

Variations

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

A Bi-Weekly Message from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church



The Shepherd's Pen

Thank you, Church Family, for a Great Campaign!

Sunday morning, I shared the results of the Free the Future Campaign:

Pledged over the next three years: \$1,725,894!
Cash received to date: \$396,359.02!

A successful debt reduction campaign can expect to bring in about a typical year's budget giving in pledges, our consultant Allen Walworth told us. We exceeded that considerably. Thank you! What we have accomplished is to put ourselves in position for a very bright future indeed.

More than the amount, which is great, is the spirit of the campaign. I don't know when I have had a more joyful time than this. The participation has been high, the spirit great.

What comes next? First, Jeff Baker and our building debt committee now can begin earnest negotiations with lenders about our debt. You have done a great job in giving them a strong position from which to do so. We will report what all this means at the end of the summer, when they bring a proposal to us that will tell us what this will mean to the church and its future.

Over the next three years we will continue the three emphases: eliminate debt, expand missions, transform lives. Over the next two years we will put emphasis on the second and third of these. This coming year will be a focus on missions like we've never seen!

During this time, we will launch a strategic planning process for the future. Again, thank you church family for your faithfulness. In the time of \$3.75 a gallon gas and financial gloom,

MEMBERS ON MISSIONS THIS SUMMER

During the morning worship service, last Sunday, May 18, the church commissioned these members who are involved in mission experiences this summer. Please pray for these who will be spreading God's love throughout the world.

HUNGARY

Anna Bodenhamer
Andrew Bowick
Madison Chandler
Christina Compher
Brian Deagon
Preston Dent
Avery Driggers
Allison Fulks
Hannah Gaskins
Allison Hardy
Erin Hopcroft

Mike McBrayer
Tarrant McPherson
Jonathan Philpot
Matt Wilson
Lily Womble
Jan Deagon
Rosie Stafford
Kristie Chandler
Anne Stafford
Andy Farmer

STUDENT.GO (CBF)

Kathryn Scruggs—Homestead, FL
Michael Thomas—Great Falls, VA
Rosie Stafford—MDG International Trip
Fran Stafford—MDG International Trip
Caitlin Sandley—MDG International Trip

PASSPORT KIDS

Ann Elizabeth McInvale,
Director, Passport Kids

VHBC INTERN

Andy Farmer

NICARAGUA MISSIONS

John Andrew Wesley

PASSPORTCAMPS

Macon, GA

Bethany Gaskins
Daniel Mathangani

INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP—Kenya

Samson Mathangani

LOS MOCHIS, Mexico

Peter and Alynn LeBerte

BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

Dennis Anderson
Don Baker
David Bamberg
Dick Bodenhamer
Bob Bradley
Bob Bush
Pete LeBerte

Rudy McMurray
Cherri Morriss
Mike Oatts
Jim Rawlins
Crystal Watford
Mike Wilburn
Gene Turner

you stepped up in faith! I am glad to be the pastor of this church!

Welcome Back, Johnson family!

We enjoyed having Josh and Jessie Bailes in our Hospitality House, interns at Passport. They will be leaving the house, and David Johnson and family will be back with us from Thailand for the summer, on furlough to help get son Geoff into Samford as a freshman. They will arrive here on Memorial Day to move in. We have hosted ten families from all over the world in our house since it opened. It has brought us many blessings and been a blessing, too!

Senior Trip planned in the fall!

Vickie and I are planning to host a senior adult trip to the Outer Banks in North Carolina in the fall. We would like to invite any of our seniors interested to come with us for a five day getaway together for fun, rest, and renewal. We are finalizing plans with LeWayne Fleming for the trip that will take place around the end of September or first of October. We will finalize the date and details and have brochures available by next week and we will begin signup. I hope many of you will plan to join us for a fun time together! Hope you will reserve five days to be with us!



