

The Hunton Happenings



HUNTON'S VISION:
TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.

Hunton Baptist Church Newsletter

February ♥ 2010

FROM THE



PASTOR

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12, ¹¹ *I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.* ¹² *Moreover, no man knows when his hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so men are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them.*

There are times when horrendous things happen totally unexpectedly. On January 12, an earthquake of 7.1 rocked Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. One minute it was business as usual for the Haitians, and in the next minute their world was literally shaken to the core. It is estimated that 200,000 people died in the earthquake, another 250,000 were injured and two million were left homeless. As I write this article the latest reports I've read say that there are people who are dying now simply because they have little or no food and a lack of clean water to drink. As the writer of Ecclesiastes affirms, sometimes evil times fall unexpectedly on people! It is during these times that we as the body of Christ have the opportunity to show love and concern. Check in the church vestibule for special offering envelopes to help the people of Haiti through the CBF. When we give this way at least we know that our help is given in the name of Christ!

We don't have to look overseas to discover people who are in need. I am tremendously concerned about the economic situation in our own country, community and even in our own church family... We are living in what is proving to be some rough financial times. Many in our own church family have lost jobs. Many companies are not hiring and so finding employment after suffering a lay-off is especially difficult at this time. Many have seen their savings and retirement accounts plunge due to the economy, and many places of employment have frozen pay increases. With the price of goods and services rising and income staying the same or

decreasing, most of us are beginning to feel a pinch in the wallet.

Know that on the first Sunday of every month the loose offerings (money collected in the offering plate that is not in an envelope designated for the church budget) goes to our benevolent ministry. Our church helps people in our area who are hurting. Many of them have no connection to our church at all. If you find yourself in need, please don't hesitate to contact the church office. We try to be good stewards of the funds God places in our care, and we are glad to assist with the needs of our own church family when those needs arise...

Please be as faithful as you can in your giving to the church. Most churches and volunteer organizations are hurting now because of the financial crunch and our church is no exception. We seriously strive to be good stewards of the resources God entrusts to us, and Hunton Baptist Church is accountable for every dime! You may have a copy of the church budget and treasurer's report for each quarter, and you can see exactly how the money given to the church is spent. I wish all organizations were as up front in the handling of resources as our church is.

May God bless us and use us to be a blessing to others in some difficult times both now and in the days ahead.

Jeff



COMING SOON:

A Sweetheart Banquet!

Wed., February 14, 12:15 p.m.

This will be a time for sweet fellowship with friends, family and neighbors. Your donations for the luncheon will give our youth an opportunity to raise funds to attend the summer mission camp from June 28 - July 3. *(This replaces the Christmas Cantata Dinner fund raiser that was snowed out.)* Watch for more information.



Music Ministry

February is an exciting month for our music ministry as the handbell choir anticipates attending the Virginia Baptist Handbell Festival to be held at Mount Vernon Church right here in Glen Allen! This two day event promises to be a great opportunity for ringing, learning and seeing old friends from all over Virginia! Handbell festival is an event we anticipate all winter!

The BIG news is: YOU can come and be a part of this amazing event! On Saturday, February 20th, we will present a mass ring concert *free to the public!* The concert will start at 12:00 Noon in the sanctuary at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Nuchols Road. Plan now to attend!

I have said this many times in the past but it still strikes me how the music ministry goes through 'seasons' just as in nature! The only difference is, *our* seasons are always one ahead! We just (for all intents and purposes) closed the door on winter and now are focused on spring! Come spring we're planning for summer! When summer gets here, we are buying Christmas music! We are always thinking about the message in music, and how what we select for our groups will impact the worship service.

I Know My Redeemer Lives, is the name of our Easter Cantata 2010. This cantata brings choirs, congregations and communities together to praise the name of Jesus, our great Redeemer. It's a time to share His story . . . especially the story of His cross and His resurrection. He could have stopped the painful parade up to Calvary with a word, but He never uttered it. Instead, He opened His arms to the beam, He opened His hands to the nails and He allowed Himself to be crucified.

What is the best part of this story? It's the part we, as believers, tell about the truth of who Jesus is, what He did, and how He penetrated our hearts and changed our lives forever. Through His death and resurrection, the sacrifice has been made. The debt has been satisfied. Our redemption has been secured. Christ has been raised. Our hope is real. Our future with Him is certain. We know our Redeemer lives!

It is not too early to make plans to attend either the March 28th, 8:45 a.m. service, the 11:00 a.m. service . . . or maybe BOTH!

