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*Where Faith Comes
To Life*

40 Days of Beginnings

The possibilities of new beginnings are all around us! The middle of July may not seem like an interesting time to begin anything but consider this: By the end of this next 40 Days, a new school-year will have begun; a new educational year here at BCOC will have begun; and football season will have begun. In the next 40 days, who knows, some of you may be beginning a new job, beginning a new relationship, beginning a new routine, a new dream, a new vision.

Mrs. Story's Dairy Bar was opened in 1952 by owners Dan and Annie Story. It has remained a single family business for 54 years. This Opelika landmark still serves virtually the same menu since the doors first opened – chili dogs, ice cream cones, and tempting fruit milkshakes. Makes you look at your watch and wonder how quickly you could get there and back, doesn't it? Mrs. Story is remembered for having a tender, generous heart. If anyone was running low on cash, she would run a tab. The Dairy Bar opened when race relations were tense in Alabama and segregated. But the Storys refused to have a separate window for blacks and whites as most restaurants did at that time. Mr. Story is remembered for saying everyone deserves to be treated the same.

Covenant began almost 40 years ago with similar convictions: benevolence toward the poor and equal acceptance for all persons. As we approach the next 40 years, we have the opportunity to begin again. Let us renew our Covenant "vows" -- our personal and corporate commitments. Let us look through the lens of these commitments as we take on a new Educational year and soon, a Master Plan that furthers the values we started with 40 years ago.

Valerie

Sunday School Leaders in 2010-2011

Preschoolers

Babies: Dana Mc Niel, Mamie VanDyke

Toddlers & 2s: [open]

3s & 4s: Stacey Young, [co-teacher open]

5s & Kindergarten: Janet Anthony,
[co-teacher open]

Children

1st & 2nd grade: Janet Goodwin
[co-teacher open]

3rd & 4th grade: Lynda Grooms, Ann Wade

5th & 6th grade: Mary Helen Dixon,
Betsy Weidenbach

Youth

Middle School: Sharon Chappell,
Chuck Rogers

High School: Laura Gilmour, Drew Lasater,
Rebecca Richardson

Adults

College and Career: Dennis and Faye Wilson

Helpers: Patrick Chappell, Allison Hawley,
Bill Smith, Dave Wilson

Internationals: Eljee Bentley, Grace Marquez

Quasi-Quakers: Ellen Dossett

Dialogue: [open]

God's Lighthouse: Rosalind McClanahan

Pathways: Bart Grooms

Seekers: Morgan Ponder

Travelers: Allan Burton

Youngsters: Lloyd Shelton

PeaceMongers: Lori Bateman, Jack Brymer

Left Brain/Right Brain Christianity: Paul Hall
(this academic year only)

The Education Committee is looking for leaders for all positions listed as [open]. Please contact Valerie Burton if you would like to volunteer.

"Hooked on a Book"

Education and Ministries Committees hosted a Literacy Fair on Saturday, July 17. A group of 12 or more adults, youth, and kids walked to Southtown that morning, gave out flyers, and invited folks to walk back for the event. We had almost 400 books to give away and plenty of basic school supplies. Every child received a pencil pouch, pencils, pens, package of crayons, package of notebook paper, glue sticks and more. We estimate that 65 children in our community were served by the supplies and books. 20-25 adults from the Southtown community came, selected books and let their children participate in 4 different storybook stations. Everyone enjoyed music, cold water, and ice cream (donated by Bluebell) following the event. More than 30 BCOC adults were involved in Hooked on a Book; with many more having donated school supplies ahead of time. Kudos to ALL for their energy, effort, and creativity.



Blueberry Picking & Picnic Lunch at the Lasseter's Farm Saturday, July 24

Dewayne and Janice Lasseter have invited all church members and their families to enjoy a morning of blueberry picking and a picnic lunch. We will pick blueberries from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The picnic will be at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share as well as your chairs, portable tables and picnic blankets. Fried chicken, drinks and plates/utensils will be provided.

Directions: 357 Mountain Drive, ReMAP, AL 35133. Phone: (205)943 0712. Alternate Phone: (205)305 2382. From I59N, take Tallapoosa Street/Hwy 79 exit. Go north on highway 79 for 11-12 miles to its intersection with highway 75 at Pinson. Continue on Highway 79 another 9.3 miles. At Mr. Willie's Restaurant sign, turn right between it and Selfville Church of Christ. Then turn right onto Spunky Hollow Road and go .3 miles to Mountain Drive (a sharp turn, directly across from Grace Community Church). Turn right onto Mountain Drive and go .3 mile to 357 Mountain Drive on left (long white driveway fence).

