



THE CALENDAR

Expressing the Mission and Ministry of First Baptist Church
Chippewa Square Savannah, Georgia

Shining God's Light on Crocodile Dock



At Vacation Bible School we will:

- * Make New Friends
- * Sing Songs on the Dock
- * Craft with some Critters
- * Eat Snacks
- * Play Gator Games
- * Learn in Bible Bayou

Location: First Baptist Church

July 13-17

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Call 234-2671 to Register

FIRST THOUGHTS

[Editor's note: While Dr. Finley is on sabbatical this summer, we are reprinting several *First Thoughts* columns from the past fifteen years, including this one originally published on July 13, 1994.]

We have shared together our first Sunday and it was an experience that I shall not soon forget. I thank Cathy Cole and the diaconate especially for their help in assuring that our first communion service was done “decently and in order.” In addition, your words of welcome were most appreciated.

I should add my own appreciation for our fine church staff and the way they have performed during the interim and now the early days of my ministry. Wes Monfalcone, Cathy Cole, and Janis Lewis have done admirable jobs as interim assistants. James Richardson is quite simply the finest church musician with whom I have ever worked. The other members of the support staff have likewise been a tremendous help. It is now my pleasure to work with these talented new friends.

In the weeks ahead, all of us will have the opportunity to become better acquainted and to invest our lives with each other. As your minister, I truly want to know you personally. I also want you to know who I am, and to find in me a fellow pilgrim and friend. Most all of our experiences together will be rich and rewarding; occasionally, we will disappoint each other. In this sense, beginning a new pastorate is a bit like learning how to dance. We will step on each other's toes a few times, but it will always be a failure of the head and never the heart.

Lastly, I want you to know how pleased I am to be your minister. Truth to tell, it feels like I have come home to the place where I belong. T. S. Eliot wrote these lines in his poem “Little Gidding,” good words this first week on Chippewa Square:

*We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And to know the place for the first time.*

– John Finley

<p>Welcome Our New Member Lauren Colwell 518 East 51st Street Savannah, GA 31405 (201-3649) by letter</p>	<p>Our Family Night Activities will resume in the fall. In the meanwhile, watch <i>The Calendar</i> for news of fellowship events throughout the summer. The next of these is a covered dish supper scheduled for July 8. Call the church office to make a reservation.</p>	<p>Sympathy to Emily Eady and family in the death of her brother, Spilman Short</p>
<p>Hospitalizations none known as we go to print</p>		<p>Sympathy to Jack Usher and family in the death of his sister, Rosemary Usher Jones</p>
<p>Acolytes for July 5 Andrew Durden Bee Laster</p>	<p>Deacons Serving in July Lem Brawner, captain Bridget Browne Reed Creaser Frances Mills George Shriver Leslie Stull Shannon Willhite</p>	<p>Children's Time for July 12 Lauren Colwell</p>
<p>Lay Reader for July 5 Katie Durden</p>		<p>Lay Reader for July 12 Claire Johnson</p>
<p>Greeters for July 5 Cilie Sutton Ashley Williams</p>		<p>Greeters for July 12 Henry and Ann Frech</p>
<p>Sanctuary Flowers for July 5 Given to the glory of God and in memory of David Shriver, by George and Cathy Shriver</p>	<p>Ushers Serving in July Bill Sutton, captain Glenn Arnsdorff Alan Pritchard Rebecca Sutton Beth Wright</p>	<p>Sanctuary Flowers for July 12 Given to the glory of God and in memory of Stockton Dreese, by Amelia Dreese</p>



The following persons have birthdays during the month of July:

