Reflections
Dr. Paul Baxley

Summer vacation has come! By the time you receive this newsletter, students in every school in our area will be finished with classes and enjoying the first days of vacation. Even those of us who no longer have the kinds of vacations we used to enjoy in our school days still claim time during the summer months to get away, to enjoy a slower pace or a different place, and spend time with people we love. That is as it should be.

After all, most of the time, the pace of life is busy. That is true for children, youth, and college students in school. It is true for those of us who are in our working years. And I’ve heard more than a few retired folks say: “I have no idea how I ever had time to work!” We live in a culture that celebrates busyness, and that all too often makes a direct correlation between how busy we are and how valuable our lives are.

In this flurry of activity, we often lose sight of an ultimate truth. As humans, we were not created for unceasing frenetic activity. We were not created for the rhythm that dominates most living today. We were made for a different rhythm—a rhythm including work and rest. German theologian Jurgen Moltmann reminds us that the Sabbath (the day of rest) is the climax of the creation. The opening chapters of Genesis make it clear that God rested after the work of creation; therefore, being made in the image of God means that we have a basic need to do the same. We need to recover a faithful rhythm to our lives, and in so doing, we will discover that we encounter God not only in active faithfulness, but also in quiet stillness. After all, what we hear in the stillness orders the activity in our lives. What we sense in the quiet strengthens us for the times of greater intensity.

In these summer months, I hope we will begin to regain the kind of rhythm that God desires for us. And, by the way, worship and study are also essential practices of a proper rhythm to life. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us “not to neglect the habit of meeting together.” So this summer, I also challenge you to make a deeper commitment (not a lesser one) to Bible study and worship. Live into that commitment by being at First Baptist when you are here, and live into it further by going to worship while you are on vacation, as well.

In the same spirit, I encourage you to join me in taking advantage of the somewhat slower pace of the (Continued on page 5)
Welcome to Summer Cookout!
Saturday, June 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Frank and Teresa Granger will host our youth group at their home for a cookout to kickoff our summer! Hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Families are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Please RSVP to and sign up to bring a side dish with Hannah Coe: Hannah@firstbaptistathens.org.

Tubing in Helen
Friday, June 10
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Cost is $5 per person unless you are a VBS volunteer. If you are able to volunteer at VBS, you will go tubing for free! Please plan to pack a “sack lunch” for the day. Permission slips will be available in the church office and need to be signed for minors. Please let Hannah know no later than Friday, June 3 if you plan to come along!

Philippines Mission Trip Team Training
Sunday, June 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
FBC Fellowship Hall

Ultimate Frisbee
Tuesday, June 14
5:00-6:30 p.m.
All youth invited.
Powerade and water provided.
Location: TBA

Matinee Movie and Dinner
Wednesday, June 22, 4:00-7:00 p.m. (approx.)
Beechwood Cinemas and Shopping Center
Movie and final time TBA
Contact Person: Susan Henderson
marshender@bellsouth.net

Pool Party!
Wednesday, June 29, Time TBA
In Calls Creek neighborhood and hosted by Dave and Cathy Graves. Details coming soon!
Contact Person: Jane Hubert
jhubert@uga.edu

Passport Choices, Wingate, NC
July 17-22 Total Cost: $225
Final payment of $175.00 per person due July 1.
REGULAR SUNDA Y SCHEDULE
9:15 a.m.-12:00 Noon  Regular Sunday Morning Schedule
9:45-10:45 am  Sunday School and Bible Study
11:00 am-12:00 noon  Worship Service - Sanctuary

WEEK 1—JUNE 1-4

Wednesday, June 1
IHN Host Week (ends Sunday, June 5)
7:30 am  Prayer Breakfast - Covenant Carpenter
5:00 pm  Philippines Mission Trip Chaperone Meeting - Farrall Conference Room

Saturday, June 4
6:00-8:00 pm  “Welcome to Summer Cookout” for the Youth & Rising 7th Graders - at the Granger’s Home

WEEK 2—JUNE 5-11

Sunday, June 5  Communion Sunday
IHN Host Week Ends
8:00 am  50+ Group depart for trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto (June 5-11)
8:30 am  Outreach Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall
9:45-10:45 am  Sunday School and Bible Study
11:00 am-12:00 noon  Worship Service - Sanctuary
2:30 pm  Sunday School at Denney Tower

