

# OBEY

## A SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE YOUTH RETREAT

Who hasn't asked the question, "What does God want me to do?" It is a question that we all wrestle with, a search for purpose and meaning in an all too often chaotic and seemingly random universe. But what if God has already answered that question for us? What if the answer is simply to obey the instructions given to us through God's word, the Bible? This year's November Celebration theme, OBEY, will explore the idea that application and not revelation is what most of us are lacking in our Christian walk. Join us as we retell the story of Jonah and answer the question, "What happens when we obey God's commands?"

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday, November 20

- 5:00 Registration begins
- 5:30-7:00 Supper
- 7:30 Adult Leader Gathering  
(Strickland Aud.)
- 7:45 Session 1
- 9:30 Heath McNease Concert  
(Strickland Aud.)
- 11:00 Church Time
- 12:00 Lights Out

#### Saturday, November 21

- 7:45 Breakfast Line Open
- 8:45 Quiet Time
- 9:30 Session 2
- 11:00 Church Time
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 BJ Harris III Performance  
(Strickland Aud.)
- 3:00-5:00 Free Time
- 3:30-4:30 SuperStar Auditions (Brown Aud.)
- 5:30-6:45 Supper
- 7:00 Session 3
- 8:30 Church Time
- 9:45 Epworth SuperStar
- 12:00 In Cabins/Lights Out

#### Sunday, November 22

- 7:45 Breakfast Line Opens
- 8:45 Quiet Time
- 9:15 Session 4
- 10:30 Pack up & Clean up
- 11:00 Lunch & Depart

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St. Simons Island, GA  
31522

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South Georgia Conference  
The United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 20408  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522



# NOVEMBER CELEBRATION AT EPWORTH BY-THE-SEA



WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO  
KNOW HIM IF WE OBEY HIS COMMANDS.  
- 1 JOHN 2:3 -

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20-22, 2009

# NOVEMBER CELEBRATION

GUESTS, SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINERS

## GUEST SPEAKER: FRED WHAPLES

Fred Whaples is a highly sought after trainer in children and youth ministry. He has been featured in the Children's Pastor Conference, National Youth Worker's Convention, and National Pastor's Conference. Fred takes his full knowledge, experience and education to partner with churches in growing vibrant ministries and impacting the world for Christ. Fred served as a successful youth pastor for 17 years in both urban and suburban areas. Fred will share practical insight on growing closer to Jesus Christ by obeying Jesus' commands.



## SPECIAL GUEST: HEATH McNEASE

Heath McNease is the antithesis of what you might expect when you think about hip-hop. He is so far removed from the exploits of the rap game that some may think his inclusion in hip-hop is oxymoronic. Heath mixes in elements of boom bap, dirty south, blues, jazz, rock, reggae and even a bit of gospel music to his sound.



## SPECIAL GUEST: BJ HARRIS III

BJ Harris is a classically trained, award-winning master illusionist. Over 1 million people on 5 continents have witnessed his performances. Whether telling a story, speaking from his heart or performing, his ultimate goal is to inspire and challenge people, initiating change and transformation.



## WORSHIP: LIVING ANTHEM

These young men have performed at Atlanta Fest since 2002, and in 2008 they performed two separate days on the main stage. Their hearts have remained the same, to serve. No matter the denomination, race, or age, from Living Anthem you will only find a heart for the people. To see the body of Christ unified.



## EMCEE: BRANDON RUSHIN

Brandon has 10 years of experience entertaining children and youth. He brings an energetic personality that is contagious. His interactive characters will leave the youth rolling with laughter and give them something to talk about for weeks!



**REGISTRATION:** Fill out the attached registration form completely and send it in with your registration fee of \$130 to **Connectional Ministries, P.O. Box 20408, St. Simons Island, GA 31522**. \$35 of this fee is non-refundable after the deadline date of **November 13, 2009**. Please send all registration forms & money for each church group together. Correct t-shirt sizes will only be guaranteed for registrations received before the deadline.

**AGES:** November Celebration is for students in the 6th grade through the 12th grade.

**COUNSELORS:** Counselors must be at least 21 years of age. There should be a 1:6 counselor/student ratio. Both genders must be represented in counselors if represented with youth.

**SCHEDULE:** November Celebration will begin on Friday with registration starting at 5:00 P.M. The retreat will conclude with lunch on Sunday. For more information or to register online, visit: [www.SGAUMC.org](http://www.SGAUMC.org)

**SAFE SANCTUARIES:** November Celebration is a Safe Sanctuaries compliant event. All adult chaperones must be Safe Sanctuaries certified. A signed Safe Sanctuaries form must be returned by the group leader along with group registrations. Please refer to our website, [www.SGAUMC.org](http://www.SGAUMC.org), for registration information and Safe Sanctuaries event policies. For questions, contact Adam Ricker at **(888) 266-7642**.

Share your talent with us and you could be crowned this year's Epworth Superstar. Based on turnout and availability, our panel of judges select a certain number of participants to compete in the Saturday Night Talent Show. Auditions are held on Saturday afternoon and contestants are required to bring their own instruments and music. Adult Leaders are encouraged to participate in the chaperone portion of the talent show.

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Check one:  Youth  Adult Counselor (at least 21 yrs.old)

T-shirt size (adult sizes only) Check one:  
 Small  Med  Large  Xlarge  XXLlarge  XXXLarge

Correct t-shirt sizes will only be guaranteed for registrations received before the deadline.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone/Pager \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone/Pager \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

*Pictures will be taken throughout the weekend. These pictures may be used in future brochures or on the conference website only. If you do not want your child's picture used, please indicate by putting your initials here: \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Please send all registration forms and money for each church group together.** The \$130 registration fee includes programming, insurance, food and lodging, and a t-shirt. A ratio of at least one adult counselor per 6 youth (both genders must be represented in counselors if represented with Youth) is required. Health and accident forms for Youth will be the responsibility of each church.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:  
NOVEMBER 13, 2009**

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# EPWORTH SUPERSTAR