

# *the* CrossRoads

## *Sabbatical Story: September 2*

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**Guest Preacher  
September 2**

**September 2 - 3: John Duke on call - 482-6280  
Church Office Closed - Monday, September 3 - Labor Day Holiday**

***Sarah Shelton to return from Sabbatical  
on Tuesday, September 4.***



**Join us for A Shelton Home Reunion on Wednesday, September 5, with a down home meal and entertainment to welcome Sarah, Lloyd, David and Dan back to BCOC.** The permanent supper list will apply. All others wishing to participate should call the church office for reservations by noon on Tuesday, September 4. Due to space limitations in the Fellowship Hall supper reservations will be limited. All are invited for the program which will be in the sanctuary beginning around 6:15 p.m.

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## Education Ministry set for active fall program!

Labor Day weekend is one of those exclamation points in the life of the church. It means summer is over so change gears from the beach to the books and toward a more directed form of fun—learning!

Next Wednesday the children are invited to enjoy the special program celebrating the return of Pastor Sarah with the congregation. The children's missions and music programs will have a "kick off" party on the September 12. Children ages 4 and 5 will meet at 6:00 for choir and 6:25 for missions. Children 1st - 6th grade will meet at 6:00 for missions and 6:25 for choir. Brittany Krebs, the new music intern, is ready to greet our children on Wednesday evenings. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of these outstanding opportunities for their children to grow in the "nurture of the Lord" by having them present on a consistent basis.

The College Class will begin again on Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, with Dennis and Faye Wilson leading the group. We have a corp of students from Samford, Birmingham-Southern and University of Alabama-Birmingham. As in the past, we are asking for church families to host a luncheon for the students on Sundays. Please let Dennis or Faye know of your desire to do that. The students really appreciate "home-cooked" food and meeting new friends.

A new class, led by Paul Hall, will begin on September 9 in the Choir Room. The study will explore how the embryonic church, born at Pentecost, progressed over three centuries until Christianity became the state religion.

There are multiple educational offerings, ranging from a Quaker method to traditional curriculum studies. A continuing, intergenerational class named Peacemongers will continue in the Stone Building. This class deals with social, ethical and economic issues and their biblical implications.

Education opportunities continue outside the normal place and hours through Christcare groups. One led by Cindy Ponder is six weeks into a 12-week session study of Pastor Sarah's book titled *Sessions with Peter*. The group will open up for new people when it completes this study. A second group studying and praying for missions meets at Joe & Mary Helen Dixon's home the second Thursday of each month at 6:30. Bring a dish for dinner. This group will not meet during September and October but will resume in November.

There is a class for everyone, so get involved for a more meaningful Christian experience.



## *an acoustic coffeehouse at BCOC*

The second concert in BCOC's Caffe C Coffeehouse Series is scheduled for Friday evening, September 7. That's right, Friday evening after Labor Day. The concert will feature Portland, Oregon native and Nashville singer-songwriter **Craig Carothers** who has shared the stage with more than 100 artists including Patty Larkin, Loudon Wainwright, John Hiatt, Karla Bonhoff and Little River Band.

Come and enjoy the cozy atmosphere of BCOC's own coffeehouse, share some good times with your family at Covenant, and hear an incredibly talented artist move you with his music. Our goal is to have a full house and really benefit our youth and children who will travel and minister with Passport next summer.

Tickets for the evening are \$15 and doors will open at 7:00 PM. Desserts and coffee will be sold and all proceeds beyond expenses will benefit BCOC's youth and children who attend Passport Camps each summer.

At 7:30 PM Craig will come on to delight you with his storytelling and witty charm. To reserve your tickets, call Todd Heifner at 425-8985 and leave a message with your name and the number of tickets you need. If you prefer, your e-mail reservation can be sent to [todd@heifner.org](mailto:todd@heifner.org).

Come on out and support our children and youth and have a great evening of entertainment.

### Preview of Coming Events

A low-tech trailer to let you know that you will soon have an opportunity to participate in a fund-raising campaign to pay off our mortgage on the Cat Haven property. We are assembling a multi-team effort to lead us in this endeavor. If you are approached to serve, please prayerfully consider doing so. As you consider the choices available for monetary contributions, please remember that you can give to the building fund now. (And thanks to those who have already been giving.)

We will not be hiring folks to run a campaign. We will be celebrating this opportunity, encouraging each other, sacrificing a bit and surprising ourselves at what we can achieve, with God's help. Keep your minds and heart open as you consider how you can help us reach this readily-attainable goal.

