



THE CALENDAR

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

CUBA MISSION TRIP

August 3-11, 2010

Representing our church on this trip:

Tricia Kilgore

Curt Lewis

Curtis Lewis III

Smith Lewis

Barbara Smith

Polly Stramm

Steve Stramm

Andy Thompson

Stephen Thompson

FIRST THOUGHTS

As most of you read this edition of *The Calendar*, Norma and I will be attending the 20th Baptist World Congress in Honolulu, Hawaii. Baptists around the globe who are affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance have been meeting together since 1905, and on a regular basis every five years since 1950, in what is referred to as a “congress.” Forty members of First Baptist Church, Savannah, attended such a gathering of the BWA in Atlanta in July 1939, and Dr. Leroy Cleverdon was a participant at the fiftieth anniversary congress which met in London in 1955. Other members of our congregation have attended previous congresses of the BWA, and support its global mission through our church budget or through designated gifts to its relief agency, BWAid.

Having celebrated last year the 400th anniversary of the founding of the first Baptist congregation in Amsterdam in 1609, global Baptists this year are looking to the future. The theme of this year’s congress is *Hear the Spirit*, and invites Baptists around the world to assemble in Hawaii July 28-August 1 in order to fellowship, worship, study, serve, and hear together what new thing God wants to create in all of us. The gathering itself promises to be an extraordinary experience, inasmuch as the BWA represents a community of some 105 million Baptists in more than 200 conventions and unions from more than 100 countries of the world.

Some of you know that earlier this year I was named a member of the BWA’s Commission on Baptist Heritage and Identity to serve a five year term from 2010 to 2015. One of seven standing commissions of the BWA, this group seeks to clarify issues pertaining to the heritage and identity of the Baptist family with a view to furthering the local congregation’s understanding of its place and calling in the world as well as the worldwide Baptist movement. The commission records the story of God’s dealings among Baptists around the world and produces materials suitable for use by Baptists and by others who are interested in understanding Baptist identity.

Join me in your prayers for this important gathering of our worldwide denominational family as brothers and sisters explore where Baptists have been and where God may be leading us in the future by the power of the Holy Spirit.

– John Finley

Hospitalizations

None known as we prepare to print

Hospital Discharges

Pat Doyle

Sympathy

to Lynn Smithberg and family
in the death of her father-in-law,
Leon Isadore Smithberg

Lay Reader for August 1

Kami Johnson

Acolytes for August 1

John Foxx Willhite
Claire Zipperer

Greeters for August 1

Reed and Barbara Creaser

Deacons Serving in August

June Pool, captain
Lem Brawner
Curtis Lewis
Milton Newton
George Shriver
Joan Usher
Shannon Willhite

Ushers Serving in August

Bill Sutton, captain
Earl Kirkley
Matthew McClain
Rebecca Sutton
Beth Wright

Sanctuary Flowers for August 1

given to the glory of God
and in memory of loved ones
by Ida Frances Traxler

Lay Reader for August 8

Shannon Willhite

Children’s Time for August 8

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Greeters for August 8

Jack and Joan Usher

Sanctuary Flowers for August 8

given to the glory of God
and in memory of J. Harry Duncan
by his wife, Mary Jane Duncan

Altar Guild for August 1

Fran Arnsdorff, Frances Mills

Altar Guild for August 8

Janis Lewis, Margaret Hardy,
Joan Pusser



The following persons have birthdays during the month of August:

- August 1 - Linda Beach
- August 2 - Ken Powers
- August 3 - Jordan Poole
- August 5 - Doyle Foxx, Rance Pusser, Gordon Smith
- August 6 - Harold McClung, Joan Usher
- August 7 - Jim Flanagan, Billy Jones, John Tyson
- August 8 - Pam Finland
- August 9 - Marc Richardson
- August 11 - Linton Gay, Nellie Jones, David Robbins, Betsy Sutton, Will Sutton
- August 13 - Bee Laster
- August 16 - Rebecca Turner
- August 17 - Matt Heglund
- August 18 - Lynn Hadwin, Nancy Lazard, Curtis Lewis, Harrell Roberts
- August 24 - Tom Davis, Matthew Finley, Jillian Wade
- August 25 - Anna Farmer
- August 26 - Matthew McClain
- August 27 - Bootsie Swicord
- August 29 - Bays Anderson

August Responsibilities

Audio Committee
Alan Pritchard

Greeters Committee
Donna Plunkett

Lord's Supper Committee
Jeanne Lawhorne, Greg Lawhorne

Worship Committee
Steve Eady

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget receipts to date	\$ 309,667
Budget needs to date	\$ 389,256

FAITH COMES BY HEARING

As of July 25, we have received \$422.17 toward our goal of \$1,000 to aid in the translation of the New Testament into over 2,000 languages for people who do not have the New Testament in their own language. The Faith Comes by Hearing organization is providing the translation as well as Proclaimers (devices which allow for the hearing of the Gospel in villages without electricity). We have procured three Proclaimers for churches in the Czech Republic and hope to provide the same for Dr. Jane Jennings to take to Pakistan. Your generous donations will help share the Gospel around the world. Please mark your check "Faith Comes by Hearing" and put it in the offering plate.

– Missions and Social Ministries Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Following the third Sunday luncheon on August 15, reports will be given by participants in two recent mission efforts. We will hear reports about our sister church in Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, and Passport Kenya.

AUGUST MIDWEEK GATHERING

Our Wednesday Gathering for August will be held on August 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Lewis Hall. Our guests for the evening will be Ryan and Cindy Clark, who were recently appointed by CBF to serve for two years in Baguio City, Philippines. The Clarks will serve on faculty at Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, teaching courses in pastoral care and providing administrative support. First Baptist Church has several connections to the seminary there. Gaye Rountree's father served as president of the seminary prior to his retirement, and Charlie Benton taught pastoral care classes there this past spring. In addition, Cindy Clark is the sister of our own Tricia Kilgore. We will receive a love offering for the Clarks while they are with us.

NEW DIVISION OF THE PIPE ORGAN

It was in the fall of 2006 that a memorial gift from the Julia Bass Teschke Charitable Trust made possible the positive division of the pipe organ, which had not been completed when the organ was restored in 1990 due to a lack of funds. The process was interrupted, of course, by the serious structural repairs that had to be accomplished in the attic. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing about this division, and sometime later actually hearing the pipes play. This week the casework is being completed, and we would hope to see the actual pipes very soon. Once they are installed, the tuning and voicing process of each individual pipe will still require considerable time. Stay tuned for regular updates!

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The Worship of God

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2010
Eleven O'clock

Meditation:

“Memories: Past and Future”
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

First Lesson:

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Second Lesson:

Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel:

Luke 22:14-23

Anthem:

“Bread of Heaven”
by Roy Hopp

**Schedule of Activities
August 1-14, 2010**

SUNDAY, August 1

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 12:15 Coffee Hour

MONDAY, August 2

- 10:00 Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, August 3

Cuba Mission Trip begins

WEDNESDAY, August 4

- 5:30 Adult Choir
Room 300

SUNDAY, August 8

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, August 9

- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 5:45 Diaconate

TUESDAY, August 10

- 11:00 Mission Group
Wilkes Boarding House

WEDNESDAY, August 11

- 6:00 Fellowship Meal and
Missions Program
- 7:15 Adult Choir
Room 300

The Worship of God

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2010
Eleven O'clock

Sermon:

“Gracias!”
Dr. Graham Walker

First Lesson:

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Second Lesson:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel:

Luke 17:11-19

Anthem:

“Father of Eternal Grace”
by David Starr