Bruce and Amy

Sharing Christ's Love . . .

- Joan Lee, WMU Director

February 7-14: Focus on WMU

THEME: A CALL TO LOVE

We look forward to sharing new opportunities for missions this year.



We know there is a great need in Haiti. If you would like to help through your church we will give you the opportunity. There are special envelopes available in several areas of the church that are marked for this fund, or you can put it in your regular envelope. **Please be sure** and put "Haiti Relief" on your check so we'll know where to send it. Funds received will go to **CBF Haiti Response Fund 17015**. Also, pray for the people of Haiti. Ask God to give them grace and strength to get through this terrible disaster. You can go to cbfva.org for other information on ways you can help.



Just Married

Perry Clark and Maggie Reilly

were married on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. They have two daughters, Aylissa Clark, age 5, and Emma Porter, age 4. They were married in their new house at 2965 Chiles Road, Glen Allen, VA. Perry is the son of Keith and Stephanie Clark.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Ken & Leslie Wright . . . same phone #
2993 Quail Roost Dr., Glen Allen, VA 23059

B. Leroy & Amanda Satterfield . . . 1-804-758-5709
Riverside Convalescent Ctr., Rm. 36
P. O. Box 303, Saluda, VA 23149

Tim & Kristi Gorman & family . . . N/A
12596 Mill Run Dr., Frisco, TX 75035-0154

Odell & Diana Mullis . . . same phone #
8085 Ordinary Keepers Way
Mechanicsville, VA 23111-2274



The Technical Team
Needs YOU!

TECH VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Contact Bruce Swartz, 672-2345, if you are "tech-savvy" and can spare some time on Sunday mornings to help out in the audio-visual "bird's nest." This can be a very rewarding position, but does need a person who is committed to serving regularly.



Youth Notes

— Amy Swartz, Dir.

We're starting February off with some fun! There will be a party

at our house on Sunday evening, February 7, at 5:00. There will be lots of good food and good fun! We will not have youth activities at the church on that evening. Come on out and be part of some good times!

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Sweetheart Banquet on Sunday, February 14, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. This will be a youth fund raiser to help raise money to send our youth to summer camp. Our youth will host and serve at this event. Invite your sweetheart to worship and have lunch with you that day!

Our youth group will attend **Disciple Now** at New Highland Baptist Church on February 26-28. We will be led in worship by the Jonathan Project. Youth, plan to attend and invite a friend!

Attention Brunswick Stew Lovers: Its stew time! The Brunswick Stew sale will be held on Saturday, March 13th, at the Glen Allen Service Center. If you would like to pre-order, please call the church office at 266-0100. The fall stew was delicious so order early. If anyone would like to make a monetary donation or donate ingredients please see Brian Wayland or me.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our bottle cap mission project. We collected 15,000 caps and are preparing to ship them to "With Love From Jesus Ministries."

Thank you to everyone for your love, prayers, and support. It is so exciting to see God working in the lives of our youth.

Amy

LOOKING AHEAD:

Senior High Weekend: March 5-7

Brunswick Stew Fund Raiser: March 13

Middle School Youth help clean-up Maundy

Thursday Dinner: April 1

Chicken Dinner & Car Wash – TBA

Churchwide Mother's Day Brunch: Sun., May 9

Senior High Youth help clean-up Wednesday night dinner: May 19

Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition:

Sunday, June 6

Mfuge 2010 Summer Camp:

Monday, June 28 - Saturday, July 3



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. . . I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me"
(Matthew 25:35-36, 40).

Calling yourself a Christian means more than walking down the aisle and having your name added to a church role sheet. Being a Christian means teaming up with Christ to continue the work of Christ in the world. It means actively being a part of the redemptive work of God, and not passively watching the world around you decay. Christians should view the disaster in Haiti as an opportunity to make the redemption of God known by extending a helpful hand to those in need. As for the few who choose to withhold the grace of God, Matthew 25 also reminds us of the destiny of those who refused to feed, welcome, clothe, and comfort those in need.

Some, like Pat Robertson, point to Haiti's superstitious history and write these people off. But we should not forget that all humans bear the image of God, and no race or nation is excluded from the love of Christ. In Jesus' day, there were those who pointed to human sin as the cause of pain and tragedy. In the ninth chapter of John, they asked Jesus, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" But Jesus quickly responded, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life" (John 9:3). Therefore, we should view this crisis as an opportunity to make the love of Christ known to the people of Haiti and known to the watching-world through the overwhelming response of Christians and Christian organizations to offer relief.

