

Church Events in May

- 4 - Senior Adult Sunday - Bro Curtis Driver to Speak at AM Worship - Lunch to follow
- 4 - 6:00 p.m. Youth/Parent Meeting
- 5 - 6:30 p.m. Linda Tillery Group at Christina Morrison's
- 5 - 7:30 p.m. Associational Brotherhood at Pitts Baptist Executive Committee Meeting 6:45
- 6 - 10:00 a.m. Sweet Hour of Prayer
- 6 - 10:30 a.m. Golden Voices Choir Practice
- 6 - 11:00 a.m. Esther Group
- 6 - 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 8 - 7:30 p.m. Brotherhood
- 11 - Infant Dedication AM Worship
- 11 - Church Conference after Evening Worship
- 13 - 10:00 a.m. Sweet Hour of Prayer
- 13 - 10:30 a.m. Golden Voices Choir Practice
- 13 - 6:00 p.m. GoTo
- 14 - 7:00 p.m. Family Night
- 16 & 17 World Changers Study
- 17 - 7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Alive - Pope City Baptist
- 18 - 8:30a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Relay for Life Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- 18 - Graduate Recognition
- 18 - 5:00 p.m. Church Council

- 20 - 10:00 a.m. Sweet Hour of Prayer
- 20 - 10:30 a.m. Golden Voices Choir Practice
- 20 - 7:00 p.m. Hazel Chapman Group at Susan Poole's
- 22 - 7:00 p.m. Visitation
- 26 - 7:00 a.m. World Changers Project
- 27 - 10:00 a.m. Sweet Hour of Prayer
- 27 - 10:30 a.m. Golden Voices Choir Practice
- 27 - 6:00p.m. GoTo
- 30 - 6:00 p.m. Relay for Life



Deacon of the Month

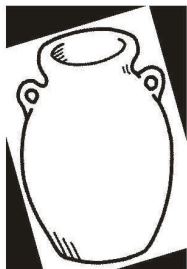
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"Come to the Potter's House, where lives are being Restored and Reshaped by the Master Potter's hands"
Jeremiah 18: 1-12

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MAY 2008



This has been one of those days that I can find myself asking the Lord some real hard questions. I got up at 5:30 a.m. and drove to McDonough for a Sunday School Equipper Conference because of an invitation from the Sunday School and Open Groups Division of our Georgia Baptist Convention. They said that because of our "proven track record" they wanted me to receive this training to train others.

I had just arrived and gotten my coffee and cinnamon roll when the cell phone rang and my nephew broke the bad news that my brother had had a bad night and the hospice nurse had told them to call the family. I immediately got back in the car and drove to Rochelle, got some clothes, and then drove on to Hoboken, racking up almost 400 miles before lunch. (I have already confessed my sin of speeding to the Lord, thank you. He forgave me.)

My earlier plans had been to stop in Macon on the way home after the conference to check on James Ferguson and his new pacemaker and to also find out what had been done for my neighbor, Bill McCullum. Bill fell and broke his hip and was to have hip replacement surgery today. Pray for Bill and Eunice because this is a continuation of very difficult times for them.

The next stop was supposed to be in Cordele to check on Cynthia Holt after her gall bladder surgery. Needless to say, I didn't stop to check on James, Bill or Cynthia. Thanks to modern technology I was able to call while driving and get the good news that the pacemaker was working well and Lavelle was willing to check on Bill for me. A call to Cynthia found her restless because she had not been taken to surgery yet after being promised that she would be the first one this morning.

I arrived in Hoboken and found most of my brother's family gathered around the bed. Gene was breathing with a low, gurgling breath and the conversation was kept to a whisper. I thought, "Lord, I just saw Gene on Friday of last week and he seemed so strong. How can this be happening so fast?" I was also quick to inform the Lord that I didn't relish the thought of losing brother #4 to this horrible disease called cancer.

I want you to know that an earlier call to Susan at the church had put the Golden Voices on alert and the prayer chain had been initiated. The result was a great calm in my spirit as I drove toward Hoboken. God does answer prayer!

At this moment, we are experiencing the fellowship of family that makes these difficult times bearable. It is a shame that we can't get together more often under much better circumstances. Gene's pulse is racing and his blood pressure is falling as his body struggles to get the oxygen it needs. This is the time that we are finally able to ask God to grant the rest and peace that only He can afford. How hard it is to say goodbye to the last of my brothers. Thanks be to God that I have the assurance that Mom, Dad, Wallace, Don and Charles will be there to greet Gene as he crosses that river! Please keep my family in your prayers as we once more make that difficult journey to the graveyard.

Thank you for your generosity to Jim and Linda Tillery in the Love Offering of last Sunday. Thank you also for your support of our Relay for Life Team as they raise money to be used in finding weapons to fight cancer. May God bless each of you greatly for your love and commitment.

Yours In Christ,
Bro. Jim



The Navy *SEALS* Relay for Life Team thanks everyone for their participation in the events we have sponsored. You contributed over \$1200.00 in the “*Pennies for a Cure*” campaign! We will be announcing the exact totals soon as well as the two classes that won the recognition for the largest contribution. In May we will have two more fund-raising events. On May 18th we will have a “*Pancake and Sausage Breakfast*” from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. See a team member for a ticket and come by and have breakfast with us before Sunday School that morning. May 18th will also be our final “*Denim Days*.” The team appreciates your support as we continue to fight this dreaded disease of cancer. The Relay for Life Celebration event will be May 30th at the ball field out at the Recreation Field. Plan to go out and enjoy this event.

