

## Immediate action needed

The House of Representatives is scheduled to vote tomorrow, Thursday, July 26, 2007, on the proposed Farm Bill. The measure contains very few reforms from the existing law, which heavily favors giant agribusinesses operations and very wealthy individuals and families. Covenant's Justice Information Forum is asking you to contact your congressman and urge him to support true reform in the Farm Bill, including measures that:

\*Provide small American family farmers enough income from market prices and direct subsidy payments to operate at a profit.

\*Avoid hurting farmers in third world countries.

Ask your congressman to support the proposed Fairness in Farm and Food Policy Amendment. The amendment denies subsidy payments to households with average annual adjusted gross income greater than \$500,000 and limits annual payments to \$250,000 per person.

**Telephone, fax or email your congressman in Washington tonight or early tomorrow morning.**

**Rep. Spencer Bachus**, Phone: 202-225-4921 Fax: 202-225-2082 email: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>  
Birmingham office phone is 969-2296 and fax is 969-3958.

**Rep. Artur Davis**, Phone: 202-225-2665 Fax: 202-226-9567 email: <http://www.house.gov/arturdavis/zipauth.shtml>  
Birmingham office phone is 254-1960 and fax is 254-1974.  
If you don't live in districts represented by Bachus or Davis or you do not know your congressional district, go online to the following Web page and follow the steps as instructed:

<http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

For suggestions on writing a letter to your congressman, go to the following Bread for the World Web page:

<http://www.bread.org/take-action/offering-of-letters-resources/sample-letter.html>

For more information, check out:

House Agriculture Committee Web site for Farm Bill, H.R. 2419:

<http://agriculture.house.gov/inside/2007FarmBill.html>

ONE campaign: <http://www.one.org/node/451>

Thank you,  
Justice Information Forum

For more information about becoming involved in JIF planning, newsletter and alert writing, or justice issues identification and research, please contact Suzanne Martin, or Daniel Mitchell.

**Operation PASSPORT-Kenya 2007**  
Become an Investor Today -- Join the *Pride!*  
Each share is only \$10  
Become a *LionShareholder* by purchasing 5  
or more shares.  
Help send 3 of our youth to Kenya!!

**Visit the OPK table in Fellowship Hall Wednesdays and Sundays through July 31 to receive certificates of ownership.**

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# PRAYER CONCERNS

July 25, 2007

## AT HOME

Mary Oswald	Toni Byrd (Marcella Dale's daughter)
Sara FitzGerald	
Linda Scott	William Gray (Mart Gray's father)

## ON GOING CONCERNS

Rosalia Marquez - Mexico	Marilyn Mayse
Helen Barron (Orbie Medders aunt)	Margaret Burks Flowery Branch, GA
Bennie Bowers - St. Martin's (David Bowers' mother)	Mary Margaret Dixon Biss - New York
Harold Burge, Kentucky (Mark Burge's father)	Jack Snell, Atlanta CBF Missionary
Don & Esther Gardner Tanzania	Mt. Meru University Jerry Martin
Shalom Baptist Church, Cuba	



July

25 - Walter Furman	29 - Tex Hawley
27 - Tracy Stephens	30 - David Young Daisy Kiptoo
28 - Lovell Litton Cindy Walchli Jimmy Hawley	31 - Caroline Humphreys Susan Richardson



Joyce Mitchell

In the death of her mother  
Emma Louise Mitchell

### On Call Schedule This Week July 22 - 28

John Duke, 482-6280

Peggy Sanderford Ponder, Lay Minister, 591-8551  
Larry FitzGerald, Deacon of the Week, 836-5103

**Walker Grooms is on a mission trip to Venezuela** from July 20th to the 28th with a group composed of people from Birmingham (many from Brookwood Baptist), Anniston and Arkansas. This is a medical mission trip, and he will be interpreting for doctors at the clinics. Please keep him in your prayers.

WEDNESDAY, July 25

SUPPER LOCK UP  
Jimmy Hawley

CHOIR LOCK UP  
Morgan Ponder

SUPPER CLEAN-UP GROUP FOR TONIGHT  
Joe Dixon, Ellen Dossett, Ellen Traylor, Rick Traylor

**Received the week of July 22**

Budget	\$4,175.42
Gardner Fund	1,075.00
Gardner Fund (Jadita)	140.00
Youth (Can Recycling)	40.20
Passport Kenya	675.00

**WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$10,689.13**

**Special Retreat**

As a part of the plans for Sarah's sabbatical, a special retreat was scheduled for August. Bill and Emilie Griffin will be here August 17-20. They both are authors and have done much work in spirituality. They will lead an in-house retreat at the church on Saturday morning, August 18. Emilie will then preach in our worship service on Sunday, August 19, and she and Bill together will teach a combined Sunday School class for all adults that morning. Both of them will be available to offer spiritual direction to individuals on Saturday afternoon, Sunday afternoon, and Monday afternoon (August 20). More details will follow, but please go ahead and put the August 18 retreat on your calendar and plan to join us.

*July 29- August 4*

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

July 29, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

**Texts: Luke 11: 1-13  
Prayerful Disciples**



**Rodney Franklin, preaching**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT August 1 PROGRAM**

**Fisher Humphreys - We Are Priests**

**Sarah's Sabbatical Highlights!  
Wrap Up in New York City**

**On Call Schedule July 29—August 4**

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, Lay Minister,  
, Deacon of the Week,



Please see the back of the Prayer Sheet for tonight's Hymn,  
*When I Survey the Wonderous Cross*

**Be sure to reserve the Labor Day weekend - Friday, August 31 to Monday, September 3 -for going to Panama City for the 25th Annual Church-wide Retreat.** Philip Gulley, a great fiction and non-fiction Quaker writer and pastor, will be the retreat leader. Pastor Sarah had a great visit with him earlier in the summer and brought back glowing recommendations. Plan on joining the large group of us that will be at the retreat. The cost will be \$92.50 per person for lodging for the three nights and food for Saturday morning through Monday morning. (If you pay by Sunday, August 19, you will get a \$5 per person discount.) Children under 2 will be \$20. For the few of you who wish to stay off campus but eat with us, the cost will be \$37.50 for meals. The deadline for signing up will be Wednesday, August 22. All money must be paid by Sunday, August 26. A signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall or you may call the church office. If you have questions, call David Henderson at 281-8441.

