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JUNE - JULY, 2008



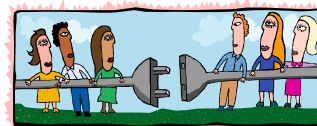
Reception for Gascon Family

Jonesboro Baptist Church will host a floating reception honoring the Gascon family on Sunday, June 22, 200, in the fellowship hall between the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. All Associational churches are invited, as well as area Hispanics and others who have been touched by this family. This will be a time for you to see and visit with Juan and the family, to share your love and support with them, and to experience the great faith and optimism which they possess. They are so excited to be "home" and are excited about seeing each of you.

There will be a list of suggested needed items sent to each church at a later date for those of you who wish to bring gifts.

Light refreshments will be served at the reception.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Bradshaw's at work (434-292-4665), or home (434)-292-3265). We look forward to seeing you on this special day.



Youth Task Force Report Second Annual 30 Hour Famine

We are praising God for another successful 30 Hour Famine! The churches that participated were Ash Camp, Bagby, Burkeville, Friendship and Mt. Nebo. Along with Sandy Creek BC and Riverside Community Church. Ninety-five attended with seventy-two being youth. This event was held at Heritage Baptist Church. The fast began after lunch on Friday and continued until 6:00 PM on Saturday. When they arrived they began making a shelter to sleep in out of card board boxes. The rest of the evening included a praise band (made up from 3 of the churches), speakers and games that made them aware of suffering and hunger in the world. Saturday they volunteered their time in many areas. Gleaning for the World (Concord), Our Daily Bread (Lynchburg), Alm's House (Burkeville), Habitat (Dillwyn), feeding lunch to 120 homeless with First Baptist Church (Richmond), Pregnancy Support Center (Farmville) and FACES Food Pantry (Farmville). In between the rain groups washed cars and sold lemonade. The money they raised prior to the event along with Saturday totaled \$4,835.00. Ash Camp went home with the 30 Hour Famine trophy for the second year in a row! The 30 Hour Famine is part of World Vision, which is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision serves along side the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people.

Members of the Youth Task Force are: Susanna Baker, Wesley Inge, Angie Morris, Sam Rabon, Sylvia Smith, and Kim Wingo.



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR . . .

As many of you know, I graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 23, 2008, with a degree in Christian Ethics. I wish to thank the Association for all its help, understanding, and prayers during the past three years. It is nice to know that the churches, pastors, and congregations were supportive of this endeavor. God bless you and thank you!

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16

What's over 600 miles long and helps people in need?
The Path that leads from.....
C to Shining C Walk

From August 1 to September 14, HopeTree will trek across the great Commonwealth of Virginia, from Cumberland Gap in the West to Chincoteague on the Eastern Shore. The approach is simple. HopeTree folks will walk along the main highways between destinations stopping along the way to meet with supporters and friends and strangers to share the HopeTree story.

In the spirit of Jesus' original commissioning of disciples, HopeTree representatives will go out in pairs, with one person walking while the other occupies an escort vehicle. After a couple of miles, they will trade. The Schedule has been carefully planned, but there is a greater scheduling need yet to be completed.

There are three goals to accomplish on this journey.

- 1) Tell as many people as possible about HopeTree Family Services.
- 2) Thank HopeTree supporters across Virginia for their assistance through the years.
- 3) Generate \$150,000 in new support along the way.

Walkers are due to arrive in the Southside Association area on Wednesday, August 27th. The following tentative schedule is being coordinated by Mrs. Hazel Harrison of Heritage and Rev. Clyde Shelton of Bagby for Southside Association support of the C to Shining C Walk.

Wednesday, August 27 - Speak at Heritage and send the night at Southside Home.

Thursday, August 28 - Walk to the Rice area and meet with a group during the noon hour. Walk to Burkeville area, and speak to a group. Spend the night with the Shelton's.

Friday, August 29 - Walk to Crewe and speak with Crewe Prayer Group, which includes several churches (10:00 AM meeting). Walk to Blackstone and meet with a group.

