Visitor/Prayer Card

If this is your first time at Goodwill Church, we’d like to get to know you. Please fill out the following information and you will be contacted by a member of the Pastoral staff in the coming weeks.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out this card completely with your request at the bottom. It will be passed on to the Intercessors and the Pastoral staff.

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Name

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Phone

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Street Address

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City State ZIP

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E-Mail

☐ This is my first time at Goodwill Church

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Comments/Prayer Request

Goodwill Church
not just a church, a new way of life
2117 State Route 208
Montgomery, NY 12549
TEL 845.457.5959 FAX 845.457.3780
www.goodwillchurch.org
Welcome to Goodwill EPC

If this is your first time at Goodwill,
we trust that you are enjoying your visit. We understand that arriving at a
church for the first time can be intimidating, so through the following
information, we hope to make it as clear as possible how to locate
activities and provide general information. As a guest at Goodwill
Church, our aim is to provide you with useful information as well as offer
you and your family a comfortable and friendly environment to worship.

At each service, some of our men and women will be wearing name tags
denoting them as Deacons and Elders. They are available to answer any
questions that you may have and to provide you with any assistance you
need. Our ushers, who are also wearing name tags, are at your service as well.

Please note, as a guest, do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.
If God calls you to make Goodwill your home, He may then request of
your time, talent and offering.

For your convenience,
we would like you to know the location of a few important services before
you read any further. Our restrooms are located in the CE Building, across
the parking lot from the Sanctuary. Enter the blue doors and turn right
and the restrooms will be down the hall on your left. The Nursery, which
is open for infants to children in Pre-K, is located directly ahead when you
enter the blue doors of the CE Building. There is also a table to your right
when you enter the CE Building which will be staffed with someone to
answer any questions you have.

Please fill out the Visitor’s Card, which is attached to the back cover of
this bulletin. After filling it out, you may tear it off at the perforation and
place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher on your way out. We
would like to welcome you with a letter and a phone call from the
Pastoral staff.

Children’s Ministry
Service Form

The Church Year Kickoff is approaching and many
of our Children’s programs will be starting up at
this time. We need volunteers in order for these
programs to run. Please sign up to commit to
pointing our precious children to Christ.

Name

Phone

E-Mail

Best time to reach you

Check any below that may interest you

___ Sunday School Teacher
___ Sunday School Assistant
___ Nursery Volunteer
___ GEMS Girls Club (meets Wednesday nights)
___ Boy’s Brigade (meets Wednesday nights)
___ Kid’s Church Leader
___ Kid’s Church Assistant

Days and hours you are available

For more information or questions, contact Cheri
O’Hare at the Church Office at (845) 457-5959 or
cohare@goodwillchurch.org
Prayer

Prayer is always available at the front of the Sanctuary after service, though we encourage you to utilize the Prayer Room.

Prayer Room
The Prayer Room is located in Room 1 of the CE Building. Enter the blue doors to the CE Building and turn left. Go up the half flight of stairs and bear right down the hall. Room 1 is the first room on your right. The prayer room is staffed with trained Prayer Team Ministry members. You are encouraged to write down and bring your prayer requests to the Prayer Room to be prayed for specifically and intentionally. Prayer requests that are brought to the Prayer Room are then given to the Prayer Intercessors, Pastoral staff, and other Prayer Team members to be prayed for throughout the week.

The Prayer Room is available after the 5:00 and 7:00p services on Saturday and after the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30a services on Sunday.

Notes

Message from the Pastor

If I’ve accomplished anything worth accomplishing in my life, it’s because I focused on it enough to write it down as a goal. If I’ve attained to any standard of behavior or thinking that glorifies God, it’s because I wrote it down as a value. To my experience, framed and confirmed by Scripture, God invariably lets everyone have what they focus on. It’s what we focus on that matters. Even destinations as final and extreme as Heaven or Hell seem to be nothing more than the goals of those who arrive there. If someone genuinely wants Heaven, God’s Himself put this desire in him or her. By the same grace and in God’s timing, saving knowledge of Jesus Christ fulfills and validates this desire.

If someone wants to gorge on temporary, earthly, fleshly pleasures no matter what the cost to others, you can see the arc of his or her life naturally culminating in eternal separation from God. It’s the focus that matters. It’s the choice that determines. The Bible constantly points us back to work on our own minds. Fruit flows from focus. Hebrews 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 4:8 talk about where we fix our eyes. Colossians 3:2 talks about where we set our minds. Christ’s Great Commandment – loving God and others – is a commandment of focus. So, what we focus on as a church is of vital importance. It demands regular attention and examination by all. This is the only way we can rediscover and experience Biblical values. It is the only way; learn them and walk in them. If Jesus is Lord, we constantly evaluate where our feet are landing in life. Am I walking my talk? My lifelong, gravitational tendency is toward sin and evil, so how can I, with God’s help, catch this and reverse it … again? What am I doing that works for God? Have I offered myself to Him today and said, “Put on all of my body today and use it to do Your work?”