Welcome New Members

***Ann Elizabeth McInvale
228 Cahaba River Parc
Birmingham, Al 35243***

***Michael & Dee Thomason
2634 Kemp Court
Birmingham, AL 35226***

Scholarship Applications

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church Scholarship Applications for the 2008-2009 academic year are now available through the church office or can be found on-line at the church's website. Applicants must be active members of VHBC and currently enrolled as an undergraduate, graduate, or seminary student. Please submit completed applications to the Educational Scholarship Committee via the church office. **The deadline for applications is June 15, 2008.**

THE CHURCH SAVING MONEY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

As the warm days of summer approach, the church will be looking for ways to cut down on cost for cooling the facilities. One way we can do that is to set building thermostats at a consistent and comfortable level. Starting this week all the thermostats will be set at 72°.

We recognize this setting may be too cool for some and too warm for others. So, when you are here for worship and other activities please dress according to your own comfort level. Men are encouraged to dress casually during the summer months as they have been doing for the past several summers.

Thank you for your help as we pursue this cost saving effort.

An Open Invitation to Participate in the Builders for Christ Project July 27-August 2, 2008

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church will be involved in a construction project for the First Baptist Church, Grove City, Ohio.

Joining with a host of Baptist churches and associations, Vestavia Hills Baptist Church Builders for Christ will aid in the construction of a 32,000 square foot structure.

Please consider this an open invitation to any church member or interested person to join us the week of July 27 – August 2 for a hands-on-experience that will increase your faithful ministry. To sign up, please contact as soon as possible Don Baker, Mike Oatts or Gene Turner.

DIVE INTO A SUMMER ACTIVITY

- ◆ **Youth Mission Trip to Hungary — June 9-19**
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School — June 9-12**
(Completed Kindergarten -6th)
- ◆ **Children's Art Camp 1 — June 16-20**
(Registration Required)
- ◆ **Children's Art Camp 2 — June 23-27**
(Registration Required)
- ◆ **7th-9th Grade Youth Camp — June 28-July 5**
- ◆ **Passport Children's Camp — July 12-15**
(Completed Grades 3-6)
- ◆ **Children's Music Camp — July 20-24**
(Completed Grades 1-6)
- ◆ **Construction Mission Trip to Ohio — July 27-August 2**
- ◆ **Youth Back to School Retreat — August 8-10**

Remember in Prayer...

Members in the Hospital

*JoAnn Wells, East Glen, Rm. 51B

*Charlotte Kyser—UAB Highlands

Members at Home

Maxine Ammons	Sarah Little
Grace Barnes	Nancy Lochamy
*Reed Caufield	Doris McWaters
Virginia Deaton	Marge Olive
Earl Donegan	Nora Ousley
Kathryn Eidson	Elizabeth Quinby
Portia Franklin	Martha Ray
Jim & Martha Galyean	Judy Schlegel
Elaine Goodwyn	Velma Smyth
Wyatt Guy	Arthur Weeks
Leta Holliman	Bob Wilson
Jackie Hughes	Jody Wilson
Mary Lou Hughes	Richard Wilson
Emily Jones	Edith Wood
Faye Knowles	Nettie Worrell
Dorothy Lindsay	
Elizabeth Lindsey	

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is expressed to:

- ◆ *Eloise Chandler and family in the death of her brother, Johnny Swindle, in Adrian, Michigan, on May 7.*
- ◆ *Jimmie Baker and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Dell Hollis, of Muscle Shoals on May 20.*

Ministry Budget Offering

Budget Needs This Month	\$91,992
Budget Given This Month	\$100,648
Budget Needs This Year	\$623,506
Budget Given This Year	\$506,745

Unified Missions Offering

2008 Goal	\$52,400
Given to Date	\$36,842

Free the Future Capital Fund

Pledges	\$1,725,894
Given to Date	396,359

MOES ON MONDAY

Everyone is invited to eat with Miss Nancy at Moes!
Monday, June 2nd and 16th; 6 pm at the Vestavia Moes

Wednesday Nights for Children

Grade School children will learn about finance, engineering, architecture, horticulture, and more! See you 6 pm in the children building!

Preschoolers will have fun nights on the playground AND fun nights with Miss Nancy. We will even do some cooking!

