

# Second Helpings

*Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ July 2019*

## *Special Events in July*

July 8-12 - Vacation Bible School

July 8-25 - Smart Lunch, Smart Kid

July 14– Camp Meeting Style Worship begins

July 15-19 - Pastor Millie at Pastor's School

July 19– Game Night

July 25 - Back to School Bash

July 27 - Pool Party at Upshaw Home

July 28 - Blessing of the Backpacks



*Our Mission: 'Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World'*  
*Our Vision: 'Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known'*

## *"Camp Meeting"*

In the good ol' days when the south had very few church facilities and even fewer ordained clergy, for the majority of people living outside of cities, the only communal worship service was offered by circuit riders (traveling or itinerant preachers). Occasionally different communities would gather together in one outdoor location and hold revivals and they were called "camp meetings." These camp meetings, lasting several days, were a central feature of the religious life in the South and played a major role in leading people to Christ. Deeply emotional and evangelical, camp meetings are credited with moral reform and the rapid growth of church membership until 1840s when the established meeting-houses (church buildings) began to replace them. In the late 19th century, the movement reappeared in Appalachia as Holiness groups and in the Methodist Church, we revived camp-meetings as a beloved tradition and a time of great spiritual awakening. From July 14 to August 18, we will be having a camp meeting style worship experience. Rev. Millie will be preaching familiar stories from the Bible. We will sing familiar hymns from the Cokesbury hymnal and you are invited to dress more casually during Camp Meeting. It will be a good ol' time! So y'all come and invite your friends and neighbors!

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



The Parable of the Good Samaritan is not just a familiar story among Christians but also in our popular culture. It all started with a scribe spotlighting Jesus by asking a question. It is recorded in Luke 10:25 that the scribe did this to test Jesus, not for his own learning or edification. Jesus, like Socrates, throws the ball back to the scribe by asking, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" Now, the scribe is learned and sophisticated, and of course, gives him the right answer: Shema (Please read Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Leviticus 19:18).

The scribe's purpose was to test Jesus but Jesus had gained the upper hand by forcing the scribe to answer his own question. In addition, Jesus wanted him not just to answer the question but put his answer to practice. In Jewish

Culture, the study of the Law is of higher rank than practicing it. But Jesus turns it upside down by commanding, "*Do this and you will live.*" "*Do this you will inherit eternal life.*" and "*Go and do likewise.*"

Then it says that the scribe, wanting to justify himself, asked another question, "Who is my neighbor?" We often think it was a technical question, but no, it was a loaded question, a controversial one. It really was asking, "Are you complying with the social norm?" "Are you on my level?" and "Are you with me?" He really wanted to get at Jesus and asked a question that has always created a controversy in Jewish culture. You see, the 1st century life (Judaism) was ordered by hierarchy/boundaries with strict mores. A few men established their positions, power, and privilege, and for them maintaining the hierarchy was vital. It was almost a religious duty to keep the boundaries drawn between the haves and have-nots, the educated and the illiterate, men and women, Jews and Gentiles, etc. Samaritans are not even included in those boundaries because they are dogs! So to say that even a Samaritan can be his neighbor was absolutely scandalous.

Neighbors are defined actively, not passively; they are defined by what they do. Jesus says that anyone who shows mercy (here in this context, it means loving kindness, 'hesed,' a characteristic of God) is a good neighbor. And if we want to have a good neighbor, we need to be good neighbors, too. The duty of neighborliness is an expression of God's mercy, loving-kindness, 'hesed.' We are not talking about kindness as the world knows it. It is loving-kindness as a characteristic of God. God's mercy is unconditional, has no strings attached, and expects nothing in return! This month you will have many opportunities to be a good neighbor. Here are a few: (1) Help out Valerie Moore with your money and/or prayer; (2) Be present at Vacation Bible School and greet children; (3) Help out Axel Baleon with his college preparation, etc. Just do it!

