



Seventh Notes

SEVENTH & JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

June 2010

INTERIM PASTOR—DR. BURT BURLESON

During Church Conference on May 26, the Administrative Council presented Dr. Burt Burleson as the candidate for Seventh's interim pastor. The church voted unanimously in favor of this motion. Burt will begin as interim pastor on July 1.

As interim pastor, Burt will be responsible for weekly preaching, meeting with the staff for staff meeting, participating in worship planning and being present on Wednesday evenings.

When asked what the Administrative Council saw in Burt, Ray Deaver, Chair of the Administrative Council, said, "Our Council felt perhaps, first of all, that Burt knew what Seventh is — our worship style, the importance of music, who we are. Burt's pastoral experience was important to us, as well as the fact that he could be with our membership on Wednesday nights." Ray continued saying, "Burt and his wife Julie have been attending Seventh for several months and we look forward to hearing him in the pulpit."



Concerning Seventh & James, Burt says "Seventh & James has been a strategic congregation in our tradition for a long time now...a place where so many things came together that influenced Baylor and Baptist life. I'm thankful for the opportunity to be a part of God's work here, to serve in the Seventh pulpit, and call this community of faith our church home."

Burt earned his bachelor's degree from Baylor in 1980, a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1985, and a doctor of ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1992.

Burt served as pastor of DaySpring Baptist Church from 1995-2007 and as a part-time therapist at the Samaritan Counseling Center of Central Texas from 1995-96 and 1998-2000. He has served in a variety of ministry positions including youth, college, single adults as well as minister of counseling and family life.

Burt, we welcome you and Julie to Seventh & James and look forward to ministering alongside you both

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

During Church Conference on May 26, the following Seventh & James members were approved to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. Please be in prayer for this committee as they seek to make the best decisions for our church.



Jamie Burnett



Ellen Deaver



Derek Dodson



Daryle Echols



Becky Griffin



Bill Hillis



Carl Hoover



Pat Hynan



Donna Kennedy



Sharon Rollins



Jeanne Hill Ryden



Ann Sims



Lynn Tatum



Bert Wilson



Mike Jones
Alternate



Ann McGlashan
Alternate

Each summer our regular Sunday school classes disband for the summer months and we offer a variety of short-term classes for you to choose from. You may find one class you would like to participate in for the duration of the class or you might decide to visit a different class each week. Whatever you choose, we hope that the discussions will be enriching and meaningful. The entire summer Chautauqua calendar is available in the church office, in Sunday school classrooms, at the sanctuary exits, and Seventh's website (www.seventhandjames.org). These classes will meet June 6, 13, 20 and 27 unless otherwise noted.

**Alpha & Omega: From Armageddon to Oslo Accords:
A Christian Introduction to the Modern Middle East Conflict**

Lynn Tatum

At the core of the current Middle East conflict is a dispute between Jews and primarily Muslim Palestinians over a small piece of land. Yet this issue generates intense debate among Christians. Some Christians advocate an unquestioned support for Israel, the "heirs of Abraham;" other Christians are just as intense in their support for the justice of the Palestinian cause. We will focus particularly on the history of the conflict and the character of the main players. We will spend our time looking over the ancient roots of this conflict; the modern history of the struggle; an examination of the major parties in the fight; and what are the key issues raised for Christians and Christianity.

Why Don't We Like Denominations?

Rosalie Beck

During the month of June, we will explore why denominations came into existence, what forces have pulled them apart, the rise of community or non-denominational churches, and the emerging church movement. Want to learn something about the contemporary Christian scene in America? Join us.

What Makes Relationship Conflict Good?

Keith Sanford

This class will explore research findings and theory on conflict resolution in married couples, and it will consider ways in which well-managed conflict can be healthy for relationships. The class will parallel Keith's website, the Couple Conflict Consultant, and consider 14 different aspects of conflict interaction. Class participants will be given an opportunity, if interested, to use the website at home to assess their own approach toward conflict resolution.

