

the CrossRoads

Trunk or Treat

Each day, in my neighborhood, I observe the coming of Halloween. It creeps out on to the porches like a mist coming over a graveyard. One day, there are pumpkins and bales of hay. The next day, ghosts made of sheets and giant cobwebs with equally enormous spiders appear. Then the mummies and witches and skeletons in rocking chairs make their appearance. Likewise, local congregations are beginning to advertise events for young people that are designed to not only keep them off the streets, but where fellowship halls and Sunday School classrooms are transformed into "Hell Houses," so that believers and unbelievers can get the Devil scared out of them for free.

These rooms contain portrayals of participation in "serious sins," including alcohol and drug use, abortions, school shootings and satanic rituals. The perpetrators of these sins show up in Hell later on, where there is proper punishment by a horned Devil with pitchfork in hand as the flames leap nearby. Those who confess their sins, repent and accept Jesus Christ before they leave are saved from the eternal damnation that was sure to follow later on in their real lives. At least, that is the hope and promise of churches that fund such programming with their evangelism budgets.

With such events in mind, I want to assure you that Baptist Church of the Covenant has not ordered a "Hell House Outreach Kit" from the New Destiny Christian Center in Thornton, Colorado for a mere \$208. Our "Trunk or Treat" Event is an effort to reach out to our community in order to give a clearer view of what a celebration might be like in Heaven, not Hell!

On Halloween night, we will gather for a quick fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m. Come in family friendly costumes. (There will be a prize for the best costume!) Around 6:00, the festivities will begin. Cars that have decorated trunks or have a game inside their trunk, will be parked in the lots on 8th Court. Children from the church family, South Town, Jessie's Place, First Light, Hospitality Network, Starlight Ministries, Beloved Community Church and Internationals will be present to go from car to car to receive treats and play games. There will be a moonwalk also, compliments of Passport. The planning committee is working on having security present and additional lighting.

Children will be directed from the parking lot, through a side door to the Fellowship Hall where face painting, fortune telling and musical games will be directed by Brittany Krebs and other adults. Those who prefer staying in the Fellowship Hall need to also have candy, so the children can trick or treat around the tables. Then, as they come out the glassed-in foyer on University Blvd, I will be there with bottles of water and popcorn as they leave. The popcorn bags will have information about our services, as well as brochures about the church.

It is an easy, safe way to introduce ourselves to those within the neighborhood and to your friends and neighbors. As you can tell, it will take all of us participating. Please contact Kit Heifner, kit@heifner.org, if you have any other questions. With appreciation for the privilege of serving alongside of you, I am

Sarah

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Wednesday, October 24, 6:15 p.m.
continuing Sunday, October 28, 1:30 p.m.

Important items on the Agenda:

- * **Finance Committee Report**
- * **Nominating Committee Report**
- * **Staff Re-alignment**
- * **2008 Budget**
 (available for perusal October 21 in the foyer)

Report of the Nominating Committee

For the 2008 officers of Baptist Church of the Covenant, we nominate the following persons:

Council On Mission (3 persons for 3-year terms)

David Goodwin
 Kit Heifner
 John Hollis

COMMITTEE CHAIRS (1-yr terms)

Church Communications	Julie Burge
Congregational Life	Rick & Eleanor Traylor, co-chairs
Education	Patrick Chappell
Ministry	Robin Geurs
Property	David Henderson
Staff	Joyce Mitchell
Worship	Mark Cobb

DEACONS (8 persons for 3-year terms)

Judy Bridgers
 Shirley Brymer
 Mark Burge
 Paula Heifner
 Marsha Henderson
 Sara Hoover
 Mark McClintock

DEACONS (2 persons for 1-year terms)

Katie Ponder

OFFICERS

Clerk	Pat Hawley
Moderator	Gayle Watts
Treasurer	Morgan Ponder

Submitted October 8, 2007

Valerie Burton	Walker Grooms
Patrick Chappell	Katie Ponder
Daniel Evans	Peggy Ponder
Eljee Bentley, chair	

Just a Reminder!

In our hectic and demanding lives, many of us rarely have the privilege to sit quietly. The corporate act of worship is the only hour each week that many have to be still and be surrounded by an opportunity to sit in the presence of God. Therefore, when we gather for worship on Sunday mornings, please be mindful that we want to keep distractions to a minimum. Therefore, we ask that cell phones be turned off, that the lobby doors be closed to keep out noise, and that we have a printed order of worship so that our service may run as smoothly as possible. In addition, beverages need to be finished before coming into the sanctuary. Coffee is available in the Fellowship Hall after the service.



Church-wide Ministry Opportunity
Wednesday, Oct. 31, Halloween

So that our children and children of the neighborhood may have safe Trick or Treating experiences, we are asking adults to:

- * dress up in family friendly costumes
- * decorate your car's trunk with games and candy
- * if you don't want to decorate a trunk, bring candy/balloons/face painting/games for the Fellowship Hall
- * be a door monitor
- * clean-up crew
- * escort SouthTown children
- * van drivers to pick up children

Invitations are being given to SouthTown, Jessie's Place, First Light, StarLight, Internationals, Beloved Community Church, and Birmingham Hospitality Network. There will be signs in our community as well. So join us for this outreach event!

