

A TASTE OF CHARLESTON THANKS

When I was coordinating the activities for FBC SUMMERFEST, 2009 and trying to come up with fresh, new activities to include with our traditional summer favorites, I asked Angela Deal if there was any way to get getting-famous-fast Chef Aaron Deal up here for some kind of special summertime event. She discussed it with Aaron and they came up with the idea for what would become "A Taste of Charleston." The next step was to meet with Dr. Bland and Finance Committee Chair Dwight Brakefield to decide pricing and which worthy cause would receive the money raised for the event. Burke United Christian Ministries was selected because of the increased demand for their assistance and the desperate needs of the people in our community that BUCM so compassionately serves.

Well, we now know that it truly became "some kind of special summertime event!" Over two hundred people from our church and community gathered in our beautifully remodeled Kistler Home Annex and Fellowship hall for a gourmet feast of delectable, *Low Country* cooking. Remember, all proceeds after costs will go to Burke United Christian Ministries.

We have many people to thank and to thank profusely. Let's begin with hometown hero and First Baptist Church member, Chef Aaron Deal. He brought his artistry and skill along with a heaping helping of "coolness" under pressure and cheerful warmth to all who attended. His parents Angela and David worked tirelessly before the event on every detail and pretty much 24/7 the days right before the big event. A special shout-out goes to Carroll and Pat Pritchard for their magnificent floral designs and to Betty Day for her room and table decorations.

Chef Aaron worked closely with our own Chef Suzette Pendleton and her crew of Andrew Lowdermilk, Eleanor Bland, Rob Noyes, IV, Caleb Simpson, Shawn Mull, Chris Ball, and Will Hollbrook. First Baptist Church servers and food assistant volunteers included Ethel Morris, Eloise Bridges, Nadine Sprenkle, Betty Ann Elmore, Merle Martin, Dan Yoder, Linda Yoder, Terry McGough, Bill McGough and Cindy Mode.

We are grateful to greeters and seating assistants Linda Faulk, Barbara Lambert, Cathy Rudicill, and Jeanette Schuszler. We thank Abele's Family Restaurant for donating all the fruit used in the floral designs, to Joseph Hasty and the Centerpiece Jazz Trio for their great music during dinner, Sossomon's Funeral Home for the use of their van for transporting items, Gina's Greenhouse for florals, Lise' Black and Daphne Stephens for table decorations, Casey Seevers, volunteer from the Morganton Service League. Thanks to Rance Henderson and Dwight Brakefield for their enthusiasm (and success) in selling numerous tickets and to Cathy Rudicill and Novah Cash for keeping up with ticket sales.

Thanks to all who sold tickets and all who attended. "A Taste of Charleston" was a wonderful way to conclude an especially memorable FBC Summerfest 2009.

Love, in Christ,

Fred

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Nunzio Loiudice - Italy
Annette Hall - France
Robert Dunlop - Ireland
New Pastor at Brannockstown
Mark Hamblen
Janos Katona - Romania

SERVICE MEMBERS IN ACTION

Eric Duckworth	Erienne Davidson
Shawn Graham	Veronica Graham
Roland Berger	Mark Scannell
Ryan Moya	P. J. Chapman
Joshua Davidson	James Gillon
Zack Maye	Mark Shell
Jacob Durden	



Don't
Forget
Your
Tithe

Please continue to give your tithes and offerings throughout the summer. Even though you may be away on vacation, the church will still be open, so please *give before you go!*

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Offering Received August 9.....	\$18,119
Offering Received August 16.....	\$17,845
Budget Required to Date.....	\$587,202
Received to Date	\$551,952
Under Budget	\$35,360

TURNING DREAMS INTO DEEDS

Pledged	\$807,000
Building Fund Rec to Date	\$766,066
Building Fund Expenditures	\$633,145
Building Fund Balance	\$132,921

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

August 23, 2009 - Rance Henderson
August 30, 2009 - Bonita Leary

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Andrea Robinson Kells and Rich Kells** on the birth of a daughter, **Naomi Grace**, born August 12, 2009. Proud grandparents are **Terri and Harold Robinson**.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER...

