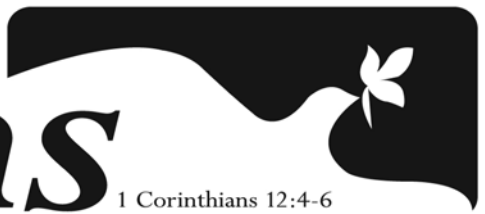


Variations

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

A weekly message from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church



The Shepherd's Pen



A Year of Mission!

Later this summer, I want to propose that our church enter a time of strategic planning for our future of mission and ministry. As we begin "the second fifty years" it is important that we continue to grow in our commitment to God's call for us in this place.

While we are in a time of planning and strategy, I suggest that we utilize the second and third emphases of our capital campaign as our interim emphases for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. The second emphasis, you remember, is to "expand missions." The third is to "transform lives." While these are what we hope to do always, they will be year-long emphases of these next two "years" corresponding to the school year calendar. In preaching, churchwide emphases, and education and programming, these will be the center of our prayer and focus. I will bring this to our deacons and to the church for formal adoption in our July Business meeting.

Summer Happenings: Mark Your Calendar!

As we enter the summer season, we have many wonderful events to look forward to enjoying. **Vacation Bible School** begins on Monday, a week in which we emphasize the Bible and missions in the lives of our children. The building will be full next week and we welcome visitors!

Our youth will also be leaving for their **Mission Trip to Hungary** the same day VBS begins. Be in prayer for them!

In July, we will have a gospel music concert on Wednesday July 9 as **The Homeland Quartet**, will be with us again. Last year we had a great time with them on a Sunday evening. This year they will come on a Wednesday, and, following dinner, give a full concert that will be open to the public. Invite your friends! The Quartet is

Vacation Bible School

Entering Kindergarten - Grade 6
June 9-12, 2008, 9 am - Noon

Registration, for those not pre-registered, begins on Monday, June 20 at 8:15 am.



Lunch

Lunch for the entire family will be served each day at noon in our Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for lunch.



VBS Family Night

Thursday night, June 12, 5-7 pm - The children will share music from the week. *Join us for a fun night complete with food, fellowship, and music.*



comprised of four gospel singing stars including Joe Thrasher of the Grammy winning Thrasher Brothers and Ben Speer. It will be a fun night of music and fellowship.

In August we will welcome four of our Kenyan pastor friends from last summer's trip to their country. They are coming to visit with us and share with our church about God's work in Kenya and offer us encouragement in our labors here.

Baptist Heritage in a "Post-Denominational" Time

We are coming upon some momentous birthdays for Baptist people worldwide. Next summer, the European Baptist Federation, a "cousin" group affiliated with both the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) and the CBF, both of which we relate to, are hosting "Amsterdam 400," a three day meeting from July 24-26, 2009 to mark the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the first Baptist congregation there in 1609 by a small band of refugee English Separatists fleeing persecution.

A few years later, the first English Baptist church was established on British soil. Anniversaries are times for reflection about our heritage and our future. During 2009 we will look at "The Baptist Mission and Its Future."

In 2010, the Baptist World Alliance will hold its 20th Baptist World Congress meeting (held every five years—the last was in 2005, when I attended in Birmingham, England while on sabbatical). This meeting will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. That might be worth a church trip together! The meeting will be July 28-August 1, 2010.

It is popular to talk about "post-denominationalism" even as we seem to create new organizations right and left that look just like them! In this coming year, as we reflect on our identity and future in the realm of mission, it might help us to think of denomination through the analogy of "Christian family" rather than as stuffy institutions. Families have differences, divides and debates, but still share DNA and heritage. Being Baptist still has a lot of value to offer to our future as a church.



Senior Adult Trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina October 5-10

Gary and Vicki Furr are planning a trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina with any senior adults that would like to go. Details will be available, Wednesday night, June 4. If you would like to go please email martha@vhbc.com or call Martha in the church office at 979-5920.

Hungary Mission Trip

The team is heading to Hungary! On Monday, June 9, the team of 10th-12th grade students and adults will travel overseas to partner with Ralph and Tammy Stocks, CBF Field Personnel in Hungary. The team will participate in a five-day camp for the Roma (gypsy) children in the rural village of Tuzser. The students will lead the children in Bible study, games, crafts, and songs, loving the children through the language barrier. The team will participate in community meetings with Roma teenagers, share in worship and service with the Roma Baptist Church in Tuzser, and seek to encourage and promote the ongoing work of the Roma ministry in Hungary. The trip will conclude with a few days of sightseeing. On June 16, the team will spend a day touring the capital city of Budapest with the Stocks. The next day, the team will catch a morning train to Vienna, Austria for a day of exploring. The team will return home to Birmingham on June 19. After months of hard work and preparation, it is time to go and serve. Please remember this team in prayer.

