



Sunday, I will preach three messages on Baptist identity and what it means for us as spiritual heritage and renewal. I will be reflecting on the three great affirmations in the New Baptist Covenant as we explore this new movement and what it means for us in the areas of personal faith, discipleship and mission for the 21st Century.

### **Friendship and Sorrow**

Over the past month, Vickie and I have been close up to the last days of a friend's life. It has been a humbling journey through the shadows. Dr. Philip Wise gave my name to this church in 1993. He has been an encourager, a friend, an example, a mentor, and one I often turned to for guidance and ideas for twenty years in my life. Many others knew him this way.

Philip passed away on Monday. His memorial service will be at Reid Chapel at Samford this Friday at 1 pm and Terre and I are officiating with Dr. Fisher Humphreys. In a book we participated in last year, Philip's chapter was "Friendship as a Theological Virtue." It was fitting, for few knew more about loyal friendship than Philip. I will miss him greatly and remember him always. Thank you for being a loving church. You have ministered to the family and to us in ways you barely understand.



## **Welcome New Member**

**Barrett Moran**  
1200 Buckhead Circle  
Birmingham, Al 35216



## **Graduate Recognition**

On Sunday, May 10th, we will recognize our high school and college graduates in morning worship. Please help us in our effort to

### **Nominating Committee Requests Your Help**

Our Nominating Committee is hard at work filling positions in our church organization for the fall. You can help in two ways between now and Easter Sunday.

- ◆ Complete the **Partners in Ministry Survey** and indicate the areas of the church you would like to serve.
- ◆ Complete the **Deacon Suggestion Form** to indicate persons in our church you believe would serve well in the role of a Deacon.

Boxes are available in the front and back foyers where you can turn in your forms by **April 12, Easter Sunday**.

## **Amount Needed to Reach Our Unified Missions Offering Goal: \$33,500 Let's "Pay it Forward"**

Lent is a season of remembering the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. We recall Jesus' life and how his words and deeds brought healing and wholeness to those he met. No doubt there are persons we know who have been "Christ" to us, helping in life-changing ways through their words and deeds. These are persons we recall who made a difference for good in our lives and in our journeys of faith.

Remember these special people by name and 'Pay it Forward' on their behalf by giving to the Unified Missions Offering. Cards will be available for you to use to identify the person or persons you want to honor when you make your gift. Our goal is to receive \$25,000 by the end of May.

## **2009 Celebration of Sacred Music**

Benefiting the  
Betty Sue Shepherd Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Sunday May 3 at 7:00 PM  
Alys Stephens Center

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church established the Betty Sue Shepherd Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2007, as a way to commemorate her great contributions to the church and to music students. As a means of continually funding the scholarships an annual concert is planned, whose proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

This year's concert program will consist of Felix Mendelssohn's great Biblical oratorio, *Elijah*. Bill Bugg will sing the title role of the prophet Elijah. Other soloists will include Roderick George, tenor, Gloria Parvin, mezzo-soprano, and Mildred Lanier, soprano. The chorus will include singers from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, the Birmingham Chamber Chorus, Vestavia Hills High School, Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Mississippi University for Women, South Highland Presbyterian Church, Bluff Park United Methodist Church, and Birmingham Concert Chorale.

Next year's scholarships will be entirely funded through the proceeds of this concert, so please participate by purchasing tickets for yourself and your family, inviting your friends to attend, and helping to publicize the concert throughout the community.

Tickets are on sale through the Alys Stephens Center Box Office. Patron tickets cost \$50, and include special seating and listing of names in the program. General admission tickets are \$15. Call the box office at (205) 975-ARTS, purchase online at [www.alysstephens.org](http://www.alysstephens.org), or complete an order form available at the church.

## Remember in Prayer...

### Members in the Hospital

\*Marlene Gaither—Shelby Baptist—Rm. 282

\*Betty Smith—Brookwood Rm. 622

### Members at Home

Rosemary Bamberg

Grace Barnes

Eugenia Calk

Virginia Deaton

Kathryn Eidson

\*Bob Eskew

Martha Galyean

Elaine Goodwyn

Leta Holliman

Mary Lou Hughes

Emily Jones

Dorothy Lindsay

Elizabeth Lindsey

Sarah Little

Nancy Lochamy

Fred McCrory

Doris McWaters

Nora Ousley

Ed Richardson

Helen Rosenow

\*Melva Scroggins

Velma Smyth

\*Ben Stafford

Arthur Weeks

\*Amy Wheat

Maxine Womble

Edith Wood

Nettie Worrell



## It's Time to Buy!!

The recycle Tote Bags will be available for purchase on Sunday morning April 12 and Wednesday night, April 15. Be sure to bring your Lenten Calendar to get your bag for \$1.00 off.

