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*Where Faith Comes
To Life*

BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE COVENANT 2010-2011 INTEREST SURVEY

Because God has equipped every believer with spiritual gifts, Baptist Church of the Covenant provides its membership an annual opportunity to volunteer to serve in its various ministries. Please indicate below the areas in which you are willing to give leadership for the year 2010-2011. Return this form to the church office by **August 15**. A Nominating Committee will appoint Committee Chairs. These Chairs will invite volunteers to serve using the interests indicated on this survey.

Signed _____ Printed Name _____

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

- _____ Education Committee
- _____ **Preschool, Children & Youth**
- _____ Nursery or Preschool during worship
- _____ Preschool Sunday School (birth - K5)
- _____ Children Sunday School (grades 1 - 6)
- _____ Youth Sunday School (grades 7 - 12)
- _____ Mission Friends - Wednesday Night
(preschoolers)
- _____ Missions - Wednesday Night
(school-age children)
- _____ Children's activities/ministry
- _____ Youth activities/ministry
- _____ **Adult Education**
- _____ Adult Sunday School teacher/substitute
- _____ Helpers' Sunday School teacher
- _____ College Class teacher
- _____ Small discipleship group teacher
and or participant

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRIES

- _____ Worship Committee
- _____ **Worship Participation**
- _____ Read Scripture in worship
- _____ Lead Prayer in worship
- _____ Give Children's Sermon
- _____ **Worship Support**
- _____ Usher/Greeter/Monitor
- _____ Assist with Baptism
- _____ Prepare elements for the Lord's Supper
- _____ Decorate the sanctuary
- _____ Count the offering

Musical Participation

- _____ Covenant Choir (Adult)
- _____ Youth Choir (grades 7 - 12)
- _____ Children's Choir (grades 1 - 6)
- _____ Preschool Choir (ages 4 - 5)
- _____ Covenant Ringers (Handbells)
- _____ Play an Instrument in worship

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- _____ Event coverage
- _____ Web page maintenance

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

- _____ Ministry Committee
- _____ Birmingham Hospitality Network
- _____ Support Teams for members with needs
- _____ Internationals (Monday nights)
- _____ Saturday Groceries Driver for elderly
- _____ Advocating for justice laws (JIF)
- _____ Green Springs Grocery Ministry
- _____ Mission trip to Cuba
- _____ Helpers' Sunday van driver
- _____ HIV/AIDS Ministry
- _____ Literacy Fair
- _____ SouthTown Youth Mentoring Program
- _____ Caffe C: Acoustical Café

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

- _____ Congregational Life Committee
- _____ Fellowship event worker
- _____ Wednesday Supper Set Up
- _____ Wednesday Supper Clean Up
- _____ Sunday morning Coffee Fellowship
- _____ Church league sports

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE (con't)

- _____ Labor Day Retreat Volunteers
- _____ Senior Saunterings
- _____ Wednesday Night Meal Greeter or Cashier

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- _____ Property Committee
- _____ Lock up facilities
- _____ Maintenance of facilities
- _____ Drive the van and/or bus
- _____ Assist with van and/or bus maintenance
- _____ Oversee use of facilities by outside groups
- _____ Technology Team
- _____ "Green" Team (being good stewards of our environment and managers of our facilities)

STAFF COMMITTEE

- _____ Implement personnel policies
- _____ Annual Staff evaluations
- _____ Filling staff positions

DEACON MINISTRY

The deacons are to assist the ministers of the church with the pastoral ministries of the congregation as described in Acts 6:3 and I Timothy 3: 8-13. They are to promote peace, harmony and cooperation.

_____ I would like to serve as a deacon.

I nominate the following to serve (up to 8 persons)

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

- _____ Clerk (Keeps church records)
- _____ Assistant Clerk
- _____ Treasurer (Chair of Finance Sub-Committee)
- _____ Assistant Treasurer
- _____ Librarian
- _____ Historian
- _____ Moderator (Presides over business meetings)
- _____ Office Volunteer (weekdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

COUNCIL ON MISSION

Provides guidance and advice to the church on all matters related to administration, policy, planning and fiscal responsibilities. To serve, you must have been a member for a full year and served on a committee.

