



## Just thinking . . .

The “Welcoming Reception” Sunday was very nice and very beautifully done. In fact, words cannot adequately express our appreciation. To be accepted, to feel appreciated and loved, to hear kind words that are spoken, and to have a sense of belonging to the “family” of Hapeville First Baptist are among the many ways I want to respond.

Barbara and I must express sincere appreciation to Sue Harris for her labor of love. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the others who made the reception a time of joy and good fellowship. Mardelle Sanders, Linda Williams, Denise Summerns, Myrtle Zappa, Linda Jackson, Agnes Standridge, Jan Stevens, Peggy Bryden, Laverne and John Travis, and David Moone are the folks that made a good event an outstanding and enjoyable time together.

The flowers, the food, the reception book, and the good memories we will have of getting started with you are precious to us. We are also delighted that you were able to meet our family. Our daughter and her family, Robin, her husband Guy, Sarah Beth and Caroline Dubberly, and our son Paul, his wife Cassie, Seth and Lila.

First Baptist Church also participated in Hapeville’s “Spring Fling” last Saturday. The day started out somewhat overcast and wet but became a nice day. Again, Sue Harris was instrumental in getting us prepared and ready for the day acquiring helium, balloons, flyers to be distributed at the booth, and other materials. Denise Summers was the master designer of some intriguing “balloon hats.” Laverne and John Travis, Steve and Linda Darrow, Sharon Bryden, and Barbara Wiley were right in the mix making things happen! Charlotte Rentz provided the canopy and other equipment. Pastor Bob did pencil drawings that were given away through drawings that took place throughout the afternoon. A number of church members came by and provided help as well.

It is fun to be part of a church where so many folks willing and selflessly provide the hands and feet to make things happen. Paul wrote these words about those who work that the functioning of the church is productive and pleasing to the Father: “Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain” 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Brother Bob

WEEK AT A GLANCE	Budget Receipts April 13	\$ 7,314.00
	Building Fund April 13	100.00
	Other Designated April 13	0.00
	<b>TOTAL Receipts April 13</b>	<b>\$ 7,414.00</b>
	<i>Weekly Budget Requirement</i>	<i>\$ 5,853.00</i>
	Bible Study Attendance April 13	54
	<i>Bible Study Enrollment</i>	<i>184</i>
	Preschool Worker Apr 20	Sharon Bryden
	Deacon of the Week Apr 20	Brent Summers 404-767-8779



### Max & Bettie Barrett

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**Happy Birthday!**

Danella Bunn	04/18	Jonathan Darrow	04/21
Roy Jackson	04/21	Lena Lowery	04/23



Known to  
Be Hospitalized

### Margaret Benefield

Kindred Hospital & Rehab

### Melba Ray

Crawford-Long Medical Center

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to

### The family of Roma Culverhouse

in her death on April 9, 2008



## Notes from Tom

I want to share some thoughts with you this week from a note that Betty Jean Chapman shared with me from Pat Kyser:

*The church who taught my children who, with the help of the Holy Spirit are all Christians and are busy in their own churches, and their children also, IS growing! It is not who is in THAT building who is growing the church, but what is in the people who are there and what they can do.*

*Jesus called only 12 of the most unlikely people to be his disciples and to make the “fishers of men.” He didn’t use artificial bait, but LIVE bait.*

When we consider the number of people who have gone out from this church over the years and the work they are doing in their present churches, it is astounding how the church (the family of God) is continuing to grow because of the seeds planted here.

We have another opportunity for growth happening in our church now. A group of young adults, most of them raised here, is in the beginning stages of offering a contemporary worship experience on Sunday evenings. They will spend this summer “practicing” and preparing for the worship experience that they will lead. Their official “GO LIVE” date has not been determined yet, but they have begun the work of organizing and training. Please pray for them as they prepare to lead a new worship experience in this place. Pray for the “**Worship Café**” of Hapeville First Baptist Church.

### Music for Worship—April 20

Choral Anthem “Bringing in the Sheaves”  
—ar. Jay Althouse



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The **Happy Hums** will meet on Monday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. Come join us for music and fun.

The monthly **Deacons Meeting** will be Monday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. All active deacons are urged to be present.

**Church Conference** will be held Wednesday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m.

We still need volunteers to help with **Vacation Bible School**. If you are available to help June 16-20, please contact the church office.

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, April 20

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. \*\*Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Atlanta Metro Baptist Association Annual Mtg at Smoke Rise BC
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Café Meeting

### Monday, April 21

- 10:30 a.m. HUMS
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Deacon Mtg

### Wednesday, April 23

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir (ages 3- grade5)
- 6:00 p.m. Church Conference
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Sunday, April 27

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

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

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100th Annual Meeting  
of the

## Atlanta Metro Baptist Association

Sunday, April 20  
6:00 p.m.  
Smoke Rise Baptist Church