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Where Faith Comes To Life

Summer Activities for Preschoolers, Children & Youth

Preschoolers & Children

Camp BCOC kicks off the summer, May 28 – 30. Children (completed K – 6th) are invited to "Meet God on the Mountain" in a fun weekend retreat at Camp Hargis, Chelsea, AL. Sign up today! $65 1st child, $50 for siblings.

Friday Night Camp-out at the Hendersons'! Preschoolers and Children are invited to camp-out (with an adult) on June 11. Bring a tent or sleep under the stars. Hike to the creek, roast hotdogs and enjoy stories by the campfire. Arrive anytime after 2 p.m..

***BCOC families are invited to celebrate Father's Day**, Sunday, June 20 at the Baron's Game (vs. Jacksonville), 2:05 pm; Kids Eat Free! Sign up in the church office for group tickets.

July 11-14 Passportkids! A camp for those who have completed 3rd – 6th grades in Crossville, TN. $60 deposit required to hold your place.

***Saturday, July 17, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, BCOC will host a "Reading Round-up"** for our Southtown neighbors. This is a churchwide ministry opportunity – and a perfect way for families to serve together! Families and friends will be asked to sponsor a game booth and give away school supplies as prizes. We'll have tons of new books to send home with children and adults.

***Saturday, July 24 – Blueberry picking** at the Lasseter's farm! All ages invited.

Back-to-School Pool Party! Saturday, August 14, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Frank McCrory and BJ Melton will host. Parents are welcome.

Wednesday Evenings in June
Children will learn more about our Cuban partner-church (Shalom Baptist) in Boca de Mariel and Cuban culture during the month of June. We'll have fun experiencing the Spanish language, music, dance, and holiday customs from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. each week. A Cuban "Street Party" on Wednesday, June 2nd will kick it off! Preschoolers will also learn about Cuba with their Mission Friends from 6:00 - 6:25 p.m.. At 6:30 p.m., they will go to Preschool Music with Dan and Sherrie Lawhon and helpers.

Youth Summer Plans

ROAD TRIP! Youth will go to the Atlanta Braves Game, Tuesday, June 15 (to include Stone Mountain or another Atlanta attraction). Time of departure is TBD. We will return to B'ham way past our bedtime that same night.

June 27 – July 2, PASSPORT is a mission camp for those who have completed 7th – 12th grades. It will be held at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. This year's theme is "Barefoot" – *How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!* (Rom. 10:15b)

Youth will sponsor a game booth at the "Reading Round-Up," a Literacy Fair with Southtown, Saturday, July 17, 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

PASSPORTKenya, July 30 – August 10. Micah Martin, Parker Smith, Jimmy Hawley and Daniel Ingram will participate in this cross-cultural camp and mission adventure!

***Youth vs. Parents Softball Game and BBQ** – Sunday, August 15, 5:00-7:00 p.m. - location TBA

"Worship Appreciation" -- BCOC Youth will participate in some unique worship experiences this summer from The Basement to the Hindu Temple. We'll explore other worship practices happening in our city. Times and dates TBA.

*** All members are invited to participate.**

40 Days of Growing
March 29 - May 7

- Visit www.bcoc.net to receive daily inspiration for personal growth by our own Joyce Mitchell.
- Be a part of a ground's clean-up on May 1. Please come to the church at 9:00 a.m. with yard tools.

40 Days of Belonging – May 9 through June 20

"To be chosen as the Beloved of God is something radically different. Instead of excluding others, it includes others. Instead of rejecting others as less valuable, it accepts others in their own uniqueness. It is not a competitive, but a compassionate choice" (Henri Nouwen's *Life of the Beloved*). The following are opportunities to explore how we as a faith community, create a sense of belonging for ourselves and for others:

Wednesday, May 12, Max Steinmetz to visit BCOC
Holocaust survivor and member of Temple Emmanu-El, Max Steinmetzand his wife, Betty, will be our guest. After dinner, we will gather in the sanctuary at 6:20 p.m. to hear Max share his experiences. Youth will join adults.

Wednesday, May 19 & 26, Conversations on Belonging
Bridget Rose and Gayle Watts will facilitate table conversations on what it means to belong - how we find our own place as well as reach out to others - using Henri Nouwen's *Life of the Beloved.* Youth will join adults.

Sunday, May 23, Pentecost
Join us for worship as we remember and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit – the Helper promised to the disciples by Christ before His ascension; the Spirit which unifies and empowers us to be community.

Sunday, June 6, Communion
Communion will be served in worship and deacons will also serve any homebound members or other members unable to participate.

