

Variations

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

A Bi-Weekly Message from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

The Shepherd's Pen

Wednesdays (and 2 Thursdays!) in June are Special Times!

This week we are having a special "Town Hall Meeting" to kick off our Strategic Discernment Process. We will be asking for some important beginning feedback from our congregation about future directions.

- **June 1-4 we will host our Children's Music Camp, led by Dr. Beth McGinnis. We will not have Wednesday night, but instead have our prayer service on Thursday night with the Children's Camp program to follow.**
- **"Songwriters' Round"** On June 10, we will have what I hope is a treat for you. I have a good friend, **Keith Elder**, who is also a pastor, also a songwriter and performer, and even was born the same year I was. We have performed together a few times at Open Mic nights for the local Nashville Songwriters group and have been co-writing songs together of late. On the 10th, I have invited Keith to join me for a "songwriter round" in which we will share all original songs and share how our music is an expression of our spiritual journeys. Keith is also a pastor here in Vestavia Hills at the Liberty Crossings Methodist Church in Liberty Park. I have encouraged him to invite his congregation to join us that night for dinner and a concert! You can hear some of Keith's music at his website, <http://www.myspace.com/keitheldermusic>
- **June 17—we will not meet. Instead, our Vacation Bible School will conclude on Thursday, June 18 with Family night.**
- **June 24—Lord's Supper Service in the Fellowship Hall.**
- **July 1—All America Night with Special Guests, the Homeland Quartet.** We have invited back the Homeland Quartet from Nashville for a concert of Gospel music, an All-American supper, and a celebration time of old-time gospel singing. Just a reminder: In July, we will not have evening services on the nights of July 8, 15, 22, or 29. We will resume a full schedule on the first Wednesday of August.

Music Camp

June 1-4, 9:00-12:00
Completed K through Grade 6

Come make music, crafts, snacks and have fun!

Sign up with Miss Beth
ermcginn@samford.edu



Vacation Bible School

June 15-18, 9:00-Noon
For completed Kindergarten - Grade 6
Lunch served each day at noon.

Come learn about the great big, beautiful world that God made for us!

Sign up in the children's foyer!

If you're in town this month on Wednesday or Thursday evenings, plan to come out and enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, prayer, and celebration.

I want to thank you for the opportunity for Vickie and me to get away for last weekend. We had a wedding in Mobile for two of our young members, then went to the beach for a few days. I appreciate Brent McDougal for so ably filling in for me. He is an outstanding preacher and I know you received a blessing for your attendance.

Have a wonderful, restful, safe, family-centered summer. Reconnect with the people in your life. Be careful. Try to eat some homemade ice cream at least once this summer.

Thank you also for the faithfulness in your giving. Despite hard times, our church finances have held up. Just a brief reminder to help us keep the lights on and the many events going for our children, youth and missions programs. Your giving makes all of them possible!



Welcome New Members

Rusk Reeder
1311 Morning Star Circle
Birmingham, AL 35242



All American Night Wednesday Night, July 1 5:00 p.m.

- ◆ Fellowship Supper of hotdogs & hamburgers, and all the trimmings, apple pie, ice cream, lemonade and iced tea
- ◆ Gospel-singing concert by the Homeland Quartet
- ◆ Regular Wednesday night supper price.
- ◆ Invite your friends!!!!

Changes in Schedule for July

The Deacons, Staff and the Kitchen Committee and staff unanimously suggest that we not provide Wednesday night dinner or have prayer service on July 8, 15, 22 or 29. Many of our families are gone during that time. The crowds are small enough that we lose money providing the meal during that time. In our continuing efforts to cut costs during this hard financial time, we will take a church sabbatical from the evening service for those four weeks, then come back the first week of August to get going again.

Our last Wednesday night before the break will be July 1. It will be All-America Night. We are delighted to bring back **Joe Thrasher, Ben Speer and the Homeland Quartet** for a night of gospel and patriotic music.

The Wednesday morning prayer breakfast will continue through July and we encourage our people to attend. Our prayer list and prayer concerns will be available there, online, and in the church office.

