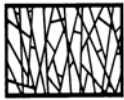


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**The Pastor's COLUMN**

There are two approaches to change within the church. One views change as a transitional period between two relatively stable situations. This view of change sees the role of church members as that of analyzing the present situation, determining a more advantageous goal and committing themselves to reach that goal through a series of strategic steps. The biblical model for such an approach is the Exodus from Egypt. God's people were in a mess. They cried out to God. God heard their cry and sent Moses to lead them out of bondage, through the wilderness and to the Promised Land. God provided food (manna) and water for their needs in the wilderness. After Joshua took the reins of leadership, the Children of Israel conquered the land and dwelled in it. Joshua 5:12 says, "The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer ate the manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year." The manna was God's provision for a time of change. When the change was no longer happening, the manna ceased and things got into a new routine.

There is another way of viewing change. It is that of becoming a transitioning people, a people who are constantly engaged in the process of assessing the current needs of the people around us and constantly depending upon the Spirit of God to provide those needs. The biblical model is the peripatetic ministry of Jesus. Jesus said, "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." (Luke 9: 58) He sent out his disciples with astounding power but with nothing for the journey. (Luke 9:3) They were to depend upon God for provisions.

My sense is that churches that treat change as a temporary condition are losing their opportunity to be recipients of the fullness of God's provision. Instead of "going through a time of change," let us recognize that our faith is in God who comes alongside us in a journeying mode. God's people do not ask in disgust, "Well what now? but rather say with anticipation, "What next?"



**WORK DAY...OCTOBER 20TH  
 PAINTERS NEEDED!!!!  
 9:00 A.M. UNTIL.....**

Projects: Sealing the handicap ramp, painting fascia board, refinish front doors of chapel, refinish inside doors of two towers.

**CARE AND CONCERN**

**Bereavement**

The family of Ruby McNair (Frances Flemming's sister)

The family of Bill Guenther

**Hospital**

J. B. Stegall (John Lathan's grandfather) in Carolina Medical Center, Charlotte, NC

Billie Faye Smith Henrico Drs Parham (515)

Tennie Kelly (Dixie's Mom) in North Carolina

**Prayers**

Christopher Gresham (Inez Williamson's nephew), Paul Irwin, Jr., Ray O'Bryant, Flemming McMullin, Susan Law, Dot Winfree, Dot Houchens, Lauren Bell (Zoe Harper's granddaughter), Angie and Joe Wheeler (friends of Vickie Hall), Alma Irby, Karen Doumle (Melba George's cousin), Christine Mattingly (Nancy Bradley's sister), Sue Eilertson (friend of Ann Watlington), Don Kelly (Dixie's brother), George Ritchie, Kate Jacobs (friend of Ann Charlescraft)

**Friends to Remember**

George Adams, Jimmy Cowardin, Lewellyn Martin, Jack McCullough, Catherine Rock, Mary Taylor, Lelia Watlington, Emmanuel Christian Community, Sri Lanka Baptist Convention

**In the Armed Forces in Iraq**

Robert Justin Hawthorne, grandson of Ava Adams  
 Jonathan Nelms (son) & James Epperson (nephew)

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday—Thursday: 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday: Office Closed**

Stephanie Law...our Intern's office hours:

**Wednesdays 2-5 p.m.**

**Thursdays 2-5 p.m.**

**Dot Houchens - Guest of Honor**



Please join the Richmond area Christian churches as we celebrate Christian Educators from around the city on Friday, November 2, 6:30 p.m at Bon Air Baptist Church.

**Contact our church office!**

**Make reservations to attend to celebrate our own Dot Houchens.**

Cost is \$30.00 per person.

Israel Galindo, BTSR professor will be the keynote speaker. The van will leave the church at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, Nov 2. Everyone is invited to travel together for this occasion.

**Reservations required by October 16.**

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Receipts 10/07/07: \$4,884.60

Year-to-Date thru 9/30/07:

Receipts to General Fund: \$191,060

Expenditures from General Fund: 222,011

### ALMA HUNT STATE MISSION OFFERING

Goal: \$2,100

Collected to date 10/07/07: \$1,750

### ANN CHARLESCRAFT, INTERIM MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

October Hours: October 1-31, 2007

**First Week:**

Mon, Oct 1, 5:30p-8:30p

Tues, Oct 2, 2p-6p

Wed, Oct 3, 5p-9p

Sat, Oct 6, 12p-2p

**Third Week:**

Mon, Oct 15, 5:30p-8:30p

Wed, Oct 17, 6p-9p

Thurs, Oct 18, 5:30p-8:30p

Fri, Oct 19, 5:30p-8:30p

**Fifth Week:**

Mon, Oct 29, 5p-9p

Tues, Oct 30, 2p-6p

Wed, Oct 31, 5p-9p

Please call, email (acharles@vcu.edu), or stop by if you have a question or need. Please send me supply needs, literature needs, or teaching substitute needs as soon as you are aware of the need. I am developing a teacher substitute list and also a unified supply room for all teachers in all programs of the church. **Celebrate Ginter Park Baptist Church** as together we seek God's wisdom and guidance for our present and our future. Blessings, *Ann Charlescraft*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS IN OCTOBER