The speaking schedule is tentative. If any group or church is interested in having the walkers meet to discuss the work of Hope Tree, please contact Mrs. Hazel Harrison at 434-392-9066, email htarrison@longwoodu.org; or Clyde Shelton at 434-767-2259, email bagbymem@yahoo.com.

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"Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10 KJV).

Summer Camp:

Camp Little CrossRoads in Lowesville, VA is THE place for summer camping. Weekly camps begin June 16 and run through week of August 4. You may view the weeks that have openings, register one or more campers and pay on line at www.crossroadsccc.com. You may also call 1-800-255-2428 for additional information.

Ellen Gravatt Scholarship Fund:

Applications have been received from members of Kenbridge BC who will be traveling to Mexico July 5-12 on a mission trip. Since a decision had been made earlier that only 10 people could receive support on a single mission trip, a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 has been mailed for them to use as they see fit to meet the needs of those going. Please pray for this trip and for the members going, as this is a first mission trip out of the country for many of them.

Thank You received:

Dear Southside WMU

Thank you for the donation to the Ellen Gravatt Mission Fund in memory of Jimmy. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Love,
Karen Howard

Coming this Fall:

New emphasis for 2008-2010: Called to Love
Watchword: Matthew 22:37-39

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Doesn't this sound exciting? More to come on this later in summer!!

JONESBORO BC NEWS: Our month of May began with much excitement as we baptized 3 new members on the 4th. This was followed by observance of Lord's Supper. A covered dish luncheon followed the Worship Service. Our ladies led the service on Mother's Day with flowers given to each Mom and Gail Williams bringing the message. A love offering was received for Madeline's House also. Sunday School workers met at Mildred's Meals on Saturday, May 17th for planning. Emphasis was given to Assoc. Mission Week of Pray on the 18th with special offering to be collected. Members of our Armed Forces were recognized on the 25th and Kirk Finton, a JBC member and veteran, brought the message. We are excited to have Juan and Connie back home in our parsonage and continue to minister to their needs. A reception for them is planned for June 22nd. All are invited to attend.



Church News

ASH CAMP: Our love and prayers continue to lift up the Juan Carlos Gascon family. May God's blessings be with them. Pray for and share that the goal for Associational Missions week of \$7,500 may be reached. VBS will be held June 2-6, 9-12 o'clock. All are invited to attend - Jerusalem Marketplace – Holy Land adventure. The last day of preschool class promotion for 3's and 4's was held on Thurs., May 22, and Tuesday 20th. Ash Camp BC Scholarships (5) given to help Christians needing financial assistance for education. Required information must be received by May 31st. Alyson Napier graduated from Sweet Briar College on May 10th. Congratulations Alyson. Ben Smith graduated from SVCC and will attend UVA next year. Ben, we're proud of you. The seniors of Randolph-Henry were honored with a breakfast and grandparents, parents and special guest were invited. Our Youth had a car wash on April 19th to support World Vision's Feeding Hungry Children Program.

BAGBY: Our church distributed food at ALMS House on April 26th. Bagby's oldest church member, Garland Wilmouth, celebrated his 95th birthday, April 30th. During April and May our WMU collected socks for patients at the Veterans Hospital, and made 18 pairs of shorts for a school connected with Door of Hope Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. On May 17th, our youth helped First BC youth in Richmond prepare and distribute food to the homeless in the Richmond area. Graduates were recognized in our worship service on May 18th, and were presented a gift Bible from the church.

BURKEVILLE: Bible School will be held at our church the week of June 16th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, with Donna Norton as the Director. The theme will be "Avalanche Ranch". The church would like to congratulate Brittany Gibbs, Stephanie Lewis and Tara Simmons as they graduated from Nottoway High School, May 31st. The Wirt family will be at Camp Piankatank July 6-11 as Kevin will be the Camp Pastor.

