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Prospective Organist/Choirmaster to Visit

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

Baptist Church of the Covenant has been in a selection process to find a leader for its music ministry. The listening sessions held in the Fall of 2007 helped the Staff Committee to realize that this position could be constructed in a variety of ways.

The recommendation presented to the church by the Staff Committee was:

That a Search Committee would be elected immediately to identify one (or possibly two) musicians who would be compatible with the culture of BCOC. The Search Committee would have the flexibility/latitude to explore musicians who would fulfill one or more of these roles:

Choral Director (FT or PT)

Organist (PT)

Choirmaster (FT or PT)

The resulting charge, or mission, given to the Search Committee by the church was:

During the search, the committee may discover one musician who is able to fulfill BCOC's musical expectations. The committee may discover a duo of musicians is more feasible. The goal which the Search Committee has is to select musician(s) who are able to fulfill the expectation of quality musicianship held by the congregation. The Search Committee will audition candidate(s) and ultimately recommend personnel who they perceive meet BCOC's standards.

The position description, posted with four organizations, was, therefore, purposefully left open so that the right person could apply his/her gifts here in the most positive of ways.

32 resumes were initially received; 17 applicants were pursued by the committee. After further committee review and individuals' decisions to withdraw their names, 9 names were seriously considered. Of those 9 candidates, there were 2 conductors, 2 organists, and 5 organist/choirmasters. All organists and organist/choirmaster candidates submitted written responses to questions posed by the committee and sent videos/tapes/bulletins/program notes for the committee to preview. The conductors did not finish the process. After perusing the submitted materials, the committee heard and interviewed 2 organists and 2 organist/choirmasters. From these interviews, one candidate was selected.

Because the proposed candidate is currently serving a congregation, we are withholding the candidate's name for a few more days. The candidate has a Bachelor of Music from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee; a Master of Church Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to serving a congregation currently, the candidate has also served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music. The candidate is quite experienced with hand chime choirs as well.

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Due to the importance of the candidate's visit, we wanted the congregation to be aware of some important dates so that they could plan to meet and hear the candidate.

Saturday, April 5

10:00 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with Questions and Answers: Adult Choir, Council on Mission, Deacons, Search Committee, Staff Committee, & Worship Committee

Sunday, April 6

9:00 a.m. - The candidate will give leadership to the music in our morning worship service.

4:00 p.m. - Mini-concert, Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. - Dessert Fellowship

Wednesday, April 9

6:30 p.m. - Business Meeting to Call Organist/Choirmaster; job description and salary package to be presented at this time.

We hope that you will join us in welcoming and meeting this candidate. Feel free to contact us should you have additional questions. With appreciation for the opportunity to serve you, we are

Sincerely yours,

Sharon Chappell, chair

Ronald Williams

Joyce Mitchell

Randall Richardson

Gail Hill

Faye Wilson

What to do with the Tax Rebate?

As early as May, many of us will be getting tax rebates as part of a stimulus package adopted recently by our government. A church in North Carolina decided, by a church vote, that they would give their rebates to "organizations that foster economic justice." While we will not be asking the church to vote on doing something like this, it seemed to be a good idea to think about using our tax rebates to aid those who struggle for basic necessities. We encourage you to give some thought to giving your tax rebate to an organization or cause that helps others. There are many possibilities, including some of our own ministries. Think about a ministry or particular need that moves you, whether done by our church or not, and consider giving your rebate to help with that need.

What Classes Would You Like?

Is there a type of Sunday School class or small group you would be interested in at Baptist Church of the Covenant? Would you like a group that focuses on spirituality or on prayer? A group that reads and discusses books? A group that works through books of the Bible? One that does a variety of things, for instance alternating between Bible studies, topical studies or book studies? Or would you like a group for a particular type of people, like singles or young married couples? We would be interested in starting a new Sunday School class or small group that would meet your needs or interest. If you can think of a new class or small group that you would like to see us start, or if you can think of a subject you would like for us to offer a short term class on, please contact John Duke and let him know.



CROP Walk Coming

The annual CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) is coming on Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. 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.

Conference on the First Amendment

Many of our members attended the recent School for Christian Living class on Faith and Politics, indicating a strong interest in the topic. We want therefore to make you aware of an opportunity to hear more on this subject. On May 22-24, the annual meeting of the Baptist History and Heritage Society will take place at Mercer University in Atlanta, and their theme this year is "Baptists and the First Amendment." All Baptists are invited to attend, not just members of the Society. Some of the addresses and speakers include the following: "First Amendment Implications for Baptist Identity" by Bill Underwood, president of Mercer University, "Baptists and the First Amendment: An Overview" by Douglas Weaver of Baylor University, and "Religious Freedom in the Courts: Recent Cases and a Look Ahead" by Holly Hollman of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. There will also be several "breakout sessions" on this topic. To register for this conference or to get more information, go the Society's web site at www.baptisthistory.org or call 770-457-5540.



