the church office at 706-543-1442****

901 Substitute Office Aide

(Commitment as needed)

Serve as a substitute in the church administrative office when needed. Computer skills and hospitality are a plus.

902 Lunch Receptionist

(Commitment of 1 hour a day throughout the work week)

Answer the telephone, greet visitors and perform general office work for an hour each day while our full-time receptionist is out to lunch. Hospitality and flexibility are a plus.

903 Bulk Mailing Aide

(Commitment as needed)

Assist with labeling, stuffing, and sorting outgoing bulk mail.

904 Bulletin Board Aide

(Commitment of 1-3 hours per month)

- Assist our Children's Ministry Program Assistant with preparing monthly bulletin boards for the elementary hall throughout the year. Materials will be provided and there are 10 small and one large board to assist with. A creative eye is a plus.
- Assist our Youth Ministry Program Assistant with preparing bulletin boards on an "as needed" basis. Materials will be provided and there are ~7 boards to assist with. A creative eye is a plus.

905 Data Entry

(Commitment as needed)

Enter data into the computer on an "as needed" basis. Experience with computers and database systems are a plus.

906 Accounting Assistant

(Commitment as needed)

Assist with offering counts, filing, accounts payable/receivable, and data entry for our Business Manager. Accounting experience is a plus.

907 Facilities Maintenance

(Commitment as needed)

Help with painting, plumbing, carpentry, electric work, etc. Skills in these vocations are a plus.

908 Facilities Monitor

(Commitment as needed)

Assist with monitoring and identifying possible problem areas throughout the church (i.e., heating and cooling problems, plumbing problems, etc.). An eye for details is a plus.

909 Landscape Maintenance

(Commitment as needed)

Help with planting flowers, shrubbery, etc. and maintaining our garden.

Communications Needs

****For more information, please contact Richard Barker at 706-543-1442, ext. 217 or richard@athensfirstumc.org****

910 Weekly Bulletin Proof-Reader

(Commitment of ~1 hour per week)

Serve as a proof-reader for our weekly worship bulletins. This will involve arriving at the church every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to review the bulletins before they are sent to press. An aesthetic eye and strong grammatical fluency is a plus.

911 Website Proof-Reader

(Commitment of periodic website navigation and bi-weekly meetings)

Serve as a proof-reader for our church website. This will involve weekly navigation of the website and documentation of any errors found. These errors will be discussed in bi-weekly meetings with our Communications Assistant at the church. Bi-weekly meetings will be scheduled on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday based on the needs of the volunteer and the Communications Assistant.

Discipleship Opportunity Form

Please indicate your areas of interest by circling the appropriate number. Please refer to your Discipleship Opportunities Booklet for descriptions. This form can be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate at Sunday services. You will be contacted by a ministry leader in the areas you have indicated an interest as needed. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Address _____
City State Zip Code

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Spiritual Gifts

Administration: The ability to establish goals and to devise and execute plans to accomplish these goals; ability to organize a team, grace to inspire, encourage, and delegate; willingness to hold people accountable with courtesy. You may work well as the leader of a project, ministry, or program; a chairman of a committee or board; a church planner; or a chairman of building or fund-raising projects. Other positions where you may serve well include pastor, assistant pastor, business manager, office manager or department head for large staff, Sunday school superintendent, fellowship group or missionary circle leader, library manager, camp director, church moderator, bus ministry director, nursery coordinator or Vacation Bible School Director.

Exhortation: The ability to counsel, inspire, motivate, encourage and strengthen others in and through their efforts to live out God's will and calling as Christians. You may use your special gift in many areas. You may want to be a leadership trainer, serve as a counselor in church or in a counseling center, teach in church training or seminars or even small groups, serve as a telephone ministry worker and volunteer to follow up with new converts. You would work well as an encourager with those who are discouraged and as a counselor in a drug or alcohol program, rescue mission, poverty program, half-way house or runaway ministry.

Giving: The ability to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and generosity and support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts. Your gift is welcomed anywhere that large or small amounts of money are needed. You can serve as a member of a finance or budget committee or a missions or building committee; as a trustee, a poverty, rescue mission, or migrant mission committee member. You could sponsor or underwrite special projects, radio or TV ministries.

Mercy Showing: The ability to identify with and actually feel the physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional pain or discomfort of others and feel compelled to try and alleviate the problem. Your gift can be used best in times of sorrow and in times of great joy. It fits well with another gift of service such as deacon, youth worker or hospital visitation. You may want to serve as a hospital, nursing home, or shut-in worker; a funeral coordinator and provider of sympathy and support, or a poverty center worker. You would do well as an usher or greeter and welcome center worker or hospitality person. You would make people feel welcome on a newcomer visitation team as well!

Prophecy: The special ability to receive and communicate a message from God to a particular audience with clarity and persuasive power. There are several avenues in which to carry out the gift of prophecy. Revival speaking is certainly a fitting ministry. You are a great help in problem-solving

and could also serve in teaching on Gospel teams, in prison ministry, in migrant ministry and in counseling to help bring awareness of sin in a person's life.

Serving: The ability to perform any deed or service that aids the church or another person to a form of worship without any concern for rank, recognition, or personal gain. You may serve as a manager of maintenance and grounds or tasks such as painting walls, picking up trash, sorting hymnals, cooking meals, painting signs, driving the bus, helping with the choir, running errands, helping with record-keeping, or acting as a greeter or usher. You may also enjoy beautifying the church ground with flower gardens and landscaping. The list goes on.

Pastoring / Shepherding: The ability to nurture, care for, and guide people toward an on-going, very deepening relationship with Jesus Christ; provide guidance and oversight to a group of God's people by modeling what it means to be a fully-devoted follower of Christ. This gift is a help in many areas. You may serve as a Sunday school teacher, small group leader, pastor or assistant pastor, special ministry area (such as youth, children, men, etc.), or nursery worker

Teaching: The ability to understand, clearly explain, and apply the Word of God; helping others to comprehend Biblical truths and how to apply these truths to their everyday lives. You may enjoy writing and developing curriculum. You would probably serve well as a Bible institute teacher or a correspondence course instructor. Your gift also lends itself to the mission field where you could serve as a missionary / teacher. You may want to teach a basic doctrine course to newcomers or new Christians or host quarterly small group studies on different topics. You may also enjoy doing research for the pastor or others who teach.

Evangelism: The Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by leading people who are beyond your natural sphere of influence to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. There are many avenues in which you can carry out the gift of evangelism. Visitation programs are the most obvious. Your gift is a plus for leading people to Christ during an invitation or altar call. You could participate in special evangelistic efforts, such as fairs and other events. Your gift also fits well in church planning, on Gospel teams, in migrant ministry, at men's or women's conferences, and in many public speaking ministries.

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