We encourage our people to use these four Wednesday evenings to be with family and to participate in our mission opportunities in the city or to visit one of the churches doing work in the city that are our mission partners. This is a time for our church to share in sacrificing a little to help make it through these times. We will evaluate this after the four weeks are over.

Thank You

Our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving when we think of you and all the love you have shown us.

We appreciate the prayer, calls, cards and services you have made on our behalf.

We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful church.

Love,
Martha & Bob Eskew

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 costs for cooling the facilities. One way we can do that is to set building thermostats at a consistent and comfortable level. Starting this month all the thermostats will be set at 73°.

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.

Remember in Prayer...

Members in the Hospital

*Marlene Taylor—St. Vincent's #672

Members at Home

Grace Barnes	Sarah Little
*Rosemary Bamberg	Nancy Lochamy
Eugenia Calk	Fred McCrory
Shirley Daviston	Doris McWaters
Virginia Deaton	Nora Ousley
Kathryn Eidson	Madie Phillips
Bob Eskew	Ed Richardson
Martha Galyean	Helen Rosenow
*Sandy Gillis	Betty Smith
Elaine Goodwyn	Velma Smyth
Leta Holliman	Arthur Weeks
Mary Lou Hughes	Amy Wheat
Emily Jones	Maxine Womble
Virginia Kirby	Edith Wood
Polly Knighton	Fred Wood
Dorothy Lindsay	Nettie Worrell

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is expressed to:

- The family of Melva Scroggins in her death on May 15, 2009.
- Kristie Chandler & family in the death of her aunt, Georgia Jones.

Amount Needed to Reach Our Unified Missions Offering Goal: \$23,500 Let's "Pay it Forward"

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.

Ministry Budget Offering

Budget Needs This Month	\$123,016
Budget Given This Month	\$79,211
Budget Needs This Year	\$666,332
Budget Given This Year	\$543,299

Free the Future Capital Fund

Pledges	\$1,725,894
Given to Date	\$778,632

2009 Unified Missions Offering

Goal	\$45,000
Given to Date	\$21,531
Member Service Hours	852

DIVE INTO A SUMMER ACTIVITY

- ◆ **Children's Music Camp — June 1-4**
(Completed Grades 1-6)
- ◆ **Mexico Mission Trip — June 6-15**
- ◆ **High School Mission Trip — June 7-14**
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School — June 15-18**
(Completed Kindergarten -6th)
- ◆ **Children's Art Camp 1 — June 22-26**
(Registration Required)
- ◆ **All American Night with Homeland Quartet—July 1**
- ◆ **Passport Youth Camp — July 4-10**
- ◆ **Children's Art Camp 2 — July 6-10**
(Registration Required)
- ◆ **Passport Children's Camp — July 16-19**
(Completed Grades 3-6)
- ◆ **Construction Mission Trip to Ohio — July 25-August 1**
- ◆ **Family Night with Roger Day — August 12**
- ◆ **Promotion Day in Sunday School—August 16**
- ◆ **Music & Missions Begin for Children—August 19**

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

Pray for Our Mexico Mission Team

Ten of our members will be returning to Los Mochis, Mexico between June 1 & 15. The team will be building a baptistry, platform, and changing rooms at the Shalom Baptist Church. The team will also facilitate Bible Studies and activities for the women and children at our mission site in the barrio of Siglo XXI. Please pray for these members as they travel and serve in missions over the next few weeks:

Dennis Anderson	Alynn LeBerte
Lyn Cone	Peter LeBerte
Heather Fulks	Cherri Morriss
Janice Fulks	Betsy Stockdale
Brian Irvin	Mike Wilburn

High School Mission Trip to Heifer Ranch

Eighteen of our 9th-12th graders and 4 adults will be on the High School Mission Trip from June 7-14. They'll be traveling to Perryville, Arkansas, this year to participate in the Global Passport intercultural poverty simulation at Heifer Ranch. Heifer works to empower impoverished communities by supplying them with the means—including livestock, training, and other resources. Throughout the Global Passport program, our students will be providing for their “family” by tending gardens and livestock, working in the village community, buying supplies from the international market, and cooking cultural meals using appropriate technology. Each night the family will come together and sleep in representative housing, such as a Tibetan yurt. Please pray for our group as they grow in awareness of and compassion for the world’s neediest people.