Aloha! Island Guides



Surf's up, so get ready now to grab your surfboard and head for the waves! During VBS 2008, kids will know, speak and live God's truth-alo-ha style. Based on Psalm 86:11, Outrigger Island is more than a tropical paradise. It's the place where kids will develop stability they need to face a world of shifting sands and waving options.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is one of the most effective ways to fulfill Jesus' call to, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14, NV). The most important part of VBS is not cookies and crafts, but rather the built-in evangelistic opportunities to do the following:
 *Build relationships with children who need Christ.
 *Present the gospel in terms and ways children will understand.
 *Provide a fun time where children will feel good about God and the church.

As many as one fourth of all baptisms in Southern Baptist churches can be tied directly to VBS conversion experiences. In a 2003 study by the Barna Group, data from churches showed the probability of someone accepting Christ after age 12 dramatically drops.

We must reach children with the Good News and VBS in one effective way.

If you haven't signed up to help yet, it's not too late! There is a place for everyone at VBS and we need you! You give the availability and God will give you the ability. By allowing God to work through us, we can accomplish great things in our community for his kingdom. Mark your calendar now and make June 9-13 a special time of mission work right here in our Jerusalem.

Sunday School News

It is such a joy to see families come to church together. This past Sunday as the Bostic twins were leaving I got a blessing only the older folks can get when the twins to say “bye bye” and then one said “I Love you”! God really know how to pick you up when you're down, on time everyone. It is such a joy to see so many children and youth in Church on Sunday morning. Thank you mom and dad for getting your children up and coming to Sunday School. Not only are you obeying God and teaching your children, you are also sharing the love of God through your children. God blesses us in so many ways. Folks were family. I miss you when you're not here. I was looking at some records of GA Baptist and I noted the number of churches, number on rolls and number attending Sunday School. Amazing to was that from the very beginning of keeping records to date only half of those on rolls attended Sunday School regularly. Each year its about the same percent. Come to Sunday School, lets strive to be faithful and let it be said that First Baptist Rochelle Sunday School attendance is at least 80%-90%. Currently we are about 70%. Will I see you in Sunday School Sunday? I hope so. God Bless, Nelson



Please join us for the
120th Homecoming
 4th Sunday in June
 June 22, 2008
 11:00 a.m.
 Rev. Clark Standard
 Will be bringing the message.
 Covered dish lunch following the
 service.



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
 Relay for Life Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
 May 18, 2008
 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Come and have breakfast with us before Sunday
 School.
 See team members for tickets.



Mary Williamson	2
Grant Davis.....	4
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Jennifer Bostic.....	5
Brenda Gaines.....	8
Wayne McGuinty.....	9
Susan Poole.....	12
Brad Wood.....	13
Hazel Standridge.....	15
Jake Brooks.....	15
Billy & Dawn Harris.....	15
Sherrie Tyndal.....	16
Tim Gordon.....	16
Madison Brown.....	17
Wanda Holliday.....	17
Alex Helms.....	18
Amanda Hollingsworth.....	18
Royal Brown.....	18
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Richard & Katherine Ray.....	24
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Audrey Cason.....	29
Stephanie McDuffie.....	30

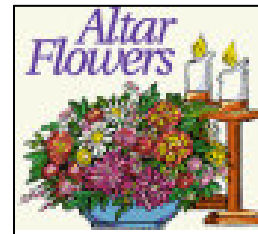


Tuesday
 May 6th
 7:00 p.m.
 Conference Room

Golden Voices



On April 8th the Golden Voices traveled to Beallwood Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia to participate in Jubilee'08. This was a festival of senior adult choirs. After a morning of worship through song and message we had lunch and fellowship and then re-assembled for each of the seven choirs to sing two selections each. This was a wonderful experience for us. It was good to see Bro. Clark Standard and his wife Margaret. We appreciate Bro. Clark inviting the Golden Voices to participate in this event. We are continuing to work on some new music as well as enjoying the more familiar songs. Each Tuesday morning is a wonderful time! Please continue to pray for our members with health problems.
 In Christ's Service,
 Norma Jean



May 4 - Nancy Futch
 May 11 - Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jackson
 May 18 - Mr. & Mrs. James Fitzgerald
 May 25 - Mr. & Mrs. James Rhodes

Nursery and Children's Church Workers for May

Nursery Workers for Morning Service

May 4 - Robin & Mindy McGuinty, Cassie Sutton
 May 11 - Millisa Gonzalez, Noel Dykes, Jena Rossman
 May 18 - Lonnie & Emily Sutton, Wanda McGlamory
 May 25 - Wayne & Mary Kate McGuinty,
 Christina Morrison

Children's Church for the Morning Service

May 6 - Shane & Leigh Anne Clements
 May 11 - Wayne & Robin McGuinty
 May 18 - Suzanne Tripp
 May 25 - Tommy & Delaine McDonald

2 & 3 Year Old Workers for the Morning Service

May 4 - Myra McGuinty & Holly Dykes
 May 11 - Myra McGuinty & Mary Kate McGuinty
 May 18 - Myra McGuinty & Lonnie Sutton
 May 25 - Myra McGuinty & Robin McGuinty

Nursery Workers for Evening Service

May 4 - Susan Bragg & Emily Sutton
 May 11 - Jennifer Bostic & Mindy McGuinty
 May 18 - Wanda McGlamory & Crystal Holt
 May 25 - Susan Stubbs & Noel Dykes



Youth

Dear Youth,
 May will be a busy month preparing for World Changers. For those of you who have decided to go, please look for more information in the mail and/or the bulletin. There is a lot we have to accomplish for World Changers, so pray that your schedule will allow you to complete the pre-project study and construction project. There will also be other opportunities to serve the Lord in the next months. Vacation Bible School would be a great time to serve the Lord helping with the children who will be attending this years VBS. Please be in prayer for all the upcoming activities. May God continue to bless you and our Church.
 Blessings,
 Katrina