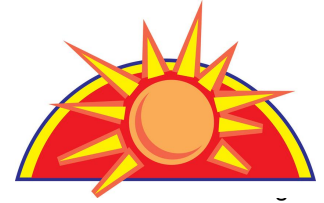


Horizons

July / August 2010

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Rev. Teresa S. Ely, Pastor

Nancy L. Cox, Moderator

Jackie Littleton, Vice-Moderator

Pastor's Message

“WORSHIP - It's not about You”

Or me for that matter, when it comes to worship, it is all about God. We set aside one hour a week to gather as a community of faith for worship. One hour. If we stop and think about it that's not a lot of time to give the One who has given us life itself. If we are honest with ourselves we spend a great deal of time on things that are far less worthy.

Yet worshiping God is part of our very reason for existence. The Westminster Catechism states “humanity's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.” We have been created to bring glory to God and enjoy spending time in God's Holy Presence. That begins in our Sunday worship setting. What we do in that one hour should set the tone for the rest of the week, because we bring glory to God not simply by spending time in worship on Sunday, but throughout the week by our actions.

Biblical examples of worship can be found in Isaiah and Revelation:

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.**” At the sound of their voices the doorpost and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. (Isaiah 6:1-4)*

*“Each of the four living creatures has six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come.**” Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: “**You are worthy our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.**” (Rev. 4:8-11)*

I've highlighted some ideas that I want to emphasize. Worship is a holy time. Please, don't equate holy with somber, dull or joyless. The definition of holy is: “*exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness*” This should be a time filled with joy, hope, laughter and prayerfully a bit of awe and wonder. When we come into the sanctuary on Sunday morning we are to focus our attention, our devotion, on God. We leave behind all the distractions of the world for this brief time to encounter the Living, Loving God of creation.

Worship isn't the time to do church business. Yes, it may be the only opportunity we get to see a particular committee member, but we live in an age of technological wonders so use them. Call one another, email, or meet at Starbucks for a cup of coffee. Let worship be about God not about work.

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It is a time of fellowship – fellowship with God at the center. The Greek word for it is Koinonia. A time of gathering with God as the central focus where we meet together to share with one another the joy and wonder of what God can and does do in our lives.

We worship because God is worthy of our devotion. In all creation God can be counted on, no matter what you do, to love you. The wonderful hymn, To God Be the Glory, states it so beautifully; “the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.” God’s love for us is not conditional upon our perfection; we come just as we are – God’s not keeping a record of our mistakes – God offers grace to cover and remove those places where we have missed the mark. That alone is reason to celebrate.

Over the next couple of months I want to encourage entering the sanctuary with God as your focus. Leave your burdens at the door and over the course of the flowing 60 minutes expect to God to meet you, to love you and bring you refreshment. I think you will find that it is a great start to a new week.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Teresa

COMING TO A WORSHIP SERVICE NEAR YOU...

The worship committee would like to announce the following changes:

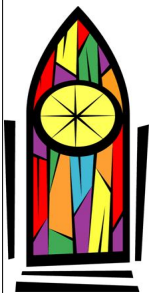
Announcements will take place at 10:50 AM (9:50 AM during the summer). The prelude will begin immediately following the announcements.

Please, feel free to greet one another and to welcome visitors. Do remember to speak softly as there are those in the sanctuary who may be trying to pray or meditate and would appreciate the quiet.

The words to the choir’s Choral Benediction are in your bulletin, please feel free to sing along.

Homecoming & 225th Birthday Celebration ***Date Change** - Sunday, October 3, 2010*

We held our first meeting and progress has been made. All are welcome to attend our **next meeting on Tuesday, July 6 at 7:00 pm**. Some final decisions will be made. Please come and be a part of this grand celebration!



Stained Glass Windows

Our stained glass window project is nearly done. There are only two sets of windows left. The cost for a pair of windows is \$15,900. We currently have \$11,900 in our stained glass window fund.

If you would like to make a contribution, you can mark it '**Stained Glass Window Fund**' and place it in the regular Sunday offering, or see Nancy Cox, Keith Graser, or Scott Johnson with your contribution.



Our condolences to the family & friends of Richard (Dick) E. Swan, 84, who passed away on May 14, 2010. Dick was a longtime member of Hamilton Square Baptist Church. He is survived by his three sons, Richard & Sharon of Oxnard Shores CA, James of St. Augustine FL, and Robert of Hamilton Square NJ

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mission Dinner - May 16, 2010

Burmese Refugees from The First Baptist Church of Trenton



Thank you Hamilton Square for a blessed evening.

