



Seventh Notes

SEVENTH & JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

July 2009

BETWIXT & BETWEEN

It is summertime in Waco and the living is easy but hot. Church activities are full speed ahead. By the time you read this, youth mission trip — rugged living and hard work in the Texas Valley — and children's camp will be over. Music Camp (July 6-12) will be the next major event on tap as you receive this. Paula and her crew do a great job with this special emphasis. Approximately 45 children will participate. Plan to attend the public performance of "Life of the Party" in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m., July 12. Vacation Bible School continues on Wednesday evenings.

Our Wednesday night presentations on our Baptist heritage have been stimulating and enlightening. Each speaker has been outstanding. Dr. Jonathan Lindsey will discuss an important American Baptist treatise written by Roger Williams on July 1. On July 8, James Paxman Boadu, a native of Ghana, will give us a view into the establishment and role of Baptist work in his country.

Reports from all the Chautauqua sessions are positive. There is something for nearly every interest. We are blessed with great teachers, specialists in the areas in which they are teaching. Take advantage of this opportunity and invite your friends — particularly those who are unchurched.

Our Sunday worship continues to be inspiring. In spite of vacations, extended studies away by many of our educators that take away voices and bodies, the choir performs magnificently each week. We do need you to be faithful in your attendance when you are in town. Each year new residents make the church rounds in the summer when many of our people are away. We have had a significant number of visitors in June. Some have said they were impressed with our worship but wonder at the empty pews. Please do not take a sabbatical from church. You bear witness to your faith in Christ and to your support of His work through Seventh & James by being in your place each Lord's Day. That is the key — think of it as the Lord's Day.

XYZ SUMMER PLANS

July 23rd, 10:30 a.m.

Da Vinci Exhibit, Mayborn Museum

Meet at the church to carpool to the Mayborn and then to lunch.

During these hot summer days, please help keep our electricity cost down by turning out the lights if you are the last one to leave a room at the church.

Thanks!



Youth Movie Day

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
on IMAX

We'll take a day trip to either Austin or Ft. Worth to see the sixth installment of the Harry Potter movies on IMAX on **August 1st**. Exact movie times have not been set, but we will most likely leave in the early afternoon, watch the movie, eat dinner somewhere in town, and then head back. Cost per person \$20-25. Sign up today with Matt (matt@seventhandjames.org). Parents — are you interested in coming along and helping with transportation? Let me know.

Dear Seventh & James,

The family of Bill Underwood wish to express sincere thanks for all that Seventh & James has done for Mary during her illness and upon her death. We're grateful for the flowers, the lunch provided before the service, the meals for Mary's husband, and the tremendous memorial service we had in our church. We've never seen such a caring fellowship. A special word of thanks to the Pastor for such a warm and caring memorial. We will always remember him.

Dear Seventh & James,

I want to thank you all for your continuous prayers and concern about my wife. It is comforting to know how much love and care I find in each one of you, as members of the family of 7th & James. Thank you for your tokens of love. The assurance of your affection is the refuge our souls needed. Thank you for your continuous fervent intercessions in our behalf.

Paco Hernández

Dear Seventh & James Baptist Church,

Sam and I want to express our appreciation to the church for being church in the best way possible — with comforting words, the funeral service itself and the wonderful meal provided by so many of you during the days before and after Frances' death. We are grateful to be a part of such a caring church family.

Sincerely,
Becky & Sam Griffin

Dear Seventh & James,

I am so grateful for the loving support you provided in my time of sorrow. God's grace has surrounded me through my family in Christ at Seventh & James. Thank you.

Jean Ryther and Family

The Moral Lives of Famous Dead People

John Wood — July 5, 12

John Wood will show slides of gravesites of famous people and comment on their personal and social morals.

Forum on Health Care Reform

Gayland Sims — July 5, 12, 19, 26

I will try to provide a very basic framework of what the issues are in regard to healthcare reform. We all have some experience, and attitudes influenced by our politics, personal points of view, and our faith. Healthcare has changed greatly in the 30-plus years I've been a practicing physician, and may well change more in the next 5 years than it has in the last 30. Each Sunday I'll present some of the issues; our various experiences and perspectives should give rise to great discussions.

Communion of Saints:

Meditations through Medieval and Renaissance

Sacred Music

Elinor Mazé — July 5, 12, 19, 26

In this series of four sessions, we will listen to ancient sacred music, and with pictures, historical narrative, Bible reading, and prayer, we will share the spiritual experience of Christians long ago.

