

Moving Forward!

We've had a quiet July, which has been kind of nice. Worship has been wonderful, with amazing music from many different people, and even a chance to worship in our Ground Floor space. I hope that as the summer goes on, you are continuing to prayerfully consider your role in our Moving Forward program. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something, and the whole process will work best if each of us choose one area that is something we care about. Just to be clear, let me offer some more specific ideas of what we will be talking about:

Leadership

Current Congregational Council has 10 areas

- Denominational Relations
- Education
- Facilities
- Missions
- Personnel
- Stewardship
- Worship
- Outreach
- Fellowship
- Diaconate

You may want to be part of one of these existing areas. You may have strong feelings about whether we need to keep one of these, or change its name and purpose, or combine it with others.

Missions

Current Missions Model: Giving Broadly to Many Not-For-Profits; Few Chances for Volunteer Participation

You may have strong feelings about what missions model we use going forward; you may have an interest in a particular kind of missions or a particular goal of missions for the church.

Ground Floor Renovation

- Vision
- Budget
- Implementation

You may have great gifts for visualizing what this room could be; you might like the hands-on work of making it happen!

A note: I am very aware that some people have physical limitations—please know that one of the most important jobs we will have for our people this fall is to be in prayer. Consider joining a group, and then praying for the group and the people in the group as the work continues. As much as we hope everyone will take a role, we are not looking to have people take on something which is harmful to them. We are going to have such fun as we work on our identity and on our space here at Peakland! Keep praying for our church and for guidance about your role!

Martha

Narthex Display Case

If you would like to prepare a display for the display case in the Narthex, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for our Sunday morning services, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office!

Thanks!

Celebration of Jim Hyler's Life

Our special thanks to those who contributed in making the reception memorable and fulfilling to the family of Jim Hyler on June 11th.

Thank you for all the food, monetary and food donations, and the physical assistance that morning at Tharp Funeral Home.

Thank you to Eleanor Ashwell, Mary Lee Bell, Susan Epling, Georgia Fauber, Donna Johnson, Gus Lamont, Martha Kears, Thelma Naff, Karen Painter, and Bill Riley.

It took the gifts and generosity of everyone who brought this celebration of Jim's life to be a positive one for his family and friends.

Come Grow With Us

SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs. *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor (9:45 a.m.)

Summer Sundays will find the Searchers class leaders choosing topics from *The Best American Spiritual Writing 2008*, edited by Philip Zaleski, or from their own experiences or resources.

RENOVATORS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs. This class is not currently meeting.

THE FORUM

Religion and current events are discussed in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs (10:00 a.m.)

ADULT STUDY

The Formations - Meets in the Parlor *Lesser-Known Prophets* (10:00 a.m.)

CALENDAR



PENCIL IN THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Friday, 3rd		Church Office Closed
Sunday, 5th	9:45&10 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Communion)
	5:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting - Parlor
Monday, 6th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Tues, 7th	6:30 p.m.	Pizza - Young Adults & Teens
Friday, 10th		Church Office Closed
Sunday, 12th	9:45&10 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 13th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Sunday, 19th	9:45&10 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 20th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Sunday, 26th	9:45&10 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 27th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Thurs, 30th	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

The Formations Sunday School Class

The Formations Class meets weekly on Sunday mornings at ten o'clock. We are a Bible Study Group, using material developed by Smyth & Helwys, the publishing arm of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Our lessons are insightful and provide an opportunity to explore fundamental biblical truths that are still relevant today. Our summer studies for August are from selected Gospel texts involving "Jesus' Priorities." We welcome returning members and newcomers alike to meet with us in the church parlor and find ways to make the Bible "come alive" for our faith journey today.

Jim Patterson and Dwight Mays, Co-Teachers

Men's Breakfast!