Our Giving Calendar

July - VBS Misson

August -None

2010 ABCNJ 40th ANNUAL SESSION

“Our Thriving Region: Growing in Health & Faithfulness”

Friday September 24 and Saturday September 25

The Hyatt Regency - New Brunswick, 2 Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 732-873-1284

Special Guest Speaker are:

Reverend Lisa Harris

Acting National Coordinator, Children in Poverty Initiative/Christian Center Relations ABC-USA

Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Johnson

National Director of Evangelism ABC-USA

Reverend Dr. George W. Bullard, Jr.

Ministry Partner & Strategic Coordinator with the Columbia Partnership General Secretary for the North American Baptist Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance

Reverend Andre Mfitumukiza

General Secretary, AEBR, RWANDA

Reverend Dr. Jenny Quey

Senior Pastor, Community Baptist Church, San Mateo, CA

**Please see Pastor Teresa or Nancy Cox
if you are interested in attending**

Don't miss out on the blessings!

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 3: 12-14 (NIV)*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School and Children's Day

Our Sunday School program concluded for the year with the celebration of Children's Day on June 13th. The youth enjoyed the opportunity to lead worship, with Pastor Teresa enjoying the experience from a great seat at the front of the church. In addition to various hymns, combined with some contemporary praise & worship music, the youth presented three separate skits to explain the Heiffer Project benefits to the congregation. The Heiffer project was selected as the recipient of funds raised from Sunday School offerings. To date, the children have helped select \$600 worth of animals (under the guidance of their Sunday School Teachers), and hope to purchase more animals with remaining funds raised. The animals chosen are provided to villages in underprivileged countries. Chicks, goats, pigs, oxen, and llamas are just a few of the animals that are an important part of the program. These animals provide food, as well as other valuable resources, for the people in need who receive them, thanks to the support of our church and others who contribute.

Of course, everyone looked forward to, and enjoyed, the Church Picnic at the Walter's after the Children's Day service. Hot dogs, cold salads, fruit, and desserts contributed to the menu for the afternoon. Some chose to relax under the tent and enjoy conversation and fellowship with friends and family, while others took the opportunity to enjoy a dip in the pool. Thank you, once again, to the Walters for opening their home and pool to share this wonderful experience. Thank you to the 'guys' who helped get the tables and chairs back to the church that afternoon after the downpour broke up the party, **with a special thank you to Eddie from the '33 Barber Shop'**. He was passing by the church as we were unloading over 80 chairs, and stopped to jump in and help get the chairs down into the basement. What a wonderful blessing to aide in a job getting done much quicker.

At this point, we plan on continuing our One Room Schoolhouse program in September for next year. We would love to have more teachers to share the rotation schedule. If interested in helping and being a part of a Teacher Team next year, please contact any of the Christian Education Committee members. A Teacher Team consists of two adults who lead the lesson for the week, approximately once per month at this point, but could be less with more Teacher Teams. You don't need to be a teacher by trade, just have a love of our Lord and a heart for sharing with our children! ***God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called!***

Youth Group

Youth Group has been on hiatus since March, however we will be looking for opportunities to meet with youth group members to prepare for the Vacation Bible School program in July. We will also begin to discuss other possible youth group meeting dates starting in September.

For more information contact:

Scott Johnson (609-888-3919, sjohn261@optonline.net) or
Jackie Littleton (609-320-5096, sixlittles@yahoo.com).

VACATION SCHEDULES

Pastor Teresa
July 12 to July 25

Secretary Rosanne
August 9 - August 13

The Choir's on Vacation



Do you have a special song you would like to sing during one of our summer service? If so, please call Karen Schenck at 570-5024

Executive Board Committee Chairs 2011 Budgets due by August 31, 2010

Please give to Keith Graser

Don't Quit**Anonymous**

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and its turns,
 As everyone of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about
 When they might have won, had they stuck it out.
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
 You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,
 It seems to a faint and faltering man,
 Often the struggler has given up
 When he might have captured the victor's cup;
 And he learned too late when the night came down,
 How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems so far;
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
 It's when things seem worst that you must not quit!

*Submitted by Susan Fanella***Scholarship Recipients**

It is with GREAT pleasure, for your Administrative Committee to announce the recipients for our two Scholarship Funds for the 2010-2011 school year. They are as follows:

Miriam and John Tyndale Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Edwin Sonjor

Calvary Baptist Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Eric Major

Ashley Littleton

Conrad Hawkins

Andrew Burd

Please wish these students as well on their future endeavors. Hamilton Square Baptist Church was able to award \$7,000 in scholarship money for the 2010-2011 school year, we all should be proud of this help that we can give others.

