

# THE ILLUMINATOR LITE

OUR WEEKLY SUMMER EDITION NEWSLETTER

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Elijah  
taken up to  
heaven



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**“Lost Heroes”**

**2 Kings 2:1, 6-11**

#### OUR CHURCH PURPOSE

To actively proclaim the way of salvation and to nurture a community of faith through worship, evangelism, education and ministry in the name of Christ.

# FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

## NEW BAPTIST COVENANT MEETINGS COMING

I ask all Briarcliff members to put November 17 - 19 on your calendars. The New Baptist Covenant II meetings will take place on those days. In Atlanta, we will meet at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church; however, we will also be linked via satellite to host sites in Dallas, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Antonio, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. But, if you weren't present at the first organizational meeting in 2008, you may ask, "What is New Baptist Covenant all about?"

New Baptist Covenant is an association of Baptist organizations formed to address poverty, the environment and global conflicts. Former United States Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton proposed the establishment of a broadly inclusive alternative Baptist movement to counter the public image of Baptists as being predominantly tied to conservative political and cultural perspectives. Of course, there's nothing wrong with being a conservative. However, as Baptists, we are not all alike. Yet, we are often portrayed as being the same everywhere.

The effort began with a "Celebration of the New Baptist Covenant," a major conference of diverse Baptist organizations held in Atlanta, January 30 through February 1, 2008. Mr. Carter said the meeting will be "one of the most historic events at least in the history of Baptists in this country, maybe Christianity." Mr. Clinton told reporters that those who "did not have both the privilege and the burden to be raised in the Baptist church cannot possibly appreciate" how unique such cooperation is. "This is an attempt to bring people together and say, 'What would our Christian witness require of us in the 21st Century?'" Clinton said.

"Our goal is to have a major demonstration of harmony and a common commitment to personify and to accomplish the goals that Jesus Christ expressed in His sermon to His own hometown of Nazareth," said Mr. Carter.

Planners announce the theme of this historic gathering will be "Unity in Christ." The Biblical basis for the meeting is cited as Jesus' reading of scripture in the Synagogue as recorded in Luke 4:18-19. In these verses, Jesus reads from Isaiah: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim the release of the captives, and the recovering of sight of the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*

This call by Jesus to pursue both evangelism and ministry to "the least of these" is the Biblical foundation for the New Baptist Covenant.

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All of the churches attending the organizational meeting two weeks ago were challenged to reach out and find other churches with which to partner. Further, we were challenged to reach out to different kinds of Baptist churches.

I invited Saint Paul Baptist Church, a wonderful African-American congregation off LaVista Road, and the First India Baptist Church to partner with us. Both of them and their congregations said an enthusiastic YES! to joining with us at Second Ponce for worship, networking, fellowship, and work in the community. I am gratified by this and excited to be working alongside such pastors as Eddie Mosley and Avinash Raiborde.

Brothers and Sisters, we will all be the better for being together - all different colors, languages, and origins. The world needs us more than ever before. There is so much Godly work to be done.

Marc



**11TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER  
THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
6:00 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Come in your native dress  
and bring a dish from your home country.  
Everyone is invited!

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**LET'S GO PICK APPLES!  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**



We'll join the Seniors group from Scott Boulevard Baptist and go to Blue Ridge, Georgia to pick apples and have lunch. We will leave from Scott Boulevard at 9:30 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. While in Blue Ridge, we will visit Mercier's Orchard and have a fun lunch. The cost for the day is \$5 per person for transportation plus lunch on your own. Sign up now on the bulletin board.

**THE BREMAN JEWISH HERITAGE & HOLOCAUST MUSEUM  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Cost: \$10 per person, payable by October 15.

This amazing museum offers many exhibits. We will be taking a guided tour but will have some time left over for individual browsing. The \$10 cost includes transportation.

Sign up soon on the bulletin board!

