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THE CROSSROADS



Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., BCOC members and friends from the community will transform our parking lots into a street carnival for Trunk or Treat! Many of you are already helping us by bringing goodies, treats and small toys to give away. Thank you! You are also praying for our hospitality to be warm and our environment to be safe on Halloween Night as we plan to greet hundreds of guests.

Here are some ways you can be involved at Trunk or Treat



Decorate your trunk OR create a small "carnival" type game in or beside your trunk...

Here are some EASY ideas: <http://www.schoolcarnivals.com/Games/alphabetical.htm>.

(There are lots of ideas on Pinterest too!) We have several supplies to create a game right here at BCOC. Just ask. Other popular stations have been: Fortune-telling, face-painting, temporary tattoos, making balloon animals, corn hole. Candy treats and tiny toys make perfect prizes.



Provide individually wrapped baked goods for our "Cake Walk."



Cooking and wrapping hotdogs to give away.



Offer hospitality by giving away treat bags and tickets for concessions.



Greeters will walk the grounds and talk with children/families waiting in long lines. Wear an apron and give away small treats to children and adults-with-a-sweet-tooth. Greeters will replenish candy at popular spots and help guide guests to the restroom facilities at the rear of the Ministry Center. Be in costume for this if you like, or just wear something comfortable (like your Camp BCOC or Beach Retreat T-shirt).



Please help us by signing up to participate.
Sign up lists can be found on tables in the
Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers arrive between
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.



WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ON SALE NOW!

The deadline to order Christmas Poinsettias is Sunday, October 29. The poinsettias are \$26. To order a poinsettia for placement in the Sanctuary Christmas Eve in honor or memory of a loved one, complete an envelope available in the foyer and on the piano in the Fellowship Hall, include your payment, and return it to the church office. All proceeds benefit the Birmingham Boys Choir.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

- Oct. 18 Business Meeting – Adoption of budget
- Oct. 25 "How to have Civil Discourse in an Uncivil World," J.L. "Vic" Dippenaar
- Nov. 1 "Civil Discourse," Vic Dippenaar
- Nov. 8 "Civil Discourse," Vic Dippenaar
- Nov. 15 Bible Study, Pastor Sarah

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

ESCAPE ROOM

OCTOBER 22 AT 5:30 P.M.



The 5th and 6th grade Class is invited to BREAKOUT Birmingham on Sunday evening, October 22. Meet at BCOC at 5:30 p.m. or meet the group at Breakout at 5:45 p.m. The cost for each player is \$15

(pay BCOC).

Complete the waiver [HERE](#). Adult chaperones are: Kristen Berthiaume, Patrick Chappell, Dennis Wilson, and Daniel Ingram.

PAINTBALL!

Sunday October 22
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
For Youth and Friends
Supper afterwards
Watch email for more details!

FALL FUN!

OCTOBER 29, 2:00 P.M.

PRESCHOLL – 6TH GRADE FAMILIES



Join us at the Henderson's house for pumpkin carving and decorating! Games and S'mores until 4:00 p.m. Bring your own pumpkin! Bring carving tools to share. Some decorations provided.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
BREAD FOR THE WORLD



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
ALL SAINTS' DAY



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
CHILDREN'S SABBATH



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
PLEDGE SUNDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

TALENT SHOW RESCHEDULED

The show must go on!

OCTOBER 15

SAVE
THE
DATE

ALABAMA CBF FALL GATHERING
OCTOBER 22ND

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

The Alabama CBF Fall Gathering will be held Sunday, October 22nd at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Birmingham. We will have workshops in the afternoon, dinner, and worship. The keynote speaker will be CBF Executive Coordinator, Rev. Suzii Paynter.

BCOC ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

During Coffee Fellowship and after Sunday School



Get your Christmas shopping completed early while knowing you are helping to provide a living wage for artists, artisans, and producers from around the world!

Featuring products from Sojourns Fair Trade and Work of Worth.

If you know any organizations that might be candidates for participating, please contact [Lori Bateman](#).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

3RD SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15



Please bring pantry items next Sunday for the 3rd Sunday Food Drive ministry to support Greater Birmingham Ministries. Pantry needs include canned vegetables, beans, fruit, meat and soup, as well as cereal, flour, sugar, jelly, pasta, peanut butter and rice. Collection boxes will be in the sanctuary lobby and alley lobby by the elevator.

In September, BCOC members gave 517 items for the GBM food pantry and the church donated 114 items left over from the beach retreat, totaling 631 items!



TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

FOR SOCKTOBER: Socks, lip balm, cough drops

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS



Next Sunday, October 22 is Bread for the World Sunday. On October 15, a combined adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall will hear updates about the Bread for the World ministry and to write letters to policy makers advocating for a change in food policy.

On October 22, our letters will be presented as an offering. **Our goal is to write 200 letters.** Hand written letters are still one of the best ways to make your voice heard by state and national legislators. Class leaders will provide all the tools you need, including letter templates and addresses.

As we rejoice in Christ's abundant grace in our lives, we are called to share in God's vision of a world where all people "will hunger no more" (Revelation 7:16).

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSED FOR
VETERANS' DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10



Dan Lawhon is the minister on-call in case of emergency.

