



# *the* CrossRoads

## A *Kairos* Moment: Perry County Book Fairs

Over the past few weeks, it has dawned on me that what we are witnessing and participating in is a *kairos* moment. The “we” is Baptist Church of the Covenant, Sowing Seeds of Hope, and three rural churches in Perry County – Hopewell Baptist, Friendship Baptist, and First Baptist Uniontown. A *kairos* moment is a time favored by God, an opportunity to be drawn into God’s loving intentions for the world. A *karios* moment is a grace-filled possibility that calls for our earnest “Yes, Lord!”

The amazing thing, the sign that told this is a *kairos* moment, has been the fluid coming together of all the parts into what holds forth to be a day that gladdens the lives of children living in Perry County and the lives of us who hope for them. The idea for the Perry County Book Fairs came from Pastor Sarah, who learned of a similar book ministry that Fred Craddock (who will be preaching at BCOC this fall) established for children living in rural north Georgia. Through the Craddock Center, children, many of whom have never had a book of their own, are given the opportunity to choose, keep and enjoy a new or gently used book. Rural ministry, particularly forging urban-rural church connections, is my “deep gladness,” so Pastor Sarah’s spark landed in the right place.

With the blessing of the Council on Missions, the Book Fair planning group has linked with Frances Ford, the Executive Director of Sowing Seeds of Hope in Perry County, to host book fairs at the three rural churches. The coming together of individuals and groups at BCOC to support the book fairs has been seamless. John Duke and the Ministries Committee are vitally involved in imagining the new ministry and making planning visits to Perry County. The work of the Education Committee in publicizing and holding the book sale was phenomenal. In addition to the books purchased by BCOC members at the book sale and donated to the book drive, the church also received back \$800 from book sales to purchase more books for the book fairs.

Our youth made posters to publicize the book sale at the church, those in the congregation who are literacy experts gave us advice on books to purchase and sorted books by reading level, and others helped us better understand the problem of illiteracy in Perry County. Cooperation and support has been tangible and books are abounding. The children of the church have contributed their own cherished books and BCOC members, friends, neighbors, and local schools have all contributed to our growing trove of books. Jimmy Hawley made space for us to store the books and has been our on-site receiver and keeper of the books. Our co-hosts in Perry County, the rural churches, are eager to help make the Book Fairs a success and are busy publicizing and advising us on organizing the fairs.

Saturday, May 17, is the day three teams from BCOC will travel to Perry County to host concurrent book fairs at the three churches. The Book Fairs will be from 10 AM – 12 Noon. If you have not already signed up to go, please consider doing so. We plan to have storytelling, games, face painting, a cupcake walk, music, and reading to children ages preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you can help with any of these activities, or would like to help the children select their books, please sign up on Wednesday night or email me at [etpatte@learnlink.emory.edu](mailto:etpatte@learnlink.emory.edu). We can also use help on this end gathering up supplies, snacks and games, and making a welcome banner for each church.

This is indeed a *kairos* moment, a coming together favored by God. An opportunity to open a door and make a difference in the life of a child. An opportunity to Live Our Love. Let all the people say “Amen!”

*Ellen Patterson*

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Dear Search Committee:

I am delighted to accept your offer to become the Organist/Choirmaster at Baptist Church of the Covenant. I have enjoyed working with you as a committee. You have been most efficient in organizing and implementing the procedures surrounding the meetings, events, etc. which have accompanied this process. Thank you for your thoroughness and kindness. I look forward to working with you on future projects.

My last day at First Baptist Church, Huntsville will be Sunday, May 4. I will take most of the week of May 5-11 off as transition time, since I have some vacation time left at FBC. I plan to lead choir rehearsal at BCOC on Wednesday, May 7 and worship on May 11. Monday, May 12 will be my first official day in the office.

Thanks again for all your hard work and I look forward to serving with you at BCOC.

Sincerely yours,

*Dan Lawhon*

Dear BCOC Family,

This summer, my Dad and I are going to Zimbabwe in Africa. We will be digging water wells and playing with children in orphanages. We will be staying in huts in villages away from town. These communities do not have electricity. We have committed to bring some supplies with us that we can leave in Zimbabwe once we come back home. We hope that you will help us collect these items by Sunday, May 25 so that we will have time to pack them. We will leave a box on the tables in front of the ramp in the Fellowship Hall to collect the supplies. Some of the items that we have agreed to bring are included below:

Rubber gloves—six to eight boxes

Multi-vitamins—especially for children

Any unused prescription medicines less than one year old

Antibiotics

Soaps / shampoos—small bottles of these

Over-the-counter medicines including Tylenol, Aspirin, etc.