_____ I would like to serve.

I nominate the following to serve:

*Please complete entire survey and return it to the church office by **August 15.***



40 Days of Missions Pulpit Guest

Rosalie Hunt, former missionary to China, will be our pulpit guest on Sunday, September 6. Join us for worship, communion and stories from the mission field as we celebrate 40 Days of Missions.



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

A special Beach Retreat celebrating our 40th Anniversary is being planned and you don't want to miss it! The theme is Fellowship or "Compañerismo." Pastor 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 : 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
- * \$40 for folks staying at other locations but participating in retreat activities and dining.
- * 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.
- * We must pay the Retreat fee 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 are available. For information on receiving one, please contact Valerie Burton.

Christ Care Missions

Sunday, August 15, Noon

*Mary Ann Kirkpatrick's home, 5 Poinciana Drive
Delane Tew will share her experiences in Japan*

Medders Support Team

The team needs additional help in the following three ways:

1. Individuals to visit Judy at FairHaven nursing home.
2. Individuals to visit Orbie at their apartment.
3. Individuals to drive Orbie and/or Judy to doctor appointments.

Please contact Allan Burton at allan.burton@att.net if you can

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS



Highlands Rehab

Jerry Martin

Hong Kong

Jerry and Ruth Moye

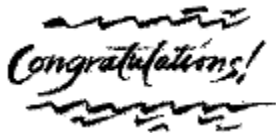
Indonesia

Ken Hinton

At Home

Deane Brill
 Gayle Watts
 Myrnell King
 Marjorie Wade

Delane Tew
 Margaret Ward
 Orbie Medders



Stephanie Pearce has defended her dissertation and now has her doctorate degree in deaf education from Lamar University.

Victoria Noelle Evans born July 23

Congratulations to the proud parents, Kristen and Daniel Evans, and big brother, Andrew.

August Birthdays



8-Gary Tramontina	14-Shirley Brymer	18-Megan Foster
9-Rick Traylor	Rachel Richardson	21-Margaret Ward
11-Monty Hogewood	18-Lloyd Shelton	David Goodwin
12-Laurie White	19-Ginger Frost	Sara Bateman



Frank Wilson, member of BCOC, died July 28. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Janie; mother, Sarah Wilson, and his brothers, Dennis (Faye) Wilson, and Dave Wilson.

Please pray for our members who are participating in PASSPORTKenya: Micah Martin, Parker Smith, Jimmy Hawley and Daniel Ingram. They will return on August 10.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Week of July 25		Week of August 1	
Budget	\$5,828.41	Budget	\$16,562.56
Building Fund	\$867.00	Building Fund	\$1,545.50
Members Fund	\$416.00	Rogers Fund	\$617.50
Manor Fund	\$87.50	South Town	\$50.00
Cuba Partnership	\$342.00	Organ Fund	\$855.00
		Cuba Partnership	\$265.00
		Playground/ Columbarium	\$500.00

Mid-Year Treasurer Report June 30, 2010

Year-to-date revenues are \$279,542, 46% of our operating budget. At this point in the year we would like the revenues to be at 50%. Assuming that budgeted revenues should equal our budgeted expenses, we are \$23,348 behind in giving for the year.

Pledges received for 2010 only covered 90% of our budget and we are also behind in payments toward those pledges. Approximately 45% of the amount pledged for 2010 has been received this year; again that percentage needs to be 50%.