Pastor John L. Torres
### Order of Service

#### Gathering
- Call to Worship
- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Prayer of Confession
- Old Testament Reading
- Prayer of Assurance
- New Testament Reading
- Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Proclamation
- **The Valleys, Victories, and Values of the Largest Small Church in America, Part 1 of 3**
  - **Caring Respect**
  - *Matthew 22:37-40*
  - *Pastor John L. Torres*

#### Response
- His Tithes and Our Offerings
- Announcements
- Ministry and Pastoral Prayer Time

#### Sending
- Benediction
- Continued Worship

### Sermons and Corrections
Sermons are recorded at the 9:30 service on Sunday morning and are available online and on CD at our Bookstore by Thursday morning.

#### Upcoming Sermons
- **The Valleys, Victories, and Values of the Largest Small Church in America**
  - August 22 & 23: Caring Respect
  - August 29 & 30: Transforming Integrity
  - September 5 & 6: Visionary Inreach

- **Titus**
  - September 12 & 13: Titus 1
  - September 19 & 20: Titus 2
  - September 26 & 27: Titus 3

#### Corrections
If you find any errors in our bulletin, please submit them to media@goodwillchurch.org.
No Kid’s Church over Labor Day weekend (September 5 & 6). September 12 & 13 will begin our Sunday School year. Kid’s Church will then be offered at the Saturday, 5:00p and the Sunday, 11:30a services.

Playground Policy – It has come to our attention that our playground facilities are being grossly misused after Sunday services; in particular the Tea House. Unfortunately, it has become necessary to restrict the traffic in this area. Therefore, effective immediately the playground area is reserved for children ages 8 and younger with parental supervision only. NO child should be left unattended in the playground area at any time. Children older than 8 years of age are asked NOT to play in the playground area. Please report any damage or destructive behavior to a deacon, an elder or a pastor. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring our playground remains a fun and safe place for our little ones to play.

Goodwill Leadership Day September 1, 7:00p – Our next scheduled Leadership Day is for all ministry leaders, small group leaders, elders, pastors, staff, and more. It will be a time of worship, teaching, fellowship, and prayer. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Heart2Heart Starting September 15, 9:15a Fall session Heart2Heart begins again with an 11 week in-depth study of David, A Heart like His. Build strong ties with other women and gain a heart like His. Bring a breakfast item to share for our opening day on September 15th at 9:15-11:30a. For questions, call Nancy Pennington at 845-728-4238.

Merge Open House September 17, 7:00p Come join Merge for our kickoff open house with games, food, and fellowship on Thursday, September 17, at 7:00p in the Youth Center. This group is open to anyone out of high school to age 32. Invite your friends and we hope to see you there!

Church Picnic Sunday, September 20, 1:00 - 6:00p – Our Annual Goodwill Church Picnic will be held at Orange County Park this year. More details on the location and directions will be available as the date gets closer.

Youth (HS/MS) News Contact Pastor David Kniffin for more information.
• Sunday, August 30, 5:00p Meet at Tarsio Bowling Lanes, 845-562-5250. Pick up at 8 pm. Cost $10 for 3 games, bowling shoes, hot dog, & fries (bring extra $ for drinks)
• Tuesday, September 1, 2009 NO Youth Group
• Tuesday, September 15, 7:00p High School Open House
• Wednesday, September 16, 7:00p Middle School Open House
Why have values?
This is a good question. A cynical eye might see our new list of values as just one more set of decorative words: starved for meaning and impossible to apply. It’s best not to look at any of our defining statements or lists with a cynical eye. Besides, we need these values. They aren’t goals. We can’t accomplish them. They are more like feelings. They are descriptions of what we dream, pray, and work hard for. We want belonging to and investing in Goodwill Church to feel like this. These are three things we want all of us at our church to feel, like a compass feels the magnetic pull of the North Pole. These are three values we believe the Bible teaches. We further believe that if we don’t get more intentional about them, we will teach their opposite.

Is this Biblical?
Yes. The books of Proverbs and James especially encourage us to reflect on the specific values by which we operate in various arenas of life.

What are our values?
They are: 1) Caring Respect, 2) Transforming Integrity, and 3) Visionary Inreach.

Our hope is that the two word phrases themselves, even without much explanation, paint clear and positive pictures that influence our environment for the better.