Trip to GA Aquarium - Thursday, June 5, RSVP with Miss Nancy today!

Vacation Bible School - June 9-12

- Entering Kindergarten - Completed Sixth Grade
- 9:00 - Noon, Lunch at Noon
- Registration begins at 8:15 on Monday or pre-register now in the children's foyer!

VBS Family Night - Thursday night, June 12, 5-7 pm

- Fellowship Supper 5 pm
- Children will sing 5:30 pm
- Fun in the gym! 6:00 pm

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you, dear friends, for your many generous acts of thoughtfulness following the death of my brother. We have been and are being blessed by you.

*God is great,
Paul Edfeldt*

Library News...

Rick Bragg is a good ole' boy from Alabama who has written several books about growing up "poor but proud" in our area. His first memoir was All Over But the Shouting followed by Ava's Man. His newest book, just published, is The Prince of Frogtown. All of these are available in our VHBC library.

Also enjoy Debbie Macomber's new book Twenty Wishes. This one chronicles lives of several widows who get together frequently and decide to each begin a list of 20 wishes for their lives. And those are quite interesting....

Another group of women comprise the YAD-AYADA Prayer Group and they have surprising adventures. VHBC Library has its first volume of this series called The YADAYADA Prayer Group gets Down. Check this out, let us know how you like it so we can buy other volumes....maybe?

As usual the Library continues to add to the Children's selections. Some are brand new, some are the old beloved classics.

Week of May 22-28

Sunday, May 25

8:45 Bible Study
10:00 Worship Service

Monday, May 26

Church Office & CDC Closed

Wednesday, May 28

6:30 Prayer Breakfast
10:30 Pastor's Bible Study
4:30 Fellowship Supper-Library
5:30 Nominating Committee
6:00 Prayer Service, YG
6:15 CDC Meeting
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Week of May 29-June 4

Sunday, June 1

8:45 Bible Study
10:00 Worship Service
5:00 YOSE

Monday, June 2

5:00 5 to 9

Wednesday, June 4

6:30 Prayer Breakfast
4:30 Fellowship Supper-Library
5:30 Nominating Committee
6:00 Prayer Service

Volunteers in Service for the week of May 25

Deacons of the Week: *Ryan Hankins, Bob Hardy

Counting Team: Alynn LeBerte, Jerry & Priss Pittman

Sound Technology: Allen Fulks, Lee Watford

Shuttle Service Team: Bob Bush, Mack Freeman, Mike Craddock

Flower Committee: Freida Gammill, Marty Mullins

Library Committee: Betty Hauser (25) Lynn Taylor (28)

Worship Care

Babies Michael Wilson, Gilda Coker
Creepers Tim & Crystal Franklin
Ones Jason & Merryl Cooper
Twos Kathy Dent, Marilyn Tinnermon
Threes Liz Philpot, Jen McDougal
Fours/Fives Pete LeBerte, Ron Smith

Volunteers in Service for the Week of June 1

Deacons of the Week: * Ann Marie Harvey, Kevin Jaquess

Counting Team: Taylor Burton

Sound Technology: Allen Fulks, Mike Wells

Shuttle Service Team: Gene Turner, Pete LeBerte, Bob Simpson

Flower Committee: Elene Griffith, Sharon Hartzog

Library Committee: Kristie Chandler (1) Sybil Cox (4)

Worship Care

Babies Kristie Chandler, Sandra Bates
Creepers Janice Fulks, Jennifer Carter
Ones John Chandler, Amy Hamilton
Twos David & Beth Lang
Threes Melanie Medley
Fours/Fives Kathryn Stewart, Kathy Donze
Desk Eloise Chandler

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

May 28 Roast Beef, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Pear Salad, Walnut
Cake—Volunteers—Martha Eskew, Johnnie McCracken, Bob
Eskew, Christina Elliott
June 4 Roasted Turkey, Wild Rice, Mediterranean Vegetables,
Cranberry Salad, Boston Cream Pie—Volunteers— Marilyn
Tinnermon, Hazel Turner, Bob Eskew, Liz Wells

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