

Ash Avenue Baptist Dispatch

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From Eure Pastor's Desk

by John D. Eure

Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes, "to everything there is a season..." (Ecc. 3:1). How true it is! It seems just the other day we began the year 2011. Now, as I write this article we will be half way through summer and less than 5 months from Christmas. Just as seasons within the calendar year change, our lives experience various transitions, also. Some may have predictable timing and others without any planned schedule.

Things all around us change and though that may be difficult for some, change is a fact of life. This concept becomes even more personal when we look back over our lives and realize the changes that have taken place within us—physically, mentally, and spiritually.

There are two areas I've recently recognized some life transitions. One was the recent trip to Kings Dominion with AABC's youth group. I've always loved roller coasters. The more daring and speed it has, the better. However, I've discovered that my bones and joints don't always agree with the sudden motions while the sun heat bears down on me. When I leave the rides now, I may smile, but I move a little slower.

A second realization of things not being the same is with my oldest child. It's hard to believe she is ready to begin Kindergarten this month. Many parents understand what I mean. Perhaps your children have already graduated from high school or college. It seems just yesterday you were rocking a tiny baby in your arms. In the blink of an eye she will be an adult, so I realize my time with her is precious. Life transitions can be scary, yet it is all a part of life.

The good news is our small, transitional lives find meaning in the greater context of the everlasting, abundant life found in God's Son, Jesus. And since His life is perfect, He doesn't need to change. However, we do and God desires to work on us our whole lifetime. He becomes our anchor when the *seasons* overwhelm us.

As members of Christ's body, it is important for us to remember that the Holy Spirit must change it, too. The church you joined yesterday may not be the exact same church you will be a part of tomorrow. The influence of the Lord, cultural trends, internal challenges, deaths, births, marriages, college, aging, new members entering, or current members leaving, are just a few rea-

sons of why churches don't always look the same. Herein lies the blissful (and sometimes blistering) challenge of learning that God is at work during these *milestones* of life.

No matter how sweet it is to have a newborn baby, it doesn't stay a baby simply because you yearn for it. For a child to become strong, healthy, and productive, it has to grow and mature. The child is the same being, but different. The memories and past experiences are priceless and can be cherished. I pray as we continue through the changing seasons of our lives and the life of the Lord's church, we will not resist the opportunities of maturity that can bring new cherished moments and new uncharted paths that lead us to know God even better than before.



WHLF-FM

We will be **On The Air** during the month of September! Watch for additional Information in next Newsletter.

One of the exciting new minis-



August

- 8/7 Randy Guill
Jeff Cox
Randy Hupp
Jason Snead
- 8/14 Jimmy Allen
Gene Comer
Jerry Crenshaw
Daniel Wilborn
- 8/21 Dennis Stewart
Wes Bosiger
Tom Hahn
Mike Sizemore
- 8/28 Don Williams
Victor Crump
Dickie Fallen
Don Gainey



AABC Offering
Report as of 7/26/11

**Budget offering
received...**
\$ 107,332.40

**Budget offering
needed...**
\$ 117,982.50

Offering deficit:
(10,650.10)



• **During SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**The August Nursery Coordinator:
To Be Announced**

• **During WORSHIP**

**The August Nursery Coordinators
are Matt & Nicole Wilson.**

**If you are unable
to assist on your assigned date,
please contact them one week
prior to that date.**

Volunteer Assistants:

- August 7th– Julie Blanks**
- August 14th– Linda Parker**
- August 21st– Annie Owen**
- August 28th– Elisabeth Brogden**

• **August Children's Church Leader:**

Karen Hupp

**** Please note:**

**Children's Church will be held
on just the 2nd & 4th Sunday
of each month.**

WMU News

**10:30am Saturday
August 27th
Devotions at
Berry Hill**



WELCOME!

To our newest
members,
Morgan Francis,
Tyler Hudson,
& Cierra Kipps

**Betty Redd Flinn
2086 Cole Lane
Scottsburg, VA 24589**



**Tracey & Glenn Francis
1140 Clays Mill Rd.
Halifax, VA 24558-2822**



** Dear Members of Ash Avenue Baptist Church,

I would just like to thank you for all the recent support that your church has shown to ***Save Them One by One*** Nicaragua Missions Group. Your church is making a huge difference in the lives of the Nicaraguans!

Thank you for helping me to go and share God's love with the people of Nicaragua! I really do appreciate all of your support.

God Bless!

Jennifer Chappell
Save Them One by One

** Thank you *so much* for the wonderful and lovely baby shower. Thank you for the love that you have shown to Alex, Noah, and to me. We really appreciate you!

In love,

Alex and Wendy Toone

** Dear Ash Avenue Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the kind and generous financial gift you sent for our family as we raise money to become full-time missionaries for ***CEF*** in Hawaii. Your gift is a blessing and we know God will use it for His honor and glory. Thank you for your financial and prayer support. May God bless you!

In Christ,

Ricardo, Kristin, Timothy, and Annikah Hosein

** *To the Ash Avenue Church Family,*

Thank you so much for the hymnal given in Bill's memory. He loved his church and music. Bill was a kind and gentle person and we will miss him.

Barbara & Walter Bass,

Hope for Tomorrow Counseling Services,

A ministry of Patrick Henry Boys & Girls Plantation

Cordially invites you to join us in celebrating the opening of our South Boston Office **August 9, 2011.**

The celebration begins at 10:00am with our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Open House, following ceremony, until 5:00pm.

Located at 435 Main Street, South Boston, VA 24592

Light Refreshments will be served.



**Properties Contacts for August
are**

Don Gainey & Dickie Fallen

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

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



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