Saturday, June12, Salt Shakers
"Share a Little Time" with fellow members over potluck dinners. You may sign up as a host home or as a participant.

Additionally, on Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the 40 Days, special pre-addressed BCOC note cards will be available for you to write members who are not able to worship regularly with us or others you may wish to offer a word of support or encouragement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT GAMES
April 29: 9:00 p.m.
May 6: 6:00 p.m.
May 13: 9:00 p.m.
Games will be played at Homewood Park.

A NEW Series for Parents begins Sunday, May 9 through June 20 during the Sunday school hour.

Read and discuss "Scream-Free Parenting" by Hal Edward Runkel, "the revolutionary approach to raising your kids by keeping your cool." 7 weeks, 6 chapters, facilitated by Andy McNiel. Participants will need to secure their own copy of the book.

Senior Sauntering

A trip is scheduled for Friday, May 14 to Gee's Bend and Camden. Gee's Bend is full of history. From its wonderful quilts to the re-development of the Gee's Bend Ferry, fighting a Civil Rights cause forty years after its closing, Gee's Bend continues to be a place that fascinates outsiders. The bus will leave from the church at 8:30 a.m. and return around 4:30 p.m. We will stop in Gee's Bend to visit with the "quilting and singing" ladies and then take the noon ferry to Camden, $2 each. The group will have lunch at Gaines Ridge. It is a historic antebellum structure, built in 1837. The home was a family residence until 1985 when it became Gaines Ridge Dinner Club. Lunch will include a salad, chicken and rice with a vegetable, dessert and drink for $15. All are welcome to participate in this trip. The total cost of the trip is $17 paid in advance. On the signup sheet indicate if you need a reservation for a seat on the bus and lunch or for a ferry ride (if riding in a car) and lunch. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 9.

Also scheduled for May is the 5th Sunday potluck luncheon on May 30 at the church following Sunday School.

BCOC Youth Events

Sunday, May 16 is Graduation Sunday. The graduates will be recognized in the service. Coffee Fellowship will be a reception honoring our graduates.
Friday evening, May 14 - Youth & their parents are invited to see who will dominate the Go-Kart track at the Trussville Playstation! Meet there at 6:00 p.m. Invite a friend! Everyone will go for pizza afterwards.
Sunday evening, September 19 - Talent Show
Save the Date!

PRAYERS & CELBRATIONS

At Home
Sarah Kay Lowman
Joshua McNiel
Bob Litton
Gene Brill

St. Vincent's
Don Yates

Mexico
Grace Marquez

Highlands Rehab
Lindy Keeney
Jerry Martin

Tanzania
Don & Esther Gardner

Hong Kong
Jerry and Ruth Moye

Indonesia
Ken Hinton

Tommy Sue Sides, a member of B C O C, died April 20.
We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

May

1-Stephanie Gammon
2-Ann Dunlap
4-Rosalind McClanahan
Dave Wilson
Kelly Mitchell
5-Karen Long
6-Mark Driskill
7-Terry Fisk
8-Robin Geurs
10-Faye Allen
11-Catherine Case
12-Rosemary Fisk
12-Stacey Young
13-Carol Lane
Katie Ponder
Bailea McNiel
14-Mike Martin
Jennifer Foster
Brittany Krebs
15-Janice Lasseter
Scott Russell
16-Lisa Trentham
16-Catherine Groom

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Week of April 18		*Week of April 25*	
Budget	$15,077.33	Budget	$7,145.58
Building Fund	$2,475.00	Building Fund	$492.50
Rogers Fund	$185.00	Organ Fund	$125.00
Gardner Jedida	$100.00	Rogers Fund	$70.00
Organ Fund	$474.03	Gardner Fund	$25.00
Playgnd/Columbarium	$157.00	Gardner (Jedida)	$60.00
Gardner Orphanage	$30.00	Crop Walk	$20.00

Year to Date Figures through March 2010
YTD **Receipts** - $139,280.74
YTD **Expenditures** - $145,710.76
YTD **Budget Requirements** - $151,444.74

For Your Information

Sunday Worship May 2, 9:00 a.m.

Communion & Dedication of Owen Berthiaume

Texts: Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

Sarah Shelton, preaching

Magic City Choral Society

'he Magic City Choral Society's Spring Concert is Sun-ay, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. at The Alys Stephens Center. 'hey will present *Homeward Bound~The American pirit in Song.*

Join us on Wednesday evening, May 5 for a Handbell Concert in the Sanctuary.

On Thursday, May 13 come to Moonlight on the Mountain, 585 Shades Crest Road as Caffé C presents *Shades Mountain Air* Doors Open at 6:30 p.m., Show at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to John Duke who has been called as Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Foster, Virginia. He will move to Virginia the first week of June. The address of the church is Macedonia Baptist Church, 524 East River Road, P. O. Box 97, Foster, VA 23056, 804-725-5416.

