

Ash Avenue Baptist Dispatch

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From Eure Pastor's Desk

by John D. Eure

It's hard to believe we're already in the middle of 2010. It's always a special time when another school year ends and summer begins. Each year, summer offers unique opportunities for Ash Avenue to serve and be on mission. Here are a few examples:

Impact VIRGINIA!- Our teenagers will be participating with *Impact Virginia!* in Louisa. Though they'll be away in July, they will train in June by immersing themselves in prayer, Bible study, and an at-home mission opportunity.

Backyard Bible Clubs- Our children-youth ministers are planning two during the summer. As they finalize locations, adults and teen workers have a fun opportunity to share Christ and change lives.

Vacation Bible School: This is Ash Avenue's **BIG** event for June. Our Lord is giving us another privilege to share His message of salvation to our neighborhood children and their families.

.Bringing Hope to Halifax: The churches of the Dan River Bap-

tist Association are hosting this area-wide crusade to reach the lost right where we live. Please be in prayer for these meetings June 27-30; and plan to participate. I believe we will see the Holy Spirit move in a powerful way.... not only for the lost, but to encourage Christ's followers, as well.

Whew! Does it sound like a full month so far? June is packed with many ways for us to work together to proclaim God's Good News.

So, how do we keep from exhaustion after we serve? We start by setting aside time each day to spend with Christ. However, we may need extended moments to allow Him to replenish our mind, body, and spirit.

With summer comes vacation time for many. Whether we go on a lavish vacation or take a few days away from the ordinary, it can help us clear our minds and look at situations differently. As we temporarily leave work and schedules behind, remember that we never leave Christ behind.

Consider this: we may love our home church, but when out of town it's nice to

worship with other believers. It may even offer a fresh perspective of what God is doing somewhere else. As for time alone with God, how uplifting it is to pray rather than answer the office phone or keep our attention on noisy tools or machines.

Time off takes us away from routine work and allows us to reconnect with family and friends... it is never to get away from God. After all, He is our source of renewal and life.

Before His death and resurrection, Jesus' ministry on earth involved preaching, teaching, displaying God's power and loving sinners. In **Mark 6:45-46** Jesus dismissed His disciples and the crowd; then went to the mountain to be alone with the Father and pray. Though this wasn't a vacation by our present thinking, the need for rest and rejuvenation was just as real.

Take a little time for a break. Afterwards, you'll be refreshed, sharper, and better equipped to join other believers in the Lord's assignments. **Rest well, but hurry back!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

Sunday, June 20th through Thursday, June 24th.

Supper at 5:30 each night in our Fellowship Hall followed by VBS classes, nightly, from 6:30 to 8:45.

VBS Family Night: Friday, June 25th at 7:00 pm.

Registration forms in Welcome Center or register online at: www.aabc900.org, and click on Saddle Ridge icon.

Free t-shirt if pre-registered by May 31st!





June

- 6/6 Randy Guill
Wes Bosiger
Tom Hahn
Daniel Wilborn
- 6/13 Dennis Stewart
Jimmy Allen
Ricky Brogden
Victor Crump
- 6/20 Don Williams
Gene Comer
Don Gainey
Mike Harris
- 6/27 Jim Chandler
Jerry Crenshaw
Fred Flinn
Randy Hupp



AABC Offering Report

as of: 5/25/10:

Budget offering received...

\$76,620.29

Budget offering needed...

\$86,395.68

Budget deficit:

(\$9,785.39)

During Worship in June

- 6/6 - Jessica Snead & Nancy Crews
- 6/13 - Seth & Wendy Bowen
- 6/20 - Norman Patterson & Lucille Brandon
- 6/27 - Judy Meeler

Judy Meeler is the Nursery Coordinator for Worship.

Please contact her for any changes.



During Sunday School in June

- 6/6 - Becky Whitt & Lavonne Chernault
- 6/13 - Cynthia Camp & Jessica Snead
- 6/20 - Faye Beck & Faye Gainey
- 6/27 - Sharon Brogden & Isis Woody

If you find that you will not be able to be in the Sunday School Nursery on your scheduled date please call Cora Cliborne—575-8100



Our Hospitality Committee is hosting a baby shower for Nicole & Matt Wilson. Join us in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, June 6th, from 2PM until 3:30pm.



We will be On The Air each Sunday during June & July. Tune to WHLF 95.3 on your FM dial at 11:00 am to hear our morning Worship.

WMU News

The *Nonie Gravitt, Eva Saunders,* and *Sisters Serving Christ* ladies will meet under the picnic shelter for a combined get-together **6:00pm Thursday, June 10th.**

We want you to be comfortable during Worship all through the year, but especially during the Summer months.



Casual dress, that is church-appropriate, is encouraged!

Sunday, June 20, 2010 is celebrated as "Fathers' Day" in the United States.

The first observance was held June 19, 1910 through the efforts of Sonora Dodd of Spokane, WA who wanted a celebration that would honor men like her own father, William Smart. He was a Civil War veteran who raised six children after the death of his wife. During this first observance, young members of the YMCA attended church wearing roses: red for a living father and white for one who was deceased.

Since that time, the day has evolved to honor not just biological fathers but all males with a positive influence in our lives.

It is interesting to note that Fathers' Day is observed in some form in over 100 countries throughout the world. The majority are similar to the U.S. but there are some notable exceptions.

In Germany, for instance, Fathers' Day is observed on the Thursday that falls 40 days after Easter and is called "Men's Day". Traditionally, there are "males only" hiking tours with one or two wagons, filled with beer, wine & food, pulled by manpower. The day often results in rowdy, drunken crowds. In Berlin, "gentlemen parties" have taken place since the 19th century, excluding women and involving alcohol consumption.

In countries with a large Hindu population Fathers' Day is celebrated on the new moon day during the second week in August.

In Thailand, Fathers' Day is set as the birthday of the king. The current king, Rama IX, was born on December 5th so on that date each year Thais celebrate by giving their father or grandfather a Canna flower. They also wear yellow to show respect for the king because yellow is the Color of the Day for Monday, the day of the week on which the king was born. Due to the current political climate in Thailand, however, and the desire of the people to overthrow the monarchy, this tradition may soon come to an end.

Although traditions may vary, it is good to see that fathers are celebrated throughout the world for their wisdom (except possibly Germany :)), for their guidance and love.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

Children-Youth News

- **Impact money due by June 7th.**
- **Middle School-High School VBS/Impact Training**
Sunday, June 13th
4:00 pm-8:00 pm
&
Monday, June 14th
9:00am-1:00 pm
- **June 20th-24th-VBS Supper nightly at 5:30**
Classes, 6:30 pm-8:45 pm
- **Friday, June 25th-VBS Family Night**
- **Monday, June 28th through Wednesday, June 30th-Backyard Bible Club**
9:00 am- Noon, daily
Location to be determined
****Volunteers needed!****
Please see Jami or Steve Hunt
- **Monday, July 26th through Wednesday, July 28th-Backyard Bible Club**
9:00 am-Noon, daily
Location to be determined
****Volunteers needed!****
Please see Jami or Steve Hunt



June 14, 2010



**Properties Contacts for June
are Elton Johnson & Jerry Crockett**

**Deacons of the Month for June
are Fred Flinn & John Lewandowski**

**Need to use the church van this month?
If so, contact Ed Cliborne for availability.**



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