

# *the* CrossRoads

## *Ministry Emphasis*

We have finished our capital campaign (except for the actual receipt of all the money!). During the campaign, people spoke many times of how the new property can help us to expand our ministries here. And rightly so. Ministry is much of what Baptist Church of the Covenant is about. From the very beginning of its life, BCOC has been committed to doing ministry in the community. We have started many different ministries over the years. Some have ended, some have changed. But there continues to be a multitude of ministry opportunities for our members. If anything, we want to see our ministries grow and accomplish even more good for the sake of the gospel and the world than they already have.

During February, we are having a ministry emphasis. Having it at the end of the capital campaign certainly fits with the focus of the campaign, but even if we hadn't had the campaign, we would be having this emphasis. Every year we try to promote our existing ministries and to encourage the start of new ones. After all, in our church covenants, which all members are encouraged to adopt as their own, we all pledge to commit to engage in the ministries of the church. So during this month, we remind you of the ministries that we already have, we ask you to think of ministries we don't yet do but which you would like us to do, and we ask that you make a commitment to serve in at least one ministry of the church in some way.

During worship on March 2, we ask that you take the time to complete a ministry pledge card indicating your commitment to be involved in at least one ministry this year. It could be one of our existing ministries – Internationals, JIF, Grocery Ministry, Sack Lunch Ministry, Hospitality Network, Star Light Ministry, HIV/AIDS Ministry, Support Teams, Cuba Partnership, or Mt. Meru Partnership. Some possible new ministries will be mentioned on the pledge card as well, including beginning a book giveaway ministry in Perry County. You are also invited to write in your own thoughts for new ministries. Think about what needs in the community really touch you that you would like to try to do something about with the help of other BCOC members. We may not be able to do everything that everyone might want to do, but your passions and your interests are often the beginning point of new ministries.

So we ask that you share your ministry dreams with us and that you commit to serving in some ministry at BCOC this year. Join us in trying to improve what we are already doing in trying to be faithful to God's calling and to furthering God's Kingdom as we are able.

John Duke and the Ministries Committee



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## **CROP Walk Coming**

The annual CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) is coming on Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. Participants in the event walk for 5K (just over 3 miles) to raise money for world hunger causes, 25% of which will stay in Birmingham and will go to Greater Birmingham Ministries, the rest going to Church World Service, which fights hunger across the globe. BCOC has had many participants in this since it was initiated three years ago. In fact, BCOC has been the top church fundraiser for the last two years (a distinction I would like to see us repeat this year), and Graham Heifner was the top individual fundraiser last year. Individuals obtain sponsors who agree to pay them to walk. Those who would like to walk this year can get their walker envelopes from John Duke – and as aggressive as Graham Heifner is in his fundraising, if anyone else wants to get sponsors from within the church, you had better get your envelopes and begin fundraising now before Graham gets everyone! If you have any questions, please see John Duke.

## **Senior's Saunterings Spring Schedule**

Fourteen seniors met Tuesday, February 12, to plan activities for the year and then enjoyed lunch at the Bright Star in Bessemer. The next four outings have been planned as follows:

**March 7 – Friday:** Visit both the Museum of Natural History and the Berman Museum in Anniston (\$5.50 both) followed by lunch at Classics on Noble. Leave the church at 8 a.m.

**April 3 – Thursday:** Tour the Mercedes plant at Vance followed by lunch at Cypress Inn in Tuscaloosa. Leave the church at 8 a.m.

**April 18 – Friday:** Tour of Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga. (Ticket \$14). Buffet lunch afterwards at Callaway's Mountain Creek Inn (\$17) or Chipley's Family Restaurant (\$8.25) or Three Little Pigs BBQ (\$8.25). Leave the church 7:00 a.m.

**May 5 – Monday:** Tour Gees Bend in Wilcox County with lunch at Pebble Hill Farms with proprietor Ann Morris. Leave the church at 8 a.m., drive to Gees Bend, visit with quilters, see but not ride the ferry, then to Camden and lunch. Rock on porch or pick blueberries, if in season, then visit Blackbelt Treasurers, Camden Courthouse and historic homes en route back to church.