Your Administrative Committee

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS theme will be High Seas Expedition, and will take place from July 26-30, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. During the weekday evenings, the children (as well as the Youth and Leaders) will learn:



God's Word is True (Acts 12: 1-19)
 God's Word is Comforting (Acts 27)
 God's Word is Surprising (Acts 28: 1-10)
 God's Word is life-changing (Acts 3: 1-4:12)
 God's Word is for Everyone (Acts 2: 42-47)

To register any child from age 3 through 5th grade, please contact the church office at (609)587-8585. For the opportunity to volunteer during this incredibly rewarding ministry, either as an adult Rotation Leader (snack, craft, music or recreation) or as a Teen Leader (6th-12th grade), please contact Scott Johnson (609-888-3919, or sjohn261@optonline.net) or Jackie Littleton (609-320-5096, or sixlittles@yahoo.com).



***A Very Special Happy Birthday to Lillian Smith & Armit Harrison!
 Both will celebrate a 90th birthday in July!
 Blessings on your birthday!***

Fellowship Coffee Hour -Sunday, July 18

**We will be collecting donations for
Womanspace Emergency Shelter**

Cultural sensitivity is greatly appreciated when purchasing personal care & hair products, clothing items, and toys as we serve a diverse population.

Currently the shelter has a need for:

- Gift cards are always at the top of our list as it enables Women to attend to her own needs for herself and her family. Gift cards to Shoprite, gas stations, Target, and Wal-Mart are most helpful.
 - New Heavy Duty Washer & Dryer
 - One Digital Camera & Protective case
 - A 30" Flat Screen TV
 - A DVD Player
 - A Wii
 - Night Lights (with light bulbs)
 - Small Flashlights
- Batteries (Double AA and Triple AAA)
 - Lamps (for Dresser tops)
- New Pillow & Mattress Covers
- New Towels and Facecloths
- New Comforters & Sheets (Twin size)
- New Women's Summer Clothing (all sizes)
 - New Women's T-shirts (all sizes)
 - New Women's Shoes (sizes 7 1/2 & 8)
- Flip Flops – all sizes (for using the shower)
- New Children's Spring & Summer Clothing (sizes 5 – 14)
- Yarn, Crochet Needles, and Tape Recorders for our home schooling students



**Fellowship Coffee Hour
Birthday Celebrations**

July 25

Armit Harrison's 90th Birthday!

August 22

Pastor Teresa's Birthday!

Come celebrate!

Outreach

We are hoping to purchase a digital recorder to enable us to record the service each week. We would like to mail or deliver in person the CD's of the service to our homebound folks. If anyone has a CD player they no longer want, please think about donating to the church. We would love to be able to give these to any of our homebound folks who do not have access to a CD player.

See Nancy Glitz if you'd like to make a donation.

Summer Worship hours

June 20, 2010 – September 12, 2010

Praise music will begin at 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Announcements at 9:50 a.m.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday this summer to praise God with song. Even if you don't like to sing, join with us. We hope this musical start of your Sunday will lift you up on eagles wings and invite the Holy Spirit into the Lord's house.

Fellowship Coffee Hour after church on July 18, July 25 & August 22 (see ads above for specifics). Please plan on staying after church to enjoy each other's company and get to know each other better.



*We are happy to announce,
Terri Toudouze
(daughter of Sonny and Nancy Losey)
and Mark Dunlap*

*Were united in Holy Matrimony.
on Saturday, June 12, 2010
At Hamilton Square Baptist Church*

Congratulations!



To activate the prayer chain,
 please call Emma Bates at 587-5185
 or email Anna Venettone
 at bcae-1@verizon.net

Sandra Kozavo (Karen Schenck's neighbor),
 Lois Newhart,
 The Scott, Swan, Phillips, Soto, & Harrison Families,
 Edwin Sonjor,
 Dick Walter,
 Geraldine Zeiter (Nancy Glitz's Mom),
 Paul & Debbi Hoover (Friends of the Losey's),
 Marcus Sonjor,
 Florence Wisn,
 Cheryl Glitz,
 Horace Scott,
 Grace Gazsi,
 Ethel Woodward,
 Margaret Trout,
 Karen Schenck,
 Bill & Pat Losey,
 Jim Gafgen,
 Devon Gamble.
 May we also pray for our home Baptists:
 Verna Cartlidge and her sister Dorothy,
 Viola Humphrey,
 Betty Bretz,
 Dot Reichard,
 Arleine Meyer,
 Bea Stadler,
 Maggie Hoxie,
 and Bette Dobronte.
 Kyle McGonigal (Walter's grandson in Afghanistan) and all troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.
 Those seeking employment.

