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*Where Faith Comes  
To Life*

## **The Gratitude of a Sanderling**

As I sit down to write these words, I am caught in that place of having both everything and nothing to say about what it means to me to belong at Baptist Church of the Covenant. My heart is full, but my faith is weak in my ability to express it. So I do what I often do at such times – I turn to the words of another. In her poem, “In the Storm,” Mary Oliver describes a scene that resonates with me on what I think happens when we find a way to live in community; she writes of a row of little ducks who shield some fragile sanderlings in a storm. I hope you will reflect on this image and consider ways we can shelter one another when the winds would un-do us. **Bridget Rose**

“In the Storm”  
Mary Oliver

Some black ducks  
were shrugged up  
on the shore.  
It was snowing

hard, from the east,  
and the sea  
was in disorder.  
Then some sanderlings,

five inches long  
with beaks like wire,  
flew in,  
snowflakes on their backs,

and settled  
in a row  
behind the ducks --  
whose backs were also

covered with snow --  
so close  
they were all but touching,  
they were all but under

the roof of the ducks’ tails,  
so the wind, pretty much,  
blew over them.  
They stayed that way, motionless,

for maybe an hour,  
then the sanderlings,  
each a handful of feathers,  
shifted, and were blown away

out over the water  
which was still raging.  
But, somehow,  
they came back

and again the ducks,  
like a feathered hedge,  
let them  
crouch there, and live.

If someone you didn't know  
told you this,  
as I am telling you this,  
would you believe it?

Belief isn't always easy.  
But this much I have learned --  
if not enough else --  
to live with my eyes open.

I know what everyone wants  
is a miracle.  
This wasn't a miracle.  
Unless, of course, kindness --

as now and again  
some rare person has suggested --  
is a miracle.  
As surely it is.

*Thirst*  
Beacon Press, 2006

“And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love.”



## 40 Days of Belonging – May 9 through June 20

### Saturday, June 12, Salt Shakers

We are looking forward to the final celebration of our 40 Days of Belonging, which will occur this Saturday night at Salt Shakers. All Salt Shakers participants have been notified of their dinner groups and locations. Participants are encouraged to check their email or mailboxes for details. Please contact Gayle Watts at 807-8387 if you cannot locate our information. According to Henri Nouwen, a really peaceful and joyful meal together belongs to the greatest moments of life. Amen!



Our Wednesday night study of The Advent Conspiracy began yesterday, June 9, will continue on June 23 and 30. Observing Advent in June may sound crazy, but it's not nearly as absurd as celebrating the birth of Christ with mass consumerism! Last December, the Peacemongers Sunday School Class did a study based on The Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World and found it so meaningful that they wanted to share it with the church when we all have the time to think about how we can make our celebrations more significant by "choosing to make Christmas what it should be—a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us" (from the book jacket). Please join us to begin thinking about how we can make Advent more meaningful and less stressful for ourselves and others.

### A NEW CLASS FOR THE FALL

"Left Brain/Right Brain Christianity" is the title of a new class to begin on Aug. 22, lasting until about April 1st. The study will seek to understand more about the relationship between neuroscience and religion and how both science and religion can inform each other. Paul Hall will be the class leader, having researched the topic for about two and a half years. The book, "Why God Won't Go Away" by Drs. Andrew Newberg and Eugene D'Aquili will serve as a text to guide the classwork. The class is not designed for persons new to the faith. It also doesn't lend itself well to pop-in and out attendance since the study material is cumulative and long term. Contact the Education Committee, Valerie Burton or Paul Hall if you are interested.



Gedaliah Kimutai Kiptoo, born on June 3.  
Congratulations to the parents,  
Daisy & Geoffrey Kiptoo and big sister, Faith

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Children's Activities

**Friday Night Camp-out at the Hendersons' on June 11!** Children's families are invited to camp-out. Arrive anytime after 2 p.m. RSVP to the Hendersons.

**Sunday, June 20,** BCOC families are invited to celebrate Father's Day at the Baron's Game (vs. Jacksonville), 2:05 pm; Kids Eat Free! General Admission tickets are \$7.

**PASSPORTkids! Crossville, TN,  
July 11 - 14, 3rd - 6th grades  
\$60 deposit due by June 1**

### BCOC Youth Events

**Tuesday, June 15, ROAD TRIP!** Youth will go to the Atlanta Braves Game, (to include Stone Mountain or another Atlanta attraction). Time of departure is TBD. We will return to Birmingham way past our bedtime that same night. Cost is about \$30 plus meals.