Year to date expenses are \$290,748 which is 48% of our budget. We have had budget overages in the property area due to the utility bills during our extremely cold winter months and unforeseen repairs to the bus. The year-to-date net operating revenue (revenue less expenses) as of June 30, 2010 is a negative \$11,206. We are asking that each person consider their pledge and commitment to the church and give as faithfully as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Corita Blanco will arrive in the United States on Tuesday, August 17. She will be visiting with family and friends in Florida until August 19. The following week, Corita will spend time in Washington D.C., Nashville and Memphis. She will arrive in Birmingham on Friday, August 27. All are invited to a Welcome Fiesta for Corita on August 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Yarbroughs' home. Besides being the retreat leader at our Beach Retreat, Corita will be our pulpit guest on September 12.

Senior Saunterings

The Senior Adults will have two events in August. On the 19, the seniors will enjoy a visit to the Carol & Joe Dean's lake house. They will end the month with a 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch on the 29. Contact Mary Hines (956-0839) or Jack Brymer (901-2989) if you have questions.

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, by August 15.

Get Hooked on Sunday School

August 22nd begins a new Sunday School year, 2010-2011. First graders will receive Bibles during worship. First graders 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: Mark Burge 205-655-5424

Sunday, August 8

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,
 Lynne & David Groom, Karen Stephens, Ron Garza, Sara Hoover
 Worship Care: Kelly Mitchell, Sarah Gardner, Marnie Fisher-Ingram,
 Daniel Ingram
 10:00 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship - Monty Hogewood, Carol Watson
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
 Helpers - Dave Wilson
 Sack Lunches - Storytellers
 Building Lockup - David Henderson
 11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. - Deacons Meeting
 1:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus Worship, Sanctuary
 3:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 9

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, August 10

1:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting
 2:30 p.m. - PASSPORTKenya participants return
 6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

Wednesday, August 11

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
 5:00 p.m. - Covenant Ringers (Quartet only)
 5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship Supper
 Menu: Sliced Turkey Breast, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Baby
 Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Cookies and Brownies
 Clean Up: Shirley & Jack Brymer, Betsy Weidenbach
 5:45 p.m. - School Age Missions, Music & More
 Bethlehem Baptist Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. - Preschoolers Mission Friends and Music
 6:15 p.m. - Prayer Time & Announcements
 6:30 p.m. - Master Plan Discussion continued
 Middle School in Youth Area Lockup: Monty Hogewood
 7:15 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal Choir Lockup: Joe Dixon

Saturday, August 14

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry
 Betty Bock, Tim Liptak, Ann Dunlap
 7:00 p.m. - Encuentro con Dios Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting
 Stone Building

Deacon of the Week: Patrick Chappell 205-945-8580

Sunday, August 15

Helpers Pickup - Van Dykes, Becky Belcher
 9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship
 Lobby Monitor - Andy McNeil Rick Mitchell
 Ushers, Greeters & Offering - Rosalia Davis, Carol Johnson,
 Kelly 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 Dykes
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
 Helpers - Dave Wilson
 Sack Lunches - Pathways
 Building Lockup - David Henderson
 11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. - Finance Sub-Committee, Ministries Committee
 Youth Music
 12:00 noon - Christ Care Missions, Mary Ann Kirkpatrick's home
 12:30 p.m. - COM
 1:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus Worship, Sanctuary
 3:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 16

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, August 17

Corita Blanco arrives in the US
 1:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

Wednesday, August 18

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
 5:00 p.m. - Covenant Ringers (Quartet only)
 5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship Supper
 Menu: Pasta Bar, Italian Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread
 Lemon Ice Box Pie
 Clean Up: Betty Bock, Dennis Wilson, Jo Grantland
 5:45 p.m. - School Age Missions, Music & More
 Bethlehem Baptist Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. - Preschoolers Mission Friends and Music
 6:15 p.m. - Prayer Time & Announcements
 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study on *The Psalms* led by Pastor Sarah
 Middle School in Youth Area Lockup: Monty Hogewood
 7:15 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal Choir Lockup: Tex Hawley

Thursday, August 19

9:30 a.m. - Senior Adults to Deans' Lake House

Saturday, August 21

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



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