



June 2011

# The Witness

HAPEVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: INVESTING OURSELVES IN COMMUNITY



*Reception Honoring  
Tom, Sandra, and Chris Howard  
Sunday, June 5  
2:00 - 4:30 pm*



June 19

# Happy Fathers Day

## JUST THINKING. . .

*"Kind hearts are the gardens;  
kind thoughts are the roots;  
kind words are the flowers;  
kind deeds are the fruits."*

- English Proverb

Summer is near with growing grass and flowers. The weeds seem more vigorous than the grass at this time of year. So are allergies and sneezes!

As a church, we face a time of planting, growing, and preparing for the harvest. I trust that we will diligently work in our God-given field. We must break the soil and plant the gospel. As Jesus pointed out, some seed will land on hard and non-receptive soil, and some seed will fall upon rich, fertile soil. Ultimately, it is as Paul wrote, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. . . The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers!" (I Corinthians 3: 6, 8-9).

We must major on telling Christ's story across Hapeville this summer. We will have some help from groups outside our church, but the harvest is our responsibility!

What are some goals that we might set for ourselves? I personally, am setting a goal of baptizing 40 people between June 1 and December 31 of this year.

I believe that we need to conduct enough "Block Parties" that will enable us to introduce and reintroduce HFBC to folks who are not going to a church or coming to our church at the present. We might see God bless us richly if we can talk to 2,000 people this summer and tell them about Jesus.

A significant group of people that we need to reintroduce HFBC to are those folks who are still members of HFBC but are not going to church anywhere!

There are multiple ways we can touch people's lives. The Thomasville youth will be with us July 10 to July 15. They will do sports camps in the mornings and conduct a VBS in the evenings. Others will be available to come and work with us.

<sup>3</sup> "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And it happened, as he sowed, *that* some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air<sup>[a]</sup> came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup> And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. <sup>8</sup> But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred" (Mark 4: 3-8).

Tom Howard has been an excellent friend and co-worker. He will be sorely missed on all fronts! We pray God's richest blessings for Tom, Sandra, and Chris.

Pastor Bob



## POSTLUDE FROM TOM

May 22, 2011

Dear friends,

22 years ago, Sandra and I came to Hapeville to serve here at the Hapeville First Baptist Church. During these 22 years, we have ministered with you and to you, and you have ministered to us. We have shared many good times and difficult times together. You have been with us through the deaths of parents and the addition of Christopher to our lives. We have created and shared in many memories here that we will always hold dear, and we thank you for allowing us the opportunity to make our home here among you.

However, the time has come for us to leave Hapeville. We are moving back home, to Florence, South Carolina, to be near our family and to take care of some family matters. Our last Sunday in Hapeville will be June 5, but our hearts and our prayers will always be among you. Thank you for allowing us to become a part of your family. Hapeville and the Hapeville First Baptist Church will always hold a special place in our hearts.

In Christ,  
Tom Howard

That was a very difficult letter to write, and it was even more difficult to stand in front of you and read it. Now we begin the most difficult part of all—packing 22 years' worth of belongings and moving.

The one thing we will never pack away is the collection of fond memories we have of our friends and family here in Hapeville. We hope to see you all when we return to the Atlanta area, and we hope you will stop and see us if you near us, especially on your way to Myrtle Beach!

If you need us, our email addresses will not change, and our cell phone numbers will remain the same for a while. When we have permanent numbers in place again, we will let you know what they are.

## APRIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>	<b>(14,174.20)</b>
Regular Receipts	23,445.87
Designated Receipts	1,510.33
Regular Disbursements	23,504.79
Designated Disbursements	98.00
Service Charge	2.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(12,822.79)</b>
Percentage Budget for month	99.22%
Budget Receipts deficit to date	<b>(8,619.53)</b>
Designated Year-to-Date	6,195.92
Building Improvement Fund	6,665.45
Organ Maintenance Fund	10,675.00
Sanctuary Piano Fund	2,430.08
Almand Partnership Fund	25,000.00
Rodney Cross Estate CD	10,583.11

## TREASURED MEMBERS

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## DEACON OF THE WEEK

June 5 - Mike Rast      June 19 - Jimmy Bishop  
June 12 - Roy Gibson      June 26 - Brent Summers

*Deacons Meeting will be Sunday, June 19, 12:15 pm*

## CHILDCARE WORKERS

June 5 - Wilma Sanders      June 19 - Carolyn Bishop  
June 12 - LaVerne Travis      June 26 - Joyce Payne

Please keep us in your prayers as we enter the next phase of our lives. You will always be in our hearts and prayers.



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Come Worship With Us:

Sundays:

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

Wednesdays:

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study: 6:00 pm

## JUNE MEETINGS

Reception for Tom Howard June 5, 2:00 pm	Flag Day June 14	Women on Mission June 21, 7:00 pm
Calvary Refuge Center June 13, 7:00 pm	Father's Day June 19	Monthly Birthday Dinner June 22, 5:00 pm
SBC Annual Meeting Phoenix, AZ June 14-15	Baptist Men's Day June 19	Church Picnic June 26, 6:00 pm
	Deacons' Meeting June 19, 12:15 pm	



## Calvary Refuge Center Meal

Monday, 13  
7:00 pm

To help prepare or serve the meal, or  
 to contribute to the meal, please see  
 Denise Summers or a Missions  
 Committee member.

