

## Announcements for 10.11.09

**Time Change** – Beginning **October 18**, Last Call will begin meeting at 6pm.

**Service** – The Open Door Community serves many of Atlanta's overlooked, neglected, and homeless folks. And now they need volunteers! On **Tuesday, October 13** the Last Call community will cook, serve, and eat a meal alongside the community. Join us at 5pm to cook and prepare the meal. The meal is served at 6pm. Indicate your interest in helping on your comment card. The Open Door Community is located in Midtown at 910 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE.

**Service** – The next Azalea Village Workday is **Saturday, October 17** from 8:30am-1pm. Come as you are available, and be sure to enjoy a free lunch for volunteers at noon. We'll be working on several projects: furnishing a house from stored donations, organizing donations in storage, landscaping, cleaning out a basement, and housecleaning. There will be plenty to do! You can also meet the newest family to the Village – the Nguyens who recently immigrated from Vietnam.

**Opportunity for Awareness** - On **Tuesday, October 20** at 7:30pm in the Woodruff Arts Center (1280 Peachtree Street NE) for the premier screening of the documentary "Playground: An Alarming Look into the Insidious World of Child Sex Trafficking in America." Produced by George Clooney, Grant Heslov, Steven Soderbergh and Libby Spears, this documentary uncovers the awful reality of child sex-trafficking growing in America, most prominently in Atlanta. For more information, see [playgroundpremiereatl.com](http://playgroundpremiereatl.com).

**Music on the Lawn** - Join us on **Friday, October 23** from 6-9:00pm for grilled hotdogs, popcorn, and s'mores. Drinks provided! Bring a side or dessert to share. Have a blanket for your family to sit on while you enjoy original music from Tim Lloyd and Thomas Lockwood. They'll be playing under the new Gazebo in Azalea Village!

As always, you're invited to join us at Maddio's Pizza (across the street) after the service!

Be sure and check out new updates on our website:  
[lastcallcpc.org](http://lastcallcpc.org)

**Next week**

Megan Johnson will be preaching on Exodus 19:1-25

## Financial Stewardship

The Bible declares that, "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1). From God's perspective, we don't own anything! All that we have is a gift from God. Our money, talents, and possessions are gifts that God desires for us to use wisely and generously. In part, God calls us to give to the church. Know this though...

The offering is not about "paying the bills" of the church. Primarily, taking up the offering provides an opportunity for those who acknowledge Jesus as Lord to take a step of faith and say, "Yes, I trust that He is Lord even over my money. God has given it to me, and now I will give for the sake of others and trust that God will continue to provide for me."

The Bible calls those who follow Jesus to give at least 10% of their income, and to do so with joy! That comes as a challenge for most of us - though so does most of what God calls us to do. Perhaps at this point we sense we can give, and we want to give, but not at that percentage. It may be that we take steps annually towards giving at a 10% level or more. Plus, many of you in the Last Call community are students, which means your time and talent are most of what you can give at this point!

No matter what we give, the bottom line is this: we are instructed to *give joyfully* because we recognize how good God has been to us, and we desire to pass that blessing along to others. We give joyfully, too, because we recognize that there is truth in the wonderful paradox that those who give really do receive what matters most – God's gracious, continual, and surprising provision. In giving for the sake of others, we find ourselves all the more filled.

Give, then, only as you are joyfully led.

