

# Ash Avenue Baptist

IN AUGUST

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- AUGUST 2ND- BRIDAL SHOWER
- AUGUST 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH- 2009-2010 CHURCH YEAR COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS
- AUGUST 9TH- BAPTISM SUNDAY
- AUGUST 30TH- SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

## Fall Fundraiser.



**Sisters Serving Christ will hold an auction with proceeds to be used for Missions projects.**

**The auction is scheduled for October.**

**If you have usable, sellable items to donate, please set them aside until we determine the exact date for the auction.**

**Watch Newsletters & bulletins for additional information.**

## From Eure Pastor's Desk

by John D. Eure

In just a few short weeks, many of our children will head back to school. (I'm sure they don't want to be reminded). They'll advance to their new classes and continue learning new principles and skills. As our young people work towards the end of their grade school careers, what they may not realize just yet, is their education is never finished! Even when the intensity of classroom studies are over, there's still so much more to learn over the course of our lives.

The people of Christ should continue learning, too. As we mature as believers, the familiarity of our faith may lead us to believe we've mastered God's word; or we reach a place of satisfaction in our beliefs and no longer need to take part in classroom or small group studies. To me, the most striking trait of mature believers is the desire for God to develop them daily, which means we realize there is more He has to teach us each day.

Jesus referred to His hand-picked twelve as His *disciples* and left an open invitation for everyone to become one

*Disciple* is defined as someone who is a follower, a student. In Luke 14:27, Jesus requires each *student* to take up his cross and follow Him. It is necessary that we give our all to follow Jesus which includes the willingness to *learn*.

*Discipleship* is the essential element to being a well-rounded, well-balanced follower of Jesus. Yet, discipleship seems to be the most neglected ministry in churches today.

Even at Ash Avenue, we struggle with participation from children and teens, as well as adults.

Discipleship training teaches followers how to more fully participate in worship, as well as through missions. It teaches us the essential doctrines and prepares us to share our testimony with one who is lost. It includes teaching stewardship, recognition of spiritual gifts, ethics and morality, and memorization of Scripture. Most importantly, discipleship teaches us to develop the attitude and character of Christ. This is the actual goal of being a disciple.... to be like the Master.

So, can you think of a good reason we shouldn't be involved with others in this training? I can't! We seem to learn more when we're learning together.

With this in mind, I hope you'll participate with the Wednesday evening ACTS (*Academy of Christian Training for Service*) classes for adults starting in September. And don't forget to bring the children and teens on Sunday evenings, too.



The *TeamKID* groups, *R.A.'s*, *G.A.'s*, and *Youth ACTS* can make a difference in their growth as Christians, too.

The Lord has some amazing things to teach us when we come together next month. Your presence and participation are essential!



**Ash Avenue Baptist Church, 2nd Annual Sunday School Picnic. Sunday, August 30th at Edmunds Park, from 2:00pm "until"...**  
**Bring the family. Games for the children, good food and fellowship for all! We'll have a cookout with hamburgers & hot dogs provided by the church.**  
**Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and a lawn chair.**  
**Come join us for this "end of Summer" event.**



**AUGUST**

8/2

Tom Hahn

8/9 Dennis Stewart  
Jimmy Allen  
Victor Crump  
Benny Smith

8/16 Rick Brogden  
Wayne Bales  
Mike Harris  
Mike Laughorn

8/23 Jim Chandler  
Jerry Crenshaw  
Fred Flinn  
Randy Hupp

8/30 Randy Guill  
Wes Bosiger  
Tom Hahn  
Buddy Wilborn



**ABC Offering Report**  
**as of: 7/26/09:**

**Budget offering received...**  
**\$113,842.26**  
**Budget offering needed...**  
**\$119,001.90**  
**Budget deficit.....**  
**(\$5,159.64)**



**Chance & Kenlee Farmer**  
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**Roxboro, NC 27574**

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**To the AABC family:**

***Our family wants to thank you for your many prayers, good wishes, and words of encouragement in the arrival of our new family addition, Nathan. For those who prepared food for us, we are grateful for your thoughtfulness and love that you delivered with each meal. Thank you all for your special love that can come only from knowing Christ.***

***In the Master's Love,***  
***the Eures***  
***John, Joy, Annmarie, & Nathan***

**WMU NEWS**

**Saturday, August 1st:**  
Devotions at Boston  
Commons at 10:30am

**Thursday, August 13th:**  
Sisters Serving Christ  
will meet in Jeanne  
Taylor classroom from  
7:30pm until 8:30pm.

**Guest speaker:**  
Becky Ball  
of Alton Baptist Church

We always welcome new members into our church family. This Summer we feel specially blessed in the number of **children** who have joined the church .

Anyone who ever wonders if our yearly Vacation Bible School is worth all the effort need only look at the impact made upon the children this year.

A record number of **five** of the children who attended our VBS this year have made professions of faith and have joined the Ash Avenue Baptist church family.

We welcome them into their walk with Jesus!

**During Worship in August**

- 8/2 - Nancy Crews & Lucille Brandon
- 8/9 - Leonard & Mary Carol Crabtree
- 8/16 - Marilyn Wilson & Lois Hatcher
- 8/23 - Judy Ivey & Nancy Irby
- 8/30 - Tom & Evelyn Hahn

**Judy Meeler is the Acting  
Nursery Coordinator for Worship.  
Please contact her for any changes.**



**During Sunday School in August**

- 8/2 - Cynthia Camp & Jessica Snead
- 8/9 - Judy Meeler & Janice Martin
- 8/16 - Tina Englebright & Sharon Brogden
- 8/23 - Judy Meeler & Becky Whitt
- 8/30 - Faye Beck & Faye Gainey

***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***



The words “Thank you” seem so inadequate to express our appreciation to our church family for the visits, phone calls, gift of money, food, and the support you gave to Pete and our family during all the days of his illness.

We could not have come this far without prayer and its power. We are blessed to have you as a church family.

Thanks again,  
*Faye Newton & Family.*

**2009-2010 Committee Orientation Schedules**

**Purpose of Meetings:** (1.) to elect chairmen, vice-chairmen and secretaries for the new church year; (2.) to set first full meeting dates after the new church year begins September 1st; (3.) to be prayerful about ministry opportunities and budget requests for the 2010 Budget Year.

**Wednesday Evenings in August:**

**August 5th:**

- 7:00-7:20pm-Properties Committee & Music Committee
- 7:25-7:40pm- Ushers
- 7:45-8:00pm- Van Committee

**August 12th:**

- 7:00-7:15pm- Children’s Committee
- 7:20-7:35pm- Hospitality Committee & Baptism Committee
- 7:40-8:00pm- Finance Committee

**August 19th:**

- 7:00-7:15pm- Flower Committee
- 7:15-7:30pm- Library Committee
- 7:30-7:45pm- Evangelism Committee

**August 26th:**

- 7:00-7:20pm- 2009-2010 Deacon Board
- 7:25-7:40pm- Youth Committee
- 7:40-8:00pm- Missions Committee



**Our newest members will  
be baptized during Worship  
on Sunday, August 9th.**



**Properties Contacts for August  
are John Bosiger  
& Jerry Crenshaw**

**Deacons of the Month for August  
are Ernest Morris & Herb Phipps**

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



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