A child in our children's program responded to the call of Christ in Matthew 25. She approached me before Sunday school, explaining that she felt like God wanted us to raise money for the people in Haiti. I smiled at her loving concern and told her that I would do something about it. That night, I introduced a mission project to the children at Global Adventures that encourages them to do an extra chore at home to earn money for the Haiti Response Fund through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Amy Swartz is also working on some ideas with the Youth to raise funds, and Joan Lee made envelopes available for adults interested in making contributions. May God bless our efforts to support the mission of those who are ambassadors for Christ in Haiti.

Blessings,

Pastor Phil



SENIOR ADULTS FEBRUARY 16 10:30 A.M.

**Red & White
Valentine Theme**

We're off to a good start since the new year began. There were 80 in attendance in January for our Bingo Game Day. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

Next meeting is on **Tuesday, February 16**, at **10:30 a.m.** Come and enjoy the meal and great **entertainment** by the *Short Pump Jazz Band* under the direction of Bruce Swartz

Menu: Covered dish ~ chicken, rolls and beverages provided. *(Remember we will have extra people from Bruce's jazz band.)*



CALLING ALL MEN to a Men's Breakfast at Golden Corral on **Sat., February 20, at 8:00**

a.m. Men of all ages are invited. Contact Lavan Dauberman, 514-4974 or call the church office, 266-0100.



**RED DRESS DAY
FEBRUARY 7**

Most of the time, selecting clothing isn't that critical. But . . . on "Wear Red Day," it's vitally important. That's because it helps us be aware that cardiovascular disease is the No.1 killer of American women, and strokes are the No. 3 killer of women over the age of 25. While 1 in 30 American women die of breast cancer, almost 1 in 3 will die from cardiovascular disease. Wearing **Red** is a reminder to make a promise to yourself--the promise to love your heart by doing everything you can to reduce your risk. Check out the bulletin board in the hallway to refresh your memory on the risk factors and five choices you have for heart health. National Red Dress day is actually Friday, February 5, so let's **all wear red on Sunday, February 7**, to encourage and support each other.

PARISH NURSE NOTES

"Love is the greatest refreshment in life."
— Pablo Picasso



We've all given or received a valentine or a Valentine's Day gift. My memories of school day valentines was the pleasurable exchange of cards. We would cover an old shoe box with construction paper and plenty of cut-out hearts. My parents would purchase a pack of Valentine cards and I'd spend what seemed like hours reading each one and deciding who in my class would get each card. Yes, I know my memories go WAY BACK! Sometimes we'd make our own cards with colorful hearts and doilies and wait ever so patiently for our recipient to react to their special card.

Life is full of stress, headaches, and worries so what better time to give yourself a valentine? Being your own friend brings balance, happiness, and great confidence to your life. It's one of those things that could start a wave of healing in your world like just smiling for no reason. Take some time for self-reflection and to pamper your soul. May I suggest some ways to help you do that:

Turn on your favorite music and just listen. Music can soothe your soul and relax your nerves.

Seek a change. Get away from your work and take a walk to collect your thoughts and refocus on the task at hand.

Forgive yourself when you've made mistakes and reward yourself when you do well!

Do some simple breathing exercises. When you find yourself stressed or tense, your muscles tighten and you do not breathe as deeply as you normally would. Sit up straight and breathe in through your nose and exhale through your mouth. Fill your lungs to their capacity and pause a few seconds before breathing out. You will feel instant relaxation and it can be done anywhere and just about any time.

Tell those you love just what they mean to you and how they have affected your life. You can share your heart each day, don't just wait till February 14th.

Remember to take time to take care of yourself, physically, mentally and spiritually. Your mind, body and heart will thank you for the love you give it.

1 Corinthians 16:14: "Do everything in love."

Happy Valentine's Day,
Phyllis Broaddus



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Have you heard what's going on in the Children's Department? The children are having a blast on

Sunday nights for Global Adventures. They are learning a lot, playing games and building friendships through interacting with each other. It's great to watch them grow and have so much fun.

The children have been learning what it means to be a "missional" church by learning about the work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Each week we learn how CBF field personnel are being the presence of Christ around the world. Additionally, the children learn how to be "missional" themselves through increasing their awareness of the needs around them and participating in mission projects. For example, the children are raising money for Haiti by doing extra chores around the house. They are getting involved and making a difference.

To add to the excitement, we are having great participation for our monthly outings too. We had over forty in attendance including adults for our bowling trip in January. This month we have something special planned. We want to spend the entire five-dollar activity fee on the children by throwing them an awesome pajama party.