Your Pastor,  
Millie

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## JULY SERMON SCRIPTURE

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| <b>July 07</b> | "What to Bring"   Galatians 6:7-16   Luke 10:1-11   Communion Sunday        |
| <b>July 14</b> | "Go Beyond with Hope"   Colossians 1:1-14   Luke 24:13-35   VBS Celebration |
| <b>July 21</b> | "Imago Dei"   Colossians 1:15-28   Luke 10:38-42                            |
| <b>July 28</b> | "I and Thou"   Colossians 2:6-15   Luke 11:1-13                             |
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Lay Delegate Amy Astin  
at Annual Conference



Rev. Millie is honored to be part of the 2020 Jurisdictional Conference  
Delegation! (Pictured are both the General and Jurisdictional Delegation)



Smart Lunch Smart Kid Lunch at Darlington Drive community

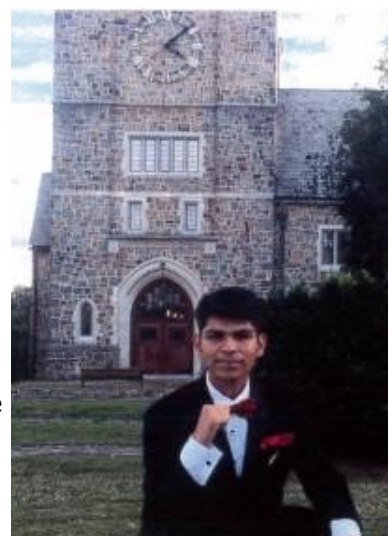


Smart Lunch Smart Kid Lunch



**Axel can use our help**

New member and recent high school graduate, Axel Baleon, will be attending **Young Harris College** in the fall but needs \$4,000 more to cover his tuition and room and board. We will be collecting money to help Axel reach his goal if you would like to help. He is the first in his family to attend college and has worked hard to get where he is. Axel appreciates our prayers and financial gifts as well. Make checks to Second Avenue and designate "Axel."



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## July Birthdays

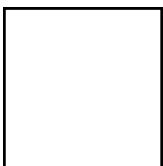
4	Pam Wilkey
7	Thomas Kislal
9	Lee Upshaw
11	Cora Gaston & Edith Swint
14	Kathryn Gibbons
16	Dylan Baker
17	Jesse Baker
18	Briggs Whitefield
21	Erma Braden & Conley Chapman
22	Luke Farmer, Jr.
24	Bo Farmer & Sally Scott Farmer
26	Ashley Wilkey
29	Merinda Magnicheri

## July Anniversaries

02	Bill & Jerry Waters
07	Randy & Vicki Embree
09	Merinda & Ralph Magnicheri
17	Shannon & Thomas Kislal
23	Tom & Rose Collum

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

If we haven't included your anniversary or birthday, please contact JoAnn Baker in the church office (706.234.6406). We want to celebrate with you!



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Zaveumc.org



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*Acolytes:*

07/07 Chloe Duck  
07/14 Reese Gibson  
07/21 Railey Davis  
07/28 Macy Davis

*Liturgists:*

07/07 Thomas Kislat  
07/14 Mike Colombo  
07/21 Bob Baker  
07/28 Doug Meredith

*Ushers:*

Phil Taylor (head usher)  
Mike Colombo, Ronnie  
Farmer, Greg Gaston,  
Tommy Jones, Thomas Kislat

*Congregational Care & Concern:*

07/07 Darlene Wallace  
07/14 Nina Wheeler  
07/21 Nancy Clift  
07/28 Shirley Dodson

*Nursery:*

07/07 Betty Albers  
07/14 Laura Bledsoe  
07/21 Buffy Davis  
07/28 Patty Baker

*Counters:*

07/07 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith  
07/14 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston  
07/21 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick  
07/28 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor

*Flowers:*

07/07  
07/14  
07/21 Woodward  
07/28



*Vital Signs*

Average Worship Attendance in June: 81

Financial giving in June: \$22,898

Budgeted amount needed as of June: \$113,846

Budgeted amount given as of June: \$104,461

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## *Welcome New Members*

**Ben, Carolyn, and Emma McFry—June 16**

**Dennis & Kathy Urquart—June 23**

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**Valerie Moore will  
join our worship  
service on Sunday,  
July 7.**

Hello! My name is Valerie Moore. I grew up in Rome at Trinity United Methodist Church, and I have just graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in communicative disorders. Now that I have graduated college, I will be working with a missions organization called Cru, formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ. Cru is a campus ministry whose goal is for every person in the world to have an opportunity to hear the Gospel. I will be doing their one-year internship program overseas in East Asia, where I will be making relationships, sharing the Gospel, and discipling students on a college campus there. There are around 6 million students in East Asia who have never had an opportunity to hear the Gospel not because they have rejected it, but because they have never had a chance to hear. I so often forget that God is not American, but He loves these unreached people groups just like He loves us.

I would love to invite you to be a part of what the Lord is doing in East Asia! I must raise financial and prayer partners and be fully funded in order to leave by August 1st. I am trusting the Lord will provide, and I would love to have you partner with me in serving the Lord through His work in East Asia.

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Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall  
mount up with WINGS like eagles... Isaiah 40:31

## Worship...

### Camp Meeting Worship:

Summer Sundays starting July 14

Join us for refreshing summertime worship. We'll sing old favorite hymns and have special music through the end of August.

### Blessing of the Backpacks:

Sunday, July 28 ~ during service

Everyone starting back to school is invited to bring your backpack to worship for a special blessing on your studies (or teaching) during the coming school year.

## Invite...

### Upper Room Devotionals:

New Upper Room devotionals are now available. Please take one for yourself, family, or friends.

## Nurture...

### A Midsummer's Game Night:

Friday ~ July 19 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome! Pizza will be provided; please bring sides to share. Come enjoy games for kids & youth and dominoes or card games for adults. Game on!

### Pool Party:

Saturday, July 27 ~ 4:00 p.m.

All children, youth and young at heart are invited to a pool party at the home of Lee & Rhonda Upshaw (1754 Old Cedartown Road, Lindale).

Please bring a covered dish to share as well as your towel and a chair.

### Vases Needed:

After we enjoy the flowers in worship, JoAnn arranges them and Rev. Millie takes them to the person of the week or another church member in need of a sign of our prayers and love. We need more vases! If you have any to donate, please bring them to the church office. There are also open dates on the calendar to donate flowers.

## Grow...

### Vacation Bible School:

July 8-12 ~ Three years through rising 5th grade  
To Mars and Beyond

We can all contribute toward the success of this summer's Vacation Bible School! Youth in 6th grade or above are welcome as VBS assistants. Adults, too, please volunteer your time and talents! We also appreciate financial donations!

Please bear with us as we decorate the entire church to welcome the little ones in Christ and please **continue to pray** for the lives that will be touched through this ministry. Our goal this year is to serve 30 children in VBS. Contact VBS Director, Mary Beth Broxterman, 706.292.9621, for details.

### Materials Needed:

Elmer's Glue	Binder Clips (used ok)
Duct Tape	Masking Tape
Rand Bands (used ok)	Plastic Bottles
Clear Plastic Drinking Cups	Small Paper Cups
Paper Towel Tubes	Baking Soda
Aluminum Foil	Water Bottles
Mini Marshmallows	Large Marshmallows
Fizzing Antacid Tablets (like Alka Seltzers)	

## Serve...

### Meals & More:

Tuesday, July 30 ~ 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to help pack and distribute meals for Meals & More at Rome First UMC (202 E 3rd Ave). You can help by volunteering your time or by contributing individually wrapped cookies or snack cakes or single serve sized potato chips for the meals.

