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From the Interim Steering Team

Statement of Values

The Interim Steering Team has completed the work of detailing and affirming the values of St. John's Baptist Church. The Statement of Values is enclosed as an insert to the Family News. The Statement of Values was also presented as an insert in the bulletin on Sunday July 11th.

This final product is the result of an extensive process that involved the IST as well as over 120 members of the congregation. As you recall, the IST offered ten "bullet point" values for your consideration and discussion. Through our feedback sessions and meetings with various Sunday School classes we were able to expand and more fully define the ten values originally presented. Through many hours of review and discussion we offer this final product and feel it is representative of the core values we hold dear at St. John's. The Statement of Values should be the benchmark by which we plan and measure our future programs and decisions.

Most importantly, the Statement of Values provides the foundation for our revised Mission and Vision Statements.

The proposed Mission and Vision statements will be presented to the congregation on Sunday July 25th, and also will be published in the Family News on July 27th. We have scheduled feedback sessions regarding the Mission and Vision statements during Holy Grounds on August 1st and August 8th. The Interim Steering Team will seek a vote of acceptance of the Mission and Vision Statements by the congregation on August 15, 2010.

As the IST completes our work on values, mission and vision, we have begun to address the remaining three Focus Points in the Intentional Interim Process. The team has formed three "sub-teams" to address the issues of connections (external relationships), Leadership and the Future. Those teams already are meeting and are hard at work. You can anticipate requests for information and feedback as we continue this portion of the process.

As always, we appreciate your prayers, support and feedback as the Interim Steering Team continues our work.

Rob Peacock
Chair, Interim Steering Committee



**HOLY GROUNDS
THIS SUNDAY
Church Lounge**
Coffee available at 9:00 am.
This week's discussion at 9:15 am
will be led by Martha Kearse.

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 consider prayerfully 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.



It's Farmers' Market Time!

Our St. John's "Farmers' Market" is scheduled for this **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 18th. Please bring bags for your purchases if possible. 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!

HEARTLAND

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE HEART OF AMERICA
FROM THE HEART OF AMERICA

Save date: August 22nd

The Chancel Choir has returned to their regular 7:30 PM Thursday evening rehearsal. 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 22nd** to be followed by an ice cream social. *We invite people to join us for this fun program! Interested? (See № 1.)*

This Is What a Preacher Looks Like

by Pamela R. Durso

This new book is a collection of sermons by thirty-six Baptist women in ministry - including our own **Martha Kearse!** The book is now available in the church office (\$17). Please call Peggy to reserve a copy!

Budget Receipts
July 11: \$18,491.

Calendar: July 18-24

Sunday, July 18

9:00 Holy Grounds Coffee
9:15 Holy Grounds Discussion
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:45 Pastoral Deacons
11:45 Farmers' Market

Monday, July 19

9:00 Adventure Camp
..... Comic Book Camp
..... Secret Agent Camp
7:00 Interim Steering Team
7:00 Deacon Nominating Committee

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 Adventure Camp
..... Comic Book Camp
..... Secret Agent Camp

Wednesday, July 21

9:00 Adventure Camp
..... Comic Book Camp
..... Secret Agent Camp
6:30 Hunger Committee

Thursday, July 22

9:00 Adventure Camp
..... Comic Book Camp
..... Secret Agent Camp
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, July 23

9:00 Adventure Camp
..... Comic Book Camp
..... Secret Agent Camp
9:30 Craft Class

Saturday, July 24

Recent Illnesses

Home: Lou Fuller
Sardis Oaks Rehab: Bertha Taylor

Thank You

Dear Friends,
We only wish you could have witnessed the delight on the faces of Ecuadorian adults and children as they worked with the materials you supplied. Because of your generosity, we had plenty of leftovers to leave with them. Money from hunger funds provided lunches for 600 children over the four-day period! Thank you for the love expressed through your gifts!
Dana and Hank Packman

Sympathy

We extend sincere sympathy to Margaret Almond and family in the death of her sister, Hazel Hartsell, July 1; to Clarence Eden and family in the death of his nephew, Garnett Smith, July 2; and to James Moon and family in the death of his brother, Richard, July 3.

Address Update

Rob & Janie Sellers: 1402 Willow Pond Road, Abilene, TX 79602. (Rob is a former youth minister at St. John's.)

In Service Sunday, July 18

Deacons: Tom Injaychock, Ruth Jackson, Dale Johnson, Kevin Lynch, Ashley Maready, Mark McNeill, Melissa Millette, Gene Poole, Lynn Pope, M.C. Sorrell
Ushers: Emory & Jerry Stephens, Ellen Lyons
Tellers: Marvin Carter, Paul Lloyd
Nursery Workers: Fredda Kimball, Linda Crowder, Nancy Fuller, Minh Callaway, Joy Jarrett, Judy Godsey
Nurse: Lynn Erdman

Dates to Note @ SJBC

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.

Saturday, September 11
All-Choir Picnic at the Swofford's

Sunday, September 19
Deacon Election

Used Eyeglasses Needed

A box has been placed in the Collection Room (off Lasater Hall) for donations of used eyeglasses for The Urban Ministry Center.

Farside Ladies & Friends

Dinner & Theater outing - August 5. Dinner at Providence Cafe followed by "The Great American Trailer-park Musical" at Actor's Theater. Contact Jane Newman as tickets must be bought in advance: mnewman90@carolina.rr.com.

Youth News

Passport Camp youth: Please be at the church this Sat., July 17, at 8:45 am - we will leave at 9:00 am sharp and return about 8:00 pm on Sun., July 25. Parents will receive a call confirming arrival time. Please pack an overnight bag for the first day/night and don't forget to bring sheets and you may want to bring a fan.

Financial Report June 30, 2010

	Current	Year to Date
Budget Required	\$ 73,846	\$ 480,000
Budget Receipts	\$ 57,028	\$ 412,911
Expenses	\$ 67,771	\$ 447,440
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(10,743)	\$(34,529)

If you have any questions regarding the financial report, please contact Carolyn in the church office.

Freedom School Volunteers Needed!

When? August 2-5, 2010, 9 am - Noon. On Wednesday, August 4, there will be a field trip to Cane Creek Park, including a cookout. We need chaperones/volunteers for the field trip who can commit a full day. You can volunteer for one day or more than one day.
What? Volunteers needed to help teach and do crafts and activities with the Freedom School children. Age of the kids ranges from kindergarten to middle school.
Why? To check out what Freedom School is and the children that the program serves go to <http://www.freedomschoolpartners.org/>
Who? Adults and teens who are ready and willing in spirit and body to help - no experience necessary. Please contact Lee Gray at lee@stjohnsbaptistchurch.org or 704.451.1309 or Agatha Belvin at belvin5@bellsouth.net or 704.619.7388 to volunteer or to ask questions.

Many Thanks

I just wanted to express my thanks to those of you who made CBF Children's Assembly and our VBS-*Joseph in Egypt* possible this summer. Both events required a lot of volunteer hours, and both were wonderful events. Just one note about CBF: St. John's was the only church in the entire area to supply volunteer workers for the children's program. I can't tell you how wonderful it was to see your helpful, supportive, friendly faces during those days. Thanks, also, to the SS classes and individuals who decorated, cooked, showed slides, managed kids, built pyramids, worked marketplace stalls, prepared snacks and on and on-it was a great week and you made it so. A final, special word of thanks to our extraordinary teenagers-VBS cannot happen without the hands-on work of our teenagers every year. They come every day and allow themselves to be hugged and crawled on and generally adored by the children. There is no way we could have VBS without them. Thank you!

Martha

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