

Variations

1 Corinthians 12:4-6



A Bi-Weekly Message from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

The Shepherd's Pen

Life is a journey filled with both predictable and unpredictable events. If all goes well, we STILL have crises to negotiate that are part of ordinary development. What do we believe? How will we live? Will we marry and have children? What is our life's work?

Crises and how people handle them is a critical clue to our life's happiness and direction. We are all different and that is as God intended. Our unique ways of dealing with life are the product of many different factors, such as biological inheritance, education, our relationships in the family and the world around us, unique experiences, decisions and choices, external events in the world around us beyond our control and our success or failure in mastery of previous crises.

Life is very complicated, even the simplest one. Yet there is a clear goal of maturity for all of us—to grow up, to mature, to succeed, to accomplish, to find spiritual meaning. The aim of the spiritual life is maturity. There is a process of growth and development. That should be no surprise to us, yet it is odd how many of us do not attend to spiritual growth as a priority until a crisis.

It is interesting to me that the Christian religion has always acknowledged that there are life passages. We have institutionalized them in the rituals of our faith and churches. Over the next several weeks, I will be preaching a series of sermons entitled: "**Sacred Signposts: The Markers of Our Journey.**" We will look at the ceremonies of life from birth to death and talk about their place in our lives, what it means to face them, and how we can better navigate the crises they represent.

Sunday, May 30 "Blessing and Dedication: Who is Blessed? Who is Dedicated?"
Mark 10:13-16

Baby Dedication

Sunday, June 6 "Crossing the Bar"
Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 3:13-17;
Romans 6:4

Baptism

Sunday, June 13 "Sign of the Covenant"
1 Corinthians 11:20-34

Lord's Supper

Wednesday, June 16 "The Lost Practice"
Matthew 18:15-22; Galatians 6:1-8

Confession



Vacation Bible School 2010

Throughout time, whenever God saw a need,
had a plan, or there was something to be done...
God told someone to



Our 2010 Vacation Bible School focuses on Gideon, Ananias, The Disciples, and Esther. Their stories will challenge us to lead, to risk, to tell, to obey, and to serve - in our family, neighborhood, church, school, and all around the world!

Register children that have 1) completed Kindergarten thru 6th grade; 2) are in VHBC Preschool Sunday School 3, 4, or 5; and/or 3) are VBS workers' children needing childcare.

A Kid-friendly, complimentary lunch is served daily.

Parents and grandparents are invited to join us for lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Register at www.vhbcvbs2010.eventbrite.com

VBS Collectibles! These are items we need for VBS:

- ◆ Powdered detergent with softener included
- ◆ Egg cartons, cardboard and plastic

--We are no longer collecting cardboard tissue rolls!--

Collecting now until June 6. Please bring to the Children's Building foyer. *Thank you!*

Sunday, June 27 "The Four Promises of a Successful Marriage" Genesis 2:18-25
Wedding

Sunday, July 4 "Last Rites and Last Wrongs" Genesis 49:30-50:26
Funeral



Changes in Wednesday Schedule for July

The church in the Quarterly Business Meeting on April 28 voted unanimously that we not have mid-week activities on the Wednesdays nights of July 7, 14, 21 or 28. 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 supper and activities 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 June 30. It will be All-American Night. We are delighted to bring back Joe Thrasher, Ben Speer and the Homeland Quartet for a night of gospel and patriotic music.

Also, the Wednesday morning prayer breakfast will not meet in July. Our prayer list and prayer concerns will be available Sundays, 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.



All-American Night Wednesday Night, June 30 5:00 p.m.

- ◆ Fellowship Supper of hotdogs, cole slaw, baked beans, and apple pie.
- ◆ Gospel-singing concert by the Homeland Quartet
- ◆ Regular Wednesday night supper price.
- ◆ Invite your friends!!!!



Summer Bible Study "Four Portraits of Christ: A Glimpse from the Four Gospels"

Wednesday Mornings in July
Starting on July 7 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Adult Seminar Room

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and thoughts for Russell during this illness. Your visits, cards, and flowers have helped him thru this difficult time. We hope he will be better soon and able to come to church.

We love you all,
Lottie & Russell Jacks

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 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.

Hello Church Family!

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting the anti-human trafficking efforts of JUSTUS, an organization whose mission is to expose the issue of sex-trafficking and to empower youth to stand and fight against this injustice. These past few months working for JUSTUS have been incredible and the church was an instrumental part of our success.

Thank you for your love and compassionate, open hearts. Please continue to pray for the victims of sex-trafficking in our city, country and world.

Love to you all,
Lily Womble and the JUSTUS Team



We would like to honor our church family veterans for Memorial Day with a photo display on Sunday, May 30. We want to include all branches of service, all dads, brothers, husbands, sons and all women - so please bring your photos to Martha in the church office or call Marty Mullins, 680-3373.

Thank you for helping make this day special!

Remember in Prayer...

Roberta Helms—Brookwood, Rm 524

Members at Home

Grace Barnes	Elizabeth Lindsey
Eugenia Calk	Sarah Little
Ruby Cox	Nancy Lochamy
Virginia Deaton	Fred McCrory
Drew Dorris	Nora Ousley
Dixie Ford	Madie Phillips
Martha Galyean	Ed Richardson
Will & Robbye Gregory	Velma Smyth
Betty Higgins	Kathryn Stewart
James Holmes	Marlene Taylor
Mary Lou Hughes	June Turner
Russell Jacks	Maxine Womble
Emily Jones	Fred Wood
Dorothy Lindsay	Nettie Worrell

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- ◆ Smitty Smith and family in the death of his cousin, Marilyn Smith Greear, of Northport, on May 24.
- ◆ Lou McCracken and family in the death of his cousin, Gladys Campbell, on May 11 in Orlando, FL.

