

The Messenger

Celebrating Our Heritage, Embracing Our Future
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Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 7

Scores of millions people all over the world will tune in to the Super Bowl football game this Sunday. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship, and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

Please join young people around the U.S. as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant, act of caring for others. Drop \$1 or more in the soup cans as you leave worship on February 7. Those who need help may not know that you cared, but God will. And our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

Donations will go to ACTS-- Area Churches Serving Together-- to assist people locally.



Lent is the forty day period beginning Ash Wednesday leading up to Easter. It is the time we prepare ourselves for Easter.

During the season of Lent, people often give up an object or activity in order to deepen their commitment to God. *This Lenten season, instead of giving up something, what if we added something to our lives?* What could happen if we each committed to spending time in God's word each day?

Through a partnership between the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Faith Comes by Hearing, we have received free audio New Testaments in MP3 formats for all adults and youth in our congregation. We have also received Kidz Bibles with Old and New Testament stories and songs. By listening for *28 minutes a day for 40 days*, you can listen to the entire New Testament.

What is MP3 and how can I use it?

An MP3 looks like a CD and can be played using a computer, DVD player hooked to your TV, iPod or MP3 player, CD player in your car (in newer cars). If you need help playing the MP3, please contact the church office and Amy will find someone who can assist you.

If you will participate in listening to the New Testament along with us at Aiken's First Baptist, CDs will be available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning in February.

"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17).

If you could listen to the Bible every day for 40 days, what do you think you might hear?

We will begin listening on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and listen through Easter.

Our *Thoughts & Prayers* are with...

AIKEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS:
Sam Goforth; Clif Weeks
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA: Shirley Hasty
DISCHARGED: Harry Ledbetter; Curt Page; Glen Rice;
Allen Smith
OUR SYMPATHY TO: the family of Doris St. Claire in
the death of her sister, Christine Gossage
THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED FROM: Carol
Dunatchik; the family of Rufus Gosnell

(As of February 1)

Bible Study at First Baptist ~ January 31
Members Present 298
Guests Present 4
Total Present 302
Make Sunday Morning Bible Study a Priority!

Giving to God

Weekly Ministry Action Needs: \$24,094.83
This Week's Budget Receipts: \$17,906.75
Ministry Budget Needs to Date: \$120,474.13
Expenses to date: \$87,488.82

Week of February 7

Sunday, February 7	Exodus 3:1-4:31
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
12:15 p.m.	Joy Seekers Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 p.m.	Acteens
5:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Roberts Building)
6:00 p.m.	Super Bowl Party (Third Floor of Trinity Building)
Monday, February 8	Exodus 5:1-7:13
10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, February 9	Exodus 7:14-9:35
9:00 a.m.	Young Women's Bible Study (Church Parlor)
10:00 a.m.	Round Table Meeting (Roberts Building)
Wednesday, February 10	Exodus 10:1-12:20
5:15 p.m.	Supper
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Quilt Team (Family Life Craft Room)
6:00 p.m.	Children's Music Groups
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
6:40 p.m.	To Grow In Faith (TGIF)
6:45 p.m.	Children's Missions Groups
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 11	Exodus 12:21-14:14
12:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study (Church Parlor)
Friday, February 12	Exodus 14:15-15:27
9:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Prayer Quilt Team (Family Life Craft Room)
Saturday, February 13	Exodus 16:1-18:27
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Prayer Quilt Team (Family Life Craft Room)

***Missions Prayer Focus
for the Week of February 7***



Julie and Mark Flores, both Cooperative Baptist endorsed chaplains, serve as hospice chaplains in central Virginia. Hospice chaplains provide spiritual care to patients and families as they deal with a terminal illness. Pray for Julie and Mark as they represent God's love and presence to dying individuals and their families, walking alongside them in their journey through grief.

Worship on February 7

Scripture Isaiah 6:1-8
Hebrews 11:8-10
Luke 5:1-11

Sermon "All There is of Me"

Music "Come Follow Me"
Sanctuary Choir

**VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION
February 14**



Make plans to attend the Valentine Dessert Auction on Sunday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will feature desserts from some of our very best cooks and entertainment by our youth.

Proceeds from the auction will go toward youth music and missions activities throughout the year.

Community Lenten Luncheon



Beginning Wednesday, February 24
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
at St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church

***Senior Adult Birthdays
for February***

Please remember these church members who are no longer able to join us in worship on a regular basis.