Monday, June 6
9:00 am-12:00 noon  Vacation Bible School (June 6-9)
2:00 pm  Staff Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
5:15 pm  Policy Review Work Group - Farrall Conference Room

Tuesday, June 7
9:00 am-12:00 noon  Vacation Bible School
6:00-7:30 pm  Sisters Bible Study - Ebenezer Baptist Church
7:30 pm  Boy Scouts Troop 22 Meeting - Youth Area

Wednesday, June 8
9:00 am-12:00 noon  Vacation Bible School
5:15 pm  Property Management Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
7:00-8:00 pm  Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, June 9
9:00 am-12:00 noon  Vacation Bible School
6:00 pm  IHN Coordinators’ Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 10
9:00 am-4:00 pm  “Tubing in Helen” Trip for Youth & Rising 7th Graders

Saturday, June 11
50+ Group Return from Niagara Falls/Toronto Trip

WEEK 3—JUNE 12-18

Sunday, June 12
9:45-10:45 am  Sunday School and Bible Study
11:00 am-12:00 noon  Worship Service - Sanctuary
2:30 pm  Sunday School at Denney Tower
3:00-5:00 pm  Philippines Mission Trip Team Training - Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm  Music Team Meeting - Farrall Conference Room

Monday, June 13
2:00 pm  Staff Meeting - Farrall Conference Room

Tuesday, June 14
10:30 am  IHN Board Meeting - Fellowship Hall
5:00-6:30 pm  Sunday School and Bible Study
5:15 pm  Policy Review Work Group - Farrall Conference Room
6:00-7:30 pm  Sisters Bible Study - Ebenezer Baptist Church
7:30 pm  Boy Scouts Troop 22 Meeting - Youth Area

Wednesday, June 15
5:00-6:00 pm  Wednesday Supper - Fellowship Hall
5:45 pm  Gather for Prayer and Announcements
6:00-6:50 pm  Youth Mission Trip to Philippines (June 17-27)

Thursday, June 16
6:00-7:30 pm  Deacons’ Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 17
Youth Mission Trip to Philippines (June 17-27)

WEEK 4—JUNE 19-25

Sunday, June 19  Father’s Day
9:45-10:45 am  Sunday School and Bible Study
11:00 am-12:00 noon  Worship Service - Sanctuary
2:30 pm  Sunday School at Denney Tower

Monday, June 20
10:00 am  Quilters - S-104
2:00 pm  55+ Group Meeting - Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm  Staff Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
6:00 pm  Deacons’ Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 21
5:00 pm  Parkview Playschool Board Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
6:00-7:30 pm  Sisters Bible Study - Ebenezer Baptist Church
7:30 pm  Boy Scouts Troop 22 Meeting - Youth Area

Wednesday, June 22
4:00-7:00 pm  Youth Matinee Movie & Dinner - Beechwood Cinemas and Shopping Center
7:00-8:00 pm  Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, June 23
12:00 noon  July Newsletter Deadline
6:30 pm  50+ Group Program and Dinner: A Night with Bob Roberts - Fellowship Hall

WEEK 5—JUNE 26-30

Sunday, June 26
9:45-10:45 am  Sunday School and Bible Study
11:00 am-12:00 noon  Worship Service - Sanctuary
2:30 pm  Sunday School at Denney Tower

Monday, June 27
2:00 pm  Staff Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
5:15 pm  Policy Review Work Group - Farrall Conference Room
Youth Return from Mission Trip

Tuesday, June 28
6:00-7:30 pm  Sunday School and Bible Study
7:30 pm  Boy Scouts Troop 22 Meeting - Youth Area

Wednesday, June 29
Children’s PASSPORTkids! Camp (June 29-July 2)
“Pool Party” for the Youth and Rising 7th Graders
Location: Calls Creek Neighborhood - Hosted by Dave and Cathy Graves

Tuesday, June 29
6:00-7:30 pm  Sunday School and Bible Study
7:30 pm  Boy Scouts Troop 22 Meeting - Youth Area

