



# Family News

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## FROM LAYNE

Oh my! Was I ever wrong! When we had our picnic at Independence Park back on May 12, I thought to myself, "Well, it will be a nice, relaxing summer without Wednesday evening responsibilities." I couldn't have been more wrong. Summer is "prime time" for children and youth activities. The choir is beginning preparation for the Heartland musical event on August 22, Vacation Bible School started today (we're in Egypt – hope to be back by Sunday), our youth leave on mission trip to John's Island next Sunday to build a Habitat house, we just finished helping host over 2,000 for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, your Interim Steering Team meets weekly doing their best to lead us wisely and efficiently through the interim process– the list goes on. It's tiring, but it's a "good" kind of tired. Much ministry is being done through SJBC in Jesus' name this summer.

It reminds me that during our busy summer (and year round as well), we would do well to remember Mark 2:35 – *In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.* Authentic ministry requires finding nourishment for one's own soul as well as seeking to nourish others. Without that replenishment, the ministry well runs dry. So in our busyness this summer, remember to seek a *deserted place* to find renewal. Otherwise, there is no reservoir from which to give and serve.

An additional note: A huge THANK YOU to Martha Kearse who planned and conducted the childcare for all of the children of the 2,000+ guests who were here for the CBF General Assembly. You are a fortunate people to have a gifted and hard working pastoral team. Of course, as is the case in all quality ministry, many of you volunteered to help with the childcare while others of you served as ushers (thanks, James Laney, for coordinating this), and others of you served at registration. I also appreciate the Harkeys and the Lynches who hosted the Delta Jewels from southeast Arkansas who sold their hand-made jewelry at the General Assembly.

### Deacon Nominations Open

The Deacon Nominating Committee will begin meeting on July 19 to recommend a slate of Deacons to be presented by early September, with a congregational vote scheduled on September 19.

Please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider names you would nominate, and send them to James Laney by e-mail at jamesmlaney@yahoo.com, or leave a message at 704-643-4448. If possible, please contact your nominees to get their agreement, and recommend which Deacon panel they would serve: Ministry, Pastoral or Administrative.

Please submit your nominations prior to July 19 to ensure that they are included in our deliberations.



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Schedule

**10:00 am - Morning Worship - Sanctuary**  
**"The Politics of Jesus" - Layne Smith**

**Lunch - Broach Hall**

**Mark your calendar for a day of worship and fellowship and good food! Plan to bring a large side dish or dessert to share - fried chicken will be provided.**

***Note: no Sunday School on the 4<sup>th</sup>.***



### Youth Habitat Mission Trip

High School youth and adults will leave this Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, for the Habitat Mission Trip to John's Island, SC.

Youth: **Amy Hammond, Clara Kremer, Mattie Kearse, Clara Howell, Forest Wirz, Jack Allen, Addy Allred, Patton Hearn, Thomas Low, Austin Lucas, Jake Raynor, Jamie Sherrill, Nathan Southwell, Will Godsey, Grace Hammond, Mary Lewis, Parker Thompson.** (Nick Belvin, Jack Taylor and Connor Kearse helped on the in-town preparation but are not going on the trip.)

College students: **Neal Allen, Drew Hammond, Stewart Kremer, Hamlin Wade.**

Adults: **Lee Gray, Bert Green, Bill Claytor, Chuck Jones, Mans McLeod, M. C. Sorrell, Laura Sorrell, Judy Godsey, Ken Raynor, Kevin Lynch, Brooks Fuller, Ryan Crowder.**

The group will return to Charlotte on Saturday, July 10, about 3:00 pm.



### It's Farmers' Market Time!

Our St. John's "Farmers' Market" is scheduled for **Sunday, July 18**, and needs the bounty from your backyard garden! In addition to summer crops, we hope you will bring home-baked goodies, pickles, plants, etc.

Please bring items to Lasater Hall on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The sale will be at 11:45 am - after the morning worship service. Proceeds will go to local hunger projects - last year we collected over \$600!

**Budget Receipts**  
June 27: \$9,777.25

## Calendar: July 4 - 10

### Sunday, July 4

10:00 ..... Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00ish..... Lunch (Broach Hall)

### Monday, July 5

Church office closed for  
Independence Day holiday.