February 9
Mrs. Sara Johnson
c/o Mrs. Nancy Stahl
1077 Frog Pond Road
Hiawassee, GA 30546

Worship Schedule for February and March

February 14
"If You Look Like Your Passport
Photo..."
Luke 9:28-36

February 17
Ash Wednesday

February 21
First Sunday in Lent
Baptist Heritage Sunday
Dr. Ginger Barfield, Dean
Lutheran Theological Southern
Seminary

February 28
Second Sunday in Lent
"Secure Horizons"
Luke 13:31-35

March 7
Third Sunday in Lent
"Leopard Spots and Human
Hearts"
Luke 13:1-9

March 14
Fourth Sunday in Lent
"Coming Home"
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21
Fifth Sunday in Lent
"When To Be Extravagant"
John 12:1-8

March 28
Palm Sunday
"The Things That Make for
Peace"
Luke 23:1-49



Ladies,
*You are invited to a
Baby Shower for
Margaret Andrea Campbell
Sunday, February 21
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Parlor*

Given by Ladies of the Church.

Registered at Babies R Us, buybuy Baby,
Pottery Barn Kids, and Target.

Wednesday Supper Menu for February 10

(5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall)



Adults

Baked Pork Loin
Red Hot Apple Sauce
Oven Baked Potatoes
Broccoli Casserole/Biscuits
Dessert/Tea/Coffee

Children

Hamburgers/French Fries
Red Hot Apple Sauce
Dessert/Tea/Milk



Please call the church office to make or change your reservation by Monday, February 8. Cost is \$5.00 per person with a \$20 family maximum.

Denominational Meetings

The Denominational Relations Committee would like you to be aware of upcoming state and national denominational meetings during 2010.

The South Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will meet at Pelham Road Baptist Church in Greenville from April 22 - 23. The annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting will be in Orlando June 15 - 16. The National Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly will be meeting in Charlotte from June 23 - 26. The annual South Carolina Baptist Convention will meet in Columbia from November 16 - 17.

Prayerfully consider attending these meetings. If you are interested or have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Bob Talbert, chair
Denominational Relations Committee

Relief for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti



You can help hurting people in Haiti by collecting medical supplies for Steve and Nancy James, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel in Haiti. They are health care professionals working to meet the country's overwhelming medical needs. Please donate ONLY what is on the list.

Medications: aspirin, multivitamins, benadryl, triple antibiotic ointment, hydrocortisone ointment, cough medications, acetaminophen, and ibuprofen.

Medical Supplies: ace bandages, alcohol pads, band-aids, gauze (any size), gloves (any size), thermometers, and compression stockings. Donations can be brought to the church, Medicine Mart (1020 Richland Ave. W.), Aiken Drug (101 Laurens St. SW), or the Medical Center Pharmacy (410 University Parkway). Items will be collected through February.

College Student of the Week



Aiken Technical College

Eric Fox
109 Kalmia Circle
Aiken, SC 29801
fox2@myemailatc.edu

Kindergarten Teacher Needed



The Kindergarten Committee is currently accepting applications for the five year old teaching position for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Applications are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Berry, Committee chair.



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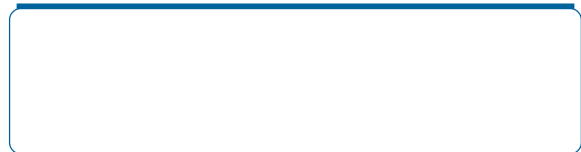
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Mary Carol Anderson, Associate Minister in Student Ministries

James E. Bennett, Jr., Associate Minister in Music

Vicky R. McCullough, Director of Children's Ministries

Amy R. Stertz, Associate Minister in Christian Education



Upcoming Youth Events

Wednesday, February 3

Early Release Day - American Red Cross

Collection: Red Heart 4 ply knit/crochet acrylic yarn for the Warm-up America knitters.

The materials donated permit the women in the group to create one-of-a-kind blankets, which are donated to every fire victim that the Red Cross assists. They create absolutely beautiful blankets for infants, children, and adults.

Meet in the parking lot at 1:30. Bring money for a snack following our missions project.

Sunday, February 7

Super Bowl Party on Third Floor

Party begins at 6 PM and will end after half-time.

Snacks, sweets, and appetizers are needed.

Please contact Mary Carol if you are willing to volunteer to send any of these items.



Sunday, February 14th

Dessert Auction

Meet in the Fellowship at 5 PM dressed in black pants and white collard shirts. Youth will help serve desserts, provide entertainment and help clean-up following the event.



TGIF Healthy Living

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6:40 for TGIF (To Grow In Faith).

February 3
Quarterly
Conference

February 10
Humor and Medicine
Dr. David Keisler

ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving)

Senior Food Ministry

February Collection

1 lb. Beans or Rice



Please place your donation in the marked cupboard outside the church office by Wednesday, February 17.



Pass It On Kidsignment Benefit

The "Pass It On Kidsignment Sale" is accepting donations for the March 12 - 13 sale. If you have children's items and/or maternity clothes that you would like to donate, please call Sherry Eldredge at 642-3453.