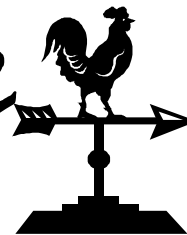


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The Pillars upon which Our Baptist Tradition Rests

What makes a Baptist a Baptist? Obviously Baptists today are very diverse. Within our ranks are the most liberal liberals and the most conservative conservatives. What are some of the characteristics we all share in common? We can identify these five pillars upon which our Baptist tradition rests:

- **The need for personal experience prior to baptism.** Baptists rejected the practice of the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of England, and other Protestant groups that emerged from the Protestant Reformation: infant baptism. Baptists insisted that individuals should be old enough and mature enough to choose for themselves the life of faith in Christ. Only then could baptism be meaningful.
- **No creeds except the Bible.** Early Baptists rejected the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the other creeds of the church. They chose to be guided by the Bible itself rather than words *about* the Bible. Baptist unity was not found in what they believed, i.e., the creeds. Baptist unity was found in what they did, i.e., the mission of the church.
- **The priesthood of every believer.** This has been called our "first born child." Every Christian man and woman is a priest before God. We do not need another priest or clergyperson to represent us before God. In other words, you do not need me. The pew is equal to the pulpit. Everyone has the *right* and *responsibility* to deal directly with God.
- **The autonomy of the local church.** Just as each individual person is free to relate directly to God, so too is each individual church. Baptist churches have no bishop or other authority that can tell them how to run their churches. Baptist churches are fully autonomous. They are free, under the lordship of Christ, to set their own direction.
- **Religious liberty and separation of church and state.** In 1609 it was a new and modern conviction that individuals should be free to determine their beliefs and church affiliation. Baptists believed that for faith to be genuine it must be freely chosen. True spirituality cannot be forced or denied by the state. Baptists became the champions of religious liberty and its practical expression—the separation of church and state.

These five pillars will be the focus of a series of sermons this summer. They are still good reasons to be a Baptist.

A proud and loyal Baptist,
David

Did You Know This?

Most churches have greeters. But not many churches have greeters as genuinely loving as our Lenice Justice. Lenice has staffed the welcome center for more than ten years. How many warm welcomes have been given during that time? How many hugs? Lenice, thank you for what you do to welcome newcomers and members to our church!

Worship News for This Sunday

The Sixth Sunday
After Pentecost

Good Reasons to Be Baptist: The Need for Personal Experience Acts 9:1-9

Early Baptists distinguished themselves from other Protestant Christians and the Roman Catholic Church by refusing to baptize infants. Baptists chose to withhold baptism until one was old enough to choose baptism personally. Some called early Baptists "Dippers" because of their emphasis on baptism by immersion. The name that stuck, though, is Baptist. Join us this Sunday as the pastor talks about this good reason to be Baptist. Invite a friend or neighbor to be your guest in worship. The Chapel Choir will return from their tour and sing during worship.

VBS Missions offering collected \$160.00 for the CBF Myanmar disaster relief and a trunk load of peanut butter and jelly for HAP. Thank you to everyone who participated.

There will be a business meeting on July 9 to hear motions from the Nominating Committee and the Church Council.

Senior Adults

Thursday, June 19

Salad & Dessert Luncheon
11:30 in the Lighthouse



New Church Pictorial Directory

On July 31-August 2 and August 15-16, a photographer from Olan Mills will be at Weatherly to take photographs for our new pictorial directory. If you will be out of town during both of these sessions, please call Janette Dunaway at 880-2434 right away so that we can arrange for you to have your photograph taken at a nearby church.



Memorial Gifts



To the Building Fund

In memory of Frances Davis
Given by Frances Gerstlauer

In memory of Jody Greer's Father
Given by

the Bible & Breakfast Sunday School Class

To the Kentucky Mission Trip

In memory of Hugh Manning & Ray Elliott
and in honor of Burl Dykes
and the many faithful who give
of their time and talents for this worthy project.
Given by Cathy Manning



Happy Birthday!

June 19: Maryland Poole, Alison Walker; **June 20:** Betty Aderholdt, Marylois Richardson; **June 21:** Tommy Beason; **June 22:** Toni Buxbaum, Linder Gilmer; **June 23:** Mike Malone, Robert Sheppard; **June 25:** Brandon Rutherford

The Record Speaks

Morning Worship	237
Sunday School Attendance	142
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$13,265.00
This Week's Budget Receipts	\$7,667.15

2008 Church Stewardship

YTD undesignated receipts through April 2008	\$188,070.00
YTD undesignated expenses through April 2008.....	\$223,578.00
Shortfall.....	\$35,508.00

Prayer Requests

Jeanette Atkins, Huntsville Hospital
Ray Gargus, Huntsville Hospital
Haley Reeves, Vanderbilt Hospital
Sarah McCreless, mother of Delaine Dendy
Dan Cox's father, John Cox
Pat Spell, aunt of Margo Ridgeway
Dottie Keebler
Art McDougal
Laverne Parker, sister of Jim Hicks
Norma Terrell
Audra Gavin, niece of Dwight Malone
Vicki Heuschman
Luanne Lovin
Alice Caruso
Sally Hershberger
Nick Zuschlag, Middle East
Nicholas Stott, Middle East
Carolyn Hodges, sister-in-law of Bonnie Garrett
Patricia Kennedy's stepmother and father
Exie Woods, mother of Rachel Jordan
Tom Ibarra
Bob Nore's mother
Our members and friends serving in the military