What is “Caring Respect”?
Caring Respect is an application of the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:37-40). It is the consistent “others first” approach we have with one another no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in. Our goal in every encounter we have with one another is that the other leave feeling affirmed, appreciated, understood, and protected. Care and respect are in the eye of the receiver. Another name for it could be “love.”
What is “Transforming Integrity?”
Transforming Integrity is an application of the contagious power of God through the authentic life of an obedient, submitted believer. Joseph, Esther, and Daniel are a few examples of this from Scripture. There are many in history as well. Daniel and his friends refused to compromise their faith or their faithfulness to God’s Commands in a number of different scenarios. They subsequently changed, blessed, and ruled the world around them. Our goal as believers in Christ is to transparently live true faith before one another and the surrounding world, as the Spirit of God enables us, transforming those around us and ourselves in the process.

What is “Visionary Inreach?”
Visionary Inreach expresses an important part of our philosophy of ministry. We believe that if we “reach in” to people inside and outside our church with the healing, redeeming Word of God, we will do more than merely “reach out.” Only changed people can change the world. All people want inner change. It’s what Scripture is powered to cause. Inreach actions like soul care (a current, blanket term for inner healing, deliverance, and more) and life coaching are important to us because they were and are important to Jesus. We believe that only if we go to the lengths of being visionaries about “inreach,” will we fulfill God’s particular call on our church to be a healing church and, therefore, a hub of revival for the Northeastern United States and beyond.

James 5:16 Intercessors – Our Intercessors regularly pray for our congregation, our leaders, and our specific prayer requests that we divulge. They are also available to pray for you using our Prayer Room on the weekends. If interested in joining, call Joanne Quigley at (845) 527-0837 or e-mail quigley_joanne@yahoo.com

Living by Grace – Mondays, 7:00p – The Monday Night Women’s Bible Study has a new name! Come join other women of faith each Monday evening for study, prayer, and fellowship.

Manna from Heaven – A ministry providing meals for our staff that work multiple worship services on a weekend. Contact Pixie Hedin at (845) 692-2767 with questions.

Merge – Thursdays at 7:00p in the Youth Center – A fun, challenging Bible study geared toward and run by young adults, ages 18 to 32. We also regularly minister to the local community. Join us! For more information, contact Joanna Fredell at (845) 591-1080 or goodwill.merge@yahoo.com

Next Level Men’s Ministry – This is the overarching Men’s Ministry at Goodwill: MNM (Monday Night Men’s Bible Study) Every Monday at 7:00p – We meet to study and pray. Three different studies: Proverbs, Acts, or Revelation. Your choice!
FBC (Men’s Friday Breakfast Club) Every Friday at 6:45a at the Clinton Street Cafe in Montgomery – Studying the Book of Acts. Great breakfast, study, prayer, and fellowship.
Men’s Monthly Breakfast Every third Saturday of the month – 7:30a coffee, 8:00a breakfast. Done by 9:15a. A man from Goodwill shares his God Story.

Operation Christmas Child – An annual ministry that provides gifts to children in countries that can’t afford any. Much volunteer help is needed each year!

Stephen Ministry – In Stephen Ministry congregations, lay caregivers (called Stephen Ministers) provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. If you are interested in signing up or finding out more information please call Pastor Dave at (845) 457-5959 or e-mail dkniffin@goodwillchurch.org

Theophostic Prayer Ministry – These prayer warriors are available to pray specifically and intentionally for you as needed. Contact Su Brown at (845) 457-1619 or suzieb277@hotmail.com

Women’s Cancer Support Group – Second and fourth Saturdays at 10:00a – A support group for women who have experienced or are experiencing the pain of cancer. Contact Judy Songer at (845) 457-3314 for further information.
Smoke Free Policy

August 5, 2009

To protect and enhance our air quality and to contribute to the health and well-being of parishioners of all ages, staff, and visitors, Goodwill Church shall be entirely smoke free effective September 12, 2009. This includes the use of all tobacco products including cigars and chewing tobacco.

Should an individual view this as an opportunity to quit smoking, we will be announcing ways to help with this effort. Please stay tuned! If you need any help, please contact Jose Rodriguez at (845) 457-5959 ext. 351 or e-mail jrodriguez@goodwillchurch.org

Smoking is prohibited throughout the entire campus of Goodwill Church, including but not limited to all of the enclosed areas within the CE Building, Sanctuary, new building, outdoor property, parking lots and porches without exception.