Prayer Beads

Sally Askins and Barbara Hills

Week 1: Introduction to Anglican Prayer Beads

Week 2: Making your own prayer beads

Week 3: How to use your prayer beads

(This class will begin meeting on June 13. Participants are asked to contact Sally or Barbara if you plan to attend in order to have adequate supplies.)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OFFERING COORDINATORS

DATE	DEACON
June 6:	Bob and Mary Darden
June 13:	COMMUNION
June 20:	Carl Hoover
June 27:	Fred Hills
July 4:	Mike Jones and Pat Wilson

WORSHIP CARE & EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS

Date	Worship Care Leuschner 102	Extended Session Leuschner 104
June 6	Mike Jones	1) Missy Kittner 2) David Kittner
June 13	Becky Griffin	1) Donna Kennedy 2) Joy Marshall
June 20	Donna Kennedy	1) Paula Hoover 2) Mike Jones
June 27	Sharon Hynan	1) Jeanne Ryden 2) David Ryden
July 4	Bert Wilson	1) Marie Cleverley 2) Frank Mathis
July 11	Missy Kittner	1) Julianne Best 2) Rob Best
July 18	Mike Jones	1) Tammy Rowatt 2) Wade Rowatt

SEVENTH'S SENIORS

June 24 • 10:30
Potluck & Dominoes

WITH GRATITUDE

Dear Members and Friends of Seventh & James:

There is no greater community of faith, in my humble opinion, than that found in Seventh & James. Please accept our grateful thanks for all your prayers on our behalf in the past months. Our grandson-in-law, Nick Hall, returned safely from Afghanistan on March 19, at the time we were asking for your prayers for Herbert who was in Regent Care. Herbert is now at home and doing well with his exercises to give him strength and mobility so we can return again to regular services at Seventh.

With deep Christian love for each
and every one of you,

Mary Ila & Herbert Colvin

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 5
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, June 6th from
9:15-9:45am

If you would like to bring a dish to share,
please contact Leslie Rosencrans.

Food From the Faithful:

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

Motion to Adopt the Agenda: made by Tom Newsom; second by Sally Askins; passed

Motion to Approve March Minutes: made by Bruce Dyer; second by Carolyn Keathley; passed

Motion to accept Membership Report: made by Raymond Bailey; second by Becky Griffin; passed

Administrative Council Report [given by Ray Deaver]:

- Deaver reported that the church's net income to date is +\$50,000 over budgetary needs. Both gifts and expenditures were down in March.
- He reported that the Administrative Council is responsible for hiring the interim pastor, and will meet May 5th. Deaver solicited recommendations for the interim pastor to be forwarded to the Administrative Council prior to the meeting. The Council will bring a recommendation for the interim pastor after this meeting. Dr. Raymond Bailey, who tendered his resignation as of May 2d, has arranged for pulpit speakers through the months of May and June. The interim will begin preaching the first Sunday in July.
- The 2010-2011 Budget was introduced and discussed at the March church conference. A vote was taken on the adoption of the proposed budget. Passed.

Stewardship Council [given by Missy Kittner]:

- The Council recommended that David DeLoach serve the remaining time for an Inreach Council seat that is now open. Passed.
- The Stewardship Council, which is responsible for gathering the Pastor Search Committee, will place forms around the church for nominations for that Committee. Kittner emphasized the time commitment required to be on this committee, and a recommendation should not be made unless the person recommended is willing to serve.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Staff Report [given by Raymond Bailey]:

- The pastor noted his confidence in the staff ministers' ability to lead the church during the interim. Bailey asked for prayers and regular encouragement for the staff as they prepare for and execute the programs of the summer. He noted the Church Cabinet and the Deacon Fellowship have positive attitudes toward the change. But Bailey encouraged everyone to do their best during the interim. He hoped the values of commitment to social justice, missions, and quality worship will continue and that commitment should be communicated to prospective church members. Bailey counseled patience as the committee decides what type of pastor the church wants and goes through the resumes and traveling to hear prospective preachers. The pastor encouraged the church to pray for the committee members and for the process of finding a pastor, and to have patience in the interim.
- Bailey commented on the difficulty of regulating the temperature in the sanctuary. Professional counsel is that the only way to make sure it works would be to take the system apart to test everything. This action

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could run cost thousands of dollars. So, the decision was made to simply turn off the air conditioning when it gets too cold.

- Interviews for a new part-time custodian are taking place and the candidates are strong.
- The Administrative Council authorized Heath Construction to replace tiles at the doors of the narthex. The work will be completed this week.
- Carolyn Keathley offered thanks and congratulations to those who organized the Sunday luncheon that honored the Baileys.

Other Reports:

Ron Stanke reported that he will be gone most of the summer and asked for volunteers, whom he will train, to handle the control board on Sunday mornings during his absence.

Motion to Adjourn: made by David Pennington; passed.

Respectfully submitted by

Rosalie Beck

Church Clerk