### Smart Lunch Back to School Bash:

Thursday, July 25 ~ Noon

We're looking forward to a Back to School Bash on Thursday, July 25! We'll celebrate the final day of our Smart Lunch, Smart Kid program with hot dogs, water slide, and lots of fun! We would love adult volunteers the day of the event. Contact Rev. Millie at 404.759.4778 to help.

If you would like to help the children start school with basic supplies, please make your contribution today, marked "School Supplies," or bring basic school supplies to the blue bin in the fellowship hall.

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## Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Millie,

Thank you for the privilege for Sandra and me to be a part of the worship service at Second Avenue UMC on June 2. We had such a good time and were able to share Sandra's book with 23 families. This was the first time in 13 years that I have been back. Please don't wait another 13 years to invite me back; I will be in my late 80's by then.

The church members spoke highly of your great sermons and you and your family's leadership. You are loved and greatly appreciated at Second Avenue UMC. Keep doing the Lord's work; you are in our thoughts & prayers.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Godfrey

Dear Second Avenue UMC Family,

I know this "Thank You" has taken a long time for me to send, but it is hard for me to find the words to express my love and gratitude to each and every one of you. The year 2019 started off in a whirlwind with my brother, Steve, being sick and not having an official diagnosis until 3 months after his symptoms began. The diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, stage 4, shook my entire family to our core. However, during this ordeal, from diagnosis to the time of my brother's death, my church family has prayed without ceasing to help lift our spirits and heal our broken hearts. The entire Thomason family wants to thank everyone that sent cards, prayed, donated money in memory of my brother, brought food, and supported and loved us throughout this difficult time. It has meant more than you will ever know. Finally, a special thanks to Reverend Millie for the prayers and the special note and book she sent my sister-in-law Maeghan on how to help my 4 year old nephew, Michael, cope with losing his father. But most of all, thank you for the words you said to me in the sanctuary that day to "go see your brother". If I hadn't listened to you that day, I would never have had that time with him while he was in the hospital and doing better. Those memories are more precious than you will ever know. May God bless each and every one of you!

Love,  
Vicki Thomason

2nd Avenue Methodist Church Family,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your kindness towards me. Your generosity is absolutely incredible! Thank you so much for the gift of money. I will use it to purchase some of the many items that I will need for my college dorm.

Axel Baleon

Dear Millie,

Mother's graveside service was beautiful and meant so much to me and Chris. Your words of hope and comfort will be remembered by everyone. Thank you again for everything you did for mother.

Warmest regards,  
Alice and Chris (Eloise Johnson)

Second Avenue Family,

Thank you for the kind recognition and gift card on Father's Day for leading the Sunday School class and nurturing others. It is my honor and privilege to be able to teach and it blesses me more than anyone else.

God Bless,  
Bob Baker

Second Avenue Family,

You continue to surprise me! Thank you for your generous gift for my graduation and continual support in ministry.

Rev. Dr. Millie Kim

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## Need A Prayer?

Please let us know your prayer concerns. You may submit prayer requests:

- In writing: fill out a prayer request form in the sanctuary pew racks
- By phone: call the prayer line at 706.234.6406 (press 3 when prompted)
- By email: millie@2aveumc.org

If you have a confidential request, please contact Rev. Millie (404.759.4778) .

*"Pray, and let God worry." Martin Luther*

## Pastoral Care Need?

Please contact the church ASAP when you are in need of Pastoral Care!

