

Horizons

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Pastor's Message

The Faces of Strength

One of my friends from my vagabond Covenant Player days works in the barrios of Bogota, Columbia. She participates with a children's ministry that works with children who live in a world that is marked by violence and death. Children have seen family members gunned down, one man was stabbed to death as he used his body to shield his child. My friends live in another part of Bogota and it is quite a long journey from their home to the Foundation where they work with the local children. The part of the journey not covered by the bus is made on foot through an unsafe neighborhood.

My friend makes this journey regularly without incident but that changed a couple of weeks ago. While traveling home she was mugged at knife point. Someone had recently given her some pepper spray and she was liberal in her use of this self-defense device. And while she may have escaped any major physical injuries she discovered that her faith had been shaken quite deeply.

Through the magic of Facebook there are many of us who have been able to support and encourage our friend. We have shared in an international discussion around the theme of God's protection, love, and how our faith can be shaken by life's uncertainties. My friend has shared that she's been finding it very hard to resume her devotional life. Very hard to still her mind, to slow herself down, to simply sit and allow her thoughts to turn toward God.

We've all encountered those places haven't we? When a loved one dies, when we are hurt emotionally or physically in some way, we find ourselves backing out of the world. We seek a 'safe' place to hide, often angry at God for allowing us to be hurt. After all, isn't that what God is supposed to do – keep us safe and unharmed? If we look carefully at God's promises, we will find we are not promised a life of ease, with no pain and no mountains to climb. Upon careful reading we discover that God promises to be with us, to sustain us by divine love, mercy and grace. In the midst of the most difficult of situations, God is but a prayer a way – Help me! Hold me - prayers that call upon the power of the divine to join us in our weakest of moments. God promises to respond, to intercede on our behalf. The challenge for the finite mind is to understand that the infinite is not contained by our limited imagination. Strength to overcome is not necessarily strength to overpower, but strength to endure. Strength to trust when our knees are shaking and fear overwhelms.

Relationship of such deep trust doesn't happen simply because we step into the waters of Baptism or because we confess Jesus is our Lord and Savior. It is the product of study and prayer that we, like sheep, can become familiar with the Shepherd's voice. If you haven't found this place of quiet trust and peace, know that it is always available. God isn't hiding. God is always nearby waiting for us to stop our ceaseless moving and working. If you feel lost, it isn't because God is hiding. Perhaps we've stopped looking and listening. Perhaps we have allowed the noise of the world to overcome that still small voice that reaches out to our hearts and minds.

As we enter the busy, crazy days of the coming month, may we each take a moment to quiet our hearts and slow our racing thoughts. May we trust that the God of creation is faithfully walking a long side and will never turn away.

To Our Family At HSBC..... GREAT NEWS for Edwin Sonjor and his family!

Edwin Sonjor has been granted political asylum by the United States Federal Court system. His family has already received their passports. This has been a process eight years in the making. We thank you all for your support during these difficult and lovely time. Believe me he has needed an appreciated it.

Several have offered that they wanted to be able to help Edwin and his family (wife Jeromee, sons Cyrus & Marcus, and daughter Grace) come to the United States. The cost is going to be \$8,200. The bulk of this is airfare.

If you would like to contribute to this mission please make checks payable to: Hamilton Square Baptist Church, indicate on Memo: *Edwin Sonjor Mission.*

I thank you so much for all you have done and more yet for whatever we can accomplish together.

*Very Sincerely,
Susan Fanella*

P.S. A joyous post-script: We believe Edwin's family can reach America during the month of October!

ALL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC - COME ONE, COME ALL! Children's Sunday, June 12, 2011 Immediately following church at the home of Fran Walter

The entire church is invited to the annual picnic!

Everyone should bring along:
their favorite entrée, side dish or summer salad

Please bring a lawn chair if possible.

Hot Dogs & Desserts will be provided!