Thank you, Kathy Grissom, for your cross-stitch of "Jesus Loves Me." It is a beautiful addition to the Choir Room.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Week of March 16

Budget	\$8,302.79
Bldg/Property Purchase	12,807.85
Rogers Fund	105.00
Garumtoney Orphanage	30.00

Week of March 23

Budget	\$7,307.25
Bldg /Property Purchase	617.01
Orphanage	70.00
Rogers Fund	10.00
Gardner Mission Fund	100.00

YTD – February 2008

YTD Receipts - \$76,125.52

YTD Expenditures - \$76,472.08

YTD Budget Requirements - \$96,000

Southside Senior Activity Center

Every weekday from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. seniors from our church neighborhood gather at the Southside Baptist Church for activities (exercise, bingo, movie, etc.) and classes (learn to use the computer, creative writing--writing your life story, arts and crafts, current events, etc). The hot lunch (donation \$1.00) at noon sometimes features entertainment. People over 60 years from other parts of the city are welcome and can park their cars in the Southside church parking lot.

Volunteers from our church and other churches in Southside help. You can be a volunteer. There are many possibilities for you to share your talents. You can be a one-time volunteer or plan to come once a week or once a month.

Our church bus is used once a week to go to three apartment buildings. Betty Bock, Ellen Dossett, and Becky Belcher are drivers. We need other people on the list to share the driving for pick-up at 9:30 a.m. and make a return trip at 2:00 P.M.

Shepherd's Center Southside sponsors the Senior Center along with the county. Scott Cullen is director (Phone: 933-1273 and 520-7199). Eljee Bentley (879-3926) and Mary Hines (956-0839) are on the executive board. We will be glad to talk with you.

Calling All Youth

March 30, Melissa Madness!!

Holley-Ponder-osa,

1036 Forest Brook Drive, 35226

Everyone's Invited!

Let's get this party started...

Inspire your appetite with good eats!

Sing a little karaoke!

Say some sweet things about Melissa...

Arrive about 6:00 that Sunday evening.



Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 25, 8:30 p.m.

**All games are played at Hoover East.
Rainout #739-7246**



At Home

Bryce Sandlin
Bill Stonecypher
Linda Scott

Healthcare

Jerry Martin

2728 South 10th Avenue, 35205

Rehabilitation and

Hong Kong



April

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| 1-Patrick Chappell | 7-Kelly McElroy |
| 2-Will Martin | 9-Mark Foster |
| 3-Hannah Kelly | 10-Don Littleton |
| 6-Jenny Smith | 12-Gary Hamm |
| 7-Ron Garza | |

Senior Saunterings

The Senior Adults will tour the Mercedes-Benz Manufacturing Facility followed by lunch at the Cypress Inn in Tuscaloosa on Thursday, April 3. A \$4 deposit is required by this Sunday to register for the tour. Jack Brymer and Mary Hines will be available Sunday to accept your deposit. Please note on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall the rules and regulations, DRESS CODE, and other guidelines for the tour. We will leave the church at 8 a.m.

The deadline for the trip to Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga. on April 18 is Sunday, April 13. A group ticket price is \$14 per person and must be purchased in advance. Make checks out to BCOC and give to Mary Hines or Jack Brymer. After the tour of the gardens, we will have lunch at a local restaurant. We will leave the church PROMPTLY at 7 a.m. Please sign up for the tour on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

New Candidates for Membership

Leigha & John McLendon
130 Pine Knoll Drive
Trussville, AL 35173
514-1971

Betsy Weidenbach
2204 Kent Circle
Hoover, AL 35226
747-0363

New Members

Ashley Gilbert
2317 21st Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35223
334-324-0786

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

Week of March 30

Deacon of the Week: Carol Johnson 668-6589

Sunday, March 30

VSP Pickup - Elaine Peterson, Tex Hawley
9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship: Recognition of Melissa Evans
Lobby Monitor - Bob Duffy
Ushers - Youth
Greeters - Youth
Offering - Youth
Preschool - TBA
Offering Counters - Patrick Chappell, 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 - Travelers
Building Lockup - Lloyd Shelton
6:00 p.m. - Youth Party for Melissa Evans at Holley/Ponder home

Monday, March 31

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

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

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: 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. - Bible Study or Extended Business Meeting if needed
Lockup: Todd Heifner
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal - Lockup: Chuck Rogers

Thursday, April 3

8:00 a.m. - Senior Adults to Mercedes Plant

Friday, April 4

7:30 p.m. - Softball game at Hoover East

Saturday, April 5

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry: David Groom
10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal with Prospective Organist/Choirmaster
11:30 a.m. - Lunch & visit with Prospective Organist/Choirmaster

Week of April 6

Deacon of the Week: Tim Liptak 256/347-4811

Sunday, April 6

VSP Pickup - Elaine Peterson, Tex Hawley
9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship: Communion
Prospective Organist/Choirmaster to lead music
Lobby Monitor - Don Yates
Ushers - Deacons
Greeters - Deacons
Offering - Deacons
Preschool - Jill Holley, Katie Ponder
Offering Counters - David Henderson, 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 - Patsy Love
Sack Lunches - Christianity after Jesus
Building Lockup - David Goodwin
11:30 a.m. - Staff Committee Meeting
Education Committee Meeting
4:00 p.m. - Mini Concert
4:30 p.m. - Dessert Fellowship

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper
Menu: Char-Grilled Pork Tenders, Roasted New Potatoes, Yellow Corn, Green Bean Casserole, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Lemon Pie
Clean Up: Joe Dixon, Ellen Dossett, Eleanor Traylor, Rick Traylor
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)
6:15 p.m. - Business Meeting
Lockup: Todd Heifner
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal - Lockup: Joe Dixon

Thursday, April 10

12:00 noon - Alabama Kidney Foundation

Friday, April 11

6:30 p.m. - Softball game at Hoover East

Saturday, April 12

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



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