Mark Your Calendars
 December 4, 2010
 Hanging of the Greens
 & Live Nativity

Newsletter Deadline
 August 20.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JULY

- 1 Drew Bowker
- 1 Todd Stuller
- 5 Tony Berdux
- 13 Beverly Fullman
- 14 Kenneth M. Cubberly
- 19 Fred Cox
- 21 Lillian Smith's 90th!**
- 24 John R. Black
- 24 Armit Harrison's 90th!**
- 29 Ethan Berdux

Anniversaries

- 2 Todd & Mildred Stuller
- 25 Horace & Elma Scott

AUGUST

- 5 Rosanne Meister
- 9 Ann Dix
- 10 Lauren Hampton
- 11 Cheryl Glitz
- 12 Lynne Cottingham
- 14 Catherine Cubberly
- 14 Gretchen Glitz
- 19 Tabitha Stuller
- 20 Nancy J. Losey
- 22 Pastor Teresa S.Ely
- 26 Charlotte Harrison
- 28 Elizabeth Glitz
- 30 Grace Gazsi

Anniversaries

- 24 Beverly & Albert Fullman



Pulpit Flowers - What a wonderful way to remember loved ones, celebrate a happy occasion, or to say Thank You! To order flowers for the pulpit, please call Gary Hogentogler at 838-0555.

Serving Us

July

- 4**
 Lay Leader: Susan Fanella
 Greeter: Don & Gloria McCarty
 Communion Setup:
 Ruth Hampton
- 11**
 Lay Leader: Jackie Littleton
 Greeter: Harry Bittner
- 18**
 Lay Leader: Fran Walter
 Greeter: Beverly Fullman
- 25**
 Lay Leader: Scott Johnson
 Greeter: Al & Pat Seaman

AUGUST

- 1**
 Lay Leader: Elma Scott
 Greeter: Dot Cox
 Communion Setup:
 Nancy Glitz
- 8**
 Lay Leader: Hope Burd
 Greeters: Carol & Dave Everett
- 15**
 Lay Leader: Joe Monople
 Greeter: Betty Fling
- 22**
 Lay Leader: Janet Kendall
 Greeters:
 Betty & Elijah Hutchinson
- 29**
 Lay Leader: Lois Newhart
 Greeter: Carol Walker

July 2010

July & August Sunday Schedule

9:30 am - Contemporary Praise Music

9:50 am - Announcements - 10:00 am - Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion Sunday	5	6 3:30- Soup Kitchen 7:00pm-225th Committee Mtg.	7 7:30pm Admin. Committee Mtg.	8	9	10 10am-1pm - ABCNJ Council Mtg. - McCabe Hall
11	12 Pastor's Vac. 7pm Worship Committee Mtg	13 Pastor's Vac. 7pm Property Committee Mtg	14 Pastor's Vac. No Exec Board Mtg. this month	15 Pastor's Vac.	16 Pastor's Vac.	17 Pastor's Vac.
18 Pastor's Vac. Fellowship after Worship - Womanspace	19 Pastor's Vac.	20 Pastor's Vac.	21 Pastor's Vac.	22 Pastor's Vac.	23 Pastor's Vac.	24 Pastor's Vac.
25 Pastor's Vac. Fellowship after Worship-Armit's 90th Birthday	26 VBS 6-8pm	27 VBS 6-8pm	28 VBS 6-8pm	29 VBS 6-8pm	30 VBS 6-8pm	31

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday	2	3 3:30 Soup Kitchen	4 7:30pm Admin. Committee Mtg.	5	6	7
8	9 Secretary's Vac 7pm Worship Committee Mtg	10 Secretary's Vac 7pm Property Committee Mtg	11 Secretary's Vac 7pm Executive Board Mtg.	12 Secretary's Vac	13 Secretary's Vac	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 10am-2pm Car Wash
22 Fellowship After Worship Pastor Teresa's Birthday	23	24	25	26	27 Summer Office Hours End	28
29	30	31 E. Board Committee 2011 Budgets due	LOOKING AHEAD September 19 - Rally Day / Sunday School Begins 11:00 Worship Hour resumes			



Community Car Wash

August 21 - 10am - 2pm

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