10/17, 10/31: Rest, Renewal & Reconciliation

10/24: Budget Forum

### DID YOU KNOW...

- \* **BENEVOLINK..**sent us a check for \$118.00! Those of you who shop Ukrops, signed up and chose Ginter Park Baptist Church as your charity of choice, we thank you! A percent of your purchases of Ukrops brand items accumulated to this amount! Ukrops will be starting up a new program this fall! Watch for it!
- \* **CANNED GOODS FOR THE BAPTIST CENTERS: CHURCH HILL CENTER....**will receive the food you bring in October. Let's help them fill their pantry so they can share with others! Cereal, soup, spaghetti, tuna, salmon, vegetables and fruit will be welcome!
- \* **VAN DRIVERS ARE NEEDED!** Can you help out? Call Bob Linge @ 264-1051 or cell 389-1695.
- \* **WE ARE COLLECTING CAMPBELL LABELS!** Campbell Soup labels and other Campbell product labels. A list of the products is posted on the bulletin board by the parlor. You will also find a bag in which to put the labels. BUT, please note: **When removing the labels from the cans DO NOT disturb the bar code.** Thank you!

### CALLED BUSINESS MEETING: OCTOBER 28TH

to vote on a recommendation:

- A. From the Deacon body
  1. To establish a search committee to fill the position of Part-time Minister of Music.
  2. To elect 5 persons to serve on this committee.
- B. To amend the portion of the Financial Procedures manual on investing funds.

### CHURCH SCHEDULE

#### OCTOBER 11 - OCTOBER 31

- Oct. 14-Sunday, Stewardship Campaign begins
- Oct. 16-Tuesday, Community Grief Support Group
- Oct. 18-Thursday, Executive Council -7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 19-Friday, Good Grief Conference at VCU
- Oct. 20-Saturday, WORK DAY...9:00 a.m. until.....
- Oct. 21-Sunday, Worship Council-11:45 a.m.
- Oct. 22- 91st Anniversary of Ginter Park Baptist Church!
- Oct. 23-Tuesday, Community Grief Support Group
- Oct. 24-Wednesday, Budget Forum
- Oct. 28- Sunday, Walker Williams, Commissioning Service (during Worship) & Reception (after Worship)\* See letter below
- Oct. 30-Tuesday, Community Grief Support Group
- Oct. 31-Wednesday, Halloween! **Trick or Treat** Mission Friends! 6:30 p.m.

### DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

On October 29 I will embark on a fabulous adventure to Gganda, Uganda (five miles outside the capital city of Kampala). I travel there on an Elrod Fellowship through Washington and Lee University and will serve for six months living and working in an orphanage and teaching at a local school. The orphanage, Kinship House, where I will work, currently has 21 children ranging in age from 7 to 15. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers during this work and exciting challenge. For more information and to keep up with my experience you can visit the blog I'll be keeping at WalkerInUganda@blogspot.com.

With love, Walker

### A SPECIAL WORD OF APPRECIATION

to all the teachers working in Christian Education this year. Weekly, I am trying to learn the ACS program our church uses to record attendance. The rosters are getting better, but not perfect. Perfection is likely not a human possibility, at least not for this human!! At any rate, thank you teachers for bearing with me as I learn our church office computers, programs and procedures. This past week, we created a new two and three year old Sunday School class with Dixie Leathers as the lead teacher. Bettie Bowen and Barbee Quinn continue as the teachers for the now four and five year old preschool class.

**ALSO, THERE IS A NEW MOVEMENT UNDERWAY** to capture the interest of our older children and youth. We have one middle school-er who is trying on the role of teaching assistant. This will provide her with a different experience which calls her to study, learn and be able to teach our youngest preschoolers Biblical truths. Thank you Sarah Baker for your volunteer spirit and Dixie Leathers for accepting the role of mentor as Sarah learns the rigors of teaching with our youngest. We are blessed to have the eagerness of children and youth and move her forward!

**OVERHEARD IN THE HALL THIS SUNDAY** - were the words "We are having a children's meeting." This came from one of our children! Do you suppose our children are planning a takeover?! Even our children are "getting organized!" And by the way, our children responded beautifully when asked to walk in the sanctuary Sunday - so calling all adults and children to help remind each of us to watch out for others, show respect, and love one another with the love of Christ. Blessings, Ann Charlescraft