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

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

Partner Missionaries and Communities: Ralph and Tammy Stocks in Hungary

Meet Ralph and Tammy Stocks, the CBF Field Personnel with whom the youth team will be working in Hungary. With the support of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Stocks have ministered alongside the Roma people of Hungary for 12 years. Ralph and Tammy have 2 children, Amy, a college student, and Josh, a recent high school graduate. Known to many around the world as gypsies, the Roma people are scattered throughout Europe and have endured generations of oppression. In Hungary alone, the Roma number over 800,000, and like elsewhere, they continue to live on the fringes of society. In the Roma quarter of Tuzser, where the youth will lead camp, indoor plumbing is the exception and unemployment is over 60%.



Remember in Prayer...

Members in the Hospital

Lou Bell—UAB, Rm. C362
Charlotte Kyser— Lakeshore, Rm. 205B
Polly Knighton—Lakeshore, Rm.
JoAnn Wells — East Glen, Rm. 51B

Members at Home

Grace Barnes	Doris McWaters
Virginia Deaton	Marge Olive
Earl Donegan	Nora Ousley
Kathryn Eidson	Elizabeth Quinby
Jim & Martha Galyean	Martha Ray
Elaine Goodwyn	*Michelle Pittman Ronk
Wyatt Guy	Bob Sanders
Leta Holliman	Judy Schlegel
Mary Lou Hughes	Velma Smyth
Emily Jones	*Beverly Vincent
Mildred Kent	*Nancy Welch
Faye Knowles	*Mike Wells
Dorothy Lindsay	Bob Wilson
Elizabeth Lindsey	Jody Wilson
Sarah Little	Richard Wilson
Nancy Lochamy	Edith Wood
*Sybil McCrory	Nettie Worrell

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Nancy Lochamy and Family in the death of her sister, Honey Ray, on May 24th.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your many expressions of kindness.
Your calls, cards, food, visits and especially your prayers.

God Bless You,

Reed Caufield

Ministry Budget Offering

Budget Needs This Month	\$30,664
Budget Given This Month	\$27,161

Budget Needs This Year	\$695,056
Budget Given This Year	\$550,484

Unified Missions Offering

2008 Goal	\$52,400
Given to Date	\$38,351

Free the Future Capital Fund

Pledges	\$1,739,794
Given to Date	\$431,483



Down-Home Summer Night Wednesday Night, July 9 5:00 p.m.

- ◆ Fellowship Supper of hotdogs, chips, apple pie, lemonade and iced tea
- ◆ Gospel-singing concert by the Homeland Quartet
- ◆ No cost-Invite your friends

Tuesday Women's Bible Study... for Summer

1st Tuesday evening of each month

We will view selected video sessions from
Anne Graham Lotz and others.

Dates: June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th

Time: 6:30

Place: VHBC Student Lounge

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. 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.

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.

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**
- ◆ **Promotion Day in Sunday School—August 17**
- ◆ **Music & Missions Begin for Children—August 20**

VARIATIONS GOES MONTHLY FOR JUNE AND JULY

Beginning with this issue, the Variations will be mailed on a monthly schedule for June and July. Each issue will contain one months worth of information. Please hold on to it for easy reference of upcoming events.

Summer Fellowship Supper

It is time to sign up for Summer Fellowship Supper. If you would like to be on the permanent Summer list you can sign up on Wednesday nights or by calling the church office (979-5920) or you can email donna@vhbc.com.

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, June 18

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Agenda:

Nominating Committee Report

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Terre Johnson, Minister of Music

Beth McGinnis, Organist

C. Otis Brooks, Pastor Emeritus

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VOLUNTEERS

Week of June 8

Deacons of the Week

*Lynne O'Neal, Cheryl Oatts

Sound Technology

Pete LeBerte, Mike Wells

Shuttle Team

Mike Oatts, Stuart Collier, Dean Gober

Counting Team

David McPherson, Steve Thackerson

Flower Committee

Jennifer Carter, Jennifer Jaquess

Library Volunteers

(8) Jeanne Harrelson (11) Lynn Taylor

Worship Care

Babies	Jane Bowick, Brooke Fleming
Creepers	Carol & Matt Miller
1's	Kevin & Elizabeth Studinka
2's	Pat Cooper, Betsy Stockdale
3's	David & Cathy Compher
4's & 5's	Deborah Hopcroft, Erin Hopcroft
Desk	Lottie St. John