### PASSPORT

PASSPORT for 7th-12th grades will be at Mercer University, Macon, GA, June 27-July 2. The cost is \$225 per participant. Youth going are: Sarah Gardner, Melaina Grantham, Anna Beth Mann, Bailea McNeil, Stephanie Parnell, Cate Reynolds, Dan Shelton, Michael White, Bianca Zapata. The chaperones are: Laura Gilmour, Drew Lasater, Valerie Burton. Please send mail to: Camper Name & Church, PASSPORTmissions and Week 3, Mercer University, 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, GA 31207-0001. Write campers early so the mail will arrive on time.

**Micah Martin (807-5292) and Parker Smith (427-2177) are going to PASSPORTKenya July 30 - August 10.** They are working hard to raise funds for their mission trip. Please consider them when help is needed around your property, home, office, etc. **Jimmy Hawley and Daniel Ingram** will also be going as adult leadership. **We will receive mail for these four in the church office**

**The Education Committee is preparing "Hooked on a Book" (a literacy fair) with SouthTown on July 17.** The Scholastic Book Fair will be Sunday, June 20 through Sunday, June 27. Please purchase books to be given to SouthTown children and for your family. The Education Committee is also collecting basic school supplies for K-6th graders to be given at the literacy fair. We are collecting: crayons, pencils, paper, folders, glue, scissors, pencil pouches, hand sanitizer and tissue. Please drop off contributions in the collection box in the Fellowship Hall

## PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS



### At Home

Bob Litton  
Gene Brill  
Don Yates

### Highlands Rehab

Lindy Keeney  
Jerry Martin

### Tanzania

Don & Esther Gardner

### Hong Kong

Jerry and Ruth Moye

### Indonesia

Ken Hinton

10-Micahel Clark  
14-Nancy Yarbrough  
Jay Lasater  
15-David Henderson  
Caleb McLendon  
16-Ann Yates  
Janet Anthony  
Liesl Harris

### June Birthdays

18-Kathy Hollis  
18-Brian Vaughn  
John Derrick  
Daniel Evans  
21-Wynona Pelham  
Joe Dean  
Mark McClintock  
22-Todd Heifner  
Graham Heifner

24-Esther Gardner  
Mary Davis  
Faye Wilson  
Karen Smith  
26-Patsy Burke  
Lynn Duffy  
Denise Jacks

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Week of May 30

Budget	\$6,390.00
Building Fund	1,280.00
Rogers Fund	\$75.00
Organ	\$45.00
Playground/Columbarium	\$33.00

### Week of June 6

Budget	\$19,270.73
Building Fund	\$1,462.50
Rogers Fund	\$1,232.00
Passport Kenya	\$300.00
Playgnd/Columbarium	\$355.00
Cuba Fundraiser	\$410.00
Nursery Workers	\$20.00

### Year to Date Figures through April 2010

YTD Receipts - \$186,584.17  
YTD Expenditures - \$200,438.92  
YTD Budget Requirements - \$201,926.32

**General Fund Gifts needed each week to meet the 2010 Budget: \$11,650**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Cine en Casa

Join us for Friday Flicks Cuban-style! Throughout the month of June we will offer screenings of movies to immerse us in Cuban culture and prepare us for Corita Blanco's visit in August. Bring a snack or a beverage to share; the films and fellowship are free, but donations will be accepted to help cover expenses related to Corita's visit and to support our ongoing ministries in Cuba. **Please contact the host family if you are coming so they can set up adequate seating for the group.**

\*\* **"Viva Cuba"** will be shown on June 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Rod Davis's and June 18, 6:00 p.m. at Kit and Todd Heifner's. Winner of the Grand Prize of the Youth Jury at the 2005 Cannes Film Festival, this film chronicles the friendship between two children that are threatened by their parents' differences. Malú is from an upper-class family and her single mother does not want her to play with Jorgito, as she thinks his background coarse and commonplace. Jorgito's mother a poor socialist proud of her family's social standing, places similar restrictions on her son. What neither woman recognizes is the immense strength of the bond between Malú and Jorgito. When the children learn that Malú's mother is planning to leave Cuba, they decide to travel to the other side of the island to find Malú's father and persuade him against signing the forms that would allow it.

\*\* **"Buena Vista Social Club"** on June 25 at Judy Bridgers'. Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary in 2000, the film documents how Ry Cooder brought together legendary Cuban musicians to record an album and to perform a concert in the United States. Bart

### GAME THIS WEEK

**Thursday, June 10, 8:00 p.m.**



Join us for a pre-game tailgate at 6:00 p.m. Bring food to share. Drinks and paper goods will be provided. Games are played at West Homewood Park.