To contact the Pastor:

- During office hours, please call 706.234.6406
- After hours, please call or text 404.759.4778

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## Prayer List

### Congregation

Allen Ables  
Susan Autry  
Donna Bledsoe  
Lynda Boggs  
Herb Brown  
Bill Carver  
Danny Carver  
Giles Chapman  
Erin Ables Clark  
Ronnie Farmer  
Flanery Family  
Phil & Jane Franssen  
Carolyn Garwood  
David Gresham  
Charles Griffin  
Betty Hardy  
Faye Kesler  
Mardelle Lynch  
Lib Rogers  
Edith Swint  
Vicki Thomason  
Vivian VanLandingham  
Carol Vogt

### Friends & Family

Oneida Adams  
Katharine Ammons  
Okanee Atkinson  
Emily Barba  
Trish Barfield  
Terri Black  
Ginger Bokma  
Brooke Brown  
Linda Brown  
Shirley Carroll  
MaeDell Clark  
Jeff Cotton  
Chris Franssen  
Dana Gallagher  
Daria Giebler  
Patty Harvey  
John Hunsucker  
JoAnn Jacks  
Larry Jacks  
Janie Jolley  
Garrett Jones  
Milton Kahn  
Shirley Kosiba  
Bill & Peggy Lanier  
Dean Mallow  
Cade Maynor

Lisa McDaniel  
Military Personnel  
Gary Miller  
John Morris & Family  
Sherry Nolan  
Diane Norrod  
Julie Ousley  
Andy Peabody  
Peggy Pharr  
Glenda Phillips  
Connie Ray  
Deborah Reynolds  
Peggy Reynolds  
Nancy Sims  
Zinari Smith  
Danny Slaughter  
Elise Sullens  
John Thacker  
Maeghan Thomason  
Stanley Thompson  
Alex Trebek  
President Trump  
Allison Watson  
Jim Williams and Family  
Kennedy Williams  
Sandy Yeargan  
Marilyn Yount

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## Persons of the Week

**July 07: Anne Westfield**  
14 Notasulga Drive SW  
Rome, GA 30161-6151

**July 21: Ben, Carolyn, & Emma McFry**  
16 N. Terrace Avenue  
Lindale, GA 30147

**July 14: Gerrie Burton**  
1813 Calhoun Road NE  
Rome, GA 30161-8972

**July 28: Dennis & Kathy Urquhart**  
40 Amberwood Tr  
Rome, GA 30165

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***Please remember these friends with cards, calls, visits, and prayers.***

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## July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Bill & Jerry Waters	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Happy 4th of July Pam Wilkey 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Randy & Vicki Embree Thomas Kislat 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>8</b> 9:00am Vacation Bible School 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program	<b>9</b> Lee Upshaw Merinda & Ralph Magnicheri 9:00am Vacation Bible School 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program	<b>10</b> 9:00am Vacation Bible School 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program	<b>11</b> Cora Gaston Edith Swint 9:00am Vacation Bible School 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>12</b> 9:00am Vacation Bible School 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Kathryn Gibbons 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Camp Meeting Worship	<b>15</b> Rev. Millie at Pastor's School 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program	<b>16</b> Dylan Baker Rev. Millie at Pastor's School 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program	<b>17</b> Jesse Baker Rev. Millie at Pastor's School Shannon & Thomas Kislat 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program	<b>18</b> Briggs Whitefiled Rev. Millie at Pastor's School 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>19</b> Rev. Millie at Pastor's School 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program 6:00pm Game Night	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Conley Chapman Erma Braden 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Camp Meeting Worship	<b>22</b> 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program 1:00pm Winthrop Senior Living Community	<b>23</b> Tom & Rose Collum 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program	<b>24</b> 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Program	<b>25</b> 12:00pm Smart Lunch Smart Kids Back-to-School Bash 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>26</b> Ashley Wilkey	<b>27</b> 4:00pm Pool Party at Upshaws' Home
<b>28</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Camp Meeting Worship Blessing of Backpacks	<b>29</b> Merinda Magnicheri	<b>30</b> 3:30pm Meals & More at Rome First UMC	<b>31</b>			

## **2019 North GA Conference Lay Delegate Report**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2018 to Thursday, June 13, 2019**

**Theme: One With Each Other**

Athens Classic Center 300 N Thomas Street  
Athens, GA 30601

Thousands of North Georgia Methodists and guests arrived in Athens for the four day 2019 Annual Conference presided over by Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson.

