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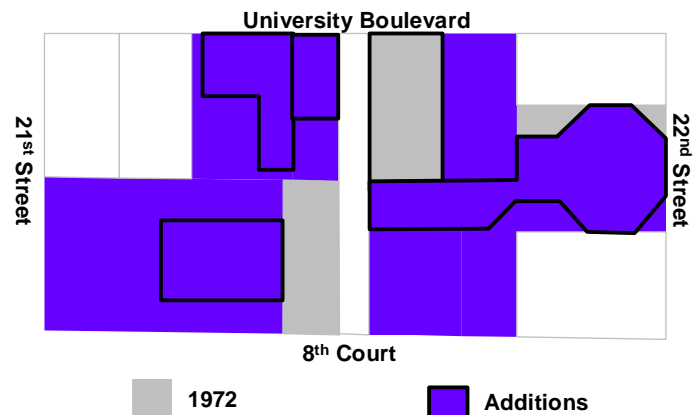
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**Baptist Church of the
Covenant**
Where Faith Comes
to Life

Wow! What a journey we have been on over the last several weeks: sermons, testimonials, newsletters, home fellowships, posters. We hope you have been able to experience many of these events, absorbed the information that has been given, and felt the excitement and inspiration that has resulted. The source of our inspiration is not only the opportunity to Continue the Commitment, but also watching the enthusiasm and dedication of the other campaign leaders. The obvious reality of this campaign will be fund raising, but one of the many collateral benefits will be the re-examination of dreams and recommitment to the mission of Baptist Church of the Covenant. If we ever stop dreaming or re-dreaming, then we will have stopped listening for God and will have settled for only what men and women can accomplish.

With this last installment of *the CrossRoads* prior to our commitment day, we have chosen to provide a few facts that may be helpful in putting action to your inspiration.

- Through diligence and careful management of our resources, we have been able to expand our facilities from that first bold purchase in 1972 to 75% of a city block today (Chart). With these purchases, we have expanded our ministry, including allowing community service groups to use our facilities at no cost.
- Early retirement of mortgages has allowed us to expand without burdening our operating budget with extended mortgage obligations and save a significant amount of interest. The current mortgage on the Cat Haven property will pay out in 15 years with total payments of \$597,314, which includes \$222,314 of interest. The current campaign will allow us to pay off the mortgage in 3 years, with total payments of \$408,283 - or **a savings of \$189,031 in interest!!!** That means that every dollar given in this campaign reduces interest payments by \$0.50.
- Your contributions to the campaign will be tax deductible. If your incremental tax rate is 25 percent, that means that the government will refund \$0.25 of every dollar you give.



So every dollar invested in this campaign is important - returning \$0.25 to the giver and saving the church \$0.50. No matter the size of your gift, it will provide great returns. Don't miss out being a part of the celebration.

Faye and Dennis Wilson, Leadership Giving Chairs



Capital Campaign's Fat Tuesday



Celebration needs YOU to...

...join in the fun and make a mask or hat to display at the Fat Tuesday dinner. Prizes will be awarded for creativity and BONUS points are given if judges are able to highlight a program or ministry of BCOC when you make your hat or mask. There will be Family, Adult, Youth and Children categories. Due by February 5. Contact Cindy Ponder, 916-0417, if you need more info.

Sunday, February 3

Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday

Please bring your pledge cards this Sunday to participate in the Pledge Walk. The children will also participate in the walk by bringing their cardboard churches.

Praying Around the Clock

As a part of our focus this month on the Capital Campaign, the Committee is providing special times for additional prayer. This week, please join your Covenant family in a period of focused prayer, **Praying Around the Clock**, Monday, February 4 - Tuesday, February 5. For details and to sign up for a time slot see either Suzanne Martin or Kyle Krebs.



Celebration Dinner
Tuesday, February 5th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
B & A Warehouse
1531 1st Avenue South

Contact Cindy Ponder, 916-0417, for transportation from the church to B & A. The van will leave at 5:45 p.m.

Seniors' Saunterings

Please join us on Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Business Meeting followed by lunch at the Bright Star. Below are suggestions for 2008 Senior Adult activities. Please indicate your interests by completing this survey; cut it out and mail or drop it at the church office.