- July 3 - Evalyn Miles
- July 4 - Alex Anderson
- July 5 - Vicky Lee Dyches
- July 6 - Carol Lewis
- July 7- Ted Beach, Mary Jane Duncan
- July 8 - Carolyn Cubbedge, Mike Elliott, Ann Fredrich, Betty Roberts,
- July 9 - Joe Stubbs
- July 10 - Jack Anderson
- July 12 - Margaret Hardy, Sean Plunkett
- July 13 - Jeremy Elliott
- July 14 - Vreeland George
- July 15 - Ann Frech, June Pool
- July 16 - Greg Lawhorne
- July 18 - Marie Anderson
- July 19 - Camille Heidel
- July 20 - Mark Murphy
- July 21 - Chris Cooper, Hugh Justice, Diane New, Carolyn Richardson,
- July 22 - Tommy Davis, Marilyn Tarver
- July 25 - Steve Eady
- July 26 - Lexie George
- July 27 - Charlotte Sauers
- July 30 - Brooks Stillwell
- July 31 - Louis Ambos

ITEMS FOR CUBA

Remember to bring personal size toiletry items for the gift bags that will be delivered on our next mission trip to Cuba. These may be left in the conference room or in Lewis Hall.

PULPIT GUEST

Our guest preacher on July 12 will be Dr. Rob Nash of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Nash is Coordinator of Global Missions for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

**Next Midweek Fellowship Event
Covered Dish Supper
Youth Passport Camp Report
6:00 p.m. on July 8**

PASSPORT CAMP REPORT

On June 18, thirteen youth and three adults returned from a week of Passport Camp in Wingate, North Carolina. Following this summer's theme of [re]mix, campers studied II Corinthians 5:17-20. Each day the campers focused on a different verse and learned that we are [re]created by Christ who can help us re[do] decisions we have made. Once we learn to [re]think in light of Christ, we can then re[act] to the world around us as Christ would. The youth also gave to support the Aldapes, Bandelas, and Cokers, field personnel serving in India to develop schools, teach skills, and spread the message of [re]creation.

We also want to extend a huge thanks to our wonderful chaperones Barbara Bearden and Charlie Benton. Without Barbara's green, sequined dress and Charlie's shocking Bible trivia it just would not have been the same! We all had a fantastic time and look forward to sharing more with you on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00 in Lewis Hall.

– Lauren Colwell

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will take place July 13-17, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We are going down to the bayou and Crocodile Dock to learn how we can shine God's light and how God shines God's light for us. We will spend a good bit of time in the Exodus stories and see how God is with us, God keeps God's word, God is powerful, God gives us life, and God cares for us. As a part of our mission emphasis, we will be making comfort critters to give to children who have lost everything in various national disasters. If you would like to register your child for VBS (3 years old through 5th grade) or sign up to help, please call the church office at 234-2671. We hope to see you down on the dock!

BENEVOLENCE NEEDS

The monthly benevolence offering received on each communion Sunday is used to meet a variety of community needs. The first \$250 which we receive is given to United Ministries of Savannah to help with the meals that are served to the homeless, and for rent, utility, and food needs of families with children, the elderly, and the disabled. The remainder is used to assist individuals and families whose needs fall outside the needs met by United Ministries. Please remember that the July offering will be received this Sunday, July 5. Your contributions are needed and

appreciated as we seek to help those in need.

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The Calendar

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The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2009

Eleven O'clock

Meditation:

“My Grace is Sufficient for You”

Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

First Lesson:

II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Second Lesson:

II Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel:

Mark 6:1-13

Anthem:

“Thou Alone Art Israel’s Shield”

by Jean Berger

Schedule of Activities

July 5 - 18, 2009

SUNDAY, July 5

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Morning Worship

WEDNESDAY, July 8

6:00 Covered Dish Supper

7:00 Adult Choir - Room 300

FRIDAY, July 10

5:00 Youth Movie Night

Lewis Hall

SUNDAY, July 12

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Morning Worship

DAILY, July 13 - 17

9:00 Vacation Bible School

MONDAY, July 13

5:15 Budget and Finance

5:45 Diaconate - Room 206

TUESDAY, July 14

11:30 Mission Group Luncheon

Toni’s Steakhouse

WEDNESDAY, July 15

5:30 Adult Choir - Room 300

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2009

Eleven O'clock

Sermon:

“Asking the Right Question”

Dr. Rob Nash

First Lesson:

Psalm 24

Second Lesson:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel:

Luke 10:25-37