Dixon Barth
Anna Bodenhamer
Turner Byrd
Madison Chandler
Austin Coker
Alyssa Compher
Brian Deagon
Preston Dent
Anna Donze
Caroline Driggers
Tevin Fowler

Patrick Pittman
Willam Scruggs
Lisa Stockdale
Whitney Watson
Alex White
Anna Kate Wilson
Lily Womble
Rich Havard
Mike McBrayer
Taylor Ross
Becky White

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Volunteers

Week of May 31

Deacons of the Week—*Roger Bates, Bob Bradley
Sound Technology—Mike Wells, Pete LeBerte
Shuttle Team—Gene Turner, Pete LeBerte, Bob Simpson
Counting Team—Alynn LeBerte, Jerry & Priss Pittman
Flower Committee—Virginia Wood
Library Volunteers—Marilyn Tinnerman(31) Sybil Cox (3)

Worship Care

Babies Amy Gillis, Mike Oatts
Creepers Judy Schlegel, Elizabeth Hamilton
1's Mary Mathangani, JoAnne Delohery
2's Carter & Leslie Doyle
3's Bob Lochamy, Carol Porter
4's Mary Cherry, Lynn Fullman
4's & K Sybil Cox, Betty Hauser
Desk Bob Bradley

Week of June 14

Deacons of the Week *David Burroughs, Clark Cameron
Sound Technology —Mike Wells, Lee Watford
Shuttle Team—Jeff Baker, Kevin Studinka, Milton Fullman
Counting Team—David McPherson, Steve Thackerson
Flower Committee—Jamie Freeman, Lottie Jacks
Library Volunteers—Jackie Hughes (14), Jeanne Harrelson(17)

Worship Care

Babies Jane Helms, Ashley Floyd
Creepers Carole & Matt Miller
1's Kevin & Elizabeth Studinka
2's Pat Cooper, Betsy Stockdale
3's David & Cathy Compher
4's Nancy Akins, Leigh Simmons
4's & K Becky & Steve White
Desk Lottie St. John

Week of June 28

Deacons of the Week—*Stuart Collier, Lyn Cone
Sound Technology —Pete LeBerte, Mike Wells
Shuttle Team—Andy Brindley, Steve White, Tommy Cherry
Counting Team—Bob Bush, Mel Kukelhan
Flower Committee—Bob & Martha Eskew
Library Volunteers—Betty Hauser (28), Sybil Cox (1)

Worship Care

Babies Nancy Scruggs, Jackie Hughes
Creepers Crystal Watford, Melissa McBrayer
1's Ryan & Tabitha Bradley
2's Laura & Burton Verner
3's Brent & Lisa Warren
4's Amanda Jordan, Brook Fleming
4's & K Scott McGinnis, Elizabeth McCarty
Desk Bob Lochamy

Week of June 7

Deacons of the Week *Sam Brown, Ginny Bugg
Sound Technology-Dan McMurray, Mike Wells
Shuttle Team—Mike Oatts, John Wood, Suzanne Dupree
Counting Team—Taylor Burton, Steve White
Flower Committee —Gay Caldwell, Jerrie Elliott
Library Volunteers—Rachel Fancher (7), Lynn Taylor (10)

Worship Care

Babies Nancy St. John, Sandra Bates
Creepers Janice Fulks, Jennifer Carter
1's Dee & Michael Thomason
2's Beth & David Lang
3's Melanie Medley, Laura Chaires
4's Kim Virciglio, Suzanne Walters
4's & K Laura Griffo, Jan Deagon
Desk Janice Fulks