# FOR OUR CHILDREN

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY FUN TIME

October 16 • November 6

Come to Sunday School on these special days, stay for Church and then stay for a time of lunch and play in the gym! Pick up time for parents will be 2:00 p.m. Reservations are needed so lunch plans can be made. Either call the church office or contact Diane DeBardelaben.

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### DEACON ELECTION

There will be a called Church Conference this Sunday morning, September 25, to vote on Deacon Nominees for the upcoming term. These nominees are Jim Hicks, Amethyst Shey, and Madeline Waldrop.

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### \$5 TICKETS FOR *COURAGEOUS!*

Beginning this Sunday, September 25, the church office will have \$5 tickets for the movie *Courageous*. This is the fourth movie from the makers of *Facing the Giants*, *Flywheel*, and *Fireproof*. The film will open on September 30. The Outreach Team wants to encourage each member to buy a ticket for themselves and a ticket for someone who is not attending our church. We hope this will be a great opportunity to impact our community as well as see a film with a strong Christian message. Please help us reach out!

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### IN APPRECIATION . . .

I was amazed at the cards and calls from the church members and staff to help me celebrate my 85th birthday. My cancer doctors tell me that the treatment I am on is working. It is called a "Miracle Drug" and my cancer may be in remission and that would mean I may be given five or more years. Thanks to all for your prayers and thoughts and naming me the VIP of the week. That has given me hope. Our church is a most wonderful second family,  
Frank Adamson

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### OPERATION INASMUCH

*"...Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

Work Day on *Saturday, October 15*

9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Celebration Worship & Luncheon on *Sunday, October 16*

If you haven't signed up for your preferred work project yet, look for sign up sheets in your Sunday School folder or contact the church office.

# DATELINE

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:45 - 9:30 am

9:30 - 10:45 am

9:45 am

11:00 am

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

Chapel Open for Prayer

Library Open

Sunday School

Morning Worship

Praise Band Rehearsal

International Dinner

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 am

LZ Aerobics

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Food Pantry Open (while supplies last)

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 am

LZ Aerobics

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Food Pantry Open (while supplies last)

5:15 - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

6:00 pm

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

7:00 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Ceramics

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Clothes Closet Open

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 am

LZ Aerobics

Church Office Closed

### FOURTH SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

#### EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Bonnie Guice & Diane DeBardelaben

#### USHERS

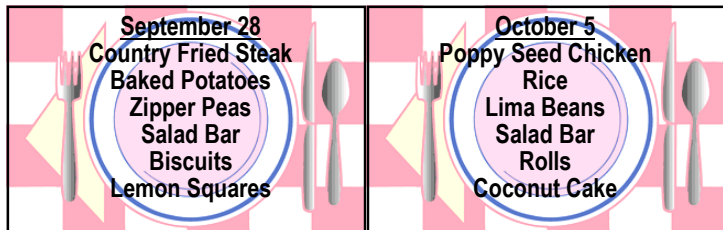
Charles Swanson Sandy Kirchoffer

#### PLEASE REMEMBER

ALL Wednesday Night Supper Reservations MUST be made by  
NOON on Tuesday of that Week, no exceptions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Adults: \$6 • Children thru age 9: \$3 • Family Max: \$19



Serving Line Open from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

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**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS** on Sunday, September 25 are given to the glory of God in memory of Smith Miller on the occasion of his birthday. They given with love by his wife, Lois.



**CHURCH STAFF**

Interim Pastor	Dock Hollingsworth
Associate Pastor	Marc Burcham
Organist	Cindy Marshall
Pastor Emeritus	Glen Waldrop
Church Office	Helyn Kesler
Finance (Mondays Only)	Diane Neuman
Custodian	Sammy Skinner

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## Vital Signs

**Through Sunday, September 18, 2011**

Offering for the Week	\$3,541
Offering Needed for the Week	\$7,519
Offering to Date	\$250,251
Budget Offering Needed to Date	\$285,722
Difference	(\$35,471)

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	<b>116</b>