An Open Discussion on Children's

Emotional Needs

Robert Ward — July 12

What Does It Mean to Subdue & Have Dominion Over the Earth?

Reading Genesis 1:28 as an
Asian-American Woman

Lai Ling Ngan — July 19

Habakkuk

Jim Kennedy — July 26

Moderator Ann McGlashan called the church into conference. **Dann Walker** moved to accept the Known Agenda, **Carolyn Keathley** seconded, and the motion passed. **Raymond Bailey** moved to accept the Requests for Membership and Transfers of Letter, **Tom Newsom** seconded, and the motion passed. **Tom Newsom** moved to accept the minutes from the April 2009 church conference. **Missy Kittner** seconded, and the motion passed.

On behalf of the Administrative Council, **Ray Deaver** presented the Financial Report. Total income was up \$2,000 compared to that of April 2008. Ray also reported on two other items. First, a large hive of bees was discovered under the outside door overhang facing Fifth Street. The bees were successfully exterminated. Other than this small glitch, all preparations for the new green space have gone well with the installation of the sprinkler system, planting of new trees, and sodding of grass. A rock on which a commemorative plaque can be placed has also been set at the corner of the new green space. In addition to reporting on the progress made on this part of the church property, Ray brought for the membership's consideration a proposal by the First University Credit Union. The credit union proposes to set up an ATM at the corner of the parking lot. The ATM would be placed on the corner directly across the street from the Bank of America ATM. This proposal would allow the church to receive \$2,400 a year as well as 50 cents for every transaction. Except for the summer months when most Baylor students are away from campus, the machine would generate an estimated \$800 - \$1,000 per month, resulting in an estimated \$10,000 annual income for the church. The contract would specify a five-year renewable lease. The credit union would assume full responsibility for the maintenance of the ATM as well as the waste receptacle next to it. It was noted that the credit union is not a new presence on campus; the company maintained an ATM in the corner of the old Post Office building for many years until its demolition. It was also noted that the transaction fee First University Credit Union will charge non-member users is \$1.25, compared to the \$3 fee charged by the Bank of America across the street. Since this proposal was brought to the church by a committee, there was no need for a second, and the item was opened for discussion. One issue that was raised was whether or not it would be suitable for the church to engage in a for-profit enterprise. Following this discussion, the item was put to a vote and was passed.

Since there was no old or new business raised by the membership, **Raymond Bailey** presented the Staff Report. He noted that this year's annual Cooperative Baptist Fellowship meeting will take place in Houston July 2 and 3 and encouraged church members to consider attending if possible and to be in prayer for the group. He reminded the church that Chautauqua would be starting and encouraged the membership to attend and to be mindful that visitors often attend. He also noted that the church would begin its Baptist Beginnings series on Wednesday nights to celebrate the 400-year anniversary beginning of Baptist history. These lectures will be presented by Dr. Doug Weaver, Dr. **Jim Vardaman**, Dr. **Jon Lindsey**, and Dr. **Rosalie Beck**. Additionally, **Raymond** reported that **Matt** and **Leslie** had visited the site on the border where the youth will have their mission trip. Finally, **Raymond** noted that the church does have sufficient funds from last year to cover this year's deficit, meaning that the church will not be short of cash.

David Pennington moved to adjourn, **Kay Pennington** seconded, and the membership indicated its approval by adjourning

Respectfully submitted,
 Carrolle Kamperman
 Church Clerk

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OFFERING COORDINATORS

DATE	DEACON
July 5:	Naymond and Carolyn Keathley
July 12:	COMMUNION
July 19:	Bob and Mary Darden
July 26:	Jim Lane
August 2:	Jerry and Bettye Lewis
August 9:	COMMUNION

WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS

Date	WORSHIP CARE
July 5:	Donna Kennedy
July 12:	Becky Griffin
July 19:	Sharon Rollins
July 26:	Pat Bailey
August 2:	Carolyn Keathley
August 9:	Paula Hoover

EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS

Date	EXTENDED SESSION
July 5:	David and Amanda Sturgill
July 12:	Rob and Julianne Best
July 19:	Donna Kennedy and Joy Marshall
July 26:	Derek and Sherrie Dodson
August 2:	Sandy Burlison and Frank Mathis
August 9:	Wade and Tammy Rowatt



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

HARPER HALL
PLEASE INVITE A FRIEND!