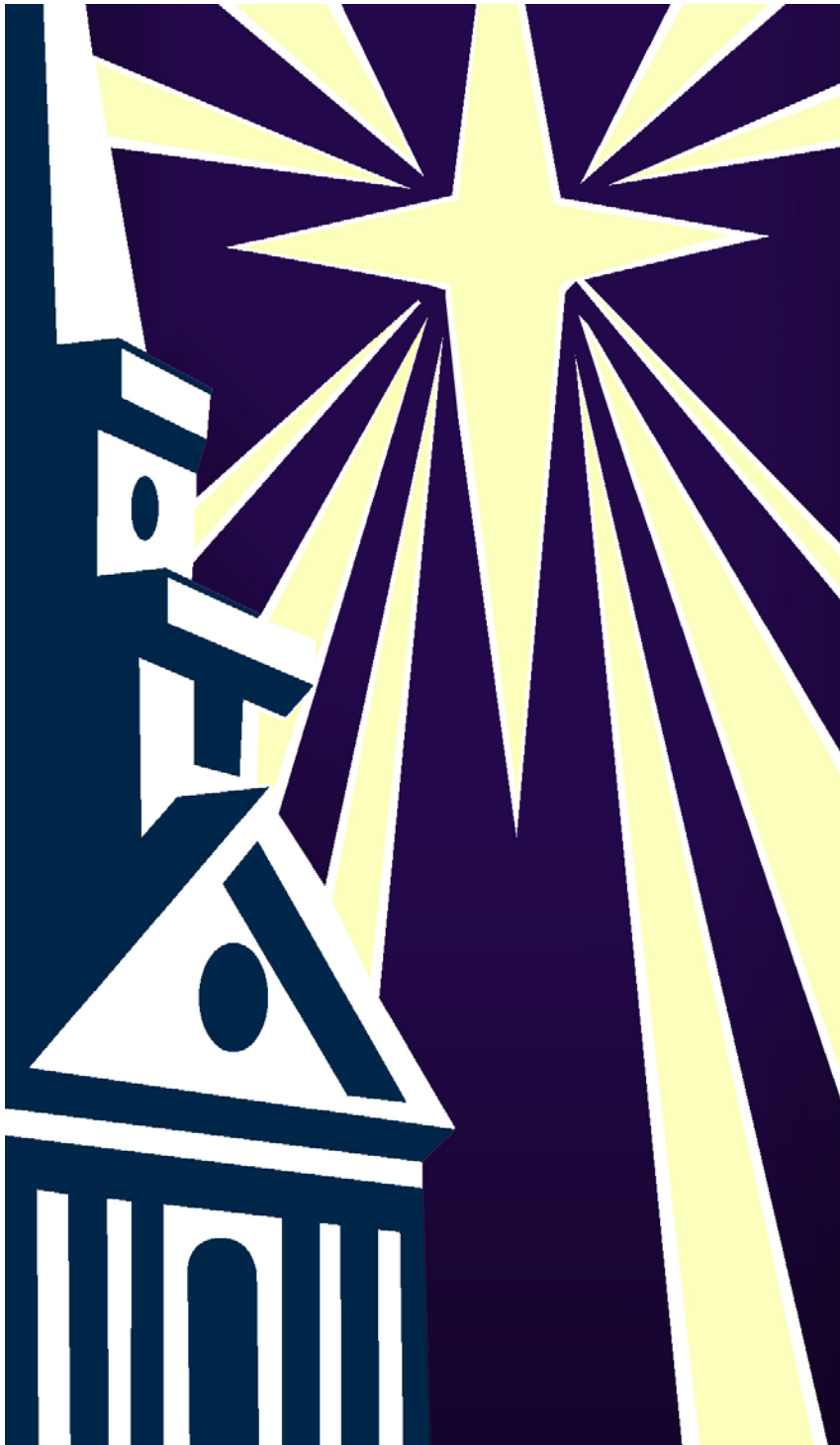


december 2010



The Witness

HAPEVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: INVESTING OURSELVES IN COMMUNITY



**Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year
from your
church staff!**

**Bob, Tom,
Kay, Sue,
Charlie, Bobbie**

JUST THINKING. . .

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger”

(Luke 2: 8-12) NIV

As we celebrate Christmas, I have made myself a list of things I want for Christmas this year. Perhaps, you are looking for the same or similar things.

I believe the most valuable thing I want for Christmas is to deepen my relationships with those I love. By focusing on loving them, I believe that I am following the example of our heavenly Father in His gift to us – His Son, Jesus.

To do this, I am making plans that will involve more time doing what they want to do. But, I will have to prioritize my time with them having the higher priority!

In a creative manner, I want to take my best memories of former years and bring those meaningful tid-bits into today’s relationships and produce some memories for tomorrow.

