



Seventh Notes

SEVENTH & JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2010

BETWIXT & BETWEEN

What better time or place could there be to conclude one's pastoral ministry than Seventh & James during the Lenten/Easter season? Palm Sunday we were at our best with the choir and orchestra bringing us into God's presence through a marvelous performance of the Brahms "Requiem." I have been privileged to serve two of Baptists' greatest institutions, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (before the pillage in the fundamentalist revolution) and Seventh & James Baptist Church. I am grateful to God and to you for allowing me to be a part of this family of faith. Sunday, May 2, will be my last Sunday in the pulpit.

Pat and I will be moving to Frankfort, Kentucky, near our daughters and grandchildren (as well as our fine sons-in-law). I will not be idle. The first three weeks of June, I will be teaching a course on Preaching on Justice at McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta. In the fall I am scheduled to teach a course at Bellarmine College in Louisville.

We will miss worship at Seventh, Wednesday nights and all of you. This is a church with a special mission. The influence of Seventh is greater than might be expected of a congregation our size. Our tradition of worship and history of social justice, are important models. Seventh is committed to truth, beauty and justice and I am confident that you will be true to those values. Somewhere there is a woman or man whom God has prepared to lead such a special congregation. Soon I will be worshipping among others but my heart will always be at Seventh.

In the next few weeks, I will work with the various councils to try to help make the transition as easy as possible.

*Please join us for a reception honoring
Raymond and Patricia Bailey
in gratitude for their years of service to
Seventh & James Baptist Church*

Sunday, May 2, 2010

3:30-5:00

Presentation at 4:30

*Cards will be available at the reception to write memories
or notes of gratitude. The cards will be collected and
Mailed to Raymond and Pat once they move.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Jeff Tang

Jeff joins Seventh & James by profession of faith. Joseph is a junior at Baylor University and is from Houston.



Kaye Johnson

Kaye joins Seventh & James by transfer of letter. Kay is an attorney in private practice in Waco.

ALL-CHURCH LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH
HARPER HALL

Please join us in Harper Hall following worship on Sunday, April 18, for an all-church luncheon. The church will provide the meat, and members are asked to provide the sides and desserts. Please bring the following item to share (according to last name):

A-G: please bring a **salad** to share

H-M: please bring a **vegetable** to share

N-S: please bring a **dessert** to share

T-Z: please bring a **salad or vegetable** to share

GRADUATES

If someone in your family is graduating in May, August or December, please let the church office know so that we may publish it in the church newsletter and in the church-family celebrations.

AMERICAN VIOLET

MOVIE NIGHT IN HARPER HALL
SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 5:30 P.M.

American Violet is the story of Dee Roberts who is falsely accused of distributing narcotics in a school zone. Roberts is offered a deal she can't refuse: plead guilty and accept a 10-year suspended sentence. The alternative: risk serving 16-to-25 years in jail. Realizing a conviction would ruin her life, Dee decides to fight back. Suing the DA for racial discrimination, Dee battles impossible odds in a case that will not only change her life but the laws of Texas as well.

Bring a brown-bag supper and join us for the movie and discussion to follow, led by Mark Osler. *American Violet* is rated PG-13 for thematic material, violence, drug references and language. The film runs 103 minutes, and will begin promptly at 5:30. Childcare is available with reservations made by Sunday, April 18th. If you have questions, please see Leslie Rosencrans.

PROPOSED 2010-2011 BUDGET

Copies of the proposed 2010-2011 budget are available in Harper Hall, at the sanctuary exits, and in the church office for review. We will vote on the budget during Church Conference on Wednesday, April 21.

SEVENTH'S SENIORS

Picnic at Carleen Bright Arboretum
 April 22 • 10:30—1:30
 Bring a picnic lunch

DEACON OFFERING COORDINATORS

Date	Deacon
April 11:	College Sunday
April 18:	Bob and Mary Darden
April 25:	Youth Sunday
May 2:	COMMUNION
May 9:	Ray and Ellen Deaver

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, MAY 1
8:30 AM

HARPER HALL
\$6.00

PLEASE INVITE A FRIEND!



Sunday School Fellowship

Join us for goodies in Harper Hall before Sunday school on

Sunday, April 25th from
9:15-9:45am

Don't miss this chance to fellowship with friends!

Food From the Faithful: Please bring donations of canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.) to be donated to Caritas for families in need in Waco.

COLLEGE STUDY TABLES

It's that time again! In May we will open the Melton Building for students to study for exams. If you would like to provide homemade goodies (or store-bought) please see Matt Rosencrans. We will also need volunteers to help with sign-in each night.



College Study Tables:

May 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

8:00 pm - 3:00 am

Shifts run from 8:00-10:00, 10:00-12:00
 and 12:00-2:00

Contact Matt (matt@seventhandjames.org)

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 3, the children gathered at the home of Judy McCracken for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to Judy for always being such a gracious host, and thank you to the Seventh & James youth for filling the eggs and playing games with our children. A great time was had by all.