Sign up Sheets will be posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for the events that you would like to attend.



*an acoustic coffeehouse at BCOC*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6**

**Doors Open at 6:30 PM: Show at 7:00 PM.**

We are lucky to have Ellis Paul and Antje Duvekot coming to Caffe C. Ellis Paul is a critically-acclaimed singer, songwriter, poet, and troubadour originally from northern Maine. He is the recipient of thirteen Boston Music Awards. *USA Today's* national feature on Ellis was titled "Best Bet For Stardom" which has come true after years of non-stop touring. Ellis has averaged 150 shows a year and regularly travels across America and Europe. Opening for Ellis Paul is German-born Antje Duvekot. This year, Antje won the "Best New Folk Award" at the world-renowned Kerrville Folk Festival. Former Rolling Stone music editor Dave Marsh says about Antje that she is a "terrific writer and singer, with the instincts to do things right, over and over and over."

We are expecting a good crowd and so if you are planning to come please make a reservation by contacting Todd Heifner ([todd@pitchbooking.com](mailto:todd@pitchbooking.com) or 328-0644). After making a reservation please send a check for the tickets made out to Baptist Church of the Covenant, noting that the check is for the Ellis Paul concert. The check should be mailed to 2117 University Boulevard, Birmingham, AL 35233. **Tickets for the evening are \$15 and doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7:00 p.m.** Desserts, coffee and soft drinks will be sold. Proceeds from the evening beyond expenses will benefit BCOC's youth and children who attend Passport Camps each summer.

## **Alliance Convocation**

The annual Alliance of Baptists convocation will be March 28-30 in New Orleans this year. The theme is "Called to Create: The Communion of Art and Faith." Prior to the convocation itself, there will be days to help rebuild in New Orleans. During the meeting, there will be worship and workshops. Some of the workshops being offered are on discernment in the church, spirituality, team leadership, and others. For more information about the convocation or to register, pick up one of the brochures in the magazine rack next to the elevator on the first floor, or go to [www.allianceofbaptists.org](http://www.allianceofbaptists.org) or call the Alliance office at 202-745-7609.

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

<i>Week of February 17</i>		<i>Week of February 24</i>	
Budget	\$8,976	Budget	\$5,029
Bldg/Property Purchase	13,292	Building/Property	2,922
Rogers Benevolence Fund	30	Rogers Fund	100
Gardner Mission Fund	110		

**YTD – January 2008**  
**YTD Receipts** – 36,313.25  
**YTD Expenditures** - \$42,887.52  
**YTD Budget Requirements** - \$48,000

## *School for Christian Living*

The School for Christian Living will continue on Sunday evenings March 2 and March 9, from 5:00-7:30. **We ask everyone to sign up for the classes and for meals in order to help us prepare.** The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Further details on each of the classes are on yellow flyers found in the sanctuary lobby and the church office and the front foyer. All adult classes will be taped for those who would like to get CD's when the School is over.



Saturday, March 15, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ross Park at Ross Bridge

Please donate plastic eggs already filled with goodies! There is a box designated for them in the Fellowship Hall.

## Easter Lilies



Place your Easter Lily order by completing the form on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and enclosing it along with your check in the envelope provided. The lilies are \$12 each. All orders must be received in the church office by Sunday, March 9th.

## **Easter Sunday Shoe Collection for Alabama Foster Homes and Sowing Seeds of Hope** **March 23rd**

Please join Alabama CBF and area churches in collecting 6,000 pairs of shoes for Alabama's foster home children and Sowing Seeds of Hope. The shoes may be new or gently used and must be tied with a blue ribbon for boys and pink ribbon for girls. The collection box will be in the Fellowship Hall. You may drop off your shoes March 9th-16th if you are unable to be with us on Easter Sunday.