We have worked diligently through the years to reject the commercialization of Christmas as a family and will continue to do so this year. Perhaps, I can weave some sacred moments into the hustle and bustle of “bringing good cheer” to those I love.

We have many friends who will struggle with Christmas this year because of health, or the lack of work, or the loss of other family members. I want my Christmas to be enriched by sharing the blessings we have received with several of them.

I know that I “have to go to church” because I am a pastor! However, I am seeking to make the activities of the church this year a time of giving, serving, hugging, worshipping and loving my church family.

Rejoice!

Pastor Bob

DECEMBER MEETINGS		
Week of Prayer for International Missions November 28—December 5	Young Adult Christmas Dinner December 11, 6:00 pm	Christmas Caroling for Homebound December 19, 6:00 pm <i>No evening worship or Worship Café</i>
Singles’ Christmas Dinner December 2, 6:00 pm	Deacon Meeting December 12, 4:30 pm	Women on Mission December 21, 7:00 pm
Sunday School Teachers Dinner December 4, 5:00 pm	Calvary Refuge Center Meal December 13, 7:00 pm	Office Closed December 24-31
HUMS December 6, 10:30 am December 20, 10:30 am	Monthly Bible Study December 14, 10:00 am	Christmas Eve Worship December 24, 6:00 pm
Young in Heart December 7, 2010. 11:30 am	Children’s Choir Christmas Party December 15, 5:00 pm	Sunday, December 26 <i>Worship at 10:30 am</i> <i>No Sunday School</i> <i>No evening worship or Worship Café</i>
Children’s Choirs Christmas Music December 8, 6:00 pm	Church Conference December 15, 6:00 pm	
	Sanctuary Choir Christmas Music December 19, 11:00 am	

NOTES FROM TOM

*“Join the ancient yuletide carol,
‘Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la’”*

Our children will present “One Starry Night” Wednesday, December 8, at 6:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Following the program, we will have cookies and punch for everyone. Come and join us in the songs of the season.

Our Children’s Choir will have a Christmas party, Wednesday, December 15, at 5:00 pm.

Our Sanctuary Choir will present “A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols” Sunday, December 19, at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary. Be sure to join us for a time of new and familiar Christmas songs, along with Scripture lessons for the season.

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service December 24, at 6:00 pm, in the sanctuary. This beautiful service is a great way to celebrate Christmas Eve.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE ITEMS:

Sunday morning, December 26, our worship service will begin at 10:30 am. There will be no Sunday School and no evening worship or Worship Café.

There will be no Wednesday afternoon or evening activities December 22 or December 29.

The church office will be closed December 24-31.

Any contributions for the 2010 calendar year must be postmarked by December 31 or received by January 5, 2011, in order to be credited in 2010. If you want a contribution credited in 2010, please write that on the outside of your offering envelope.



OCTOBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Balance Brought Forward	(11,315.27)
Regular Receipts	27,717.22
Designated Receipts	2,358.90
Regular Disbursements	20,119.59
Designated Disbursements	2,066.53
Service Charge	17.00
Ending Balance	(3,442.27)
Percentage Budget for month	117.30%
Budget Receipts surplus to date	5,345.65
Designated Year-to-Date	15,587.20
Building Improvement Fund	14,303.36
Organ Maintenance Fund	10,675.00
Sanctuary Piano Fund	2,430.08
Almand Partnership Fund	25,000.00
Rodney Cross Estate CD	10,239.17
Brokerage Account: 135 shares of Home Depot	

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dec 5 - John Travis Dec 19 - Mike Rast
Dec 12 - Brent Summers Dec 26 - Roy Gibson

Deacons Meeting will be Sunday, December 12, 4:30 pm

CHILDCARE WORKERS

Dec 5 - Carolyn Bishop Dec 19 - Karen Cloud
Dec 12 - Joyce Payne Dec 26 - Sharon Bryden

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Come Worship With Us:

Sundays:

Bible Study (for all ages): 9:45 am
Traditional Worship: 11:00 am; 6:00 pm
Worship Café: 6:00 pm

Wednesdays:

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study: 6:00 pm



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one or to honor a special person in your life, please complete the following and return it to the Church office by December 12, along with your check for \$10.00 each. The list of poinsettias donated will be printed in THE WITNESS dated January 1, 2011. **POINSETTIAS MAY BE TAKEN HOME DEC 19.**

Your Name: _____
In Memory of: _____
In Honor of: _____



The Hapeville Exchange Club is collecting toys and clothing for local residents of Hapeville through their CAFÉ project (Community Assistance from Exchange). There is a collection bin in the hallway outside the church office for your contributions of toys and clothing. Thank you for your generosity during the holiday season.