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The Long Goodbye

When the Personnel Committee helped me set up my sabbatical in the fall of 2007, they noted that while my sabbatical would grant me an extended break from my normal routine, my family wouldn't derive a similar benefit. The Committee noted that my family would surely need, and certainly deserved, a vacation. So, by the time you are reading this, the Kremer family is headed for that slice of heaven, Gulf Shores, Sweet Home Alabama. We will surely have a great time, but it will be a bittersweet voyage.

I call this trip "The Long Goodbye." Once we return, our boys will immediately repack their bags for another destination: college. They know that once they leave for college, things will be different. What they don't know is that once they leave for college nothing in their lives or ours will ever be the same.

Of course, as generally happens as one's children age, this trip will not be just family. Our traveling circus will include our "third son," Lee Branscome – and the other half of Clara Inc., Clara Howell – and Mark's girlfriend. Melissa and I are not sure what would be cheaper, taking two cars or renting a Greyhound bus.

Of course, people say to us, "Oh, I know your house will seem empty once the boys leave." What people don't realize is that between my schedule, Melissa's schedule and the kids' schedule, our house is generally a revolving door anyway. Between the Youth Habitat trip to John's Island, the church river trip and the Passport Youth trip to Boston, (all splendid affairs!), our youngsters have scarcely been at home for most of the month of July. So it will be good for us to enjoy a couple of weeks where we can see them on a somewhat regular basis, though of course their idea of fun will not be sitting on the back porch with old folks like us and watching the sun set over the bay.

For many of you, your first memory of Mark and Stewart is of them scurrying around Lasater Hall (which was then simply known as the "old fellowship hall," chasing balloons at a reception the church held for us before we had officially started our ministry among you. The boys were not even two then; Clara was "on the way." Now the boys have turned eighteen (naturally, while they were away in Boston last week), and Clara has her driver's license. They have grown up before your eyes; have grown up with many of your children and grandchildren. (Indeed, what's the old joke? Why are preachers' kids the way they are? It's because they play with the deacons' kids.)

We hope to catch a baseball game, play golf, enjoy the beach, hook a few fish – and do lots of crabbing, Clara's favorite beachside endeavor. We hope to enjoy each other's company as a family for one last two- week

period. Who knows when such an opportunity will come again? Then we will return to Charlotte, and our family will disperse. We know that is what's on the horizon. We also know that what lies on the horizon won't be easy. We also know that is time for the boys to move on. But, for a couple more weeks, we can take our minds off that transition to focus on simpler pleasures.

A word from your pastor, Richard

P.S. My article last week on the new Family Night schedule had a couple of omissions. I failed to note that the Youth Committee will meet on the first Wednesday of each month. I also failed to include the children's mission schedule: they will meet from 6:45 – 7:30. Also, though I failed to specify as such, the Worship Committee meets only on an "as needed basis."

Meet the Chef!

This Sunday, August 3rd, our new personal chef will be on the church campus. While he will not be demonstrating his services for all of us on that day, he will be visiting with the children in Sunday School to find out their likes and dislikes for their meals, and he will be joining us in worship. Our service team and their spouses will meet with him following worship, so we hope you'll find a moment to welcome him aboard.

After all of that, surely you are wondering, "who is this man?" Chef Tom L. Cundiff, who will be better known to us as "Chef Cundiff," is the owner of **From the Kitchen of Cundiff**. His personal chef service business offers services for regional meetings, special events, barbecues and even dinner parties in one's home. He has attended *The International Kitchen* in Sorrento and received his culinary training at *Chef's Choice of Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte*. Before launching his current business, he was the owner and operator of *Barbecue Kings Catering Service* in Charlotte. His hope for our Family Night dining experience is that we will simply say "Wow!" with the very first bite.

So what will that "wow" cost us? **The price is increasing to \$6.75 per adult plate and \$3.75 per child plate. The child's plate is available to children 10 and under. The family maximum will be \$24 per family.**

The menu itself is being finalized and will offer a child's plate, adult plate and orders may be placed for a vegetarian plate. We are excited for Chef Cundiff's arrival and look forward to a new experience together as **Family Night begins on September 3, 2008!**

Please feel free to make your meal reservation by calling the church office.