Questions and volunteers need to contact Kit Heifner- kit@heifner.org.

UPCOMING SERVICES

October 21	Baptism
October 28	Bread for the World
November 4	Anniversary Sunday/All Saints
	Baby Dedication & Communion
November 11	New Member Presentation
November 18	Pledge Sunday

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Week of September 30		Week of October 7	
Budget	\$5,967	Budget	\$13,547
Bld/PropertyPurchase	2,365	Bld/PropertyPurchase	450
Mt. Meru University	2,000	Gardner Fund	100
Rogers Fund	10	Rogers Fund	470
Alliance of Baptists	75	Gardner/Jadita	20
Youth Activities	8	Missions	45

YTD – August 2007
 YTD Receipts - \$323,659.89
 YTD Expenditures - \$336,971.58
 YTD Budget Requirements - \$370,556.64



PUMPKIN CARVING/CHUNKING
 AND DINNER
 FOR COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS
 OCTOBER 28, 3:00 P.M.
 AT THE
 HENDERSONS' HOME
 5600 Lazy Acres Trail
 681-0351

Help for the Homeless

Our children, in Sunday School, are collecting toiletry items for the homeless. There are boxes throughout the building in which you may place these personal-sized items.



an acoustic coffeehouse at BCOC

The third concert in BCOC's Caffe C Coffeehouse Series is scheduled for **Friday evening, October 26**. The concert will feature **Lucy Kaplansky**. 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 her 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 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. Desserts and coffee will be sold and all proceeds beyond expenses will benefit BCOC's youth and children who attend Passport Camps each summer. To reserve your tickets, contact Todd Heifner at 425-8985 or todd@heifner.org.

At Home
 Linda Scott
 Marnie Fisher-Ingram
 Jo Grantland
 Michael Clark



Mexico
 Rosalia Marquez
 Grace Marquez

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

Hong Kong
 Jerry and Ruth Moye

Peace Corps, Benin, West Africa
 Charles Reeves



October

14-Chuck Rogers	22-Gayle Watts
15-Lynn Groom	24-Becky Belcher
18-Jake Baker	Linda Sewell
Anne Blackwell	26-William Bondarenko
Nicole Lane	

Picnic in the Park!

Come and join in the fun, food and fellowship at Crestwood Park for our Annual Church Picnic, **Sunday, Oct. 14th**.

Bring plenty to share and a good appetite. Fun will be had by all, as usual! There will be activities on the field as well.

*Directions to Crestwood Park will be Available in the Lobby and Fellowship Hall.

October 17 - 7 p.m.

U2Charist at Trinity United Methodist

A U2Charist is a Eucharist Service that incorporates the music of U2. JIF invites all youth and other interested members to participate in the second annual STAND UP event to stand up and speak out against poverty and inequality. This is coordinated by the Global Call to Action Against Poverty Millennium Campaign. Last year more than 23 million people in 87 countries stood up and called on world leaders to honor their commitment to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). STAND UP was the largest single coordinated mobilization in the history of the Guinness World Records! For more information about STAND UP please visit the Bread for the World Web site at www.bread.org.

Week of October 14

Deacon of the Week: Brian Vaughn 960-3598

Sunday, October 14

VSP Pickup - Bill Smith
9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
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, Robbie Yarbrough
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
Preschool 4 - Denise Gardner, Kit Heifner
VSP - Elaine Peterson
Sack Lunches - Youth
Building Lockup - David Young
11:30 p.m. - Annual Church Picnic at Crestwood Park
7:00 p.m. - Capital Campaign Steering Committee at the Smiths'

Monday, October 15

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

Tuesday, October 16

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

Wednesday, October 17

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, Patrick 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. - Baptist Center for Ethics Study: *Always...Therefore*
Lockup: Joe Dean
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Choir Lockup: Joe Dixon

Friday, October 19

1917 Clinic Training

Saturday, October 20

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

Week of October 21

Deacon of the Week: Ann Wade 879-8668

Sunday, October 21

VSP Pickup - Becky Belcher
9:00 a.m.- Morning Worship: Baptism of Bailea McNeil,
Allyssa McNeil and Andrea Smith
Lobby Monitor - David Henderson
Ushers - David Young, Liesl Ward
Greeters - Elaine Peterson, Susan Richardson, Karen Stephens
Offering - Bill Bennett, Sara Hoover
Preschool - Janet Goodwin
Offering Counters - Kathy Hollis, Frank McCrory
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship - Denise Gardner,
Jill Holley
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 - Grooms/Hairston, Quakers
Building Lockup - David Young
11:30 a.m. - Deacons Meeting
12:00 noon - JIF Committee
4:00 p.m. - Finance Sub-committee
5:00 p.m. - COM

Monday, October 22

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

Tuesday, October 23

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

Wednesday, October 24

12:00 noon - Overeaters Anonymous
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper
Menu: Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Yellow Corn, Potato Salad,
Cookies and Brownies
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)
6:30 p.m. - Quarterly Business Meeting
Lockup: Joe Dean
7:15 p.m. - Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Choir Lockup: Chuck Rogers

Friday, October 26

7:30 p.m. - Café C Coffee House Concert with Lucy Kaplansky

Saturday, October 27

9:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry-Kathy Grissom



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