Birmingham Hospitality Network will be at BCOC July 25 through August 1. Volunteers are needed for: Overnight Hosts on Tuesday and Friday and Supper on Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Ann Wade (529-2917 or annfish123@bellsouth.net) or Linda Martin (601-0747 or LMarin322@aol.com) with questions or to volunteer.



40 Days of Missions Kick-Off Luncheon August 22, 11:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Delicious chicken & rice casserole, homemade bread and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert. Make your reservations through the church office, 328-0644.



Sign Up in the Fellowship Hall Labor Day Retreat September 3 - September 6

A special Beach Retreat celebrating our 40th Anniversary in November is being planned and you don't want to miss it! The theme is Fellowship or "Companerismo." Pasto Corita Blanco, from our sister church in Cuba, is the retreat leader. You can look forward to Cuba-inspired activities, games and more! Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$90 per person (3 years old and above) and \$20 per child (2 years old and under; babies eating food provided by parents/guardians are free). It includes room accommodations, all food beginning with Saturday's breakfast and ending with Monday's breakfast and activities/educational opportunities.

Other cost and room considerations:

- * \$25 Pre/Post Retreat Room Charge: If you would like to come early or stay later, rooms can be reserved at \$25 per day per person.
- * \$40 for folks staying at other locations but participating in retreat activities and dining.
- * Non-Members Welcome: BCOC welcomes family and friends of members or regular BCOC attendees. Rooms will be assigned to BCOC members/regular visitors first and then will be offered to family and friends of BCOC.
- * \$20 Late Registration Fee: We must pay the Retreat before we arrive so any participant turning in their money after August 28 will incur a \$20 late registration fee.
- * Family Discount: All families (Mother/Father/Guardian/Children) staying in one room will pay no more than \$360.
- * Retreat Scholarships: Retreat scholarships are available. For information on how to receive one, please contact Valerie Burton.

ALL PAYMENTS DUE BEFORE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25 TO AVOID A LATE FEE

Pre-Order Beach Retreat T-Shirts!

The t-shirts will commemorate not only our 2010 Labor Day Beach Retreat celebrating our 40th Anniversary but also our partnership with Shalom Baptist Church. A sign-up poster is on the wall by the Cuba bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Adult sizes - \$15, youth sizes - \$10.

LEFT BRAIN/RIGHT BRAIN CHRISTIANITY

Some of us want to look further into God and God's mighty works in and through us and to gain a grasp of God's glorious self-insertion into our existence. Some current thought suggests that we have a "God-gene", that we are unable to avoid acknowledging God's presence in our living. "Why God Won't Go Away" will serve as our text in a class beginning August 22. Class members will buy their own copy. Paul Hall will lead the class.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS



At Home

Gene Brill
Delane Tew
Jean Thomason
Margaret Ward
Wynell King

FairHaven
Lois Tisdale

Highlands Rehab
Jerry Martin

Hong Kong
Jerry and Ruth Moye

Indonesia
Ken Hinton



July

25-Walter Furman
Robin Demonia
26-Anna Beth Mann
27-Tracy Stephens
28-Lovell Litton
Jimmy Hawley

29-Tex Hawley
30-Betsy Weidenbach
David Young
Daisy Kiptoo
31-Caroline Humphreys
Susan Richardson

August

2-Sarah Shelton
Andrew Gunn
Kathleen Smith
4-Paul Richardson
Richard Martin
5-Baeka Boylan
6-Gerry Burke

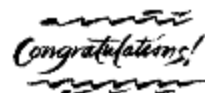


Grafton(Lindy) Keeney, a member of BCOC, died on July 9. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Catherine, Marsha & David Henderson, his daughter & all the family.

The memorial service will be held at BCOC on Sunday, July 25. Visitation will be at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with the service following at 3:00 p.m.



For Linda & Steve Sewell in the death of her father, John Paulmeno.



Lloyd Shelton named Small Business Person of the Year, Category 2 as President of Lovoy, Summerville, & Shelton, P.C. by The Birmingham Business Alliance Small Business Committee.