New Sunday School Year Begins
Sunday, September 13!

Plan to make this a special celebration day in your class and the start of the best year yet for life-changing Bible Study, close fellowship, effective ministry, and loving outreach!

Church Family Night Resumes
Wednesday, September 9!

Church Conference for adults, special celebrations for children and youth!
Stay tuned for details!

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

As we get ready to begin a new church year, the invitation to join the Chancel Choir is open. We would love to have new persons to join this wonderful group. Our first Wednesday rehearsal for the new church year is August 26th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. We will meet for a covered dish meal followed by choir with a guest director in the choir room. Call Bill Rotan for more details. (437-2544 x16).

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received to honor the memory of Lula Mae Duval and Sharon Sellers..

SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT

The spirit of Mission Morganton is alive and well throughout the year at First Baptist Church of Morganton. Our church recently built a handicap ramp for a family living near the J. Iverson Riddle Center who moved here to be with their sister, who is in the Center, but lives off campus with them. Our WMUM President, David Leary, and Rev. Schuszler asked Steve Bailey to take on this project. Steve worked with Bob Henderson to design the ramp and get materials. They secured an excellent team of Howard Blair, Dan Norman, Eddie Gwaltney from our church, along with our Troop 184 Scoutmaster, Eric Stuenkel, Assistant Scoutmaster Davis Smith and his son, James. We appreciate this special local mission project and the excellent work done by this team on behalf of our church and in Christ's name.



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING

Sunday, August 30
4:00 p.m. in the Chapel

All volunteers who plan to work with children at First Baptist Church in any capacity are urged to attend this concise training event. Questions? Call Committee Chair Beth Burton at 433-9249.



oneLORD,
one Faith,
oneBaptism
EPHESIANS 4:5

WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY

*Sermon: "Strength for the Journey"
(Acts 20: 22-24)*

Dr. Tom Bland, Jr. will be preaching.

The Jubilate Singers will be singing

We will observe the ordinance of Baptism

Luke Carlisle

Chandler Chapman

Jack Rigsbee

Macy Rudisill

DEACON NOMINATIONS

Don't forget to turn in your Deacon Nomination Ballot! Absentee ballots are permitted. The ballots must be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate by noon Sunday, August 23, 2009. Ballots will be counted after the morning service of worship August 23.

COMING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

◆ Sunday, August 23

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:55 a.m. - Worship
Noon - Deacon Ballots to be returned
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - YMC Interviews
2:00 p.m. - Deacon Ballots counted

◆ Monday, August 24

4:00 p.m. - Play practice

◆ Tuesday, August 25

4:00 p.m. - Mission Morganton Coordinating Committee
5:15 p.m. - Child Protection Committee
7:00 p.m. - Men's Prayer

◆ Wednesday, August 26

4:00 p.m. - Nominating Comm
6:00 p.m. - Choir covered dish dinner

◆ Thursday, August 27

6:00 p.m. - Food Service Servers Dinner

◆ Sunday, August 30

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:55 a.m. - Worship
4:00 p.m. - Child Protection Training
5:00 p.m. - Super Session Leaders Meeting
5:45 p.m. - Snack Supper
6:10 p.m. - Super Session

◆ Tuesday, September 1

Preschool/Afterschool Open House

MISSION MORGANTON 2009

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS MAGNIFICENT,
COMMUNITY-WIDE DAY OF MISSION AND MINISTRY!**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

IS OUR BIG

**CHURCH PARTNER COOKOUT
AND PROJECT PRAYER GATHERING**



We presently have **eight churches** involved and are planning over **25 projects!** We need everyone of every age to be a part of this wonderful experience! *Project sign-ups will be August 30 through September 8!*