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## Report From Pasadena

The weekend before last, Carol and I joined four other First Baptist Church members and some two thousand other American Baptists from across the nation at the American Baptist Churches USA 2009 biennial in Pasadena, CA. We were pleased to be joined in Pasadena by Pastor Miriam Mendez, Rev. Margaret Marcuson and Rob and Karen Knauerhase.



We enjoyed worship music in many different styles, from traditional chorale arrangements to spirituals to Gospel hip hop, with a special appearance by the prophetic troubadour Ken Medema, who was a young music therapist at Montclair State Hospital in New Jersey when I hosted him at my first little church in Flushing, Queens more than 35 years ago. We heard great preaching from such diverse voices as

•Rev. Dennis Johnson, the scholarly pastor from Charleston, WV,  
•Dr. Kirk Byron Jones, a charismatic professor from Andover Newton, and

•Dr. Robin Smith, ordained pastor, psychologist, author and frequent guest on the Oprah show.

And we had a banquet table of workshops, mission displays, caucus meetings and fellowship events set out before us.

As I have had the privilege of attending American Baptist biennials regularly for thirty years and have been a pastor, professor or church member in six ABC regions, these meetings are always for me a wonderful reunion with friends, colleagues, and members of churches where I have been privileged to serve as a pastor, preach or lead conferences.

As a seminary professor for twenty-one years, I encounter former students from around the country and have the joy of seeing them in significant leadership positions. For instance: one still-youthful pastor who has served in a small town in Colorado for fifteen years, where he is a pastor to the community as well as his local church; and a missionary couple who met in seminary, now leading a biennial workshop on ministering to diversity, a topic they are living at home, since she is from Puerto Rico and he is from Maine.

We Baptists affirm that every individual believer has both the privilege and the responsibility of following Jesus freely, and that the faithful local congrega-

tion contains the fullness of Christ's presence and a richness of spiritual gifts. Thus our togetherness in the American Baptist denomination and the global Baptist family is a voluntary association, allowing us to pool gifts and work in partnership beyond the local church. Our denomination as such began in 1814 when Baptists up and down the eastern seaboard came together to commission and send Adoniram and Ann Judson as missionaries to Burma. Our fellowship has comprised such diverse leaders as the great proponent of the social gospel, Walter Rauschenbusch, the massively-learned conservative theologian Carl F.H. Henry, founding editor of *Christianity Today*, gifted New Testament translator Helen Barrett Montgomery, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

The membership of our 5200 churches is more ethnically and culturally diverse than any other American denomination. And yet we are united by our love of Jesus, and our desire to share His love to a broken and hurting world, both across these United States and through mission partnerships around the world. It was wonderful to share a few days with the family.

Anybody up for San Juan, Puerto Rico in 2011?

—Pastor David Wheeler—

**Summer  
Home Groups  
July 15 to  
August 19**



We planned some groups that will meet together in homes throughout the city for fellowship and prayer over the summer. These groups will last six weeks.

**Downtown Portland  
Bettie Jones**

2221 SW First Ave #524  
503-228-2221

**Northeast Portland  
Dr. Marian Boehr**

1300 NE 16th Ave #809  
503-331-4837

**Hollywood District  
Pastor David and Carol  
Wheeler**

503-288-5572

**Southeast Portland  
Lauralee Ware and  
Margie Fairly**

1340 SE 107th Ave  
503-265-8555

**Southwest Portland  
Dick and Patti McKevitt**

9860 SW Imperial Dr  
503-292-6728

**Families and Kids - SW  
Portland - Custer Park**

Contact Karen Knauerhase at  
[Karen@Knuauerhase.com](mailto:Karen@Knuauerhase.com)

**Junior High/High School  
at the church** for 4 weeks

after The Calling mission trip  
Contact Pastor Abraham at  
[abates@fbc-portland.org](mailto:abates@fbc-portland.org).

**Cambodian Bible Study on  
Saturdays at various  
homes.**

Contact Pastor Peter at  
[peterim777@yahoo.com](mailto:peterim777@yahoo.com).

**En Español:** Detalles con la  
Rva. Miriam Mendez at  
[mmendea@fbc-portland.org](mailto:mmendea@fbc-portland.org).

**Thanks from  
Pastor Ed Stelle:**

Congratulations on the anniversary of a successful year! Our Downtown Fellowship meetings have ended for the summer after many special gatherings. Though our turnout hasn't been as large as we would like, we have seen some exciting programs that will be remembered for a long time.

My congratulations go to wonderful, dedicated people who serve week in and week out and do a yeoman's job.

**Eric Goranson** provides our programs and does a great job. It's no small task and Eric does it and does it well.

**Denny and Alexis Bishop**, are the early arrivers each time we meet and set up the room. We enjoy Denny playing the piano which is always welcomed by those who gather. Alexis also does the free blood pressure readings. **Bob Rowe** brings our coffee to us. **Ruth Boughner** and **Dorothy Smith** put out the snacks with a smile and greet those as they arrive.

Sincere thanks to **Rev. Norm Lawson** who leads our singing and is very helpful filling in and directing the fellowship.

Last, but not least, **Dr. Marian Boehr** brings a devotional which is fresh and alive and gives the spiritual overtone to the entire gathering.

Another year has gone by and we are grateful to everyone who helped make it possible.