Your Ad-Hoc, Enthusiastic, Pre-Fund Raising Campaign Committee: Dennis Day, Joe Dean, Todd Heifner, Monty Hogewood and Jenny Smith

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Week of August 19

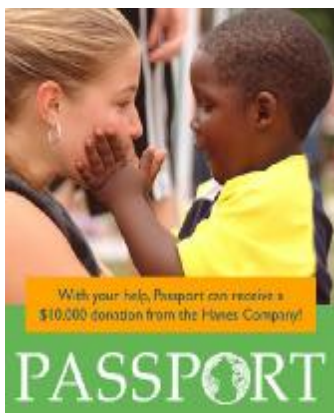
Budget	\$7,582
Building/Property Purchase	295
Gardner Fund	150
Gardner (Jadita Scholarship)	40
Rogers Fund	10
CBF Missions	16
Organ Fund	50

### Week of August 26

Budget	\$6,642
Rogers Fund	30
CBF Missions	50

### YTD – July 2007

YTD Receipts	- \$291,416.19
YTD Expenditures	- \$282,603.90
YTD Budget Requirements	- \$324,236.36



**PASSPORT, Inc. needs your help.** They are involved in a contest in which the six charities that get the largest number of donations from different people by September 16 will receive a \$10,000 grant. The size of the donation doesn't matter; it's the number of donations that matters most. Please go to the following website to make a donation to PASSPORT.

<http://www.networkforgood.org/pca/Badge.aspx?BadgeId=106293>

### *We all have a story.....*

While Sarah has been our pastor, we have heard many of her stories and she has helped us see how our own life stories can intersect with Biblical stories. During Pastor Sarah's sabbatical, she is listening to the stories of various storytellers, preachers and authors. The Sabbatical Committee (and Pastor Sarah) invites you to write your own story (your entire life story or parts of it). When she returns from her sabbatical in September, copies of the stories members of our church have written will be presented to her during the Welcome Home party. Please write your stories and turn them in to the church office by Tuesday, September 4. *Sarah will be the only one to read your stories unless you give her permission to share.*

*At Home*  
Linda Scott



*Mexico*  
Rosalia Marquez

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

*Hong Kong*  
Jerry and Ruth Moye

*Peace Corps, Benin, West Africa*  
Charles Reeves



### September

2-Bill Smith	9-Marcella Dale
John McElroy	10-B.J. Melton
3-Marc Bondarenko	11-Errol Norris
5-Harvey Love	12-Linda Scott
6-Sonya Lane	13-Bill Bennett
Denise Gardner	Catherine Keeney
9-Ronald Williams	14-Bart Grooms
Elaine Peterson	Matthew Childs
Stevie Hoven	15-Tura Davis
Javin Bowlin	15-Connie Hogewood



Mary W. Davis and family  
in the death of her son  
Johnny Davis



Jackson Matthews Dixon  
8-19-2006

Congratulations to the proud grandparents,  
Mary Helen and Joe Dixon!



**Paul Richardson awarded the  
Buchanan Award  
for teaching excellence.**

Week of September 2

**Deacon of the Week: David Litton 870-7304**

**Sunday, September 2**

VSP Pickup - Elaine Peterson, Tex Hawley  
9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship: Communion Sunday  
Dennis Sansom, pulpit guest  
Lobby Monitor - Don Yates  
Ushers - Deacons  
Greeters - Deacons  
Offering - Deacons  
Preschool - Cathy Kelly  
Offering Counters - Bill Brill  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship - Monty Hogewood  
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sack Lunches  
Building Lockup - Bob Duffy

**Monday, September 3**

Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday  
John Duke on call, 482-6280

**Tuesday, September 4**

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

**Wednesday, September 5**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous  
5:30 p.m. - Welcome Back *Down Home* Supper  
Menu: Fried Chicken, Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Fried Green Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Cobbler and Watermelon  
Clean Up: Jack Brymer, Mary Hines, Susan Richardson  
6:30 p.m. - *A Shelton Home Reunion* - In the sanctuary  
Lockup: TBA  
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal  
Choir Lockup: Patrick Chappell

**Friday, September 7**

7:00 p.m. - Coffee House Concert at BCOC with Craig Carothers

**Saturday, September 8**

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry: Abby Wiggins,  
Liesl Ward

Week of September 9

**Deacon of the Week: Harvey Love 640-4020**

**Sunday, September 9**

VSP Pickup - Bill Smith  
9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship: Sarah Shelton returns to the pulpit  
Lobby Monitor - David Litton  
Ushers - Lynn Groom, Rick Mitchell  
Greeters - Jean Thomason, Kelly Mitchell  
Offering - David Groom, Frances Ferguson  
Preschool - Carol Dean  
Offering Counters - Jenny Smith, Pam Baggett  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship - Elaine Peterson  
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 - Bill Smith  
Sack Lunches - Youngsters  
Building Lockup - Bob Duffy  
11:45 a.m. - Staff Committee  
Ministries Committee

**Monday, September 10**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous

**Tuesday, September 11**

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

**Wednesday, September 12**

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous  
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper  
Menu: Taco Salad Bar with Seasoned Beef and Grilled Fajita  
Chicken, Spanish Rice, Black Beans, Shredded Cheese/  
Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Salsa/Sour Cream  
Clean Up: Larry FitzGerald, Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, Mary Oswald,  
Gayle Watts  
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. - *Sarah's Sabbatical Stories*  
Lockup: TBA  
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal  
Choir Lockup: Larry FitzGerald

**Saturday, September 15**

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry: Sharon Chappell,  
Connie Bowers



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