**At Home**  
 Bryce Sandlin  
 Bill Stonecypher  
 Ann Yates

**Brookwood Hospital**  
 Linda Scott

**Rehabilitation and Healthcare**  
 Jerry Martin  
 2728 South 10th Avenue, 35205

**Hong Kong**  
 Jerry and Ruth Moyer



## March

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 3-Grace Marquez       | 8-Mary Ann Kirkpatrick |
| 4-Dennis Wilson       | Valdez Cheatom         |
| Mark Bateman          | 11-Trina Jones         |
| 6-Orbie Medders       | 12-Gloria Furman       |
| Michael Hawley        | Nancy Bondarenko       |
| Emmy Wade             | 13-George Crear        |
| Dahana Ordenez/Martin | Rachel Krech           |
| 7-Laura Wheeler       | 14-Jay Wilson          |
| 8-Don Yates           | 15-Drew Lasater        |



**Dr. Joe Dean**  
 will be inducted into  
 The Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame  
 March 29, 2008

**Dr. Ginger Frost**  
 2007-08 Arts & Sciences  
 teaching award  
 at Samford



For Russ Whisler and family  
 in the death of his father,  
 Clayton Whisler

For Dana McNeil and family  
 In the death of her father,  
 Jerry Jeffers

For Jimmy Kelley and family  
 in the death of his mother,  
 Irene Kelley



**Daylight Saving Time**  
**Begins**  
**Sunday, March 9th**

## Week of March 2

### **Deacon of the Week: Marsha Henderson 681-0351**

#### **Sunday, March 2**

VSP Pickup - Elaine Peterson, Tex Hawley  
9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship: Norfleet Day guest preacher,  
Ministry Pledge Day, Communion  
Lobby Monitor - Don Yates  
Ushers - Deacons  
Greeters - Deacons  
Offering - Deacons  
Preschool - Jill Holley, Katie Ponder  
Offering Counters - David Henderson, Frank McCrory  
10:00 a.m. - 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 - Elaine Peterson  
Sack Lunches - College Class  
Building Lockup - Lloyd Shelton  
11:45 a.m. - Education Committee  
Staff Committee  
1:30 p.m. - Music Search Committee  
5:00 p.m. - School for Christian Living  
6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Missionary Church

#### **Monday, March 3**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 4**

12:00 noon - Alabama Kidney Foundation - Board Development  
1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

#### **Wednesday, March 5**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous  
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper  
Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,  
Cookies and Brownies  
Clean Up: Jack Brymer, Patrick Chappell, Mary Hines, Carol Johnson  
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  
Lockup: Monty Hogewood  
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal - Lockup: Tex Hawley

#### **Thursday, March 6**

7:30 a.m. - Caffe C with Ellis Paul and Antje Duvekot

#### **Saturday, March 8**

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

## Week of March 9

### **Deacon of the Week: Gail Hill 324-3533**

#### **Sunday, March 9, Daylight Saving Time begins**

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 - Jenny Smith, Cindy Ponder  
10:00 a.m. - 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 - Elaine Peterson  
Sack Lunches - Seekers  
Building Lockup - Lloyd Shelton  
11:30 p.m. - Music Search Committee  
11:45 a.m. - Ministries Committee  
12:00 noon - Chirst Care Group at the Dixons' home  
5:00 p.m. - School for Christian Living  
6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Missionary Church

#### **Monday, March 10**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 11**

8:00 a.m. - Senior Saunterings - Anniston Museums and lunch  
1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

#### **Wednesday, March 12**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous  
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper  
Menu: Sliced Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Baby  
Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Cookies and Brownies  
Clean Up: Shirley Brymer, Larry FitzGerald, Mary Ann  
Kirkpatrick, Mary Oswald  
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  
Lockup: Monty Hogewood  
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal - Lockup: John Hollis

#### **Thursday, March 13**

12:00 noon - Alabama Kidney Foundation - Board Program

#### **Saturday, March 15**

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry: Patrick & Sharon  
Chappell  
2:00 p.m. - Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Ross Park



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