Our men are taking a break for the summer.
Join them
on September 15th, 8 a.m.,
Acorn Hill Bistro



August—Mission Models To Consider

During the month of August, our Missions Team is going to share some information for you to consider as we prepare for the fall. There are several models for doing missions in churches, five of which are those most commonly used:

- Giving to Not-for-Profits—church is primarily focused on giving to outside, existing Not-for-Profit organizations; little emphasis is given to volunteering;
- Giving for the Direct Missions of the Church—church gives for a single, specific mission, run by the church itself; great emphasis is given to an active mission of the church;
- Giving with a Seasonal Focus of Volunteerism—church gives broadly, but volunteer efforts are focused on one specific mission for each month or season;
- Giving to Many; Focused on One—church gives broadly, but volunteer efforts are focused on one mission (one Not-for-Profit or denominational organization) or one mission area (hunger, housing, race relations, etc);
- Team Approach—both giving and volunteer efforts are divided into teams (Hunger Team, Homelessness Team, Education Team, etc.)

During this month, the Missions Team will be connecting you with more information about each model, including samples, and will be preparing to hear from you in September about which model of missions appeals to you (corporately).

September is Baptist Identity Month

During the month of September, we have several special events:

Sunday, Sept. 2—Blessing of the Hands (a special moment to recognize the blessing of the work we have been given to do in our lives)

Sunday, Sept. 9—Rev. LeDayne Polaski (my good friend and Executive Director of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America/Bautistas Por La Paz) will be with us for the Sunday School hour and worship. We will talk about peacemaking as part of our Baptist identity

Sunday, Sept. 9—Congregational Council meets

Sunday, Sept. 16—Congregational Lunch and Quarterly Meeting

Sundays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, and 30—Sunday School Hour Together—**Exploring Our Baptist Identity**—What do WE mean when we say we are Baptist? We'll have bagels and other breakfast treats, along with good coffee, as we gather together in our fellowship hall from 9:45-10:45 during these four Sundays in September—everyone is invited, whether you are a member of a SS class or not!

Pizza-Appeal!

Young Adults! Teens! I need YOU! I need your ideas, your thoughts, your dreams!

Tuesday, August 7th

I'm offering pizza, chicken wings, teeth-corroding sodas, and deeply unhealthy desserts and ABSOLUTELY NO KALE in return for your time.



Meet me in the Ground Floor room at 6:30pm—bring nothing but yourself and a friend if you wish. I would like to talk about

Dreams for that room

Things you'd like to do

Ways your church can care for you

Anything else you want to talk about

I'm buying enough pizza for 10-12 people—if you don't come, I will eat it all and watch Netflix. If you can RSVP (or have your adult wranglers do so) to mdkearse@outlook.com, that is helpful, but not required.

I REALLY HOPE TO SEE YOU ON AUGUST 7TH! SERIOUSLY, BRING A FRIEND!

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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Women on a Mission

WOM will enjoy the summer and will not meet again until September. Of course, they will always step up to the plate if a special need arises.



*Peakland Baptist Church would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Haga and Fox families.
Meredith Haga Fox passed away last week after a long illness in Vanderbilt Hospital.
Please keep the Haga family and the Fox family in your prayers*



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03	*Barbara and Ed Burnette	17	*Jan and John Daniels
05	Gail Aud	17	*Pat and Bill Fleming
05	Barbara Burnette	18	Dawn Daniel
05	Jeff Curcio	18	Bill Riley, Jr.
05	*Marie and Taz Daughtrey	18	Cynthia Riley
05	Parker Lee, III	20	George Brady
05	Mike Riley	21	Sandra Carroll
06	Christian Williams	22	Deborah Raessler
09	Gwen Hickson	23	Esther Kinuthia
10	Brent Riley	23	Rondys Cook
12	Marcey Cook	26	Brenda Brooks
13	*Janna and Hunter Russell	26	Daphne Taylor
14	*Kelly and Richard Dietz	28	Randal Walton
14	Allan Heer	29	Anne Flippin
14	*Mary and Bruce Rockwell	29	Bill Riley
16	Aurelia Faulconer	29	*Debbie and Mike Riley
16	Vic Angell		

CHURCH STAFF:

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse	Pastor
The Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, III	Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Debbie Burton	Music Director
Mr. Allan Heer	Organist
Mrs. Donna Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Kim Morales	Bookkeeper

VISION STATEMENT

We are faithful and loving servants of God who believe that Jesus Christ is the risen Lord. We are a spiritual, ecumenical congregation, called by God, bound by faith, united in fellowship, dedicated to freedom, and engaged in God's work of mission and outreach.