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PRESS RELEASE

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Andrew College receives gift of bicycles for student transportation

CUTHBERT, GA. – Thanks to a generous donation, students at Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia are now enjoying riding bicycles as they move from campus to downtown classes or shopping. The refurbished bicycles were donated to the college by the Bicycle Ministry program of the First United Methodist Church of Brunswick (Georgia). Over a dozen bicycles were delivered to campus at the start of the fall semester.

Sheri Michaels, director of communications and marketing, said “A news article came across my desk last spring which featured the Brunswick-based ministry. As Andrew College had just been gifted a building downtown to use as a Ceramics Studio, we were already in discussion as to how we might acquire some bikes for easier student transportation. The timing was perfect to reach out to the First United Methodist Church to see if we might qualify for their program.” Michaels said that upon speaking to the church, she was told that the trustees were “excited” and looked forward to helping out a Methodist related institution.

The bicycles were delivered to Andrew College, courtesy of Bob Thompson, owner of Creative Printing Inc. in Brunswick. That was an unexpected twist to the story, Michaels said. “Bob was delivering a print job to our campus when I happened to joke with him about bringing us some bicycles on his next visit. After hearing our story, Bob took the matter very seriously and generously offered to bring the bikes to us,” she said. “Needless to say, we were pretty excited.”

AndrewServes, Andrew College’s servant leadership program, got into the act also. Students covered each bike with striped tape to distinguish the bikes from others around town. And, the college is now identifying students who can serve as amateur bicycle mechanics to take care of flat tires and minor repairs.

Look for Andrew College on wheels as you’re out and about around Cuthbert. You’re sure to see them.

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Shown with some of the refurbished bicycles are students Madison Whitehead, Franklin, GA; Frederik Ackander, Västerås, Sweden; and Destiny Reed, Dawson, GA

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is related to The United Methodist Church and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Situated in the rural southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, Andrew College offers the Associate of Art, Associate of Music, Associate of Nursing and Associate of Science degrees as well as the new B.S. in Business Administration degree.