Anyone wishing to assist with meals for Delane Tew over the next few week should visit:

<http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com>

Last name: Tew

Password: 1111

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Week of July 4

Budget	\$12,621.86
Building Fund	\$1,703.00
Rogers Fund	\$589.58
Gardner Fund	\$30.00
Gardner Fund (Jedida)	\$20.00
Organ Fund	\$37.50
Playgrnd/Columbarium	\$1,100.00
Nursery Workers	\$20.00

Week of July 11

Budget	\$10,552.60
Building Fund	\$565.00
Rogers Fund	\$200.00
Organ Fund	\$550.00
Playgrnd/Columbarium	\$250.00

Year to Date Figures through June 2010

YTD Receipts - \$279,325.12
YTD Expenditures - \$290,748.09
YTD Budget Requirements - \$302,889.48

Week of July 18

Budget	\$7,600.75
Building Fund	\$397.50
Rogers Fund	\$510.00
Organ Fund	\$435.00
Playgrnd/Columbarium	\$142.00
Cuba Partnership	\$222.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



No Wednesday night activities in July

Pastor Sarah has been in Israel July 5 through July 2. Please be in prayer for her as she returns home. Sarah will preach on July 25.

BCOC Youth

PASSPORTKenya July 30 - August 10

Ficah Martin and Parker Smith are going to PASSPORTKenya along with Jimmy Hawley as their chaperone. Daniel Ingram will go as adult leadership with PASSPORT. Please bring mail for all four to the church office.

We will kick-off our Wednesday night activities on **August 4** with a Quarterly Business Meeting. The Master Plan Committee will present their proposal for our church. Children will have a pizza supper, guest leaders and fun activities including a moon-bounce! On Wednesdays, August 11 through August 25, Pastor Sarah will lead a bible study on The Psalms. Preschool, children and youth will begin regular activities on August 11.

August 22nd begins a new Sunday School year, 2010-2011. Preschool through Adults will gather in Fellowship Hall at 10:15 am to greet new teachers, new students, and walk together to Sunday School classrooms. Adult teachers will be introduced and class descriptions will be available for all adults to consider joining a class. The Education committee invites YOU to *Get Hooked on Sunday School!*

Deacon of the Week: Frank McCrory 205-595-4414

BHN at BCOC this week

PASSPORTKenya July 30 through August 10

Sunday, July 25

Helpers Pickup - Faye & Jere Allen
 9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship: New Member Presentation,
 Commissioning of PASSPORTKenya missionaries
 Lobby Monitor - David Hoefelman, Dave Wilson
 Ushers, Greeters & Offering - Marcella Dale, Susan Richardson,
 Shirley Brymer, Marie McKinley, William Lovechia,
 Mary Oswald
 Worship Care: Connie McCrory, Jasmine Martin, Faye Allen,
 Drew Lasater
 10:00 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship - Jean Thomason, Shirley Brymer
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
 Helpers - Bill Smith
 Sack Lunches - Youngsters
 Building Lockup - Patrick Chappell
 11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary
 2:00 p.m. - Visitation for Grafton (Lindy) Keeney
 3:00 p.m. - Memorial Service for Grafton (Lindy) Keeney
 5:00 p.m. - Meal for Keeney/Henderson family

Monday, July 26

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

Tuesday, July 27

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

Wednesday, July 28

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous

No Wednesday Night Activities in July

Thursday, July 29

6:00 p.m. - BHN Host Celebration Reception and Silent Auction

Friday, July 30

PASSPORTKenya participants depart

Saturday, July 31

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry
 John Hollis
 7:00 p.m. - Encuentro con Dios Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting
 Stone Building

Deacon of the Week: Shirley Brymer 205-824-6431

PASSPORTKenya July 30 through August 10

Sunday, August 1

Helpers Pickup - Tex Hawley, Mary Helen & Joe Dixon
 9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship: Communion
 Lobby Monitor - David Goodwin, David Litton
 Ushers, Greeters & Offering - Deacons
 Worship Care: Stephanie Parnell, Lauren Snyder, Lindsey Young,
 Peggy Sanderford Ponder
 10:00 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship - Hoefelmans, Yarbroughs
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
 Helpers - Dave Wilson
 Sack Lunches - Dialogue & God's Lighthouse
 Building Lockup - David Henderson
 11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. - Education Committee
 12:30 p.m. - Staff Committee
 1:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus Worship, Sanctuary
 3:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 3

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

Wednesday, August 4

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
 5:00 p.m. - Covenant Ringers (Quartet only)
 5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship Supper
 Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,
 Cookies & Brownies
 Clean Up: Larry FitzGerald, Mamie & Rodney Van Dyke
 5:45 p.m. - Kick-Off Party for Preschoolers & Children
 in the Stone Building
 Bethlehem Baptist Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Time
 6:15 p.m. - Quarterly Business Meeting
 Lockup: Monty Hogewood
 7:15 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal Choir Lockup: Cobb/Liptak

Saturday, August 5

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry
 David Groom, Brian Berthaiume
 6:00 p.m. - Encuentro con Dios Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting
 Stone Building



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