

# Ash Avenue Baptist

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IN JULY

- JULY 4TH- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- JULY 6TH- OFFICE CLOSED
- JULY 12TH- FULL DEACON COUNCIL MEETS
- JULY 18TH- 24TH: PARTNERSHIP MISSION TRIP
- JULY 26TH: QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

## From Eure Pastor's Desk by John D. Eure

One of the exciting new ministries that is being formed at Ash Avenue has been referred to as the *Challenged Church Ministry*. In April, the church voted to form a permanent sub-committee to the Missions Committee. The job of this new team and the purposes of this new ministry are: **1.)** to assist churches challenged financially, and **2.)** to propose formal partnerships with churches in order to mutually encourage one another in God's kingdom work.

The *Challenged Church Committee* will bring another proposal in July's business meeting.... to change the ministry and subcommittee name. The term challenged church was a reference to what we felt the Lord leading us to do. But the ministry is deeper than just giving another congregation money; it is about churches forming relationships and working together in order to fulfill Jesus' great commission to make disciples. Therefore, the committee will propose changing the name to **Church 2 Church Ministry (C2C)** and to refer to themselves as the **Church 2 Church Team**.

In the Gospels, we read the stories of Jesus' disciples trying to catch fish. Though fish were plentiful in the Sea of Galilee, there were times when the dense population was not where the boats were. Of course, Jesus knew where the fish were and would instruct seasoned fishermen to cast their nets on another side.... see the stories in Luke 5:4-11 and John 21:3-8.

Sometimes a church would rather use a single line rather than a net. We want to use our own bait and tackle. We want our own quiet spot and we don't want to share with other churches because they may catch some of our fish. But keep in mind, we fish out of the Master's pond. The fish belong to Him. When we work as *fishers of men* as Jesus instructed His disciples to do, we realize that He has people to place within our local congregations.

Catching fish for the Kingdom of God requires us using nets... working together within the church... working together as churches. Casting a large net in order to drag in a lot of fish requires more than one person. Reaching our community and world for Christ requires us to stretch ourselves a little further beyond our *secret fishin' hole*. We are called to help others in their struggle to haul in their net's load without neglecting the spot God has shown us. In turn, others help us reach those God is placing within our local church family. This is what it means to be co-laborers and partners.

With this in mind, I want to leave you with a little history and facts about the *C2C Ministry*. Perhaps, you'll see the Lord's hand at work in Ash Avenue as we lend our hands to help other fellow *fishermen*.

- ⇒ Ash Avenue began a study in January 2008, *Experiencing God*, co-authored by Henry Blackaby. Blackaby shared personal testimonies on what it meant to trust God to do His work even when resources were not available. As God provided for his church's needs, Blackaby discovered that God gave them opportunities and resources to serve other churches and ministries.
- ⇒ In October 2008, the members of Ash Avenue included a budget line-item to fund a Challenged Church Ministry. In April 2009, the church voted on objectives, guidelines, and the duties of a Challenged Church Committee.
- ⇒ The C2C Ministry is available for all mainstream, evangelical churches that are experiencing crucial financial needs.
- ⇒ There are three categories for assistance: Emergency Needs; Start-ups; and Special Requests. Any of these categories could be used to form a partnership for a specified time period if both churches are interested.
- ⇒ C2C Team members are: John Bosiger- *Chairman*; Bill Haley- *Vice Chairman*; Sandra Lewandowski- *secretary*; Eric Hudson, and Deborah Rudder.

New hymnals  
"given" in June:

*In Honor Of*  
Elton & Hilda  
Johnson  
by Wayne,  
Robin, Matt,  
& Mandi  
Johnson

*In Honor Of*  
Elton & Hilda  
Johnson  
by Steve,  
Christina,  
Avery  
& Trevor  
Johnson

*In Honor Of*  
Elton & Hilda  
Johnson  
by Robert,  
Dorcas,  
Jackson,  
& Madelyn  
Parks

*In Memory Of*  
Everett Taylor  
By  
Jeanne Taylor



JULY

7/5	Randy Guill Wes Bosiger Tom Hahn Buddy Wilborn	7/19	Rick Brogden Wayne Bales Mike Harris Mike Laughorn
7/12	Dennis Stewart Jimmy Allen Victor Crump Benny Smith	7/26	Jim Chandler Jerry Crenshaw Fred Flinn Randy Hupp



*The full Deacon  
Council will meet at  
8:00am on Sunday,  
July 12th followed  
by Deacon Board  
Meeting.*



Quarterly Business Meeting  
Sunday, July 26th at 6:30pm  
in Faith Chapel

**Quorum of 40 required.**



ABC Offering Report as of: 6/22/09:

Budget offering received...\$95,881.20  
Budget offering needed...\$99,168.25  
Budget deficit.....(3,287.05)



Church Office will  
close at 1PM on Friday,  
July 3rd and will be  
closed all day  
Monday, July 6th.

*Have a safe and  
happy holiday!*



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One of the exciting new ministries

During Worship in July

- 7/5 - Glenn & Tracey Francis
- 7/12 - Seth & Wendy Bowen
- 7/19 - To Be Announced
- 7/26 - Laura Conner & Norman Patterson

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



During Sunday School in July

- 7/5 - Judy Meeler & Janice Martin
- 7/12 - Tina Englebright & Sharon Brogden
- 7/19 - Judy Meeler & Becky Whitt
- 7/26 - Faye Beck & Faye Gainey

*If you find that you will not be able to be in the Sunday School Nursery*



Fourth of July celebration and fireworks at the Washington Monument, Washington, D.C.  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!**



*I want to thank Ash Avenue Baptist Church for the Devotional book, "Experiencing God Day by Day", in celebration of my college graduation. Besides being a daily guide for me, I will always remember the loving, Christian people here at Ash Avenue.*

*Love in Christ,  
Greta Holcomb*

Our **Little Church Fund** enables us to assist families in need during the holiday season.



Please place donations inside the little wooden church on table in church lobby.

**Please give prayerfully!**



**Properties Contacts for July  
are Mike Harris  
& Norman Patterson**

**Deacons of the Month for July  
are David Baird & Calvin Owen**

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



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