

The Messenger

Celebrating Our Heritage, Embracing Our Future
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Vacation Bible School



THANKS to all who helped make Crocodile Dock 2009 Vacation Bible School such a success. Long after the songs are forgotten and the story details cannot be recalled, the children will remember that they felt valued and loved. Truly the workers were the hands and feet of our Savior. Again, thank you to everyone who participated in any way making the week so meaningful.

Sara Adams	Jack Eisenman
Charles Barranco	Drew Epps
Kathy Beck	Matt Epps
John Besson	Ashley Finch
Carolyn Best	Ann Fox
Emily Brackett	Edwin Fox
Lyl Brackett	Haley Fry
Illana Burkhart	Morgan Fulmer
Jennifer Campbell	Jessica Gibson
Joel Campbell	Zach Grimes
Margaret Campbell	Martha Haynes
Addison Crosby	Yvonne Henkes
Hannah Crosby	Robert Holmes
Morgan Crosby	Gray Johnson
Pam Crosby	Elizabeth Kinney
Lisa Deibel	Victoria Kinney



**THANKS to our
VBS Volunteers!**

Co-director - Marie Berry
Preschool Coordinator - Jodia Lintner
Children's Coordinator - Julie McLain
Publicity Coordinator - Nicole Simmons
Recruiting Coordinator - Sally Tice

Ellen Lea	Pat Scheetz
Clark LeMaster	Scott Scheetz
Emily Lintner	Judy Scott
Tim Lintner	Kellsey Simmons
Betty McNorrill	Amy Smith
Bob Meares	Amy Stertz
Larry Mercer	Gigi Talbert
Laura Mercer	Amy Terry
Brooke Nicholson	Brad Terry
Wanda Payne	Hannah Terry
Casey Plunkett	Victor Tice
Kevin Plunkett	Chris Vaughn
Tammy Plunkett	Deana Vaughn
Eloise Potts	Mary Woodhead
Jason Ranke	
Marcy Reid	

Our *Thoughts & Prayers* are with...

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO: Anna Duckett and Robb Underwood, who were married at First Baptist on June 20; Luke and Karen Serber on the June 18, birth of their daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth
THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED FROM:
 Eric Fox

(As of June 23)

Bible Study at First Baptist ~ June 21

Members Present 215
 Guests Present 4
 Total Present 219

Make Sunday Morning Bible Study a Priority!

Giving to God

Weekly Ministry Action Needs: \$27,482.79
 This Week's Budget Receipts: \$15,743.88
 Ministry Budget Needs to Date: \$687,069.71
 Ministry Receipts to Date: \$534,661.60
 Expenses to Date: \$554,913.59
 Under Budget to date: \$152,408.11

Week of June 28

Sunday, June 28 Acts 7:44-8:3
 8:45 a.m. Early Worship Service
 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer
 (College Class)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Monday, June 29 Acts 8:4-24
 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Tuesday, June 30 Acts 8:25-9:9
Wednesday, July 1 Acts 9:10-31
Thursday, July 2 Acts 9:32-43
Friday, July 3 Acts 10:1-23a
 Church office is closed
Saturday, July 4 Acts 10:23b-48

Week of July 5

Sunday, July 5 Acts 11:1-26
 8:45 a.m. Early Worship Service
 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer
 (College Class)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Monday, July 6 Acts 11:27-12:25
 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Tuesday, July 7 Acts 13:1-12
Wednesday, July 8 Acts 13:13-31
Thursday, July 9 Acts 13:32-52
Friday, July 10 Acts 14:1-28
Saturday, July 11 Acts 15:1-21

Missions Prayer Focus of the Week



Week of June 28

India is a land of extremes with the highest mountain range in the world on one border, while most of its perimeter is lowland surrounded by oceans. It has very cold, dry winters and hot, humid summers. It has a dense population with a fast growing economy and an alarmingly high poverty rate. If you have ever visited India, you have seen the human need. Cooperative Baptist

Fellowship mission partners, the Aldapes, Banduras, and Cokers are field personnel who teach and spread the Gospel among the neediest people and in some very unstable areas. Pray for them.

Worship on June 28

Scripture II Samuel 1:1, 17-27
 II Corinthians 8:7-15
 Mark 5:25-34
 Sermon "What It's All About"
 Dr. Andrea
 Music "Blest Are They"
 Sanctuary Choir

Worship on July 5

Scripture II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
 II Corinthians 12:2-10
 Psalm 16:1-6; 33:8-12
 Sermon "Blessed is the Nation Whose God is the Lord"
 Dr. Andrea
 Music "Simply Trusting"
 Sanctuary Choir

ATTENTION: Middle School and High School Youth

POOL PARTY

Sunday, June 28

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

At the Hicks' residence.