- Yes__ No__ Museum of Natural History, Anniston
 - Yes__ No__ Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA
 - Yes__ No__ Atlanta Aquarium
 - Yes__ No__ Mercedes Plant tour
 - Yes__ No__ St. Bernard's Abbey, Cullman
 - Yes__ No__ Huntsville Space Center
 - Yes__ No__ Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery
 - Yes__ No__ Gatlinburg/Cherokee (foliage tour)
 - Yes__ No__ Covered bridges tour
 - Yes__ No__ Christmas adventure
 - Yes__ No__ Lunch & movie
 - Yes__ No__ Tour Culinary Institute with lunch
 - Yes__ No__ Alabama Symphony event(s)
 - Yes__ No__ Beeson Divinity School Chapel
 - Yes__ No__ Chattanooga Choo Choo, river cruise, aquarium, Lookout Mountain
 - Yes__ No__ Wilcox County, Camden, ride the Gees Bend Ferry, Black Belt Treasures
 - Yes__ No__ State Parks
 - Yes__ No__ Tour Southern Progress headquarters
 - Yes__ No__ Mississippi casinos
 - Yes__ No__ Gulf Coast/New Orleans (overnight)
- Your suggestions:

Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Young preschoolers will be in the nursery. Four, five and six year olds will be with Brittany Krebs. Other grade age children are invited to join the adults. The service will be held in the sanctuary. There will be no fellowship dinner. Adult Choir practice will begin following the service.

Alabama Contemporary Theater is a new nonprofit theater company in Birmingham. The founding artistic director, Jamie Lawrence, has a vision to create a community play based on the Civil Rights era of Birmingham. Recently the Alabama State Council on the Arts awarded the theater a grant to begin video recordings of oral histories from those who were involved in the movement. **As you well know Baptist Church of the Covenant was an important part of this history that needs to be heard. We would like to interview you and hear your personal and collective stories regarding the process that took place at First Baptist Church and the creation of the Church of the Covenant.** A stage play and a documentary will be culled from the various interviews. Dr. Huntley and Laura Caldwell of The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute's Oral History Project are looking forward to incorporating these interviews into the archives upon completion of our projects. If you know individuals who do not belong to the church yet have their own stories, we would like to interview them as well. If you choose to remain anonymous in the interview, we will respect that choice. Executive Director, **Sally Smith**, is a documentary filmmaker who participated in the events that took place at First Baptist and The Baptist Church of the Covenant. To schedule an interview please contact Sally @ 205-601-2298 or sallypatriciasmith@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Week of January 20

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Budget | \$10,584 |
| Bldg/Property Purchase | 1,687 |
| Kenya Passport | 50 |
| Gardner Mission Fund | 50 |
| Jadita Scholarship Fund | 260 |
| Music Fund | 20 |
| Garumtoney Orphanage | 50 |

Week of January 27

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| Budget | \$2902 |
| Building/Property | 1577 |
| Gardner Fund | 181 |
| Rogers Fund | 10 |

New Candidate for Membership

Catherine Case
920 16th Street South, Box 445
Birmingham, AL 35228
256/343-5254

Senior Center to Open

Beginning Monday, February 4th, Southside will have a Senior Activity Center open each weekday from 10 until 2 on the 2nd floor of Southside Baptist Church. The Center will be a place for those 60 and over to gather for talk, recreation, special classes and lectures as well as to enjoy a hot lunch furnished by the Jefferson County Office of Senior Citizen Services. Jackie Talley or her associate will offer exercise and/or line dancing three times each week. Health screenings will be available. All of this is at no charge to participants.

Everyone (regardless of age) is invited to come for Open House on Monday, February 4th from 10 until 12 noon. This will be a time when people can have blood pressure screening, talk with a lawyer about legal affairs, enjoy refreshments and entertainment, and learn more about the possibilities of the Senior Activity Center. A portion of Covenant's mission money is helping make the Center possible. Help us make known that something new is happening in Southside.

From the Ministry Committee

Looking ahead.....

Sunday, March 23 **Easter Sunday Shoe Collection** to benefit children in Alabama's foster care (in partnership with Alabama CBF) As an Easter Sunday offering, we will be collecting new or gently used children's shoes. You may want to begin gathering these now! Our BCOC children will assist with the collection.

Would you like to be involved in the *planting and cultivating of God's peace, healing and love* within our *community*? Join us during the coming weeks for a *renewed emphasis on ministry opportunities* at BCOC. Details coming soon.....

Graham Heifner is highlighted on the Birmingham CROP Walk web page as the top money raiser in the 2007 CROP Walk. To see his picture and a brief bio, go to www.bhamcropwalk.org and click on "photo gallery".