The HBC Children's Department's first annual pajama party will be held on Saturday, February 20th from 4:00-10:00 p.m. The kids are invited to come and party with their friends. Wear their craziest PJs and funkiest slippers. We will make our own pizzas, watch movies, play games, make ice cream sundaes, and have a blast. Where else can five bucks buy this much fun? Invite a friend. You won't want to miss this!

There is always something for your child at Hunton Baptist Church: once a week, once a month, and once a season.

We are already gearing up for our big **Spring Fling**. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for March 27th. If you liked our Santa Breakfast, you will love having breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Starting at 8:00 a.m. we'll have breakfast, including pancakes and eggs. When you are done eating, have your child's picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Also, enjoy the games and crafts outside while you wait for the Easter Egg hunt to begin. Bring your own basket. The children will collect eggs with candy and treats inside. Special prizes will also be awarded. This event is open to the community, so invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

In Christ,
Pastor Phil



Children's Choir Notes

♪ If you are not a part of our Children's Choir Program yet, please come and join us. We are working on new songs to be added to our regular repertoire, and soon we will start working on the pieces for the Easter season. Our regular repertoire songs are things we use for various presentations and especially for nursing home visits. We missed the nursing home visit this fall due to Swine Flu outbreaks so we will try to plan one before spring.

Please remember to return all Children's Choir Musical books and CD's to the Children's Choir room. You should bring your Choir Notebook and Choir Bag to each rehearsal. If you have "slipped through the cracks" and not filled and returned your Choir registration form, please do so. There are extra forms on the bulletin board outside of the Children's Choir Room. Pastor Phil and I are working really hard at having contact information and e-mail addresses for all of our participants.

Remember, Children's Choir is open to all children in Kindergarten thru the 5th grade. Regular attendance is always IMPORTANT because we memorize everything that we do. We have great fellowship and lots of fun! Come and give us a try!

Your directors are:

Karen Maxwell, Cathy Truslow and Janice Vincil



Preschool Choir ♪ Notes ♪

The Preschool Choir is working very hard on the songs they will sing during both services on Sunday, February 14th. Please try to make every rehearsal as they are critical to this age group as they memorize and are comfortable with the songs. We will provide them breakfast immediately after they sing at the early service.

In addition to singing with this age group, we introduce them to music, through simple rhythms, instruments and games. We have lots of fun, learning to listen and follow simple instructions. We will soon start working on the songs that we will sing for our Mother's Day services, so please try to get your preschooler to all of our rehearsals.

Come have fun with us!

Your directors are:
Traci Anthony and Frances Kennedy



Thank You Notes

Many folks in the church and several Sunday school classes supported **Shaun** on his mission trip to **Belize**. This is a trip where college students give their Christmas break to go away to do mission work. Shaun is grateful for the prayers and support and would like to let the church know that the website for the Christian organization he is with is **row.org**. There are daily radio updates as to the progress being made on the task of building a maternity ward on the hospital there. **The Swartz Family**

A very special thanks to Jeff, Amy, Lavan & Barbara and to each of the youth who came and cleaned my yard before Christmas. It meant so very much to my family. And not only to us but to many more families they ministered to. Thank you again! **Alice Atkinson**

To Our Church Family,

We would like to thank you for the many ways you have remembered Lillian Timberlake (Buddy's Mom) during her years at Alpha House. She always enjoyed the goodies and especially the visits. We also thank each of you who remembered us recently with visits, cards and food when Lillian passed away. It was so special for the Funeral Ministry Team and other members to take food to Walnut Grove Church for the luncheon after the funeral. Thanks again for being there for us.

Buddy, Ginny, Scott and Mark Ogle

Thank you so much for your concern following my recent (and unexpected) surgery. You have made my recovery easier with your calls, cards, food, and especially, prayers. **Steve Potter**

My sincere thanks to those who have ministered to me in any way since my recent surgery. Your prayers and other many kindnesses are appreciated. **Jeanette Huffman**

My sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards and calls when I lost my mother recently. Your kindness means so much at a time like that. **Sue Sexton**

A Paraphrase of I Corinthians 13



No matter how eloquently or spiritually I speak
If I do not love people, I am merely making noise.
People will never care how much I know, (whether
of present or future)

Until they know how much I care.

People will not care how much I trust God,
Unless they feel they can trust me.

I may give away everything, even my body,
But if love does not purify the gift, it is a waste.