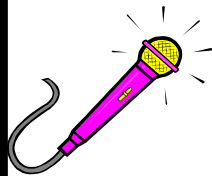
Remember to bring your bathing suit & towel.

The pool will be open & ready to enjoy!

Just a reminder that, in an effort to reduce our energy costs, the thermostats have been preset by the Building and Finance Committee, and will be set at a temperature that will reduce the cost of electricity to run the air conditioning. Temperature in the sanctuary will remain at 72 degrees during the summer.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS:

Our Worship Service time
will begin at **10:00 a.m.**,
starting **June 19th.**



When speaking from the Sanctuary during church services, please remember to use the microphone. Our folks who are using the headset sound amplification units rely on microphone usage to hear your announcement.

Thanks, The Worship Committee

ENDLESS GRACE CHRISTIAN COFFEEHOUSE UPDATE.....

Thank you to all those who contribute for their generosity in providing baked goods and snacks for the Coffeehouse refreshment table. We've even branched out into pizza, chips and dip, and are no longer just baked goods.

Continue to spread the word about this outreach into the community, and enjoy the chance to relax and enjoy praising God with music and fellowship. Bring a friend, or 2!
Spread the word!!!

We were blessed to be entertained in May by *Genesis: The Praise Band*, showing their talent on so many instruments, including three different types of drums/cymbals, guitar, and with their beautiful voices, and definitely showed their faith in, and love for, the Lord that evening.

SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

June 17th
98:4

Praise Band from The First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square

July 15th
S'ELAH SONG

A local Christian Praise Band

August 19th
MICHAEL MAIONE

Michael performed for us in February and was very uplifting and funny, and he's coming back!

September 16th
KEITH ANDREW GRIM

A guitar and vocals performer from York, Pennsylvania

*"Take me out to the ball game, Take me out to the park,
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack..."*

*If those words sound familiar, and you're a baseball fan,
or would enjoy fellowship with others while at a baseball game...
be sure to get your ticket for a night out at the ball-park with others from HSBC!*

*HAMILTON SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
GROUP EVENT at*

TRENTON THUNDER
BASEBALL GAME
Saturday, July 30th
7:05 p.m.

versus Richmond Flying Squirrels
Sign-up sheet located in front hallway to reserve tickets



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day will be on Sunday, June 12th, a day set aside each year at Hamilton Square Baptist Church when the children and youth of our church will participate in helping to lead the worship service, which begins at 11:00 a.m. This year, in addition to the young people taking an active role in serving as Lay Leader, ushers to collect the Offering, reading the scriptures, Pastor Teresa will deliver a special *children's* message, that will be sure to touch children of all ages. There are sure to be some special selections of music to praise God that day...perhaps even some favorites from recent years of Vacation Bible School. On this special day, those who volunteer their time in leading and ministering to the children and youth of our church will be recognized, including Sunday School teachers, Youth Group Leaders, and members of the Christian Education Committee. Thank you to everyone who supports us throughout the year.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

Youth Group continues to meet each week, on Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., although many weeks, we realize it's past 8:00 when we look at the clock. The fellowship and devotion times that our group enjoys are always full of energy. Each of us has something to contribute, and we look forward to hearing about the experiences from our week. It's always wonderful to celebrate special accomplishments, of which we've had quite a few this month. Congratulations to Vicki Trimble on turning 17 and on getting her Driver's License. Kathy Burch had reason to celebrate as well, thanks to passing her Driver's Test. We were very excited when Carol Trimble shared her achievement of winning two medals in a recent track meet. While George Trimble celebrated his birthday this past month, he'll have reason to celebrate in June as he graduates from high school. Congratulations George!! We are blessed to have Pastor Teresa often join our group, and even she had reason to celebrate this month, with more celebration to come. Her son, David, attended his Senior Prom recently, and will graduate high school in June, heading off to college in the fall. Congratulations David, but also to Mom (Pastor Teresa) and Dad (Pastor Pete)!