At Home

Margaret Ward
Bryce Sandlin
Annie Gamble
Noah Henderson

Physicians Medi-

cal Center Carraway
Linda Scott
UAB - 914S
Bill Stonecypther

Rehabilitation and Healthcare

Jerry Martin
2728 South 10th Avenue, 35205

Hong Kong



February

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| 5-Fisher Humphreys | 13-Joyce Mitchell |
| Noah Henderson | Karen Stephens |
| 8-Eleanor Traylor | 14-Peggy Hall |
| 10-Geoffrey Kiptoo | 15-Phillip Johnson |
| 12-William Winslett | 16-Kathy Grissom |
| George Foreman | 16-Jasmine Martin |



For Jo Grantland and family
in the death of her father,
Bill Green

ChariTree

With your help, through the Charitree Christmas gift program, we collected \$2,300 for ministries. Thank you for your support. The donations made were as follows:

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| Rogers Fund | \$150 |
| Gardner Fund | \$835 |
| Ngarumtoney Orphanage | \$175 |
| Shalom Baptist, Cuba | \$160 |
| Hospitality Network | \$345 |
| Community Kitchens | \$130 |
| Habitat for Humanity | \$185 |
| Starlight Ministry | \$140 |
| Heifer International | \$125 |

School for Christian Living

Please put it on your calendars. The next School for Christian Living will be Sunday evenings of February 24 and March 2 and 9. The classes being planned are as follows:

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Adults Classes: | Parenting |
| | Spirituality |
| | Faith and Politics |
| Youth: | Relationships |
| Children: | Service |

Watch for more details and for signing up opportunities in the weeks ahead.

Week of February 3

Deacon of the Week: Shirley Brymer 824-6431

Sunday, February 3

VSP Pickup - Elaine Peterson, Tex Hawley
9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship: Communion Sunday
Commitment Sunday for the Capital Campaign
Lobby Monitor - Don Yates
Ushers - Deacons
Greeters - Deacons
Offering - Deacons
Preschool - Jill Holley, Katie Ponder
Offering Counters - TBA
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship - Shirley Brymer,
Carol Watson
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
Preschool 1 & 2 - Linda Martin, Marsha Henderson
Preschool 3 - Julie Burge, Eleanor Traylor
Preschool 4 - Denise Gardner, Kit Heifner
VSP - Marvin McConaghy, Ricky Stricklin
Sack Lunches - Children
Building Lockup - David Young
11:30 a.m. - Education Committee
Staff Committee
1:30 p.m. - Music Search Committee
6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Missionary Church

Monday, February 4

Praying Around the Clock: Room 106-Open 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
7:00 p.m. - Internationals

Tuesday, February 5

Praying Around the Clock: Room 106-Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Fat Tuesday Celebration, B & A Warehouse
6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

Wednesday, February 6

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
6:30 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service, in the sanctuary
NO FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Choir Lockup: Larry FitzGerald

Saturday, February 9

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry: Betty Bock,
Liesl Ward

Week of February 10

Deacon of the Week: Mark Burge 655-5424
Hospitality Network at BCOC

Sunday, February 10

VSP Pickup - Bill Smith
9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
Lobby Monitor - David Litton
Ushers - David Groom, Karen Stephens
Greeters - Monty Hogewood, Jean Thomason
Offering - Frances Ferguson, Lynn Groom
Preschool - Carol Dean
Offering Counters - TBA
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship - Denise Gardner,
Carol Watson
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
Preschool 1 & 2 - Linda Martin, Marsha Henderson
Preschool 3 - Julie Burge, Eleanor Traylor
Preschool 4 - Denise Gardner, Kit Heifner
VSP - Marvin McConaghy, Ricky Stricklin
Sack Lunches - Youngsters
Building Lockup - David Young
12:00 noon - Ministry Committee
1:30 p.m. - Music Search Committee
6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Missionary Church

Monday, February 11

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

Tuesday, February 12

10:00 a.m. - Senior Saunterings - Business Meeting followed by
lunch at the Bright Star
1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

Wednesday, February 13

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper
Menu: Char-grilled Chicken Breast, Squash and Zucchini Sauté, Almond
Rice, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Peach Cobbler
Clean Up: Betty Bock, Sharon Chappell, Carol Dean, John Hollis
6:00 p.m. - Children - Music (4 yr olds-K) Missions (1st-6th grade)
6:15 p.m. - Youth Program
6:25 p.m. - Children - Music (1st-6th grade) Missions (4 yr olds-K)
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study, Sarah Shelton
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Choir Lockup: Chuck Rogers

Saturday, February 16

8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Deacon Retreat, Samford School of
Education Building
9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry: Sharon Chappell,
Connie Bowers



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