

# PRAYER CONCERNS

August 15, 2007

## UPCOMING SURGERY

Faye Wilson – Tomorrow – Trinity

## IMMEDIATE CONCERNS

Tanya Walker - Trinity 329 N  
(Winifred Bryant's daughter)

Grace Bock, Columbia MO  
(Betty Bock's mother)

## AT HOME

Michael Lieb

Toni Byrd

Linda Scott

(Marcella Dale's daughter)

Roger Tisdale, Memphis  
(Faye Wilson's cousin)

Perry Ponder, Missouri  
(Morgan Ponder's uncle)

## 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



## 25th Annual Church-wide Retreat

### Labor Day Weekend - Panama City

**Friday, August 31 to Monday, September 3**

**Philip Gulley, a great fiction and non-fiction Quaker writer and pastor, will be the retreat leader.**

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 for reservations and an order form for T-shirts are in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, call David Henderson at 281-8441.**

**Philip Gulley** is a Quaker pastor and writer from Danville, Indiana. He earned his bachelor's degree from Marian College, where he received a "D" in composition but only after promising the professor he'd never write a again. He went on to the Christian Theological Seminary where he graduated with honors due to a grading error. He is married to Joan and they have two sons. Philip is the best-selling author of nonfiction books like *Front Porch Tales*, *For Everything a Season* and the two he recommended reading before the weekend retreat, *God Is Love: Rediscovering Grace in an Ungracious World* and *If Grace Is True: Why God Will Save Every Person*, along with fiction books such as *Porch Talk* and *Home to Harmony*. All have delighted and inspired hundreds of thousands of readers. The retreat title will be *Stories of Church Life and Other Riveting Dramas*. Philip chose this title "so people would know that things will not be too serious."



## August

17-Michael Gill

21-Marian Norris

18-Lloyd Shelton

Margaret Ward

Leah Shell

David Goodwin

19-Ginger Frost

Sara Bateman

## On Call Schedule This Week Aug 12-18

John Duke, 482-6280

Malcolm Marler, Lay Minister, 612-3270

Peggy Hall, Deacon of the Week, 967-1908

## Attention Youth!

**Please join us for Devotions on Wednesday nights in August** – Once upon a time: sacred lessons in children's storybooks led by Allan and Valerie Burton, 6:15 – 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

SUPPER LOCK UP  
David Henderson

CHOIR LOCK UP  
Rick Traylor

SUPPER CLEAN-UP GROUP FOR TONIGHT  
Betty Bock, Patrick Chappell, Carol Dean, John Hollis

**Received the week of August 12**

Budget	\$6,642.00
Rogers Fund	30.00
CBF Missions	50.00

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

**Griffin Retreat**

**Emilie and Bill Griffin will be at BCOC Saturday, August 18, through Monday, August 20.** Emilie is a professional writer and editor. She has written fifteen books on Christian spirituality. Emilie has worked extensively as a retreat and workshop leader. Bill Griffin is a writer, editor, and publishing veteran who is an authority on C. S. Lewis, and recently authored several modern renderings of Latin spiritual classics by Augustine of Hippo and Thomas A. Kempis. Both Griffins were founding members of the Chrysostom Society, a national writers group formed in the 1980s. Since 1998 the Griffins have lived in Alexandria, LA.

**A retreat has been planned at Baptist Church of the Covenant for Saturday, August 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with Griffins.** According to their description of the retreat, they will speak about how Christian disciplines of Word and Story help us grow deeper in the spiritual life. They will use biblical stories and examples from the Christian devotional classics, including some modern stories, to shine a light on our own development in the Christian life. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so that we can plan accordingly.

**Emilie will preach at our worship service on Sunday, and they will teach a joint adult Sunday School class.**

**They will also be available individually Saturday, Sunday, and Monday afternoons for 50 minute sessions of spiritual direction.** These will involve one of the Griffins serving as listener and guide, and working with participants to talk about things going on in their lives, stresses, joys, or thoughts about the future, and then trying to discern God's action or will within those events. Both will be available on Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoon for individual sessions. You may call the church office to request a session and may request either Bill or Emilie.

**Their books will be available that weekend which will offer further opportunity to benefit from their ministry.**

**August 19-25**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**August 19, 2007, 9:00 a.m.**

**Texts: Acts 8: 26-31, 35-39, Matthew 18: 1-5; 10-14**  
***I Love to Tell the Story:***  
***Learning the Language of Grace***

**Emilie Griffin, preaching**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT AUGUST 22 PROGRAM**  
**Fisher Humphreys - *We Are Friends of Jesus***

**Sarah's Sabbatical Highlights!**  
**Time with Emilie Griffin**

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**Adult Program Tonight**

*Fisher Humphreys - We Are Children of God*

**Please see the back of the Prayer Sheet for tonight's Hymn,**  
*Children of God*

**Christianity After Jesus - The First 300 Years**

This is the title of a new Sunday School class to begin in September which will explore how the embryonic church, begun at Pentecost, progressed over three centuries until Christianity became the state religion. It was beset by unimaginable hardship and remarkable courage. The materials are being readied now for the class syllabus by Paul Hall who will be the teacher. If you're interested in attending John Duke must know soon of your intention so your syllabus can be prepared. The course will begin after Labor Day and likely run until April or May depending on interruptions in the regular class schedule. John's number is 328-0644.

**Hospitality Network**  
**At BCOC This Week**