Boys clothing—including underwear and t-shirts (another church is bringing girls clothing)

Soccer balls—deflated with air needle taped to them to pump them up

Three small air pumps for the balls

Band aids

Soccer uniforms/jerseys—enough for a team

School supplies

Toothbrushes, toothpaste—small sizes of toothpaste are best

We also need four large suitcases that can be left in Africa once the supplies are delivered. These can be old suitcases that you don't want any more but that are in good enough shape to carry our supplies. Thanks for your help in getting these items together for us to take. Please call me or my Dad, Todd Heifner, at 424-0600 if you have any questions about these or any other items.

Love, *Graham Heifner*

## ***Congratulations to Fisher Humphries***

Fisher Humphries has retired as a professor of theology from Samford's Beeson Divinity School, where he has taught since 1990. Prior to that, he taught at New Orleans Theological Seminary from 1970-1990. He has also been a prolific writer of books and articles related to theology and the church. As a part of his retirement celebration, a book of essays entitled Theology in the Service of the Church was published in his honor. Congratulations to Fisher for his many years of exemplary contributions and for his well earned retirement.

## **Video for Bethel Baptist Church**

The historic Bethel Baptist Church of Collegeville is making a video to mark their contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. They are including a segment of Baptist Church of the Covenant's history as a parallel story. Therefore, we are making the congregation aware that on May 11, 2008, we will have a video camera in operation in the worship service. They will set up in the balcony. Faces in the choir loft, pulpit area and in the balcony will be included in the video. Please sit in a different place May 11 if you do not want to be included in the video. In addition, the Communications Committee is video-taping the same Sunday for a web page update. Thanks!

## ***Upcoming Caffé C***

Sunday, May 18

6:00 p.m.

Darrell Adams, our guest artist for Caffé C, will also join us for worship on Sunday

## **New Candidates for Membership**

Melanie Lanier	Andrew Hyde
5245 Scenic View Drive	920 16th Street South, #304
Birmingham 35210	Birmingham 35205
956-2921	251/610-1543



**Friday, May 9, 8:30 p.m.**

**Friday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.**

**All games are played at Hoover East.**

**Rainout #739-7246**

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

*Week of April 27*

*Week of May 4*

Budget	\$7,130.70	Budget	\$11,513.30
Bldg/Property Purchase	555.00	Bldg/Property Fund	2,638.00
Rogers Fund	105.00	Rogers Fund	934.50

**YTD – March 2008**

YTD Receipts - \$133,697

YTD Expenditures - \$130,528

YTD Budget Requirements - \$144,000

**Youth Wednesday Night Program  
May 7-May 21  
Daniel & Marnie Fisher Ingram  
Leading a series called  
"Human Footprint"**

**Cool Pool Party & Cookout  
In Honor of '08 High School Grads  
Saturday, May 10, 3 - 6 PM**

All youth, grad's families and youth SS teachers are invited! The party will be at the home of Ellen Dossett, Ann, and Emmy Wade, 4144 Montevallo Road 35213, 205/879-8668.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
TO OUR  
**GRADUATES!**



**Sunday  
May 11**

**Come and give your congratulations to  
our graduates:**

Patrick Chappell, Daniel Evans, Ashley Gilbert, Owen Grooms, Brittany Krebs, Jay Lasater, Andy Litton, Pennie Norris, Griffin Peterson, Katie Ponder and David Shelton

**Parents & Youth Meeting in the Sanctuary  
Sunday May 18, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

Is your youth going to **PASSPORT** this summer? (**June 22 - 27**, Wingate, NC) \$50 deposit will hold their spot. Melissa Evans and Drew Lasater are chaperones for this week of camp! I HOPE your youth will plan to go this summer!!

