



The beautiful roses in the pastor's office said so much to Barbara and me. Our first Sunday as your pastor was a great experience for us. We were warmly welcomed by a very friendly congregation. Thank you!

I was given a grand tour of Hapeville by Tom Howard on Monday. I know that you appreciate the work of Tom in the interim time that you have been without a pastor. I look forward to working with Tom over the next years believing that we can be a great team in serving the Lord and First Baptist Church.


The apostle Peter gave us three important keys to being an effective pastor. I will seek to live up to these three keys: the pastor must have a sense of mission or purpose or vision. I understand this to mean that the pastor should have a very good idea regarding the direction the church needs to be going over the next ten to fifteen year This does not happen because the pastor shows up one day. It will take a number of months getting to know the people in the church and the community in which the church is located. God is at work in Hapeville and the south side of Atlanta. It is our responsibility to discover where He is working and how He is working. We must then be willing to do all that we can to join Him!

The second key that Peter holds out to us is the key of leadership with integrity. Integrity is "walking one's talk." It is living out of one's strength of character. Effective Christian leaders in today's churches must be connected with God's people in knowing their needs, their dreams, and helping them achieve to their highest abilities. Leadership with integrity also reaches for the highest quality in achievement, never accepting mediocrity as the standard. We must seek and achieve at our highest capabilities.

The third key is that of leadership that is accountable. The pastor must hold himself accountable to eternal principles. Ghandi said, "One man can not do right in one department of life whilst he is occupied doing wrong in any other department. Life is one indivisible whole." Self correcting is a mark of maturity. Allowing others to lead us to self-correction demands the highest maturity of us. "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care" (1 Peter 5:2).


Living the Partnership of the Gospel,
Brother Bob

WEEK AT A GLANCE	Budget Receipts Mar 2	\$ 7,997.00
	Building Fund Mar 2	205.00
	Other Designated Mar 2	557.23
	TOTAL Receipts Mar 2	\$ 8,759.23
	<i>Weekly Budget Requirement</i>	\$ 5,853.00
	Bible Study Attendance Mar 2	66
	<i>Bible Study Enrollment</i>	184
	Preschool Worker Mar 9	Carolyn Bishop
	Deacon of the Week Mar 9	Cecil Wallace 404-766-0627

	<i>Our Goal</i>	\$ 2,500.00
	Given to Date	\$ 500.00


Happy Birthday!

Frank Lea	03/07	Ed Milton	03/10
Charlotte McKenzie	03/07	Jay Lovern	03/12
Clara Stephens	03/07		



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Sunday School Workers Meeting will be held Sunday, March 9, at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room.



Margaret Benefield,
Kindred Hospital & Rehab



Notes from Tom

.Sunday was a great day of worship! We appreciate the fine job our Sanctuary Choir does each week, and the anthem last Sunday was divine, as usual, despite the addition of that high-pitched whistle that accompanied the

anthem!

It took us a while, but we finally discovered that the "whistle" in the sanctuary Sunday morning was a pipe in the organ that had gotten stuck in the "open" position. The only way to solve that was to turn off the organ, and contrary to what is normally expected, it did not resolve itself when the organ was turned back on. Kay and I have decided that the organ is simply in shock after having 40+ years of dust cleaned out of the chamber and the pipes. We have contacted the organ company and asked them to come back this week and replace some of the dust to bring everything back to normal.

We are quickly approaching Palm Sunday and Easter! On those two Sundays, we will have music from our Handbell Choir, Children's Choir, and Sanctuary Choir to lead us in worship through remembering (Palm Sunday) and through celebration (Easter). Plan to worship with us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on Palm Sunday, and as we celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We will have a Fifth Sunday Combined Worship service on March 30, at Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The combined choirs of the churches will sing Joseph Martin's "For God So Loved the World" in the service. Plan to join with our friends from Jefferson Avenue and East Point FBC for worship.

Music for Worship—March 9

Choral Anthem "For God So Loved the World"
—Joseph Martin

Welcome New Members!

Robert Howell

3302 Dogwood Drive #127
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Bob & Barbara Wiley

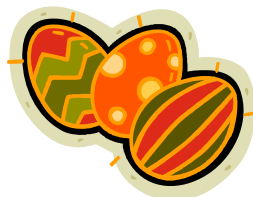
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Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 22

11:00 a.m.

Ages: 2 yrs—5th grade



There will be a box in the vestibule for collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to contribute candy, please leave it in the box before Wednesday, March 19.



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening for the beginning of Daylight Saving Time.

Women on Mission would like to ask you to donate sweetened cereals and un-iced cakes for the **Georgia Baptist Children's Home**. There is a box outside the office for these items. We will collect these items through March 20.

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to

The family of Evelyn Claypool

in her death on March 3, 2008.

Handbell Choir Change

March 16
4:30—5:15 pm

VBS Workers Meeting

March 16
5:15—5:45 p.m.

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Sunday School Workers meeting
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Worship
5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m. Worship

Monday, March 10

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
6:30 p.m. Homeless Shelter Ministry

Wednesday, March 12

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir (age 3—grade 5)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, March 16

PALM SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Worship
4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
5:15 p.m. VBS Meeting
6:00 p.m. Worship

*** (Childcare provided for ages birth - 3 years)*

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