Our group enjoys meeting and sharing time outside the church walls. One recent week, the Sutton family hosted youth group at their home, during which time we shared memories, made some new memories, and of course ate delicious food, including hot dogs (thanks to the Sutton family), potato salad, chips, veggies and dip, and other wonderful varieties of snacks and food! Thank you Bruce, Karen, Michelle, and Michael, and to everyone else who contributed to the food choices that evening. We had a wonderful time, relaxing and sharing of ourselves and in our faith in God.

Looking ahead, thirteen members of our group will be attending Celebration 2011, an all-day event at Six Flags Great Adventure, on June 11th, when we have a chance to enjoy amusement rides and a concert by Christian Music Artist *Mercy Me*. Of course, being a good Baptist Youth Group, there are plans for food, which will partially be in the form of a lunch buffet sponsored by Christian radio station STAR 99.1 FM.

We have some other very special events planned...some are finalized, and others are still being coordinated. As always, we thank everyone for their support, both in fundraising and especially for your prayers!

Anyone grades 5 through post-grad (college age) are welcome to join us when we meet on Sunday evenings. Please contact the church office with any questions.

SPECIAL JUNE EVENT: CAR WASH, June 18th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, in the parking lot of Hamilton Square Baptist Church, sponsored by the Youth Group. Free Will donations will be graciously accepted, and used toward upcoming ministry focus of our group.

LOST PHOTOGRAPH

I'm looking for an 8.5 x 11 Class Picture photograph I inadvertently left one night about a month or two ago at choir practice . It's in a white cardboard fold over cover. The last time I filed music I could not find it and Karen, the organist, doesn't have it.

Please, if you have it, or come across it, please call me.

It is of great value to me!

I believe we were practicing that night in the Burke Lounge.

Thank You, MaryAnn Sliwa - 587-4545

SERVING US IN MAY

June 5

Leader: Lois Newhart

Greeter: Fran Walter

Communion Setup: Ruth Hampton

June 12

Leaders: YOUTH....CHILDREN'S DAY

Greeter: Betsy Fling

June 19

Leader: Emma Stype

Greeter: Nancy Glitz

June 26

Leader: Janet Kendall

Greeter: Bob Woodward

American Baptist Women Circle **Meetings in June**

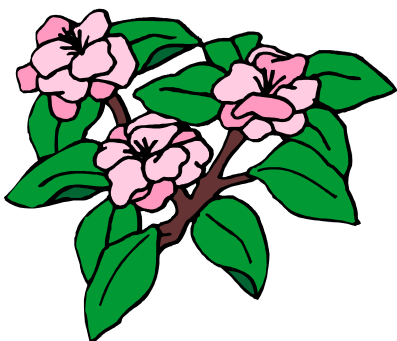
Beta Tau Kappa (BTK) -

June 28 - 12noon

Picnic at Betty Fling's

(covered dish)

JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

We are blessed to have 22 new members at Hamilton Square Baptist Church, who will be transferring their membership from Fellowship Baptist Church

June 5

Meeting between individuals transferring their membership to HSBC, and the Pastor, Moderator, and members of the Pastoral Care Committee during a *Get to Know You* luncheon after church

June 26

During 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Statement of Faith will be read for entire group of individuals transferring from FBC to HSBC, followed by Congregation Vote to accept new members, and Right Hand of Fellowship extended to those new members

**Reception (cake and punch)
following Worship Service**



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

The Dobronte, Robinson Stadler,
 Monopole, Preston, Black, Walter,
 Sonjor, Palmer, Wright, Scott, Phillips,
 Soto, & Harrison Families,
 Terry Wassum's friend Jim,
 Pastor Teresa's father,
 Elaine Johnson (Scott Johnson's mom),
 Linda Black, Pat Seaman, John Dotson,
 Linda Burrows, Angelo Migliaccio
 Jacob & Tina Shropshire, Al Fullman,
 Cindy & Antonio Soares de Silva,
 Barry Barlow, Bobby Zeiter,
 Fran Walter's brother & his family,
 Carol & Stuart Reed
 (Fran Walter's friends),
 Kathleen Elbertson
 (friend of Janet Kendall),
 Marcus Sonjor, Cheryl Glitz,
 Margaret Trout, Bill & Pat Losey,
 Jim Gafgen, Devon Gamble.