Spend an Up-Close & Personal Evening with “The Blindside Family”

Sponsored by

Reggie Torbor’s First and Five
Foundation

Samford’s Pete Hanna Center
Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.
\$45.00 per seat

To order tickets: www.samford.edu/ops/hanna
or call 205-726-4343

Ministry Budget Offering

Budget Needs This Month	\$111,142
Budget Given This Month	\$99,294

Budget Needs This Year	\$592,756
Budget Given This Year	\$612,134

Free the Future Capital Fund

Pledges	\$1,725,894
Given to Date	\$1,104,312

2010 Unified Missions Offering

Goal	\$40,000
Given to Date	\$6914

DIVE INTO A SUMMER ACTIVITY

- ◆ Vacation Bible School — June 7-10
- ◆ High School Mission Trip — June 12-20
- ◆ Children's Art Camp 1 — June 14-18
- ◆ Children's Art Camp 2 — June 21-25
- ◆ All-American Night with Homeland Quartet—June 30
- ◆ Passport Youth Camp — July 3-9
- ◆ Passport Children's Camp — July 11-14
(Completed Grades 3-6)
- ◆ Construction Mission Trip to Pennsylvania — July 24-31
- ◆ Children's Music Camp — July 26-29
(Completed Grades 1-6)
- ◆ Promotion Day in Sunday School—August 15
- ◆ Music & Missions Begin for Children—August 18



Congratulations

Congratulations to Scott and Dixie Ford on the birth of a daughter, Anna Brooklyn Ford, on May 20. Big sisters and brother are Allie, Amber and Thomas.

Congratulations to Dave and Robin Johnson on the birth of a granddaughter, Emory Kate Haaser, on May 14, in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

A Senior Moment.....

Look at this area in the Variations each time for things that are happening in our community that we think might be of interest to our senior adults.

- ◆ Baby Boomers & Beyond: Educational Lunch & Learn Series—Wednesday, June 2, 2010—12 noon -1:00 p.m. Brookdale Place University Park—Topic: “Caregiving For and Recognizing Problems in Your Elderly Patients/Parents” Speaker: Dr. Janet Alexander, Professor, School of Nursing at Samford University *** Lunch will be served for \$5.00 Registration is required by Friday, May 28, 2010. Call Valerie at 613-0688 or vchilders@brookdaleliving.com to reserve your space.
- ◆ Brown Bag Lunch and Learn—First Presbyterian Church—2100 4th Ave. N.—June 3, 2010—12:00—1:00 —Alicia Lepke from Gracious Transitions will present a program about Caring for Aging Parents. Park in the parking deck on the corner and your card will be stamped for free parking.
- ◆ Game Day—June 17—10:00 a.m. —Student Lounge down in the Youth Building. Come try your hand at Uno, Mexican Dominoes or a various assortment of games. Bring a sack lunch and stay for a time of fellowship.

Week of May 27-June 2

Friday, May 28

8:30 Senior Adult Trip

Sunday, May 30

8:45 Bible Study

10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, June 1

6:30 ERT Training

Wednesday, June 2

6:30 Prayer Breakfast

4:30 Fellowship Supper

6:00 Prayer Service

6:00 Youth Group

Week of June 3-10

Sunday, June 6

8:45 Bible Study

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Prep for VBS

Monday, June 7

9:00 VBS

Tuesday, June 8

9:00 VBS

6:30 ERT Training

Wednesday, June 9

9:00 VBS

6:30 Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, June 10

9:00 VBS

4:30 Fellowship Supper

6:00 VBS Celebration

Volunteers in Service for the Week of May 30

Deacons of the Week: *Ann Marie Harvey, Jane Helms

Counting Team: Bob Bush, Mel Kukelhan

Sound Technology: Mike Wells, Allen Fulks

Shuttle Service Team: Andy Brindley, Steve White, Tommy Cherry

Flower Committee: Marty Mullins

Library Committee: Marilyn Tinnermon (30) Lynn Taylor (2)

Worship Care

Babies Amy Gillis, Gilda Coker

Creepers Judy Schlegel, Elizabeth Hamilton

Ones Mary Mathangani, JoAnne Delohery

Twos Carter & Leslie Doyle

Threes Bob Lochamy, Carol Porter

Fours Mary Cherry, Lynn Fullman

4's-K Sybil Cox, Betty Hauser

Desk Bob Bradley

Volunteers in Service for the Week of June 6

Deacons of the Week: *Kevin Jaquess, Todd Jordan

Counting Team: Ann Holt, Jason Dearing

Sound Technology: Mike Wells, Pete LeBerte

Shuttle Service Team: Dave Bamberg, Bill Dupree, Bob St. John

Flower Committee: Elene Griffith, Sharon Hartzog

Library Committee: Jackie Hughes (6) Jeanne Harrelson (9)

Worship Care

Babies Nancy St. John, Sandra Bates

Creepers Janice Fulks, Jenifer Carter

Ones Michael & Dee Thomason

Twos David & Beth Lang

Threes Brent & Lisa Warren

Fours Kim Virciglio, Suzanne Walters

4's-K Kathryn Stewart, Cathy Donze

Desk Eloise Chandler

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

June 2

Turkey Roast, AuGratin Potatoes, English Peas, Apple Ring, Brownies

Volunteers-Martha Eskew, Judy Schlegel, Bob Eskew, Liz Wells

June 10

Barbeque, Potato Chips, Watermelon

Volunteers—Bob Eskew, Jackie Hughes

Called Business Meeting

This Sunday, May 30

(at the end of the Worship Service)

Agenda

- ◆ Church vote on the Strategic Discernment Committee Report

OUR MINISTRY STAFF
Gary A. Furr, Pastor
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