DUNDAS: The SBA Pastor's Meeting was held at our church, May 5th. Our Mother's Day Service, May 12th was well attended, and each Mother was recognized with a gift. Also, the eldest mother, youngest mother, and the mother with the most children present were presented with a gift. High School and College Graduates were recognized on June 1st followed by a reception after the Morning Worship Service. VBS is scheduled for June 16-20th. The theme is "Outrigger Island". The closing Luau will be on Sat. the 21st, and the VBS ceremony will be during S.S. on Sun. June 22nd. Friday, July 4th, at 12:00 noon we will "Celebrate Our Freedom" with singing, food, games for the children and good Christian fellowship. Our Youth will be attending Camp Crossroads July 28th-Aug. 2nd.

FRIENDSHIP: At the mid-week service (April 30) helium filled balloons were released by the youth and adults as part of our National Day of Prayer (May 1) observance. The church participated in the Day of Prayer/Special Offering for Juan Carlos Gascon. A total of \$750.00 was given to the special fund set up for the Gascon Family. Mr. Russell Thurston and the Youth had lunch at Burger King and went arrowhead hunting in the area. The ladies of the church exchanged their favorite recipes at a luncheon on May 4th. All the mother's in attendance on Mother's Day were honored and recognized. Several attended the Joy Group at Pisgah on the 13th. Mr. Thurston met with the children on the 18th for lunch and a Father's Day Craft activity time. The Youth enjoyed an afternoon of bowling and pizza at South Boston World of Sports. We observed the Association Mission Week and gave \$712.00. VBS – "Cactus Canyon" will kickoff with a cookout on Sunday, June 8th. Classes will be held Mon., June 9th – Fri., June 13th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM for ages 3 through 5th grade. Dr. Jerry P. Jordan will teach an adult class. On June 15th, Father's Day, we will recognize our Fathers, Graduates, and VBS Commencement Services. Homecoming is July 20th with Rev. Matt Wilkins as the guest speaker. The Youth and their chaperones will be attending camp the week of July 21st at Ridgecrest, NC. New church office hours are Mon. – Fri. 12:15 to 4:15 PM.

KENBRIDGE: May 4th, we enjoyed another Children and Youth led Worship Service as well as Communion together. What a special day to have our young people led us! The theme, "Jesus is Our Rock" reminded us that with our faith firmly set in Jesus we can weather the storms life

often places in our path. We continue to collect money for the Juan Carlos Gascon fund and World Missions as we prepare to go on several mission trips over the summer, as well as ensure several of our children and youth are able to attend Christian summer camps. We are especially blessed this year that KBC will form its VERY OWN mission team going to Mexico!! We will be raising funds and awareness in the next month and a half until we leave (early July). This is the first time our church has fielded its own team, and this might be the biggest "hands-on-missions" endeavor the church has seen. Please be in prayer for the following individuals as they seek to go out and show the world God's love through ACTIONS as well as words: Carol Aune, Franny & Wendy Berry, Chippie & Nancy Chappell, Jennifer Coffey, Kristi Elliott, Jonathan Gascon, Gene & Betty Marker, Scott Marker, Megan Marker, Jon & Tanya Parks, Buddy Pennington, and Karen Wilkinson. Also be in prayer for everyone they meet – not just on the mission site, but in the airport, where they stay, where they visit – that their hearts will be open to see God...for God CAN choose to show up in some unexpected places!!

MT. ZION: Our church appointed a committee to develop a new and updated Constitution. Also, the Pastor and Deacons are developing a Deacons Family Ministry Program to identify needs in the community, and a visitation schedule in order to increase attendance. On Sunday, May 25th we had a Gideon speaker. To celebrate Memorial Day we had a fish fry. Many thanks to Pastor Coan Agee and Velda for providing all the fish and to Pastor Alden Hicks for helping to cook. We had a wonderful day of fellowship, and we remembered all those who have gone before us sacrificing their lives for our freedom. On June 10th we will be visiting Britthaven to minister to the residents.