Sunday, July 27, 2008
Budget Receipts: \$11,129.50

Calendar - August 3-9

Sunday, August 3

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

Monday, August 4

9:00 Sleep-Away Camp
9:00 K-2nd Grade Camp
1:00 After-Camp Care
7:00 ... Health & Wellness Committee

Tuesday, August 5

8:45 Weekday Summer School
9:00 Sleep-Away Camp
9:00 K-2nd Grade Camp
6:30 Women on Mission II
7:00 Youth Committee

Wednesday, August 6

8:45 Weekday Summer School
9:00 Sleep-Away Camp
9:00 K-2nd Grade Camp
1:00 After-Camp Care

Thursday, August 7

8:45 Weekday Summer School
9:00 Sleep-Away Camp
9:00 K-2nd Grade Camp
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 8

9:00 Sleep-Away Camp
9:00 K-2nd Grade Camp
9:30 Craft Class

Saturday, August 9

Recent Illnesses

At home:

Kathy Spence
Henry Engle
Pete Hopkins
Jean Hutson
Elsie Benton

Lake Park Rehab: Virginia Thompson
Pineville Rehab: Kathleen Owens

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Gary McFarland** who has been named an Endorsed Chaplain by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Thank You

Thanks to my St. John's friends for the many prayers, cards, and well wishes during my recent hospital stay and recuperation.

Geneva Solano

Sympathy

We extend sincere sympathy to Shirley Ballard and family in the death of her brother-in-law, July 25, in FL.

Farside Ladies & Friends Dinner Out

Roosters near Southpark
7:00 pm
Tuesday, August 12



Softball Update

The St. John's Men's Softball Team defeated Providence Baptist Church on Monday night to win the league championship! Congratulations, men!

In Service

Sunday, August 3

Deacons:

Linda Balentine, Lloyd Baucom, Jason Benton, Kevin Benton, Phillips Bragg, Alan Christian, Graham Claytor, Cathy DuFault, Clarence Eden, Melba Edwards

Ushers:

Arnold Philemon, Mary Carnes, Marvin Carter

Tellers:

Marvin Carter, Paul Lloyd

Childcare Workers:

Wanda Birmingham, Ace Millsaps, J Culp, Betsy Almond, Kim Diehl, Jackie & Chris Hahn, Minh Callaway

Nurse on Duty:

Elizabeth Roseman



School Uniform Collection

School uniforms for Highland Renaissance Academy are now being collected. A rack has been provided in the gym foyer for the following items - khaki and navy pants, skirts and jumpers, white and navy shirts (with collars), for boys and girls, sizes 4-16.

Note to Committee Chairs

Budget worksheets will be mailed to committee chairs the first week in August.

These will be due in the church office on September 2.

Carolyn Richards,
Financial Secretary



Dates to Note

August 25 - First day of school
September 3 - Family Night Begins
October 5 - Andre' Lash Concert
October 15 - Blood Drive
October 28 - Country Carnival
November 4 - General Election
November 16 - Missions Sunday



Hunger Committee Report

The Hunger Committee thanks you for your generous contributions of \$1,706.60 in the 2nd Quarter.

Distributions have been made as follows:

Developmental (40%) \$682.64 for CBF's partnership with the Upland Holistic Development Project in Thailand. Among the UHDP's work among the needy hill tribes is the teaching of sustainable farming and clean water and sanitation.

Disaster (30%) \$511.98 for NC Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Team. Most recently, they have fed thousands of meals at the Iowa floods and the Hyde County fires. Their feeding units will likely respond to recent flooding and hurricane relief efforts.

Local (30%) \$511.98 for Hyaets in Enderly Park. Young couples Greg and Helms Jarrell, Jason and Joanie Williams, and Michael and Christine Kellett have established their community on Tuckaseegee Road and are serving after-school snacks and community meals to their neighbors.

Concert CDs Available

The CDs for Maureen's electrifying concert have arrived and may be picked up in the church office during office hours on weekdays or on Sunday mornings. Limited copies are available if you did not place an order. The cost is \$12.

Women on Mission II

Tuesday, August 5
6:30 pm

Church Lounge

Betty and Erskine Harkey will be reporting on their mission trip to Alto Caymo Peru.

Group will meet for dinner at Panera Bread on Providence Road at 5:15 pm. Everyone welcome! The August mission action project will be providing school uniforms for Highland Renaissance Academy.

Book Club Reminder

Book Club will not meet in July or August. The book for the September 23rd meeting is What is the What by Dave Eggers and the October book is Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. Happy summer reading!

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