Wednesday, June 29
Children’s PASSPORTkids! Camp (June 29-July 2)
“Pool Party” for the Youth and Rising 7th Graders
Location: Calls Creek Neighborhood - Hosted by Dave and Cathy Graves
Co-Deacons for the Weeks of:
May 29-June 4: Pam Bickley and Dallas Cannady
June 5-11: Marcia Caskey and Phil Caskey
June 12-18: Joe Clark and Carol Cofer
June 19-25: Richard Coleman and Nancy Dempsey
June 26-July 2: Wilson Denney and Sherri Divers

Fellowship Team for June
Wilson Denney, Sherri Divers, Tal DuVall, David Graves

Welcome/Hospitality Team for June
Glenn Alex, Wilson Denney, Bert Hill, Brad Lastinger, John Reynolds, Malcolm Skinner, Ches Smith

Welcome Center Team
June 5 Branyon Foyer: Kim Rogers and Wayne Rogers
Fanning Foyer: Kris Wilson and Joyce Gravely
June 12 Branyon Foyer: Beth Sanders and Jana Thompson
Fanning Foyer: Bobbie Monk and Carl Monk
June 19 Branyon Foyer: Kim Rogers and Wayne Rogers
Fanning Foyer: Wanda Grogan and Joyce Gravely
June 26 Branyon Foyer: Beth Sanders and Jana Thompson
Fanning Foyer: Bobbie Monk and Carl Monk

Wedding Hostesses Needed
If you are interested in becoming a Wedding Hostess for First Baptist, please contact Janey Cooley at 706-543-5971.

STANDING RESERVATIONS DO NOT APPLY.
Please call the church office (706-548-1359) by Noon on Monday, June 13 for reservations. Price is $5 for adult meal; $3 for children’s meal.

June 15
HOT MEAL: Baked Chicken, Squash Casserole, Butter Beans, Sliced Peaches, Biscuit, Dessert
CHILDREN: Pizza
SALAD BAR: Baked Potato, Taco Salad Fixings

Our Sympathy
We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Preston, Terry, Amanda, and Aaron Ward in the loss of Preston’s father, Stanley Ward, on May 22, 2011.
We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Nancy Lee Wilbanks in the loss of her uncle, Cecil Wilbanks, on May 25.

Welcome New Member
We welcome Jenni Horton, who joined on May 22 by transfer of letter from James Island Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Annette Barfield who was recently named the inaugural “Ms. Senior Athens,” sponsored by the Athens Community Council on Aging.

Dear Church Family,
It has now been five weeks since Phil’s open heart surgery. The healing process for the surgical incisions has been nothing short of amazing, though “shortness of breath” and diminished stamina continue to be issues for Phil.
During the next two weeks, we will be meeting with the cardiac surgeon and the oncologist to determine when Phil can return to chemotherapy treatments for the multiple myeloma cancer. This “timing” will impact when the bone marrow transplant in Atlanta will be scheduled, hopefully later this summer.
We want to take this opportunity to thank our FBC family for the OVERWHELMING support in terms of prayers, cards, letters, e-mails, food, flowers, visits, calls, and COUNTLESS acts of kindness that we have received during this journey. We are humbled and blessed beyond measure! Truly our faith and our FAMILY of faith has “made a difference” and provided daily strength and encouragement to each of us. Again, thank you.
Phil, Marcia, and Nathan Caskey

Congratulations to Our 2011 Scholarship Recipients
Recognitions Given in Worship on May 22

Harvey L. and Ellen C. Hammond Memorial Scholarship
MARK WILLIAMS SANDERS, VII
Pansy Nigh and E. Paul Torrance and Ellen Torrance Steele Memorial Scholarship
ROBERT GREGORY MARSHALL
Karen Nasworthy Scholarship
MEGAN ELIZABETH GREENE
CONTRIBUTIONS & PARTICIPATION

Weekly Needs: $22,256.25
Received week of May 1 $19,051.36
Received week of May 8 $22,136.44
Received week of May 15 $21,422.51
Received week of May 22 $8,780.00

Year to Date April 30, 2011
Received: $303,828.84
Needed: $368,674.00
Expenses: $335,483.54
Balance: $(-$31,654.70)

