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PRAYER GUIDE FOR JULY 27-31

Please continue to pray for the residents of Hapeville and for our church's ministry in this community.

Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed." (Romans 15: 30-32)

Sunday, July 27 : That God will grant a spirit of persistence in those who are praying for the community. Luke 21:36; "being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience." (Colossians 1:11)

Wednesday, July 30 : That God will create a network of care and support in proclaiming the Gospel. "The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance." (Phil 1: 18-19)

Monday, July 28 : That the gospel will be "proclaimed" with great clarity and power in the community. "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." (Ephesians 6:19-20)

Thursday, July 31 : That God will provide every resource needed in bringing lost people to Himself. "I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has

Tuesday, July 29 : That the Father will provide for those who will be "missionaries" to the community. "I urge you, brothers, by our Lord



Pray for the people of Hapeville

accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done-by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ." (Romans 15: 18-9)

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DEACON NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being received to replace the deacons whose terms end this year. Please nominate up to ten persons to serve. The following deacons are currently serving and are ineligible for election:

- Steve Darrow
- Roy Gibson
- Jim Lovern
- Brent Summers
- John Travis
- Cecil Wallace
- Gene Weathers
- Hoyt West
- John Wimpey

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Please place your completed ballot in the offering plate or bring to the church office by **Sunday, August 3.**



Bob Wiley
Pastor

JUST THINKING. . .

I grew up in a preacher's home. It seemed to me that we did eat a lot of chicken on Sundays. Dad called it the "gospel bird," because we ate it so much! My mother's fried chicken would just melt in your mouth. Guests in our home always raved about her chicken.

Since my mother is no longer around to fix her fried chicken, another has stolen my heart regarding the cooked "gospel bird." You and I will be eating Chik-fil-A chicken this Wednesday afternoon on the grounds at First Baptist. It looks like at least 250

church-goers of Hapeville will take advantage of Kevin Moss' customer appreciation offer of a "FREE" meal, with the fixins'. It is a great and kind gesture on the part of Chik-fil-A to provide our church the opportunity to host the meal for other church-goers. Thanks, Kevin and Chick-fil-A.

By the way, I celebrate my 67th birthday, Firday, and my 45th wedding anniversary on Sunday. God is Good!

Pastor Bob

HOMECOMING : AUGUST 24

Annual Homecoming worship service Sunday, August 24 10:30 a.m.

Please begin making plans to celebrate the 124th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Hapeville at Homecoming 2008.

As always, Homecoming will be the fourth Sunday of August. That means this year, the date is August 24.

Our worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m., meaning we will have an abbreviated Bible Study time from 9:45 until 10:15. The choir will meet in the choir room at 9:45 a.m. to prepare. Anyone who wants to join the choir for the day is welcome to come to the choir room and meet

with us that morning. We also welcome you to come to a rehearsal before then if you would like.

The service will be followed by a church-wide covered-dish dinner in the fellowship hall. Invite friends and neighbors to join us.

LAST WEEK. . .

Bible Study Attendance	68
Budget Receipts	\$4,416.00
Designated Receipts	334.00
Total Receipts	\$4,750.00
<i>Weekly Requirements</i>	<i>\$5,853.00</i>
YTD Budget Rec.	150,720.07
YTD Budget Req.	169,737.00
Difference	(19,016.93)
YTD Designated	22,729.09

THIS WEEK. . .

Nursery Worker,
Carolyn Bishop

Scripture Reader,
Michael Rast

Deacon of the Week,
Gene Weathers
3404 Estelle Street
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PRAY FOR. . .

Treasured Member of the week:
Terry Pate
102 South Street Suite 22
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Tom Howard
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NOTES FROM TOM

As far as I can tell, HFBC Favorite Hymn #6, "Down to the River to Pray" has never appeared in a printed hymnal. It was brought back to the forefront of people's memories with its inclusion in the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou" a few years ago. The choral setting our Sanctuary Choir sings includes a dulcimer-like accompaniment reminiscent of the way it would be performed in the mountains of Appalachia. It is an Appalachian gospel song that is a very simple, but heartfelt plea for God's renewal.

*As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.*

*O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down
Down to the river to pray.*

Thanks to Dodi Pritchett for a wonderful worship concert Sunday evening. It is great to experience God in worship through music.

OPERATION "INASMUCH"

A couple of months ago, our church distributed bottles of water to attendees at a festival in Jess Lucas/Y-Teen Park based on the words of Jesus, "...in as much as you have done it for the least of these my brothers, you have done it for me."

The missions committee is committed to distribute 5,000 bottles for the Avalon concert on August 9, and another 5,000 for Hapeville's Happy Days Festival in September.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of these bottles of water,

you may make a contribution by placing it in an envelope marked "Water Bottles" to help offset the cost of this ministry.

This ministry will get us into our community and help to meet a need, while presenting a positive image of our church and its ministry.

A drop of water for those who thirst

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 27
9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Worship
6:45 pm Worship Café

Monday, July 28
6:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 30
6:00 pm Church Conference
6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, August 3
9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Worship
6:45 pm Worship Café

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Travis	07/28
Carey Giddens	07/28
Johnny Claypool	07/29
Mike Hamby	07/29
Stanley Ansley	08/01
Michael Rast	08/01
Barbara Blanton	08/02