### Tuesday, July 6

9:00 ..... Animal Adventures Camp  
..... Hoopsters Camp  
6:30 ..... Women on Mission II

### Wednesday, July 7

9:00 ..... Animal Adventures Camp  
..... Hoopsters Camp  
6:30 ..... Mission Resource Team  
6:45 ..... Ministry Deacon Panel

### Thursday, July 8

9:00 ..... Animal Adventures Camp  
..... Hoopsters Camp  
7:30 ..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, July 9

9:00 ..... Animal Adventures Camp  
..... Hoopsters Camp  
9:30 ..... Craft Class

### Saturday, July 10

... Youth return from John's Island, SC

### Recent Illnesses

CMC: Bertha Taylor

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jason and Becky Benton on the birth of Hutson ("Hutch") Edward Benton, June 27. Proud grandparents are Ken and Debby Benton and great grandparents are Jean Hutson and Bob and Elsie Benton.

Congratulations to our graduating college seniors:

Jordan Benton - Wake Forest  
Hayes Tilson - UNC Chapel Hill  
Kate Breckenridge - UNCG  
Christen Johnson - UNCG  
Alice Harmon - NC State (Dec.)  
Brittany Newman - Appalachian St.

### Thank You

Dear St. John's Family,  
Thank you for the cards, emails, phone calls, and contributions in remembrance of my mother. You have lifted my spirits during this difficult time. Thank you all for your love and support.

Linda Landers

My dear church family,  
Your kindness and love have been evident to me in your cards and calls (and food!). It has helped in going through this difficult time. More than anything else, I have appreciated your prayers. This week I will commence treatment and I covet your continued intercessions before our Savior on my behalf.

Sincerely, Geneva Solano

### Men's Softball Schedule

Friday, July 9 - 6:00 pm  
Monday, July 12 - 6:00 pm  
All games are at the Providence Baptist Church fields.

## In Service Sunday, July 4

**Deacons:** Jay Baucom, Jason Benton, Phillips Bragg, Butch Branscome, Graham Claytor, Cathy DuFault, Clarence Eden, David & Lynn Erdman, Bill Finger  
**Ushers:** Emory & Jerry Stephens, Ellen Lyons

**Tellers:** Jay Baucom, Don Calloway

**Nursery Workers:** Linda Hewitt, Ace Millsaps, Wanda Birmingham, Jane & Morgan Newman, Betsy Almond, Kim Diehl, Jackie Southwell

### Dates to Note @ SJBC

#### Sunday, July 4

Worship at 10:00 am (no Sunday School); followed by lunch

#### July 4-10

High School Habitat Trip to John's Island, SC

#### July 17-25

Youth Passport Camp to Wenham, MA

#### July 18

11:45 am - Farmers' Market

#### Sunday, August 22

"Heartland" a musical tribute to the heart of America from the heart of America by the Chancel Choir, followed by an ice cream social.

#### Sunday, September 19

Deacon Election

#### Sunday, October 31

CROP Walk

### In the News!

The *Charlotte Observer* published an article about the Women of the Church Int'l Fashion Show and Lunch (June 13) in last Thursday's "Style" section, page 2.

More pictures of our models and attendees are available at the *Observer* online:

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/06/23/1520692/scene-heard-062410.html?spill=1>

## YOUTH NEWS

Please note: We will have a **Passport Trip Meeting in the Chapel, Sunday, July 11**, following morning worship - to notarize forms and discuss travel details.

### Summer Choir –

### Heartland

*a musical tribute to the heart of America from the heart of America*

Save the date:

August 22<sup>nd</sup>



The Chancel Choir returns to their regular 7:30 PM

Thursday evening rehearsal

this week! They will be preparing music for worship each week. So here are two things to know about the chancel choir:

1) Interested in joining? This a good time! Questions? Call Warren at 704-333-5428.

2) "Heartland" – During July and August, the choir will devote most of its Thursday night rehearsals to the production of musical tribute to the nostalgic favorites representative of our great land. The date of the special program will be **Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** to be followed by an ice cream social. *We invite people to join us for this fun program! Interested? (See No. 1)*

### "Neighbor" Birthdays

July 1 - Gip Kimball

July 10 - Donice Pharr

July 15 - Thelma Crump

July 16 - Bob Lasater

July 16 - Reve Perreault

July 20 - Carlotta Browder

July 26 - Hazel Caudill

### Women of the Church Activities

#### Bible Study

The June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in Committee Room B. There will be no meetings in July.

*Please note: the church office will be closed on Monday, July 5, for the Independence Day holiday.*

*Another note: There will be no newsletter published the week of July 5.*

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