October Birthdays

John Yarbrough 10/12	Pam Patterson 10/23
Matthew Gardner 10/12	Becky Belcher 10/24
Mary Elizabeth Teem 10/13	Argie Carter 10/25
Cloritta Thomas 10/14	Donna Mulvihill 10/25
Chuck Rogers 10/14	Will Bondarenko 10/26
Amanda DeVaughn 10/14	Tyler Nelson 10/29
Lyndsey Robinson 10/16	Luke McLendon 10/29
Nicole Lane 10/18	Tamia Woods 10/30
Gayle Watts 10/22	Jonathan Barr 10/31

CHURCH BUSINESS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1

General Fund \$26,243.15
Building Fund \$652.00

WEEK OF OCTOBER 8

General Fund \$10,494.00
Building Fund \$374.35

General Fund Gifts needed each week to meet the 2017
Budget: \$13,791.00

The indebtedness of the church is \$531,453.93



PRAYER CONCERNS



HOME

Mark Lasseter
Cheryl Pathasema
Susan Richardson
John McElroy
Eljee Bentley

Bob Powell, Cottondale
Christian Church,
Cottondale, AL
Shalom Baptist Church
Corita Blanco
Boca de Mariel, Cuba

PUERTO RICO

Lynn Smith

Elizabeth Lott, St.
Charles Avenue Baptist
Church, New Orleans

with sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to Elaine Rasco in the death of her mother, Elise Gamel. Services were last week in Trussville. Also to Gary Hamm and Russell Whisler in the death of Gary's stepmother, Johnnie Powell. Services were this week in Carbon Hill.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: ALLAN BURTON, 205-410-4771

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 – NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION

- Helpers Pickup* – Esther Gardner, Becky Belcher
- 8:30 a.m. – *Lobby Monitors* – Mark Burge, Rick Mitchell
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – *Alley Door Monitor* – Jill Holley, A.E. McInlave
- 9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
- Greater Birmingham Ministry Food Drive
- Greeters, Ushers & Offering* – Bill & Faith Stockton, Jenny Smith, Kelly Mitchell, Sharon Chappell, Elaine Stephens
- Worship Care* – Sue Shaddix, Pat Brown, Faye Allen, John Burge
- 10:00 am. – *Coffee Fellowship* – Cindy Goodwin, George Crear
- 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Covenant 101 – Bart & Lynda Grooms
- Offering Counters* – Pat Hawley, Sue Shaddix
- Helpers Class* – Bill Smith
- Building Lockup* – David Hoefelman
- 11:30 a.m. – Finance Committee
- 12:15 p.m. – COM
- 3:00 p.m. – Taylor Bell Ordination Council, BMMC
- 5:00 p.m. – BBQ Supper
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Talent Show Fundraiser for Youth Ministry

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Overeaters Anonymous

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 4:30 p.m. – Open Society, BMMC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- Check Signers* – Frank McCrory, Ellen Dossett
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Adult & Preschool Dinner (FH), Handbells
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner – Children
- 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Learning Academy
- 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Children's' Choir
- 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Mission Friends
- 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Prayer, Announcements, Business Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Preschool Music
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Children in Action
- Building Lock-up* – Frank McCrory
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- Choir Lock-up* – Larry FitzGerald

THURSDAY, October 19

- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – "Psalms and Prayer," Room 203

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry
Brian Berthiaume, Susan Jackson

DEACON OF THE WEEK: JEAN THOMASON, 205-960-2233

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 – BREAD FOR THE WORLD

- Helpers Pickup* – Elaine Stephens, Bill Peebles
- 8:30 a.m. – *Lobby Monitors* – George Crear, David Hoefelman
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – *Alley Door Monitors* – Marsha & David Henderson
- 9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
- Greeters, Ushers & Offering* – Dianna Anderson, Shirley Brymer, Preston Miller, Kathleen Smith, Angela Moore, Taylor Jansen
- Worship Care* – Kristen Evans, Cheryl Pathasema, Sarah Hines, Matt & Karen Stinnett,
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – *Glass Lobby Greeters* – Dennis Day, Sarah Young
- 10:00 a.m. – *Coffee Fellowship* – Marsha Henderson, Pat Hawley, Denise Gardner, Connie McCrory
- 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Open Table Forum, BMMC – Mark Burge
- Offering Counters* – Robbie Yarbrough, David Henderson
- Helpers Class* – Bill Smith
- Building Lockup* – David Hoefelman
- 11:45 a.m. – Ministries Committee
- 5:00 p.m. – Youth Music
- 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Youth Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Overeaters Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Check Signers* – Frank McCrory, Kristen Evans
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Adult & Preschool Dinner (FH), Handbells
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner – Children
- 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Learning Academy
- 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Children's' Choir
- 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Mission Friends
- 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Prayer, Announcements, "Civil Discourse"
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Preschool Music
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Children in Action
- Building Lock-up* – Lynn Smith
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- Choir Lock-up* – Chuck Rogers

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – "Psalms and Prayer," Room 203

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry
Brian Vaughn, Jeff Barton

Worship, October 15

Sermon by Sarah Shelton
"The Kingdom's Dress Code"

- First Reading Exodus 32:1-14
- Second Reading Philippians 4:4-9
- Third Reading Matthew 22:1-15

Worship, October 22
Sermon by Taylor Bell