**July 12, 2009**

Psalm 24

Mark 6:1-6

**"Rejecting Jesus?"**

**July 19, 2009**

2 Samuel 7:1-14

Ephesians 2:11-22

**"Building Projects"**

**July 26, 2009**

Psalm 14

John 6:1-15

**"Scarcity and Plenty"**

Worship Services at 9:00 am  
and 11:00 am

11:00 worship also in Spanish  
and Cambodian languages.

"Time for Children" during the  
11:00 service

Children's Church for ages 3  
through Second Grade follows the  
Time for Children at 11:00am.

Worship and Praise Event at  
5:30pm in the Candlelight Chapel

Sunday school for all ages at  
9:55am.



**New Worship  
on Sunday  
Evening**

5:30pm -7:30pm

Candlelight Chapel

There will be prayer, new  
worship and praise songs,  
and a time for testimonials.  
Enter through the small Tay-  
lor Street door.

This group will meet each  
Sunday except the first Sun-  
day of every month. Contact  
person is Toni Pfau at 503-  
358-5359.



### GET READY FOR CAMP!

All children and youth, grades 1 through 12, are invited to register for this year's summer camps held at Arrah Wanna **August 2 and 21.**

The theme is "God Is Indescribable!" Your child or youth will be guided to a better understanding of God at their grade level. Many fun activities will fill the week your young person is there. You will want to register right away.

### CLS CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM IS BACK!

**C is Come** (Attend Sunday School and Church regularly)

**L is Learn** (Memorize 6 Bible verses)

**S is Serve** (Do an assigned church work project.)

CLS is here to aid you in affording your time at camp.

We will provide you with Bible verses to memorize, provide recognition for regular attendance at Sunday School and provide church and service projects around the church.

When you are signed off for doing CLS, you will earn a significant amount of scholarship to apply to your camp registration. If you have or if you will be registering for camp, you will receive CLS materials in the mail to begin working for your scholarship.

**NOW, HURRY AND REGISTER-DON'T MISS CAMP!**



## Louise Ford

*Born: September 13, 1916*

*Joined: July 25, 1999*

*Died: June 27, 2009*

*The memorial service will be at Finley Sunset Hills on July 11 at 11:00am.*



*Dear First Baptist Friends:*

*The family of Josephine Jones expresses deep thanks and appreciation for your calls, cards and heartfelt expressions of love towards our beloved mother.*

*We are comforted by loving memories and the assurance of her resting in God's presence in her heavenly home.*

*Love, Lois Russo and Family*



### Food Barrel Sunday July 12

Jack says we are going through our supplies fast because we are often putting out 10-15 food boxes. We're still asking for:

**Breakfast Cereal  
Elbow Macaroni  
and Toilet Paper**

Thanks for all your help!

### Upcoming Events.

➤ QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING  
**July 26** at 12:30pm Fellowship Hall. We'll be voting on new members

OUTDOOR SERVICE at 11:00 **August 2.** All three congregations will be combined at the 11:00 service.

## July

### Birthdays



- Jul 15- Jorge Flores  
Rom lem
- Jul 16 - Jill Benson  
Antoinette Preston
- Jul 17 - Ali Aschenbrenner  
Bertha Chambers  
Fredrik Eriksson  
Cheryl Hartup  
Tim McKevitt
- Jul 18 - Julie Rogers  
Neang Som
- Jul 19 - Adriana Ionescu  
Gary Kibble
- Jul 20 - Joanne Bishop  
Jonathan Khem  
Tess Ratty  
Arduis Stevens
- Jul 23 - Patricia Guzman
- Jul 24 - Marian Boehr  
Neal Chartier  
Linda Pedro  
Byron Wilson
- Jul 25 - Kathryn McKevitt  
Pedro Mejias  
Eric Montgomery
- Jul 27 - Gail Vonada
- Jul 28 - Linda Harjo  
Bruce Rich
- Jul 29 - Kim Hing  
Barbara Perez  
Bea Watson
- Jul 30 - Theresa Flowers  
Diana Gutierrez
- Jul 31 - Marsha Morasch  
Norma Sanchez

We do not wish to leave anyone out. If you have a birthday in the last two weeks of July and it is not listed here, please call Genie at 503-228-7465.

*Time Dated Material*

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The  
**Downtown Festival**  
Trumpeter

**Arrive early  
for a FREE Blood Pres-  
sure check in the Social**

**CHURCH Sunday  
PICNIC July 19**  
After Church

**Oaks Amuse-  
ment Park**  
Sit in the shade  
of the Oak trees in the park  
along the Willamette River  
on a lazy Sunday afternoon.  
Chat with new and old  
friends during the delicious  
picnic lunch.

Win prizes in the raffle or  
lose your lunch on the rides.  
(Ride bracelets available for  
sale at the park.)

Ron Shepherd needs a couple  
of able-bodied chaps inter-  
ested in helping haul stuff to  
the picnic site and returning it.  
Contact him at 503-493-

**Music Department News**



**Handbell Choir** Re-  
hearsals for the hand-  
bell choir will be starting  
in a couple of weeks to  
prepare for an August  
performance. If you would like  
to participate in this short-  
term music event, contact  
Travis Hatton at 503-228-7465,  
by email at [thatton@fbc-  
portland.org](mailto:thatton@fbc-portland.org) or tell him you're  
interested on Sunday morning.

**Our Summer Music Program**  
is providing music during our  
worship while the choir takes a  
break. Travis says he is still  
hoping for more soloists,  
instrumentalists and groups  
who want to sing or play to  
round out our schedule.  
Contact Travis as above.