

CBF General Assembly meets in Charlotte

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote about the importance of balance for followers of Christ. He said, "Let him who cannot be alone beware of community. . . Let him who is not in community beware of being alone. . . Each by itself has profound pitfalls and perils. One who wants fellowship without solitude plunges into the void of words and feelings, and one who seeks solitude without fellowship perishes in the abyss of vanity, self-infatuation, and despair" (*Life Together*, 77-78).

I hope you are having a good summer. Summer is a good time for transition. There are vacations, outings, sporting events, and a change of pace from the usual routine. While we are enjoying some of the schedule changes, let's make sure to keep balance between spending time alone and spending time with our church as we have opportunity.

The CBF General Assembly is taking place in Charlotte, NC on June 24-26. Several members from our church will be in attendance along with your pastor. I have not attended this gathering in a while and look forward to re-connecting with like-minded Baptists from around the country and celebrating the 20th anniversary of the CBF. I will plan on giving a report to the church soon after my return.

Our church is significantly located in southwest Missouri as the lone CBF congregation, and as such has an important voice to our community and state. It means a great deal to me to belong to a church that appreciates our Baptist heritage, cherishes Baptist distinctives, and permeates an ecumenical spirit. Our identity is important, and I want to thank those of you who have laid a strong foundation by your faithfulness to Scripture and traditional Baptist values. I will do my best to make sure we remain true to these values as we serve the Lord together.

In addition to taking part in the general sessions, I will be attending seminars being offered to staff and lay leaders. The subject deals with "Essentials for Discerning Your Congregation's Future: Questions Every Congregation Needs to Ask." I think the timing of this subject matter is providential, as our Vision 2020 Task Force has been selected and gathering for their first meeting soon. I have assembled a good team who will represent differing ages, backgrounds, and perspectives on our church. I'll be introducing them to the church soon and look forward to their efforts. This conference ought to provide some good "food for thought" as we move forward in this process.

There are many good things going on this summer. Please be in prayer for VBS July 12-16, Passport Youth Trip July 18-25, and the Festival of Faith and the Arts July 23-25. Janet, Cory, and Marvin are busy keeping us moving in a good direction in their ministry fields and I grateful for their good work.

Please keep in mind a special worship opportunity on Sunday, July 4th. **The Broadway Baptist Church youth choir from Ft. Worth, TX will be here to offer a mini-concert.** They are stopping in Springfield on their choir tour and we are fortunate to have them with us. I hope you'll make plans to celebrate our freedoms by being supportive of their efforts.

I'm going to be out of the office for a while on vacation and representing our church at the CBF assembly. I appreciate those who are filling in during my absence and know you will be supportive of them. I look forward to seeing you all on the 4th.

Your pastor and friend,
Danny

Dear UHBC Family,

On behalf of Lucy and Matt, I want to thank you for our Wii game system. We are enjoying it as a family. We are grateful to be a part of this church.

Thanks for remembering our three years here at UHBC.
Love,
Cally Chisholm

Dear "Church" Family,

Thank you so very much for your letters, prayers, comfort, and many other acts of kindness, as you ministered to us so faithfully and lovingly during our time of need. The Hockensmith Family

Thanks,
Phil Hockensmith

SUNDAY'S REPORT

June 13, 2010

Sunday School	182
Morning Worship	252
Budget Offering	\$7,573.05

June 20, 2010

Sunday School	170
Morning Worship	214
Budget Offering	\$5,803.47

We are now giving at
78.76% of our budget

FROM THE HEART

"Every time I think of you,
I thank my God."
(Philippians 1.3, CEV)

Just as Paul wrote these words to the followers of Christ at Philippi, I too thank my God everyday for our Church and for what it means to so many people.

The longer I am a member at University Heights, the more I feel God's presence and love for me and my family. Good things are going on all around us, and my prayer is that we as a church family can convince others outside our church of God's love and care for them, as well as our love and care.

Jean Newman

Do you find you have a little extra time this summer? Have you been meaning to do a little reading?

Come by the church library and browse our shelves. We have many series of good fiction and several contemporary biographies. You will also find inspirational books by such authors as Max Lucado, Chuck Swindoll, T.D. Jakes, Joel Olsteen, Billy Graham and others.

Members of our congregation also have selections on the shelves.

Our library staff will be glad to help you on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. See you at the library.

MENUS

Each meal includes soup, salad bar, bread & dessert

June 30

Observance of Independence Day
Potluck Dinner with Meat provided
Please bring a dessert or
Side dish.

Serving Group: McClure

July 7

Meatloaf, Potatoes & Gravy,
Baby Carrots

Serving Group: McClure

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

July 2010

Wayne Bartee
Loren Broaddus

A.R.M.S. VOLUNTEERS

June 27-July 3

Bill & Ruth Ann Blase: 883-5139

July 4-10

Jackie & Chris Woolsey:
881-5914

BREAD MINISTRY

July 4

Ed & Janice Ksara

July 11

Gary & Carole Fortner



Happy Birthday!

7/3 Andrew Sherrill
7/4 Shae Carroll
7/4 Sheilla Morris
7/5 Jay Nicholson
7/6 Chris Bridwell
7/7 Wayne Masters
7/9 Ben Adams
7/9 Bryan Adams
7/10 George Donnell
7/10 Brittany Fellows
7/11 Nelson Nicholson
7/11 Michael Payne
7/12 Bill Blase

Christian Sympathy:

To the family of Ernest
Belden on his death, June 17,
2010.