FINANCIAL UPDATE
by Paul Baxley

At the request of the Finance Committee, I am writing to share some really good news with you and also to ask for your help. We finished the month of April in the second best overall financial position we’ve experienced in the last six years. Our offerings so far this year have been ahead of last year’s pace, and the church leadership has exercised appropriate caution in expenditures. Because we usually receive such a large percentage of our annual income in November and December, it is absolutely normal for us to operate much of the year in a deficit posture. We hope the day will come when this is not true, but until then, we believe it is our responsibility to do everything we can to be as responsible as we can in spending patterns. While we do carry a deficit of just under $32,000 into May, it is $26,000 lower than last year at the same time and the second lowest it has been in the last six years.

But now we need your help. As we enter the summer months, many of us will be travelling, and attendance in Sunday School and worship will be lower. When attendance declines for the summer, giving usually does as well. We need to be proactive now in several ways if we are to enter fall in a really good financial position, so that we can be confident as we enter the last part of the year and consider our budgets going forward. We ask you to prayerfully consider:

1) Being present in worship and Sunday School whenever you are in town this summer, as our faith is strengthened when we nurture the habit of being together.

2) Stay current in your giving, either by giving when you are here or by mailing in a contribution if you must be absent. More than 80% of our budget expenditures are non-discretionary, so it is important that our revenue stay strong even in the summer months. Beyond those non-discretionary expenditures, we also have important ministries that take place in the summer and ongoing mission needs. So staying current in giving is really important.

3) In every church, there are some givers who give only once or twice a year. Some of those annual or bi-annual givers pledge, others do not. But if you usually wait until later in the year to give and are able to give now, a financial gift at this time would be especially helpful to the ongoing ministry of our church.

We are very grateful for the many ways you support the ministry of Christ through First Baptist Church. We thank you for what you are already doing, and thank you in advance for the contributions, both financial and personal, that you will make in the days ahead. We also express our appreciation for your careful and prayerful consideration of these requests.

THE DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 23 AT NOON.
Send all news items to Donna Smith: donna@firstbaptistathens.org

PRAYER BREAKFAST AT COVENANT CARPENTER
Wednesday, July 1, 7:30 a.m.
Everyone is invited.

2011 Deacon Election Results
The following individuals were elected to serve on the Board of Deacons for a three-year term, beginning September 2011.

Randan Ashmore
Steve Barton
Greg Bickley
Cindy Haygood
Bill Hopper
Julie Jenkins
John Knowlton
Doug Martin
Wayne Rogers
Mark Sanders, VI
Amy Young
Fred Young

Helen Mills was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees, beginning September 2011.

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summer to renew your commitment to personal faith practices, like daily scripture reading, prayer, and even significant conversation with friends about matters of faith. These practices, which we too often neglect in busier times, absolutely have the power to bring renewal to our faith and new energy to our lives.

So my hope and prayer for us this summer is that there will be rest and renewal, and even recovery of a rhythm of living that brings us closer to the person and power of God. After all, Jesus did invite us: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
NEED A GOOD LAUGH?

Come to Our 50+ Dinner Program
A Night with Bob Roberts
Good, clean, hilarious country comedy, magic and ventriloquism!
Thursday, June 23, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall - $5 for dinner
Pay when you RSVP or the evening of the event.
A love offering will be collected for Mr. Roberts that night.
Must RSVP by noon, Monday, June 20 in the church office, 706-548-1359.

Don’t miss out on all the fun—see what others have said:
Best program I’ve seen in the 5 years I’ve been here.
– Attendee, Senior Group, FBC, McDonough
Good program with funny, clean comedy.
– East Metro Ambassadors, GA Power Co., Decatur
Everyone enjoyed the comedy, magic and ventriloquism, and especially the audience participation.
– 3-F Club, Smyrna PC, Conyers
Have never seen our seniors laugh so hard.
– Church Secretary, Salem BC, McDonough
Saw people laugh that don’t normally laugh.
– Gold Rush Gang Moderator, Stockbridge PC, Stockbridge

Music Ministry
Randy Brittain

UGA Summer Choral Conducting Institute

I will be participating in the inaugural UGA Summer Choral Conducting Institute June 26 through July 1 hosted by the new Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Daniel Bara. The Institute is an intensive, week-long series of seminars and master classes geared for music educators, church musicians, and other aspiring conductors who wish to grow as artists, teachers, musicians, and leaders. Dr. Bara just finished his first year of teaching at UGA, having come from a successful tenure as Director of Choral Activities at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. I attended the spring concert of the UGA Concert Choir and was very impressed with Dan’s work. I look forward to participating in the Institute and exploring ways in which FBC Athens can collaborate with the Hodgson School of Music and other church and community musicians in the future.