Jay Lee
Executive Pastor

Ministries

Celebrate Recovery – Fridays, 7:30p in the CE Building – A hurt, habit or hang-up is something that hinders your walk with God. We all have habits, hurts and hang-ups that keep us from moving forward. Celebrate Recovery is for those who are ready to face their hang-ups. Contact Chris Dowdell for more information at (914) 443-7687 or cpdowdell@gmail.com

Choir – If you like to worship the Lord in song, then you’d fit right in with the Goodwill Choir! For more information, contact Sam Ruiz at sruiztuxedo@optonline.net

Crown Budget Coaching – Helping with finances guided by the Word of God. Contact Bob and Lil McDaniel at (845) 457-5996 or bmcdaniel7@frontiernet.net

DivorceCare – Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30p (Resumes in September) – Contact our facilitators Joe and Lynda Slesinski at (845) 342-3512.

Food Pantry – 8:30 - 11:45a on Thursdays – Food for anyone in need, allowed one visit a month. Contact Jim Massowd at (845) 636-4234 with questions.

Friends for Life – Every other Friday at 7:00p – A care group with a marriage focus. For more information call Lance and Nancy Pennington at (845) 728-4238 or e-mail at lp@rolleasy.com

Full Circle Ministry – First and third Sundays at 2:00p – Ministering to residents at Montgomery Nursing Home and Campbell Hall Nursing Home. Contact Bob and Lil McDaniel at (845) 457-5996 or bmcdaniel7@frontiernet.net

GriefShare – New group forming soon! – 13-week session for those experiencing the pain of the loss of a loved one. Contact Joshua Stewart at (845) 457-5959 or jstewart@goodwillchurch.org if you are interested in joining the upcoming session.

Heart 2 Heart Ladies Bible Study – Tuesdays, 9:15a – Start your morning with food, fun, and fellowship with other women of faith. For information, contact Nancy Pennington at (845) 728-4238 or np@rolleasy.com

His Redeeming Love – A confidential support group for women who have experienced physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. For more information
**Children's Ministries**

**Nursery** – *All weekend services* – Our Nursery director is passionate about children and has developed an engaging curriculum for our young ones. Nursery is available for children from birth to kindergarten.

**Sunday School** – *Sunday, 9:30a (Off for the summer—will begin a new session in September)* – We have Sunday School classes for children from first grade up. Sign your child in at the Welcome Center, located in the foyer of the CE Building. For children first through eighth grade.

**Kid’s Church** – *Sunday, 9:30a and 11:30a* – Kid’s Church is available for children from first to fifth grade. It is a combination of worship and teaching, with interactive formats intended to reach elementary age children. Sign your child in at the Welcome Center, located in the foyer of the CE Building.

**Youth Group** – *High School on Tuesdays at 7:00p, Middle School on Wednesdays at 7:00p* – Our Youth Group program has a High School and a Middle School division to reach each age group more effectively. Both groups meet at the Youth Center on their respective days. Check out our blog at http://goodwillyouthgroup.wordpress.com

**Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior (GEMS)** – *Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30p (Off for the summer—will begin a new session in September)* – Our GEMS program is intended for elementary age girls. Parents are invited to join our Wednesday Night Prayer Service in the Sanctuary after dropping off your child. For children first through fifth grade.

**Boy’s Brigade** – *Wednesdays, 7:00p (Off for the summer—will begin a new session in September)* – Part of our Wednesday night children’s programs, Boy’s Brigade is a group for elementary age boys. Our leaders act as leaders and role models while guiding your child’s spiritual growth. Parents are invited to join our Wednesday Night Prayer Service in the Sanctuary after dropping off your child. For children first through fifth grade.

**Other Ministries**

**Be Free!** – Offering a redemptive response to those affected by unwanted homosexuality. Help also available for family and friends. For help and information, contact Jean at (917) 716-9582 or Penny at (845) 374-8128 or e-mail befree@warwick.net All calls and correspondence CONFIDENTIAL.

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**Building Pledge**

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As you may know, Goodwill Church is in year three of the three-year WE CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW building pledge drive. Many of you have asked if there are ways to get involved with the campaign. The answer is a definitive “yes.” Please fill out the following form and turn it in to the church office, hand it to an usher, or place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office or Pastor Jay Lee at jlee@goodwillchurch.org

Blessings,

Pastor Jay Lee & Elder Gary Theodore

**Faith Commitment Amount**

$__________

**Amount Paid Herein**

$__________

**Balance**

$__________

**To be paid over a period of** 1 2 3 years (circle one)

**Beginning**

__________ (month) __________ (year)

**To be given:** monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, other

**Name**

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**Street Address**

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**City**

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**State**

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**ZIP**

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**Phone**

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**E-Mail**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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Please make checks payable to “Goodwill Church.” In memo section of check write “Pledge”

All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
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