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To Life*



Dr. Gail R. O'Day will deliver the 2010 Holley-Hull Lectures at Samford University on September 8-9. Dr. O'Day is Dean and Professor of New Testament and Preaching at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. She was named Dean in 2010.

A graduate of Brown University, Dr. O'Day earned a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School and a doctorate in New Testament from Emory. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

Her scholarly research focuses on the Gospel of John, the Bible and preaching, and the history of biblical interpretation. She has written a number of books and articles, including the commentary on the *Gospel of John in The New Interpreters Bible* (1996) and most recently, *Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary: A Guide* (2007).

### Holley-Hull Lectures Schedule

Wednesday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.

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Lecture: "The Gospel of John and the Theology of Friendship: Jesus as Friend"

Thursday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.

Reid Chapel

Samford University

Lecture: "Friendship as Radical Christian Practice"

Thursday, September 9, 3:00 p.m.

Brooks Auditorium

Samford University (Reception to follow)

Lecture: "Sacraments of Friendship: Embodied Love in the Gospel of John"

## Groundbreaking

For

Playground  
Col umbarium  
& Parking Lot

Sunday, August 29

10:00 a.m.

All children are invited to  
participate by bringing  
a sand shovel!

## 40 Days of Missions

The Christ Care Missions Group has created a packed schedule for our 40 Days of Missions. Bulletin inserts, each Sunday, will provide prayer calendars and suggestions for missions involvement. An offering will be collected on September 26 that members are encouraged to collect during the 40 Days of Missions. We begin this Sunday with a luncheon and information on the Rogers' Benevolence Fund. Wednesday, August 25, a brief report will be given by Micah Martin during the prayer time, Gail Hill will be commissioned to represent us in Zambia on August 29, a missions video will be shown on September 1, Rosalie Hunt will preach on September 5 while Corita Blanco will be leading the beach retreat, and then, Corita will preach at BCOC on Sunday, September 12. In addition, there will be a welcome fiesta in Corita's honor at the Yarbrough's on August 28. Keep up with us! Put on your skates for these next 40 Days of Missions!

## This Sunday

### 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!*

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

40 Days of Missions encourages you to be proactive. See your Missions Bookmark in the bulletin for ideas in sharing God's love. Join us for lunch today with your salad or dessert to share.

### OUR PRESCHOOLERS NEED YOU!

We still have openings to teach with our preschoolers in Sunday School for 2010-2011. Would YOU consider a position this next year with our 2's, 3's, 4's, or 5's? There are part-time positions available that will still allow you to be in adult SS half the year! Prayerfully consider this and contact Valerie Burton for more information, 328-0644,



**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.

### 40 Days of Celebration

Following 40 Days of Missions, the next 40 days will be full of celebrations as we approach our anniversary on November 7. Please be sure your calendars include Wednesday nights, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 as Eljee Bentley walks us through our history. Don't forget that Trunk or Treat takes place on Halloween on October 31! Our schedule on anniversary, November 7 will be: worship at 9:00 a.m., playground dedication at 10:30 a.m., coffee fellowship until 11:15 a.m., luncheon at The Harbert Center at 11:30 a.m., and a quieter gathering at 3:00 p.m. as the Columbarium is dedicated. Worship will include communion, pledging the Capital Campaign and special anthems by the Covenant Choir with instrumental accompaniment. There will be no Sunday School on Anniversary Sunday.

## Exciting News!

Construction began on the Playground / Columbarium August 19! There will be no parking in the front parking lot until completion at the end of October. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held following worship on September 29.

### Columbarium

With the rising cost of bronze, costs of columbarium niches need to increase. Beginning January of 2011, the cost of a single niche will increase from \$450 to \$650. The cost of a double niche will increase from \$750 to \$1000. You may pre-purchase niches in order to reserve a location of your choosing. The Columbarium Policies and Reservation Forms are available in the church office and on the website.

It is our objective to have a Dedication Service on Anniversary Sunday, November 7, at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to have your name plate in place, please check with the church office.



### 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 are free). It includes room accommodations, all food beginning with Saturday's breakfast and ending with Monday's breakfast, and activities/educational opportunities. 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.**

### Need a Ride to the Beach?

The church bus will be going to the Beach Retreat on either **Thursday afternoon (Sep 2) or Friday afternoon (Sep 3)**, and returning on Monday (Sep 6). Traveling down on Thursday will result in an extra night charge of \$25 per person at the Laguna Beach Retreat. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office (328-0644) if you are interested in riding on the church bus.

Questions? Contact Dennis Wilson (985-5223, [denniswilson@bellsouth.net](mailto:denniswilson@bellsouth.net)) or Tim Liptak (256-347-3808, [TLiptak@bham.rr.com](mailto:TLiptak@bham.rr.com)).

## PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS



**At Home**  
Gene Brill  
Margaret Ward  
Delane Tew

**Ethiopia**  
Melissa Evans

**Trinity**  
Orbie Medders

**Highlands Rehab**  
Jerry Martin

**Hong Kong**  
Jerry and Ruth Moye

**Indonesia**  
Ken Hinton



### August

22-Marsha Henderson	24- Julie Burge
Amy Woodward	Lucas Geurs
23-Jerry Martin	28-Don Gardner
24-Sara Hoover	31-Donna Glidewell

### September

2-Bill Smith  
John McElroy  
Davis Mann  
3-Marc Bondarenko  
4-Kathy Snyder  
Jennifer Rahn



Louise Andrews, a long time member of BCOC, died August 14. We extend our sympathy to her nephew, Jimmy Holland and all of the family, as well as Care Team and the many that grieve her loss.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Week of August 8

Budget	\$11,528.33
Building Fund	\$985.00
Rogers Fund	\$240.00
Organ Fund	\$400.00
Nursery Workers	\$20.00
South Town	\$50.00
Playground/Columbarium	\$100.00

### Week of August 15

General Fund	\$7,917.49
Building Fund	\$517.50
Rogers Fund	\$195.00
Organ Fund	\$2,190.00
South Town	\$50.00
Jedida Scholarship	\$50.00
Bread for the World	\$25.00
Playground/Columbarium	\$350.00

### From the Treasurer

Back to school and back to normal schedules after a good and relaxing summer vacation feels good! Just a reminder to please consider "catching up" on pledges made for the church's operating budget.

Pledge Sunday Date Changed to September 26  
Pledge cards will be mailed the second week of September. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it at the worship service on Pledge Sunday, September 26, 2010 or mail it to church office before Pledge Sunday. The Finance Committee will not develop a proposed budget until after pledges are received.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Corita Blanco** is spending some time in Washington D.C., Nashville and Memphis before coming to Birmingham. 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 a 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch on August 29. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and list the dish that you will bring to share. Contact Mary Hines (956-0839) or Jack Brymer (901-2989) if you have questions.

*Hold the Date!*  
*November 7th 2010*  
*BCOC Celebrating 40 Years and Beyond*  
*Details coming soon*



### August 25

Final Discussion of the Master Plan until 7:10 p.m.  
(Preschoolers to be picked up in Room 214 and children in the Stone Building.)

### September 1

40 Days of Missions Video

### September 8

Holley-Hull Lecture, Gail O'Day

### September 15

Vote on Master Plan

### September 22

Committee Chairs present 2011 Budget requests

### September 29

Miscellaneous Business

**Deacon of the Week: George Crear 205-426-2593**

**Sunday, August 22**

Helpers Pickup - Drew Lasater, Faye & Jere Allen  
 9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship, Promotion Sunday  
 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, Peggy Sanderford  
 Ponder, Faye Allen  
 10:00 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship: Jean Thomason, Shirley Brymer,  
 Ann Carol Mann  
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
 Helpers - Dave Wilson  
 Sack Lunches - College  
 Building Lockup - David Henderson  
 11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:30 a.m. - 40 Days of Missions Kick Off Pot-Luck Lunch  
 Ministries Committee  
 1:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus Worship, Sanctuary  
 3:00 p.m. - Nominating Committee  
 3:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, August 23**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous

**Tuesday, August 24**

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

**Wednesday, August 25**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous  
 5:00 p.m. - Covenant Ringers  
 5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship Supper  
 Menu: Beef Tips with Rice, Steamed Broccoli with Cheese Sauce,  
 Black Eyed Peas, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Cookies and Brownies  
 Clean Up: Carol Dean, Betsy Weidenbach, Eleanor & Rick Traylor  
 5:45 p.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. - School Age "Faithprints"  
 6:00 p.m. - Preschoolers Mission Friends and Music  
 6:00 p.m. - Youth  
 6:10 p.m. - Prayers & Announcements  
 6:15 - 7:10 p.m. - Final Master Plan Discussion  
 Lockup: Monty Hogewood  
 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir  
 7:15 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal      Choir Lockup: John Hollis

**Friday, August 27**

Corita Blanco to arrive in Birmingham

**Saturday, August 28**

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry  
 Ellen Dossett, Connie Bowers, Bonnie Jenkins  
 6:00 a.m. - Welcome Fiesta for Corita Blanco at the Yarbrough's  
 7:00 p.m. - Encuentro con Dios Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting  
 Stone Building

**Deacon of the Week: Mary Helen Dixon 205-967-9560**

**Sunday, August 29**

Helpers Pickup - Tex Hawley, Ellen Dossett  
 9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship  
 Lobby Monitor - Mary Helen Dixon, David Henderson  
 Ushers, Greeters & Offering - Youth  
 Worship Care: Lauren Snyder, Kristen Berthiaume, Denise  
 Gardner, Allison Hawley  
 10:00 a.m. - Groundbreaking for Playground, Columbarium &  
 Parking Lot  
 10:00 a.m.- Coffee Fellowship: Brian Berthiaume, Mary Oswald,  
 Carol Watson  
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
 Helpers - Dave Wilson  
 Sack Lunches - Seekers & Quakers  
 Building Lockup - David Henderson  
 11:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:30 a.m. - Senior Adults 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch  
 Youth Music  
 1:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus Worship, Sanctuary  
 3:30 p.m. - Encuentro con Jesus, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, August 30**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous

**Tuesday, August 31**

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

**Wednesday, September 1**

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: Tex Hawley, George Crear  
 5:45 p.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. - School Age "Faithprints"  
 6:00 p.m. - Preschoolers Mission Friends and Music  
 6:00 p.m. - Youth  
 6:15 p.m. - Prayer Time & Announcements  
 40 Days of Missions Video  
 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir  
 Lockup: Todd Heifner  
 7:15 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal      Choir Lockup: Larry FitzGerald

**Friday, September 3**

Labor Day Retreat begins

**Saturday, September 4**

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



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