FURMAN UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN TO PREACH AT FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY, JUNE 19

On June 19, we will welcome Dr. Vaughn CroweTipton to the pulpit of First Baptist Church. Presently, Vaughn serves as University Chaplain at Furman University. Prior to accepting the call to Furman, he served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama, and at Northwest Baptist Church in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He holds degrees from Mississippi College, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity), and Baylor University (Doctor of Philosophy). He also has done post-doctoral research at Oxford University. He has published numerous articles, edited several books, and is a frequent speaker in conferences and worship services. We look forward to having him with us on June 19!

2011 Men’s Bake-Off Delicious!

Recently we held a Men’s Bake-Off that was sponsored by our Recreation, Discipleship, and Children’s Ministry Teams. We had a discerning panel made up of judging pairs. Each pair included a female child and a female senior adult. These teams sampled and judged the spectacular cakes that were entered. One thing is certain—we have some serious (and very good) men bakers in this church. Finally, after much anticipation, the judges announced their winners. Winners are as follows:

“The Best Cake I Ever Ate”
Don Nelson

“Best Decorated”
Frank Granger

“Male-Child Made Cake”
Amelia and David Graves

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Adult Discipleship

Frank Granger

**Summer Wednesdays 2011**

*Join Us for Supper, Fellowship, and Spiritual Growth*

- **June 15:** Studies in Acts, Chapter 5, Led by Paul Baxley
- **July 13:** Studies in Acts, Chapter 6 & 7, Led by Frank Granger
- **August 10:** From Fear to Faith, Led by Ron Higdon

Our Summer Wednesday Sessions include supper served from 5:00-6:00 p.m., followed by a time of announcements and prayer. Please make reservations for our meal no later than the Monday before. The sessions for June and July will provide for a continued study in the early chapters of the book of Acts of the Apostles. Our August session will be led by Ron Higdon. Ron served as our Interim Pastor from January 2008 to May 2010. Ron has published a book entitled, *From Fear to Faith*. The book’s purpose “is an attempt to present a ‘biblically-based spirituality’ in the Christian tradition as it relates to the journey from anxiety to trust.” Ron will be here to share from this work. If you would like to order a book before this date, please contact Frank Granger.

**Summer Sunday School in July**

*Options for Our Adults*

Four Weeks, July 10-July 31

This summer in July we will be offering two options for our adults. These are open to any and all adults in the church who would like to join us. Individual classes may elect to continue meeting for July, attend one of the options, or provide members with the option to attend either option.

- **Difficult Faith Questions: A Four Week Exploration and Dialogue.** This series will be led by Paul Baxley. A different question will be the topic for each week.
- **Movie Discussion: Doubt,** led by Frank Granger. This movie, starring Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Amy Adams, is set in a Bronx Catholic school in 1964. The movie is adapted from the 2004 play, *Doubt*, by John Patrick Shanley. The play won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and Tony Award for Best Play. Each week scenes will be viewed and discussed.

Additional details will follow regarding specific meeting locations.

**Four New Stephen Ministers**

*Join Stephen Ministry Team*

50 Hours Training Completed

Four First Baptist members have just completed Stephen Ministry training. These are: Ann Gillespie, Lamar Houston, Evelyn McNair, and Helen Mills. Our final session provided the opportunity for each of these to confirm their commitment and calling as a Stephen Minister of First Baptist Church. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide Christian caregiving to others in one-to-one relationships. The extensive training equips Stephen Ministers to provide high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge, such as divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalizations, relocation, or loneliness. This is all done in a strictly confidential manner. If you or someone you know might have interest in receiving care through this ministry, please contact either Mary Barton at mbarton7@charternet or Frank Granger at frank@firstbaptistathens.org.