PISGAH: Our church would like to thank the Worsham Baptist Puppet Team for visiting during AWANA on May 6th. The children, as well as the adults, thoroughly enjoyed the program. AWANA also had its closing ceremony on the 20th to resume with the upcoming school year. The AWANA program requires dedication of many people to be successful and we would like to thank all of those involved. The last community breakfast of the year was held on May 10th and will resume in the Fall. Thanks to all those who helped make the year a success! Pisgah would like to congratulate newlyweds Candice & Joshua Maine, and also Jessica & Chris Williams who were married this passed month. Pastor Wallace recognized numerous graduates during the Worship Service on May 25th. We congratulate Tyra Bowman for receiving her nursing degree and Morgan Bowen, Ashlie Baldwin, Leah Farley, Amber Bowman, and Cody Jenkins all receiving their high school diplomas. Pisgah would like to invite you all to join us to enjoy the music of "Beckon Call" on Sunday evening, June 1st, at 7:00 PM. We will have a covered-dish dinner preceding the performance. Be sure to come! Also, remember "Outrigger Island" VBS, which will be held June 8-13 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM nightly. We will have a cookout on that Friday the 13th after the closing ceremony. Our church family would like to wish everyone a safe and blessed summer. We'd also like to ask for continued prayer for those members struggling with various health issues. Thank you and God Bless.

SHARON: Smokey Wilson, country gospel music singer from Concord, VA will be presenting a Gospel Music Concert at our church on Sunday afternoon, June 1st at 3:00 P.M. Everyone is invited. We had Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 18th to honor those graduating from high school. This was followed by a covered dish luncheon. VBS will be Sunday, June 15th through Friday, June 20th. Jennifer Bailey has been employed as our Director for Youth. She will work with the pastor and youth council on activities for the children and young people

VICTORIA: Rev. Hare and J. B. Crenshaw attended a Pastor/Deacon Leadership Retreat at Eagle Eyrie on May 2nd & 3rd. Our high school and college graduates will be recognized during the Worship Service on May 25th. The Lunenburg Ministerial Association is sponsoring a Baccalaureate Service on May 25th at 7:00 P.M. at the Central High Gym. On June 29th, we will have our usual fifth Sunday breakfast at 9:00 A.M. prepared by our men, we will collect canned items for the community food pantry, and the men will sing in the choir during the Worship Service. VBS is scheduled for July 7-11. Stacey Newton is our VBS Director. Plans are being made for some of our youth and adults to attend the Family Missions 2008 at Eagle Eyrie July 14-19.

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ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE & JULY

June 16 – Aug. 7th Summer Camps held weekly at Crossroads Camp & Conference Center.

June 17 – SBA Executive Board Meeting – TBA

July 4 - Independence Day – Associational Office Closed

July 8 - Joy Group Meeting, Union Grove BC, 12:00 Noon

July 19-25 - Kentucky Mission Trip

Looking Ahead:

August 23 – Pastor’s Steak Dinner, Location TBA

HELP WANTED

Heritage Baptist Church in Farmville seeks Organist for 11:00 AM Sunday Service. Salaried position with job description. For details: Wayne Tinnell, Personnel Committee Chair, 434-392-5154, or Mary DeLayne Allcock, Interim Minister of Music, 434-315-0061.

Burkeville Baptist Church is looking for a part time Secretary, (10 hours a week). Salary to be determined based on experience. Please contact the church in writing at Burkeville Baptist Church, PO Box 325, Burkeville, VA 23922, Attention: Stanley Worsham.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Iglesia Hispana Bautista Anastasis
Rev. & Mrs. Juan Carlos Gascon and sons
Jonathan and J.C.

Dee Dee Hoosier, Director of Bland Ministry Center.
Rev. Earl Wallace, Health concerns.
Rev. Amanda Johnston, Associate Pastor at Farmville BC.
Rev. Alden Hicks – Mother passed away.
Kentucky Mission Trip – July 19th – 25th
Louisiana Mission Trip – October
Dennis K. Myers – Surgery in June