**There will be a Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. There are no Wednesday night activities in July.**

### Senior Saunterings

**On June 18-19**, the Senior Adults are taking an overnight trip to the Helen Keller Home, to see the play The Miracle Worker, and to visit the Hallelujah Trail. Contact Mary Hines (956-0839) or Jack Brymer (901-2989) if you have questions.

### Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly

**June 23-26, 2010 | Charlotte, N.C.**

This year's theme is "And so we are... (1 John 3:1)" Bill Leonard will be the speaker for Thursday night worship and Lauren Winner for Friday night. With some all new features and special events this year, the 2010 Assembly is on you will not want to miss.

Visit [www.thefellowship.info/assembly](http://www.thefellowship.info/assembly) for information and registration.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the Host Celebration Reception and Silent Auction to benefit BHN on Thursday, July 29. Doors open at 6 p.m., live auction at 7:15 p.m. Linda Martin and Ann Wade will be selling tickets, \$25 each.

**Deacon of the Week: Rick Traylor 995-9963**

**Sunday, June 13**

Helpers Pickup - Bill Smith, Rod Davis

9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship

Lobby Monitor - David Litton, Laura Gilmour

Ushers, Greeters & Offering - Monty Hogewood, Jean Thomason,

Lynn & David Groom, Karen Stephens, Ron Garza, Sara Hoover

Worship Care: Kelly Mitchell, Sarah Gardner, Mamie Fisher-Ingram, Daniel Ingram

10:00 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship - Monty Hogewood, Carol Watson

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School

Helpers - Cindy Ponder

Sack Lunches - College Class

Building Lockup - Jimmy Hawley

11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Finance

12:00 noon - Christ Care Missions at the Dixons' home

12:30 p.m. - COM

12:30 p.m. - Baby Shower for the Evans in the Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus Worship, Sanctuary

3:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, June 14**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous

7:00 p.m. - Internationals

**Tuesday, June 15**

8:00 a.m. - Youth Road Trip to Atlanta

1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

**Wednesday, June 16**

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: Betty Bock, Dennis Wilson, Jo Grantland

6:00 p.m. - Preschoolers 3 years old - K, Mission Friends

School Age Children - Cuba Connection

Bethlehem Baptist Bible Study

6:15 p.m. - Prayer Time & Business Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Preschool Music Time

Lockup: Joe Dean

7:15 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal Lockup: Joe Dixon

**Friday, June 18**

10:30 a.m. - Senior Adults overnight trip to Helen Keller Home

**Saturday, June 19**

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry

Sharon & Patrick Chappell

4:30 p.m. - Senior Adults return from their trip

7:00 p.m. - Encuentro con Dios Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting

Stone Building

**Deacon of the Week: Brian Vaughn 960-3598**

**Scholastic Book Fair All Week**

**Sunday, June 20, Father's Day**

Helpers Pickup - Mamie & Rodney Van Dyke, Becky Belcher

9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship, Dedication of Katherine Goodwin

Lobby Monitor - Andy McNeil, Rick Mitchell

Ushers, Greeters & Offering - Rosalia Davis, Carol Johnson, Kell

Mitchell, Peggy Sanderford Ponder, Connie Bowers,

Jenny Smith

Worship Care: Susan Richardson, Katie Ponder, Mamie Van

Dyke, Daniel Evans

10:00 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship - Joyce Mitchell, Ann Dunlap, Mamie

& Rodney Van Dyke

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School

Helpers - Cindy Ponder

Sack Lunches - Seekers & Quakers

Building Lockup - Jimmy Hawley

11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary

1:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus Worship, Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. - Children & Families to the Baron's Game

3:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, June 21**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous

7:00 p.m. - Internationals

**Tuesday, June 22**

1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Master Plan Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

**Wednesday, June 23**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous

5:00 p.m. - Covenant Ringers

5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship Supper

Menu: Char-Grilled Pork Tenders, Roasted New Potatoes, Yellow

Corn, Green Bean Casserole, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Lemon Pie

Clean Up: Carol Dean, Betsy Weidenbach, Eleanor & Rick Traylor

6:00 p.m. - Preschoolers 3 years old - K, Mission Friends

School Age Children - Cuba Connection

Bethlehem Baptist Bible Study

6:15 p.m. - Prayer Time & The Advent Conspiracy

6:30 p.m. - Preschool Music Time

Lockup: Joe Dean

7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal Lockup: Tex Hawley

**Saturday, June 26**

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry

Ellen Dossett, Connie Bowers, Bonnie Jenkins

6:00 p.m. - Encuentro con Dios Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting

Stone Building



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