**Sunday School Teacher Retreat**

*Teachers of Adult and Youth Classes*

*Equipping Teachers for Building Capacity for Christian Formation*

Saturday, August 6, 2011

On Saturday, August 6, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., we are having a Sunday School Teacher Retreat for the teachers of our youth and adult classes. Our retreat will be a time to bring us together as leadership in working to build capacity in our church for Christian formation. Our purpose includes equipping and empowering you as teachers in your service among us.

**Sisters Bible Study**

*Tuesday Evenings in June*

6:00-7:30 p.m.

*We now offer childcare… so all mothers, please sign up!* Ever made such a mess of things that you think there’s no way out? Have you had messes that the harder you clean, the messier they get?

*Sisters on a Mission* invites the women of Ebenezer Baptist and First Baptist Athens to start the summer with fellowship and Bible study on Tuesday evenings in June. Lisa Harper’s book, *A Perfect Mess: Why You Don’t Have to Worry About Being Good Enough for God*, will be our study guide as we discover, through the book of Psalms, the hope and joy God brings to our sometimes very messy lives. So, if you’ve ever gotten yourself into one fine mess, please join us for a great time of sharing, discussion, and fun!

**Location:** Ebenezer Baptist Church

**Facilitators:** Paula Hooper and Lynn Brown

**Dinner:** Brown bag (bring your own); beverages and dessert will be provided.

**Time:** 6:00-7:30 p.m., Tuesday evenings in June. First session is June 7 and will be led by Paula Hooper. It will focus on chapters 2 and 3.

**Materials:** Book will be part of the study. Barnes and Noble on the Atlanta Highway has reserved some books for us (in Paula Hooper’s name). You may purchase from them or order directly from Amazon.

**Childcare:** Bring your little ones (including babies) to Ebenezer’s Fellowship Hall. So that we may plan accordingly, please contact Pam Dillard (706-548-6738) if you plan to bring your children. Donations for sitters are appreciated.
Worshipping Together

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 5, 2011
Ascension Sunday/Last Sunday of Easter
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
Sermon: The First Urgency of the Church

Sunday, June 12, 2011
Pentecost Sunday
Commissioning of Philippines Mission Team
Sermon: Sent!

Sunday, June 19, 2011
Trinity Sunday
Sermon: What’s in a Name?
by Dr. Vaughn CroweTipton,
Furman University Chaplain

Sunday, June 26, 2011
Second Sunday After Pentecost
Sermon: Serious Faith

Our Church On Mission

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank
The Joe Callaway Class to serve on
June 14/15 and 28/29.

The Food Bank desperately needs dried beans, baby food and baby formula. Please bring your donations to the Missions Room.

Interfaith Hospitality Network
Thank you so much to all the volunteers for your help during our host week. Your generous spirit was invaluable. Please mark your calendars for our NEXT host week, August 21-28.

Tornado Relief Assistance
Thanks to church members who were able to respond on short notice to the request for assistance for tornado disaster relief supplies for Rainsville, Alabama. The church received an email from Colbert Baptist Church on Thursday, May 5 that a relief supply tractor-truck was going to be put together on Sunday, May 8 at the Colbert Depot. Thanks to FBC members, we had a van loaded to the brim with clothes, food, drinks, and related items to add to the truck.

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
The Missions Committee to serve on June 9.

Operation Inasmuch
Over 60 church members of all ages and several UGA college students (who found out about it through the FBC website) turned out to participate in the Operation Inasmuch community missions blitz on a beautiful Saturday on April 30. The teams participated in five projects which included activities at or for:

- Laundromat Missions - load the machines
- The Healing Place - kitchen painting
- Interfaith Hospitality Network Day Center - fence painting and outside spruce up
- Denney Towers - delivering “spring goodie bags”/resident visitation
- Homeless Shelter/IHN children - Pump It Up and Memorial Park

It was a great day of sharing through action in God’s love for many in our community. Thanks to all that participated. Begin planning to put Operation Inasmuch Spring 2012 on your calendar! Check out the Operation Inasmuch bulletin board for all the ACTION!