### Deacons Meeting

This Sunday, April 5 5:00 pm

Adult Seminar Room

### We Care

Monday, April 6, 10:00 am

Fireside Room

### Spring Prayer for World Missions

Tuesday, April 14, 11:30 am

Chapel

### Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

## Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is expressed to:

- To the family of Philip Wise in his death on March 30
- Marjorie Ray and family in the death of her mother and a Charter Member of VHBC, Martha Ray, on March 24.
- T.W. Collier and family in the death of his wife, Norma, on March 19.
- The family of Barbara Hawkins in her death on March 17 in Huntsville.
- Shane Carter & family in the death of his grandfather, Leroy Bush, on March 22.
- Reed & Von Caufield and family in the death of their daughter-in-law, Mary Jane Grace Caufield, on March 16.
- Wade Baker & family in the death of his mother, Daisy Baker, on March 19 in Guntersville.

## Round Table

Tuesday, April 7th

10:30 am—Fireside Room

Jeanne Harrelson will lead our discussion on the book Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. It is the story of fathers and sons and spiritual battles.

### Ministry Budget Offering

Budget Needs This Month \$133,266

Budget Given This Month \$112,920

Budget Needs This Year \$399,799

Budget Given This Year \$337,711

### Free the Future Capital Fund

Pledges \$1,725,894

Given to Date \$699,106

### 2009 Unified Missions Offering

Goal \$45,000

Given to Date \$11,492

Member Service Hours 415



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Milton & Lynn Fullman on the birth of a granddaughter, Chaney Champion Rohling on March 16. Proud parents are Christine and Thomas Rohling.

Congratulations to Helen Gammill in the birth of a great-grandson, Robert Sims Chapman. Proud parents are Tom and Hunter Chapman.

Congratulations to Lou & Johnnie McCracken on the birth of a great-grandson, Hayden Jeremiah Wainae on March 18.

**Week of April 2-8**

**Thursday, April 2**

5:30 Lenten Communion

**Saturday, April 4**

9:30 Mom's Brunch Bunch

**Sunday, April 5**

8:45 Bible Study

10:00 Worship Service-Palm Sunday

4:00 Youth Choir

5:00 Yose 120

5:00 Deacons Meeting

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

**Monday, April 6**

9:30 Ladies Bible Study

10:00 We Care

4:00 4 to 8

**Tuesday, April 7**

9:30 International Friends

10:30 Round Table

**Wednesday, April 8**

6:30 Prayer Breakfast

10:30 Pastor's Bible Study

**Week of April 9-15**

**Thursday, April 9**

4:30 Fellowship Supper

5:00 Handbells

6:00 Maundy Thursday Communion

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, April 10**

11:30 Good Friday Service & Lunch

**Saturday, April 11**

10:00 Jelly Bean Jamboree

**Sunday, April 12**

8:45 Bible Study

10:00 Worship Service-Easter

5:00 YOSE 120

**Monday, April 13**

9:30 Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 14**

9:30 International Friends

11:30 Spring Prayer for World Missions

**Wednesday, April 15**

6:30 Prayer Breakfast

10:30 Pastor's Bible Study

4:30 Fellowship Supper

Library Open

5:00 Handbells

5:30 Nominating Committee

6:00 **Quarterly Business Mtg.** — Youth Group

6:15 Mission Friends, GA & RA's

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Volunteers in Service for the Week of April 5**

**Deacons of the Week:** \*Bob Hardy, David Fleming

**Counting Team:** Alynn LeBerte, Jerry & Priss Pittman

**Sound Technology:** Mike Wells, Pete LeBerte

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

**Flower Committee:**

**Library Committee:** Kristie Chandler (5) Jeanne Harrelson (8)

**Worship Care**

Babies Nancy St. John, Sandra Bates

Creepers Janice Fulks, Jennifer Carter

Ones Michael & Dee Thomason

Twos David & Beth Lang

Threes Melanie Medley, Laura Chaires

Fours Kim Virciglio, Suzanne Walters

4's-K Kathryn Stewart, Cathy Donze

Desk Eloise Chandler

**Volunteers in Service for the Week of April 12**

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

**Counting Team:** Taylor Burton, Steve White

**Sound Technology:** Dan McMurray, Mike Wells

**Shuttle Service Team:** Mike Oatts, John Wood, Suzanne Dupree

**Flower Committee:**

**Library Committee:** Lynn Taylor (12) Lynn Taylor (15)

**Worship Care**

Babies Jane Bowick, Ashley Floyd

Creepers Matt & Carole Miller

Ones Kevin & Elizabeth Studinka

Twos Pat Cooper, Betsy Stockdale

Threes David & Cathy Compner

Fours Nancy Akins, Leigh Simmons

4's-K Steve & Becky White

Desk Lottie St. John

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER April 9**

Lemon Pepper Chicken, Pasta & vegetables, Congealed Salad,

Walnut Cake—Volunteers—

Marilyn Tinnermon, Lynn Giles

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER April 15**

Poppy Seed Chicken, Rice, Green

Beans, Apple Ring, Boston Cream

Pie—Volunteers—Sybil Cox, Judy

Schlegel

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