Please contact Mary Carol Anderson with questions.



Please Note

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.



The next edition of The Messenger will be the July 12 issue.



A Message from the Deacon Nominating Committee



The Deacon Nominating Committee invites you to submit names of persons you wish to be considered as possible nominees for deacon servant leadership. Please convey to us in writing through the church office any suggestions you would like to make by July 1. Please include a short description of why you feel the person is qualified to serve as deacon.

Thank you for your prayerful partnership as we engage the work you have entrusted to us. The other committee members are Mary Jordan, Martha Martin, Ross Pattison, and Victor Tice.

Allen Hicks, chair
Deacon Nominating Committee

A Thought from Our Spiritual Formation Team

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

-Saint Theresa

Welcome, New Members



Dale and Peggy Milburn
279 Willow Lake Drive
Aiken, SC 29803

by Statement of Faith and Promise of Letter
Their deacon family minister is John Anderson.

SAVE THE DATE

Joy Seekers Luncheon
Sunday, August 23

Program: Owen Clary on "Only in Aiken"



CBF of South Carolina
Third Annual Allendale Work Day
September 12, 2009



Please plan now to be a part of this missional event. Projects will include home renovation, road cleanup, health care screenings, nursing home visits, food drive, and kids' day camp. If you are planning to participate, please sign up in the church office by July 31.

School Tool Time!

Donated school supplies for the annual United Way and ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving) project are needed by July 26.



pencils
black or blue ink pens
washable markers
24 count crayons
glue sticks
colored pencils
loose-leaf lined paper

Please place donations in the designated box located outside the church office.



ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving)
Senior Food Ministry

Collection for July
Jelly

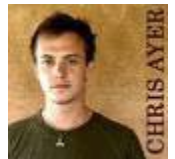
August
Cereal

September
Grits

Please place your donation in the marked cupboard outside the church office by Wednesday, July 15. We are committed to provide ACTS with 450 jars of jelly for the month of July.

ATTENTION: YOUTH

JOHN CALLAWAY AND
CHRIS AYER
IN CONCERT



MONDAY, JUNE 29 ~ 7:30 P.M.
THIRD FLOOR OF THE TRINITY BUILDING
For questions, please call Mary Carol Anderson.



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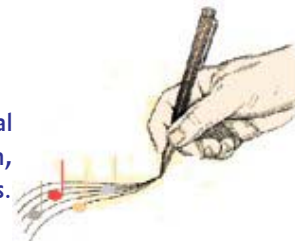
Vicky R. McCullough, Director of Children's Ministries

Amy R. Stertz, Associate Minister in Christian Education



A Sabbath Leave Report from James Bennett . . .

Because of our church's commitment to her ministers' continued well-being and professional and spiritual development, 2009 is my Sabbath Leave year. I am so grateful for this opportunity for continuing education, rest, and renewal and want to share with you some of the things I will be doing over the next couple of months.



As you read this, I will be in Princeton, New Jersey participating in the Princeton Festival Choral Workshop under the direction of Simon Carrington, a co-founder of the King's Singers. All week long, we will be preparing the Duruflé *Requiem*. The festival will conclude with a performance of the *Requiem* on Saturday evening in the Princeton University Chapel with Mr. Carrington conducting.

Later next month, I will travel to Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, North Carolina to attend their annual Music Conference. "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" is the theme for this year's conference and leadership will include Eric Nelson, Director of Choral Studies at Emory University; Rollo Dilworth, Director of Choral Program, North Park University, Chicago; and pastor Randy Ruble, Dean Emeritus of Erskine Seminary. Worship services, private devotions, graded children's music instruction, and choral studies classes culminate in a final concert/worship service on Friday evening.

Finally, I will go to Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, Virginia to attend their annual Sacred Music Summer Conference. Worship in the Taizé style of Christian prayer; workshops on congregational song, emerging music and worship, and children's choir rehearsal planning; and a final concert at Christ and St. Luke's Church ("Beloved Immortals and More: A Concert of Sacred Classics") led by Jonathan Willcocks featuring the Wesleyan Festival Chorus are the featured activities for this conference.

Interspersed among these activities will be some vacation time as well. Needless to say, I am very excited about these opportunities and appreciate the gifted musicians in our own congregation who will be "filling in" for me while I'm away. Please be prayerful for me as I travel, learn, reflect, and grow!