



## Just Thinking . . .

The closest point in time that can be identified as the beginning of April Fool's Day tradition was in 1582, in France. Prior to that year, the new year was celebrated for eight days, beginning on March 25. The celebration culminated on April 1. With the reform of the calendar under Charles IX, the Gregorian calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved to January 1.

My "research" did not find any religious importance tied to the day – and am I glad!! Mark Twain is quoted: "The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year." Ouch!

Five statements regarding today and any day:

"This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Psalm 118:24

"We are being renewed day by day."  
2 Corinthians 4:16b

"Meditate on it (God's Word) day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it."  
Joshua 1:8


"Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today." Hebrews 3: 13


Do not forget this one thing. . .with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." 2 Peter 3 8

Have a great day!

Brother Bob

|                         |                                  |                               |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>WEEK AT A GLANCE</b> | Budget Receipts Mar 30           | \$ 4,391.00                   |
|                         | Building Fund Mar 30             | 1,068.00                      |
|                         | Other Designated Mar 30          | 115.89                        |
|                         | <b>TOTAL Receipts Mar 30</b>     | <b>\$ 5,574.89</b>            |
|                         | <i>Weekly Budget Requirement</i> | \$ 5,853.00                   |
|                         | Bible Study Attendance Mar 30    | 66                            |
|                         | <i>Bible Study Enrollment</i>    | 184                           |
|                         | Preschool Worker Apr 6           | LaVerne Travis                |
|                         | Deacon of the Week Apr 6         | Gene Weathers<br>404-358-6708 |

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|---|----------------------|--------------------|
|  | <i>Our Goal</i>      | \$ 2,500.00        |
|   | <b>Given to Date</b> | <b>\$ 2,335.00</b> |



**Norma Wood**  
3300 Stillwood Drive  
Hapeville, GA 30354-1424



**Margaret Benefield**  
Kindred Hospital & Rehab

**Virginia Weigle**  
Christian City Rehab

Known to  
Be Hospitalized

**Happy Birthday!**

|              |       |           |       |
|--------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Amber Thomas | 04/05 | Ed Keller | 04/09 |
| Eloise Moone | 04/06 |           |       |

*If your birthday is missing from the birthday list, we do not have it in our records. Please let us know of any missing birthdays.*



## Notes from Tom

I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to all those who had a part in the Fifth Sunday Combined Worship at Jefferson Avenue this week. The service was well-planned and executed, and we thank Ken Drane for his preparation of a wonderful service. I also want to thank the choir for their hard work. The anthem Sunday night was wonderful, and I appreciate having the opportunity to lead such a group. It is always good to get together for a time worship together with our sister churches.

I want to remind everyone that we will not have any children's choir activities Wednesday, April 9, due to the Spring Break schedule of Fulton County Schools. We will meet again for a few weeks beginning April 16.

Handbell Choir members are reminded that we will not rehearse again until August. Enjoy the summer!

The 100th Annual Meeting of the Atlanta Metro Baptist Association will be held at the Smoke Rise Baptist Church Sunday, April 20, beginning with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. Our church has reserved a table for eight, which will make the cost of the dinner \$22.00 per person. We presently have two open seats remaining. If you would like to attend, please see me as soon as possible to make your reservation.

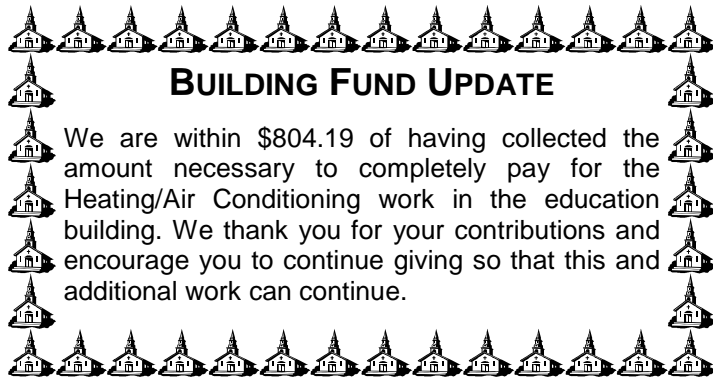
**Music for Worship—April 6**

**Choral Anthem** "Come, Build a Church"  
—Ken Medema

*You are invited to attend  
a reception honoring  
Dr. & Mrs. Bob Wiley  
on Sunday, April 13, 2008  
between the hours of  
2:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon  
in the fellowship hall  
First Baptist Church of Hapeville*

**Attention Homebound Members:**

If you would like to have Sunday School literature and devotion guides mailed to you, please call the church office and give us your name and address.



**BUILDING FUND UPDATE**

We are within \$804.19 of having collected the amount necessary to completely pay for the Heating/Air Conditioning work in the education building. We thank you for your contributions and encourage you to continue giving so that this and additional work can continue.



Monday, April 7  
10:30 a.m.

**Opportunities for Service**

**Sunday, April 6**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. \*\*Worship
- 6:00 p.m. \*\*Worship

**Monday, April 7**

- 10:30 a.m. HUMS
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, April 9**

- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Sunday, April 13**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. \*\*Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Reception for Bob & Barbara Wiley
- 6:00 p.m. \*\*Worship

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

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