Week of June 22

Deacons of the Week

*Gwen Roxburgh, Hack Sain

Sound Technology

Lee Watford, Mike Wells

Shuttle Team

Tim Franklin, Chuck Gillespie, Ed Whatley

Counting Team

Bob Bush, Mel Kukelhan

Flower Committee

Bob & Martha Eskew

Library Volunteers

(22) Betty Hauser (25) Lynn Taylor

Worship Care

Babies	Nancy Scruggs, Jackie Hughes
Creepers	Michael Wilson, Melissa McBrayer
1's	Ryan & Tabitha Bradley
2's	Clark & Robin Cameron
3's	Brent & Lisa Warren
4's & 5's	Scott McGinnis, Elizabeth McCarty
Desk	Bob Lochamy

Week of June 15

Deacons of the Week

*Gilda Coker, Julie Roller

Sound Technology

Mike Wells, Dan McMurray

Shuttle Team

Jeff Baker, Charlie Scott, Emory Gaskins

Counting Team

David Compher, Kevin Jaquess

Flower Committee

Susan Lebold

Library Volunteers

(15) Martha Eskew (18) Liz Wells

Worship Care

Babies	Billie Lochamy, Mindy Bodenhamer
Creepers	Gay & Dan Caldwell
1's	Rebecca McKinney, Becky White
2's	John & Virginia Wood
3's	Monica & Jeff Graveline
4's & 5's	Cindy & Emory Gaskins
Desk	Dick Bodenhamer

Week of June 29

Deacons of the Week

*Lynette Sandley, Lottie St. John

Sound Technology

Mike Wells, Allen Fulks

Shuttle Team

David Bamberg, Bill Dupree, Bob St. John

Counting Team

Ann Holt, Jason Dearing, Mike McCrory

Flower Committee

Melissa McMurray

Library Volunteers

(29) Marilyn Tinnermon (7/2) Lynn Taylor

Worship Care

Babies	Amy Gillis, Mike Oatts
Creepers	Crystal Watford, Elizabeth Hamilton
1's	Mary Mathangani, JoAnne Delohery
2's	Carter & Leslie Doyle
3's	Bob Lochamy, Carol Porter
4's & 5's	Sybil Cox, Betty Hauser
Desk	Bob Bradley

Opportunities for the Month of June

Thursday, June 5

8:00 Children's Trip to the Georgia Aquarium Nancy

Sunday, June 8

8:45 Bible Study
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 VBS Teachers lunch
11:00 Second Sunday Coffee
5:00 YOSE
5:00 Deacons Meeting

Monday, June 9

9:00 Youth leave on Hungary Mission Trip
9:00 VBS

Tuesday, June 10

9:00 VBS

Wednesday, June 11

6:30 Prayer Breakfast
9:00 VBS

Thursday, June 12

9:00 VBS
5:00 VBS Family Night

Sunday, June 15

8:45 Bible Study
10:00 Worship Service

Monday, June 16

9:00 Art Camp
2:00 Art Camp
6:00 Moes on Monday

Tuesday, June 17

9:00 Art Camp
2:00 Art Camp
6:30 Mom's Night Out

Wednesday, June 18

6:30 Prayer Breakfast
9:00 Art Camp
2:00 Art Camp
4:30 Fellowship Supper, Library Open
6:00 Prayer Service, Called Business Meeting
6:00 Youth Group

Thursday, June 19

9:00 Art Camp
2:00 Art Camp

Friday, June 20

10:00 Friday Friends

Sunday, June 22

8:45 Bible Study
10:00 Worship Service
11:15 Missions Committee
5:00 YOSE

Monday, June 23

9:00 Art Camp
2:00 Art Camp

Tuesday, June 24

9:00 Art Camp
2:00 Art Camp

Wednesday, June 25

6:30 Prayer Breakfast
9:00 Art Camp
2:00 Art Camp
4:30 Library Open
6:00 Prayer Service
6:00 Youth Group

Thursday, June 26

9:00 Art Camp
2:00 Art Camp

Friday, June 27

9:00 Art Camp
10:00 Friday Friends

2:00 Art Camp

Saturday, June 28

7:00 7th—9th graders leave for camp

Sunday, June 29

8:45 Bible Study
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Sanctuary Choir lunch and rehearsal

Fellowship Suppers

June 12

Barbeque, Potato Chips, Watermelon, Lemonade

June 18

**Lemon Pepper Chicken, Pasta & Vegetables,
Congealed Salad, Walnut Cake**

June 25

**Roast Beef, AuGratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Apple
Ring, Jello & Cookies**

July 2

**Kraut & Wieners, Baked Beans, Potato Chips,
Moon Pies**