



**BRIARCLIFF
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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praise in the Park!

**Sunday, September 27
11 am**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHURCH WIDE PICNIC
THIS SUNDAY @ MASON MILL PARK**

JOIN US FOR OUR OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC. SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM FOLLOWED BY TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN. THE CHURCH BUS WILL LEAVE BBC AT 10:45 AND 11:05 AM FOR THOSE WHO NEED A RIDE TO THE PARK AND BACK. PLAN ON STAYING TO FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY OVER A PICNIC LUNCH.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

BRIARCLIFF BAPTIST CHURCH

57TH ANNIVERSARY

FORMER PASTOR, DR. PAUL BAXTER, WILL BE WITH US TO CELEBRATE!
CAKE RECEPTION FOLLOWING SERVICE.

Mark Your Calendars!



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**JOIN US FOR
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2015



5:45 PM—DINNER, PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY CALLING THE OFFICE AT 404.633.6103 NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 BY NOON.

6:30—PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

6:30—CHILDREN'S CHOIR (ROOM 217)

7:30—WORSHIP TEAM (CHOIR AND BAND, SANCTUARY)

**ARE YOU NEW TO BRIARCLIFF BAPTIST CHURCH?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US?**



**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE FOR OUR
BLUEPRINT LUNCHEON**

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE YOUR
RESERVATION AT 404.633.6103**



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR JESSIE BAUER AS SHE PREPARES TO GO ON MISSION TO EAST ASIA. SHE WILL BE WORKING WITH AT-RISK CHILDREN AND SERVE INFANTS WITH DISABILITIES. HER TRIP IS OCTOBER 17-27, 2015.





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BBC KIDS EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

ATLANTA CENTER FOR PUPPETRY ARTS

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US TO SEE PETER PAN. PLEASE CALL MERRY JAMIESON FOR MORE DETAILS, 404.326.6315.



CULTURAL RIP CURRENTS

THIS SUMMER, MY FAMILY AND I GOT TO VACATION IN DESTIN, FLORIDA FOR A FEW DAYS. THE BEACH WAS ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS, WITH SOFT WHITE SAND, WAVES PERFECT FOR BODYSURFING, AND THE JOYOUS SCREAMS OF 5, YES 5, LITTLE GIRLS RUNNING AROUND. THE ADULTS HAD TO KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON THE LITTLE ONES THOUGH, BECAUSE THERE WAS A FIERCE RIP CURRENT THE DAYS WE VACATIONED. A RIP CURRENT OR "RIP TIDE" IS A STRONG AND STEADY CURRENT UNDERNEATH THE WAVES THAT PULLS DIRECTLY AWAY FROM THE SHORE.

ON MANY OCCASIONS MY BROTHER-IN-LAW AND I FOUND OURSELVES FAR AWAY FROM OUR POP-UP TENT ON THE BEACH BECAUSE THE RIP CURRENT HAD PUSHED US DOWN SHORE. RIP CURRENTS ARE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE FROM THE SHORELINE; ON THE SURFACE THE OCEAN LOOKED FINE, EVEN CALM AND SERENE, BUT UNDERNEATH THE STORY WAS DIFFERENT.

IN OUR PRESENT DAY THERE ARE MANY CULTURAL "RIP CURRENTS" ATTEMPTING TO PULL US AWAY FROM THE TRUTHS FOUND IN SCRIPTURE. CURRENT ISSUES AND IDEOLOGIES SUCH AS RELIGIOUS PLURALISM, ABORTION, SAME-SEX UNIONS, IMMIGRATION, VIOLENCE, RACISM, AND GENDER AND SEXUALITY, ALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PULL US AWAY FROM THE TRUTHS IN THE BIBLE THAT ANCHOR OUR SOULS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AROUND US. TODAY, MORE THAN EVER WE MUST KNOW, HOLD ONTO, AND DEFEND THE TRUTHS OF SCRIPTURE WITH BOTH GRACE AND VERACITY LEST WE FIND OURSELVES ADRIFT IN A SEA OF THEOLOGICAL CONFUSION.

LET'S READ, STUDY, LOVE, GUARD AND SHARE GOD'S PRINCIPLES, PRECEPTS, PROMISES AND PROPHECIES FOUND IN HIS WORD SO THAT WE'RE NOT TOSSED AROUND BY EVERY WAVE OF DOCTRINE BUT RATHER SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE TO A WORLD THAT DESPERATELY NEEDS JESUS.

LOVE YOU,
PAUL