Week of June 21

Deacons of the Week—*John Chandler, Gilda Coker
Sound Technology —Allen Fulks, Mike Wells
Shuttle Team—Tom Franklin, Chuck Gillespie, Ed Whatley
Counting Team—David Compher, Kevin Jaquess
Flower Committee—Susan LeBold
Library Volunteers—Martha Eskew(21), Lynn Taylor (24)

Worship Care

Babies Billie Lochamy, Mindy Bodenhamer
Creepers Dan & Gay Caldwell
1's Rebecca McKinney, Alexa Brooks
2's John & Virginia Wood
3's Jeff & Monica Graveline
4's Carl & Lynne O'Neal
4's & K Leigh & Stuart Collier
Desk Dick Bodenhamer

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.

Volunteers Needed in Texas July 11-17

Passport campers are doing hurricane relief in Caulder, TX for one week this summer. We have all the supplies and willing hands we can use, but still need mentors with skills related to building and repair. If you have a specific area of expertise we can put you to work and supply you with lots of assistants! You are invited to help us offer grace to the world.

For more information contact
Colleen or David Burroughs at 822-1990.

Opportunities for the Month

Saturday, May 30

10:00 Mexico Mission Team Packing Day

Sunday, May 31

8:45 Bible Study

10:00 Worship Service

5:00 Youth House Party

Monday June 1

9:00 Music Camp

10:00 We Care

5:00 5 to 9

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 Music Camp

Wednesday, June 3

6:30 Prayer Breakfast

9:00 Music Camp

6:00 High School Mission Trip Planning

Thursday, June 4

9:00 Music Camp

4:30 Fellowship Supper

6:00 Music Camp Program

6:00 Youth Group

Saturday, June 6

Mexico Mission Team Leaves

Sunday, June 7

8:45 Bible Study

9:00 High School Mission Trip Leaves

10:00 Worship Service

Wednesday, June 10

6:30 Prayer Breakfast

4:30 Fellowship Supper-Library Open

6:00 Prayer Service

Sunday, June 14

8:45 Bible Study

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Second Sunday Coffee

Monday, June 15

9:00 VBS

5:00 5 to 9

Tuesday, June 16

9:00 VBS

Wednesday, June 17

6:30 Prayer Breakfast

9:00 VBS

Thursday, June 18

9:00 VBS

4:30 Fellowship Supper

6:00 VBS Celebration

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 21

8:45 Bible Study

10:00 Worship Service

5:00 Youth House Party

Monday, June 22

9:00 Art Camp

2:00 Art Camp

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 Art Camp

2:00 Art Camp

Wednesday, June 24

6:30 Prayer Breakfast

9:00 Art Camp

2:00 Art Camp

4:30 Fellowship Supper

6:00 Prayer Service/Lord's Supper

6:00 Youth—Jones Valley Urban Garden

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 25

9:00 Art Camp

2:00 Art Camp

Friday, June 26

9:00 Art Camp

2:00 Art Camp

Sunday, June 28

8:45 Bible Study

10:00 Worship Service

5:00 Youth House Party

Monday, June 29

5:00 5 to 9

Wednesday, July 1

6:30 Prayer Breakfast

4:30 Fellowship Supper

5:00 All American Night—Homeland Quartet

6:00 Youth Group

Fellowship Suppers

June 4

Hamburgers, Corn on the Cob, Relish Tray, Ice Cream w/toppings—Volunteers—JoAnne Delohery, Mindy Bodenhamer

June 10

Turkey Roast, Potatoes AuGratin, English Peas, Apple Ring, Desserts—Volunteers—Sue Edfeldt, Lynn Giles, Mike Oatts, Liz Wells

June 18

Barbeque, Potato Chips, Watermelon—Volunteers—Lynn Giles, Janice Fulks

June 24

Veggie & Salad Night, Cobblers—Volunteers — Martha Eskew, JoAnne Delohery, Mike Oatts, Christina Elliott

July 1

Hot Dogs, hamburgers & all the trimmings, Apple Pie & Ice Cream

Deacons Meeting
Sunday, June 14
5:00 p.m.
Adult Seminar Room