2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FAITH AND THE ARTS

July 23-25

(Saturday morning)

► Art Exhibition for Children and Adults ► Arts Workshops

(Saturday evening performance)

► The Skinny Improv

(Sunday afternoon performance)

► Misery, Mayhem and Madness

Heights Highlights Continued

June 24, 2010

Spending Ourselves for Hunger and Disaster

“If you spend yourself in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness and your night will become like noonday.” (Is. 58:10) “The people of Sodom and its nearby villages were never as sinful as you. They were arrogant and spoiled; they had everything they needed and still refused to help the poor and needy.” Ez. 16:49

Pictures from old movies like “The Ten Commandments,” “Ben Hur” and even “Passion of the Christ” show the poverty and misery of the old days of Bible times. No wonder God demanded help for the poor.

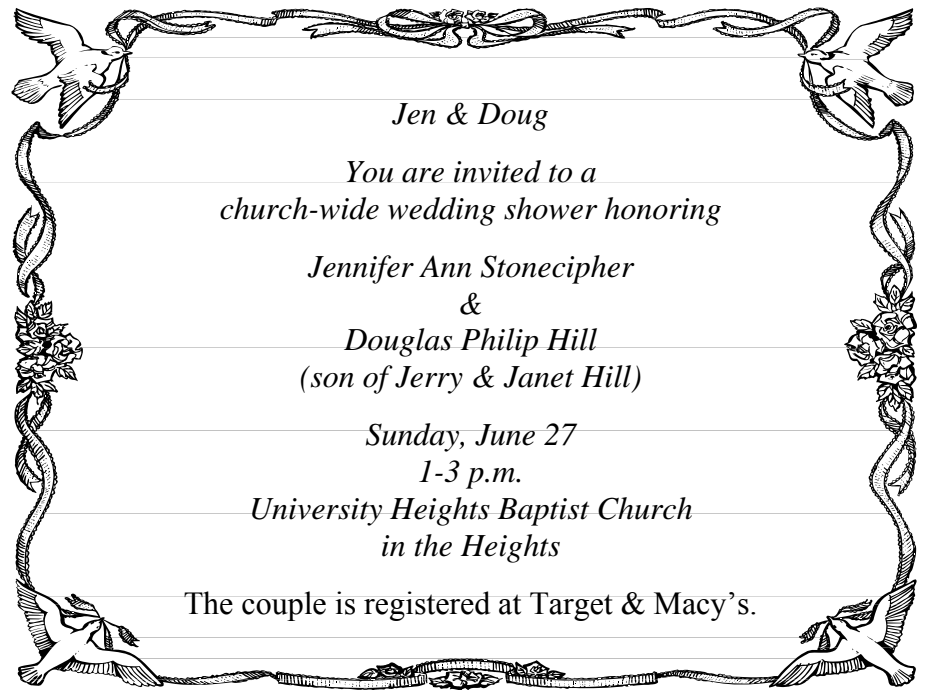
A UN Human Development report says that after thousands of years of economic development, in the year 1820 the average income per person in the richest countries was only about 4 times higher than the average income per person in the poorest countries. Today 40% of the world’s population live on less than 2 dollars per day and the average American lives on more than ninety dollars a day – an income disparity 40 times higher.

How would you describe God’s desire for our participation in the **World Hunger and Disaster Relief Offering** in light of the New Testament verse? “If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?” (1 John 3:17) How are we to “spend” ourselves on behalf of the hungry?

Mission Board
Romona Baker

“No coat, no tie” July

The pastor and staff will be dressing more casual this month and encourage others to do the same.



The Transitions SS class is sponsoring a drive to collect items for the Homeless of Springfield. Could we get a notice in the bulletin, the Word and Way and any other way the church reaches its members? The drive starts now through Sunday, July 25, 2010.

The notice could read like the one for the Adventurers' class drive for the Family Violence Center.

We are collecting in boxes around the church:

Bug spray, Sunscreen, Chap-stick, Baby wipes, Hand crank Flashlights, Socks, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Razors, Toothbrushes, etc. for Hygiene kits, Collapsible drinking cups, \$10.00 Dollar General gift cards.

The following items can be used but in decent shape:

Sleeping bags - summer and winter weight Tarps, Tents, Bicycles.

We also need bus passes that can be purchased from City Utilities. We will use monetary donations to purchase needed items not received. Monetary donations can be given to any member of the Transitions SS class.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JULY 2010						
4 Broadway Baptist Youth Choir during morning worship	5	6 SITG Meeting in the Heights 5:30 pm “Simply Relevant” 6:30-8:30 pm - Parlor	7 Dinner & Activities	8 WMU Groups	9 2 Church Office Closed	10 Christian Writers Group 10 am –12 pm
11 VBS Set-up Day	12	13	14 No dinner or activities	15	16	17
“High Seas” VBS 12-16						
18 Board Meetings	19	20 “Simply Relevant” 6:30-8:30 pm—Parlor	21 Dinner & Activities (NO Youth Activities) Quarterly Reports Due	22	23 2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FAITH AND THE ARTS July 23-25	24
PassPort Youth Camp in St. Louis 18-23 →						
25 FESTIVAL OF FAITH AND THE ARTS 	26	25 SITG-Heights 5:30 pm WMU General Meeting 9:15 am “Simply Relevant” 6:30-8:30 pm - Parlor	28 Dinner & Activities Outreach Mtg. 9:30 am Quarterly Business Meeting 6:20 pm	29 All-church movie at Wherenberg, 10 am “The Muppet Movie”	30	31 “Emerge” training in Fellowship Hall 8:30 am—4:30 pm