**Sunday Nite Lite for Youth  
June & July  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**June 1 - at the Burtons' home  
4221 Overlook Drive 35233  
Come for dinner, devotion & discussion!**



**At Home**

Bill Stonecypher  
Sarah Wilson  
Linda Scott  
Peggy Hall

**St. Martin's in the Pines**

Bryce Sandlin

**Brookwood Hospital**

Gayle Watts

**Rehabilitation and Healthcare**

Jerry Martin  
2728 South 10th Avenue, 35205

**Hong Kong**

Jerry and Ruth Moye



**May**

**Birthdays**

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 11-Catherine Case  | 18-Paul Hall       |
| 12-Stacey Young    | Elaine Childs      |
| 13-Larry Self      | 19-Tommy Sue Sides |
| Carol Lane         | Anna Walchli       |
| Katie Ponder       | Albertina Bumpers  |
| Bailea McNeil      | 20-Jack Brymer     |
| 14-Mike Martin     | Judith Anderson    |
| Jennifer Foster    | Connie Bowers      |
| Brittany Krebs     | 21-Margo Fallin    |
| 15-Janice Lasseter | Sally McElroy      |
| 16-Lisa Tretham    | 24-Carla Williams  |
| 17-David Shelton   |                    |



**Who's ready for a BEACH PARTY?!**

VBS begins Wednesday, May 28, and continues through Wednesday, June 25. That's 5 nights of VBS on consecutive Wednesdays. Join us in the Tiki Hut for supper then 4 yr olds - 6th graders will head to the Sand Dunes (Stone Bldg) for a fun evening of Bible stories, activities, crafts and recreation! Pre-registration will be Wednesday, May 21 and Sunday, May 25. Find out if you're a Dolphin, a Hermit Crab, or even a Shark! If you've been asked to serve as a VBS leader or "Lifeguard" please see Valerie Burton for materials and information.

**Birmingham Boys Choir  
30th Annual Spring Concert  
4:00 p.m. on May 18, 2008  
Mountain Brook Baptist Church  
Free Admission**

Come hear four of our own BCOC boys:  
Graham Heifner, Sumner Martin, Michael White, and Alex White

**Deacon of the Week: Cindy Ponder 916-0417**

**Sunday, May 11**

VSP Pickup - Bill Smith  
 9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship: Installation of Dan Lawhon  
 Graduation Sunday  
 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, Carol Johnson  
 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 - David Wilson  
 Sack Lunches - Pathways  
 Building Lockup - Allan Burton

**Monday, May 12**

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

**Tuesday, May 13**

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

**Wednesday, May 14**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous  
 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper  
 Menu: Beef Tips with Rice, Steamed Broccoli with Cheese Sauce,  
 Black Eyed Peas, Cole Slaw, 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 with the Ingrams  
 6:25 p.m. - Children - Music (1st-6th grade) Missions (4 yr olds-K)  
 6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study  
 Lockup: David Henderson  
 7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal - Lockup: Larry FitzGerald

**Friday, May 16**

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

**Saturday, May 17**

7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Perry County Book Fair  
 9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry:  
 Sharon & Patrick Chappell

**Deacon of the Week: Katie Ponder 253-5283**

**Sunday, May 18**

VSP Pickup - Becky Belcher  
 9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
 Lobby Monitor - Rick Mitchell  
 Ushers - Kelly Mitchell, David Young  
 Greeters - Elaine Peterson, Susan Richardson  
 Offering - Bill Bennett, Sara Hoover  
 Preschool - Janet Goodwin  
 Offering Counters - Kathy Hollis, Robbie Yarbrough  
 10:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship - Monty Hogewood  
 10:00 a.m. - Parents & Youth Meeting in the sanctuary  
 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 - David Wilson  
 Sack Lunches - College  
 Building Lockup - Allan Burton  
 11:30 a.m. - Deacons Meeting  
 JIF  
 6:00 p.m. - Café C with Darrell Adams

**Monday, May 19**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous  
 7:00 p.m. - Internationals (last meeting before summer break)

**Tuesday, May 20**

All day planning retreat for ministerial staff.  
 6:30 p.m. - Exchange Club Parenting Class

**Wednesday, May 21**

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 with the Ingrams  
 6:25 p.m. - Children - Music (1st-6th grade) Missions (4 yr olds-K)  
 6:15 p.m. - Business Meeting, Children's Choirs to sing  
 Lockup: David Henderson  
 7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal - Lockup: Chuck Rogers

**Saturday, May 24**

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry:  
 Ellen Dossett, Connie Bowers



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