Columbarium

As plans continue to progress towards the building of Baptis Church of the Covenant's Columbarium, we wanted you to be aware that you may pre-purchase niches in order to re-serve a location of your choosing. A single niche is $450 and a double niche is $750. There is an available contract in the church office that should answer any questions that migh exist. In addition, there are examples of name plates for bot single and double niches. The pastor is currently housing cremains. Upon the completion of the columbarium, there will be a dedication service in which all cremains are placed in their final resting place.

Who has a Favorite Christmas Story?

December 26 will fall on a Sunday. We would like to do a service of carols, scriptures and testimonials/stories. Do you have a particular Christmas that was meaningful to you? When did the real meaning of Christmas consume you heart? Contact the pastor if you are willing to share it during the service on December 26.

Week of May 2

Deacon of the Week: Mark McClintock 410-7604

Sunday, May 2

Helpers Pickup - Tex Hawley, Mary Helen & Joe Dixon
9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship - Communion & Baby Dedication
Lobby Monitor - David Litton
Ushers, Greeters & Offering: Deacons
Worship Care: Kelly Mitchell, Kristen Berthiaume, Lindsey Young, Peggy Sanderford-Ponder
10:00 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship - Hoefelmans, Yarbroughs
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
Helpers - Patrick Chappell
Sack Lunches - Peacemongers
Building Lockup - David Goodwin
11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Education Committee
11:30 p.m. - Staff Committee
1:00 p.m. - Cuba Participants to plan Fund Raising
1:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus Worship, Sanctuary
3:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 3

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
7:00 p.m. - Internationals

Tuesday, May 4

12:00 noon - Alabama Kidney Executive Committee
1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

Wednesday, May 5

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
5:00 p.m. - Covenant Ringers
5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship Supper
Menu: Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Yellow Corn, Potato Casserole, Cookies and Brownies
Clean Up: Larry FitzGerald, Mamie & Rodney Van Dyke
5:45 p.m. - School Age Children, Mission & Music
6:00 p.m. - Preschoolers 3 years old - K, Mission Friends
Bethlehem Baptist Bible Study
6:15 p.m. - Prayer Time & Handbell Concert in the Sanctuary
Youth will join the adults
6:30 p.m. - Preschool Music Time Lockup: Todd Heifner
7:15 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal Lock-up: John Hollis

Thursday, May 6

5:30 p.m. - SouthTown Leadership final meeting of the school year

Saturday, May 8

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry
Betty Bock, Tim Liptak, Ann Dunlap
6:00 p.m. - Encuentro con Dios Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting

Week of May 9

Deacon of the Week: John McElroy 481-0331

Sunday, May 9: Mother's Day

Helpers Pickup - Bill Smith, Rod Davis
9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship
Lobby Monitor - David Litton
Ushers, Greeters & Offering: Monty Hogewood, Jean Thomason, Lynn & David Groom, Karen Stephens, Ron Garza, Sara Hoover
Worship Care: Amy Derrick, Sarah Gardner, Daniel Ingram, Marnie Fisher-Ingram
10:00 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship - Monty Hogewood, Carol Watson
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
Helpers - Patrick Chappell
Sack Lunches - Children
Building Lockup - David Goodwin
11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Ministries Committee, Pot Luck, Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus Worship, Sanctuary
3:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 10

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
7:00 p.m. - Internationals

Tuesday, May 11

1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Master Plan Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

Wednesday, May 12

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
5:00 p.m. - Covenant Ringers
5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship Supper
Menu: Char-grilled Chicken Breast, Squash and Zucchini Sauté, Almond Rice, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Peach Cobbler
Clean Up: Shirley & Jack Brymer, Betsy Weidenbach
5:45 p.m. - School Age Children, Mission & Music
6:00 p.m. - Preschoolers 3 years old - K, Mission Friends
Bethlehem Baptist Bible Study
6:15 p.m. - Prayer Time & Max Steinmetz, guest speaker, Sanctuary
Youth will join the adults
6:30 p.m. - Preschool Music Time Lockup: Todd Heifner
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal Lock-up: Larry FitzGerald

Thursday, May 13

6:30 p.m. - Caffé C at Moonlight on the Mountain

Friday, May 14

8:30 a.m. - Senior Adults to Gee's Bend & Camden

Saturday, May 15

8:30 a.m. - AKA Meeting in the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry
Sharon & Patrick Chappell
6:00 p.m. - Encuentro con Dios Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting

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