Love waits – it does not push.

Love is tender – it does not grab.

Love bears, believes, hopes, endures;
It cares.

Love is ultimate:

predictions end;

noises dissipate;

knowledge is forgotten.

These things are finite – they will fade.

But the ultimate will remain.

We are growing – from childish

speaking,

feeling,

thinking,

– to mature

speaking,

feeling,

thinking.

The future is unclear,

As our own self-image is unclear.

But the time will come,

When our purpose is known

As God already knows it.

Out of everything remain faith, hope

And love - but the ultimate is **love!**

- copied from Newsletter Newsletter

Our Deepest Sympathy



to . . . **Ken & Mabel
Schaaf, Amy & Bruce
Swartz and family and
Kenneth & Kelly
Schaaf and family** in

the death of their brother-in-law/uncle, *Mr. Al Stout*,
on Sunday, December 27, 2010;

to . . . **Buddy & Ginny Ogle and family** in the
death of their mother and grandmother, *Mrs. Lillian
Timberlake*, on Thursday, December 31, 2010;

to . . . **Emily Leake and family** in the death of her
sister, *Mrs. Mae J. Corker*, on Saturday, January 9,
2010.

CONGRATULATIONS



to . . .

**Daniel Spicer &
Leslie Hanson** on the
birth of a baby girl on
Monday, January 11,
2010. **Danielle Faith**

Spicer arrived at 8:51 a.m. weighing 9 lbs., 8 oz. and
was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are *Tommy
& Shirley Spicer*.

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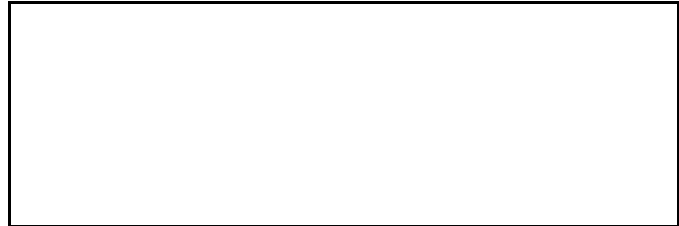
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FEBRUARY

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jonathan Brooks | 11 Mary Maxwell | 23 Jordan Hudson |
| Richard Isbell, Jr. | Shelby McDaniel | Bill Patch |
| 3 Matthew Stewart | 13 Wally Crone | 24 Jackie Ballos |
| Ashley Wright | Ardelle Forbus | Gary Hess |
| 4 Marian Conley | Sandy Hendrick | Rose Parsley |
| 5 Kathleen Stone | Samantha Wood | 25 Barbara Boggs |
| 6 Erin Connors | 14 Yvonne Parsley | 26 Randolph Hughes |
| Annie Edwards | 15 Alex Carrier | 27 Ashley Bernard |
| Richard Hall | Austin Carrier | Shelly Kibby |
| George Hunt III | Aylissa Clark | Kimber Reeves |
| Micah Wayland | 16 Greg Edwards | Marie Sorrell |
| Jamie Lyn White | Andrew Peters | 28 Tina Carpenter |
| 7 Elizabeth Dearry | Sandy VanNess | Joshua Fletcher |
| Evelyn Melton | 18 Jennifer Williams | Shannon Daniels |
| Nicklos Shinault | 19 Donny Kelley | Manijeh Kashanian |
| Ginny Slade | 20 Lauren Axelle | Laura Matthews |
| Jordyn Spicer | Thomas Orange | Steven Schaaf |
| 8 Bobby Adams | Kenneth Schaaf | Brayton Spicer |
| Jeffrey Lukhard | Heather Thompson | 29 Melanie Wylie |
| 10 Gwen Holler | 21 Ervin Vesely, Jr. | |
| Meredith Lawson | 22 Bernice Dawson | |
| Mandy Maughan | Alsie Miller | |

PLEASE NOTE:

Fire Lane Parking

A representative of the Fire Marshal asked the office to remind members and friends that it is illegal to park in the fire lanes that surround the church. The lanes, marked with yellow lines, are on each side of our entrances (driveways) Fire engines are very large and need as much space as possible to enter the grounds in an emergency.

This law applies whether or not there are services or programs going on in the building. So . . . please do not park where you see the yellow lines for the protection of our buildings as well as the fire department. This is not just a safety issue. If the department does an inspection and finds a car/truck/van parked in the mentioned areas, the department will have to issue a ticket for a fine of \$50. *Wouldn't you rather have that money in your pocket or in the offering?*

Thank you for your cooperation.