The Church in Service

DEACON ON CALL: David Childers

Next Week: Bob Williamson

TELLERS: Art Dohrman & Dottie Keebler

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Reggie Simmons

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Bryant & Lisa Malone

ACOLYTES: Anna Shepard & Robert Caraway

NURSERY: Barbara Lehman & Jeanne Greer, Isis Su & Claire Sharp, Kelly Freeman & Sarah Hunt



I Have a Friend

Sunday, June 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Last year over 300 people gathered for food, fun and fellowship at our **I Have a Friend** cookout. The deacons grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. You brought friends. And everyone seemed to have a good time. The deacons have agreed to cook again this year. Do one of your friends a favor and invite him or her to our **I Have a Friend** cookout this Sunday. There will be water games for the children. Kids, be sure to dress appropriately and bring a towel!

WELCOME

**There will be a reception
to honor the Burnette family
Wednesday, June 25.**



Thank You, WHBC

Dear Friends,

The summer months are a very busy time for our Mountain Outreach students and other volunteers such as some of your members. This month and next, we are building three homes for needy but deserving families in our community.

Our work would not be possible without the support and prayers of friends like you. Your May gift will be put to use immediately helping to provide a home for a needy family.

We are so grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Jim Taylor, President



Dear Members,

Thank you so much for your donation to the Homeless Clinic. Your contribution will help purchase medications for our homeless patients. Thank you for your support.

Shotrie Platt, Director

Youth at WHBC

Camping Trip

June 30-July 3

Sign up now for the upcoming camping trip led by Ron & Lynn Sponsler. We will go to Deep Creek Campground in Smoky Mountains National Park near Bryson City, North Carolina. The cost is \$50 per person which covers transportation, meals, and camp sites. Payment is due by Sunday, June 29.

Air Show at Huntsville International Airport

June 28-29

The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels precision flying team and the U.S. Army's Golden Knights Parachute Team will perform Saturday and Sunday. The show starts at 12:00 each day and will include flight demonstrations and aerobatic performances by Patty Wagstaff and the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team. Bring a chair, plenty of water, and look up to enjoy some high performance aircraft displays. If there is another truck there with a jet mounted on the back, I'm going to scream! If you don't know what you are looking at, look for me and Rob Lindstrom and we'll fill you in.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Youth Gathering, June 25

5:30 for dinner and 6:45 for study
at the home of Elizabeth & James Smith

Camping Trip, June 30-July 3

Cost is \$50 due by June 29.

- Dean

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Handy & Happenings



Chapel Choir Tour

As you read this the Chapel Choir is on tour in St. Louis. Our basic itinerary is to travel on Tuesday, June 17 with our singing beginning on Wednesday, June 18. On Wednesday, we begin our day with a tour to the Arch Museum of Westward Expansion. Following lunch we will have a tour of the Cathedral Basicila of St. Louis; we will get to sing in this wonderful place. On Wednesday evening we will give a concert at Sherwood Baptist Church and spend some time encouraging the youth in their struggling church. Thursday begins with a concert at Bethsada Gardens (a Lutheran-sponsored retirement village) and following lunch a concert at Bethsada Orchard. Friday is our "play day" when we will spend a few hours at Six Flags St. Louis. On Saturday we will leave St. Louis for our "Secret Concert" on Saturday night and arrive back home on Sunday morning just in time for worship and to sing in the morning worship service.

Please remember these Chapel Choir member and sponsors in your prayers:

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| Bryan Arrowood | Todd Baldwin | Kyle Buckner | Anna Cox |
| Sarah Hunt | Mac Lindstrom | Eric Lindstrom | Ben Konantz |
| Josh Konantz | Chris Olsen | Johnny Plaxco | Jeff Sells |
| Jill Sharp | Claire Sharp | Olivia Smith | Caitlin Still |
| Abigail Williams | | Sara Hardiman | |

Sponsors: Handy & Elaine Avery, Dean Johnson, Susan Cox, Robin Sells, Susan Still, Daryl Johnson and Ashley Avery.

The Chapel Choir and sponsors will arrive at the church just in time for our 10:10 worship. They will not have seen their parents or friends; they will walk in and sing in our service. It will be a wonderful and exciting moment for them and for all the worshipers. I hope you'll make your plans to attend this event as music becomes ministry.

Handy

Need Knows No Season

The Salvation Army in Huntsville is sponsoring a school supply drive for qualifying children in Huntsville and Madison County. Deadline for the drive is July 25th. For more information and a complete list of supplies needed please contact Bonnie at 536-5576 or salvationarmyvols@hotmail.com

The Weatherware is published in the church office. **Deadline for articles is noon Friday** before the Tuesday printing date. You may submit an article to the church office in person or by email to pat@weatherly.org. We reserve the right to edit.

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