Four worship services anchored the conference, each planned by a different team of North GA United Methodists. The services progressed through the stages of worship. The first included “Gathering”. The second was The Word Proclaimed (Service of Remembrance) with Dr. David Neglee. Thursday was A Time of “Response (Ordination) with Rev. Dr. Alice Rogers and Friday was Sending Forth (Closing) with Rev. Dr. Michael McQueen

Members of this conference elected lay and clergy delegates to the 2020 United Methodist General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Rev. Dr. Millie Kim was elected as a clergy representative to the Jurisdictional Conference.

Those not in Athens were able to live stream sessions this year. I urge you to go to [www.ngumc.org/AC2019](http://www.ngumc.org/AC2019) to read all reports of this year’s events. Also, I have the conference notebook with all details and will be glad to share it with anyone interested. This conference is massive. I cannot begin to report all that is taken up during the week, so I repeat my appeal for you to go to the website and read what is happening in your United Methodist Church.

We are all reminded that God is still “large and in charge”.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Astin, Lay Delegate

Second Ave. UMC

## **Rome-Floyd Religious Leaders Luncheon at the Rome-Floyd Chamber**

**June 21, 2019**

Millie and I attended the Rome-Floyd Religious Leaders Luncheon at the Rome-Floyd Chamber, sponsored by Georgia Power (GPC) last month.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform various religious leaders in our community about the various programs that Georgia Power provides to who they called “underserved customers” such as those with low incomes, and also minorities.

The meeting focused on several issues that confront customers who are dis-advantaged and need additional help with their electric bills and service from Georgia Power.

With the closing of most all the GPC Business Offices around the state, this has left many customers, mostly poor, who don't have a checking account or access to online bill payment services with having to find a new places and new methods to pay their bill. GPC has added more than 4,000 Authorized Payment Locations (APLs) so you can pay your electric bill when you shop at retailers such as Kroger, Walmart, Publix, Kmart, and many others.

Many of these people are the same ones that need assistance with paying their bill and come to churches and other non-profit organizations like Good Neighbor Ministries for assistances. GPC has set up an online Portal that allows organizations to access the GPC customer's account and make payments directly to GPC on behalf of the customer. Also, they have established an organization within the company – the Energy Assistance Team – to provide education and outreach to these customers. We plan to have them for a Wednesday Night program.

GPC also seeks to have a presence in each community and supports several foundations and non-profits around the state that provide services to Low Income families whose electric bill exceeds a certain percent of their income – the High Energy Burden families. Services include free energy audits to help reduce energy bills by insulating the home and with other low cost methods to reduce consumption for eligible customers. An example is the Refrigerator Recycling Program: GPC will pick up and recycle an old refrigerator that you may have hanging around but not really using. Old refrigerators contain over 120 pounds of recyclable steel, copper, and other materials and costs about twice as much to run as a new one. You earn \$35.00 credit on your electric bill.

Details at <https://www.georgiapower.com/residential/save-money-and-energy/products-programs/home-energy-efficiency-programs/refrigerator-recycling.html>

Georgia Power residential customers can also get discounted ENERGY STAR® certified LED bulbs which use less than 20% of electricity as conventional bulbs. These bulbs are available at many local retailers such as Home Depot, Ace True Value hardware stores and the Habitat for Humanity Restore on Shorter Ave. Limit of 16 bulbs per household.

Emergencies and challenging economic times often make it difficult for people to acquire food, shelter, clothing and medical supplies or even pay their utility bills. GPC supports a program called Project SHARE which provides a way for you to help those truly in need. By making a donation on your Georgia Power bill, you'll help Project SHARE and The Salvation Army make a difference in your community. Simply adding \$1, \$2, \$5 or \$10 to your electric bill payment, and Georgia Power will match your monthly donation.

Submitted by Greg Gaston