May we also pray for our home Baptists:
 Verna Cartledge's sister Dorothy,
 Betty Bretz, Dot Reichard,
 Arleine Meyer, Maggie Hoxie.
 Kyle McGonigal
 (Walter's grandson in Germany),
 and all our service men & women
 Overseas, and
 Those seeking employment



Pulpit Flowers

June 5
2 Open Vases

June 12
*In recognition of and gratitude for
 For the Special Olympics
 From the Cantor Family*

*In Honor of Rosanne Meister
 In Appreciation for all she has done
 For HSBC*

June 19
*In Memory of
 Beatrice T. Stadler, and
 Robert C. & Robert D. Stadler
 By Gail Stadler, Weber, Newborn*

June 26
*In Celebration of
 Julie Fanella's birthday
 With Love from all of her family*

*In Honor of the New Members
 Transferring from FBC and
 Accepted into Membership
 at HSBC*

June Birthdays

- 2 Tom Snyder
- 3 Keith Graser
- 4 Albert Fullman
David Walter
- 9 Karen Hawkins
- 10 Nancy Apai
- 12 Henry Drift
- 15 Emma Bates
- 18 Jill Luciano
- 20 Dolores Rigley
Tina Shropshire
- 23 Joshua Rodriguez, Jr.
- 24 Julie Fanella
- 26 Jackie Littleton
- 27 Becky DeBeau
- 29 Ruth Hervey

June Anniversaries

- 2 Rick & Belinda Walter
- 12 Terri & Mark Dunlap
- 19 Alan & Pat Seaman



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Address Change:

Tony Berdux and Ethan Berdux:
 406 Engle Ave., Burlington, NJ 08016

Kevin Burch and Kathy Burch:
 48 Getz Ave., Hamilton, NJ 08619

Sharon Burch:
 12304 Northwinder Row, Hudson, FL 34667

Bridgitte Engler:
 4 Circle Dr., East Windsor, NJ 08520

Paul & Marion Kerschner:
 47647 Rochester Dr., Novi, MI 48374

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 someone who has passed away, or
 commemorate a special occasion,
 birthday or anniversary!



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2. **Fill out a flower order form** located in the
 narthex & Christian Education building.
3. **Give to Susan OR Mail your form to:**
 Susan Fanella,
 140 Park Ave, Hamilton, NJ 08690

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am - Adult Sunday School in ABCNJ

(June 5th & 12th only)

11:00 am: Worship Service (June 5th & 12th only)

10:00 am: Worship Service (starting June 19th)

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 World Circle 1-3pm Burke Lounge Bldg & Finance 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4
	ABW Conference Harvey Cedars					
5 Communion Sunday FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH <i>Get to Know You Luncheon After church</i>	6 Pastor Teresa @ Riverview Estates 9:00 a.m.	7 Prayer Mtg 7:00 p.m. TASK 3:30 p.m.	8 Executive Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Pentecost Sunday CHILDREN'S DAY CHURCH PICNIC No Youth Group	13	14 Prayer Mtg 7:00 p.m.	15 Worship 7:00 p.m. Burke Lounge	16	17 Endless Grace Christian Coffeehouse 8-10 p.m.	18 YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH 9:00 a.m. - Noon
19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Bea Stadler Memorial Service Following Worship Service	20 VBS Planning Meeting for All volunteers 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Sunshine Circle 7-9 p.m.	23	24	25 Grange Event In McCabe Hall
26 FBC Members Received into HSBC MEMBERSHIP (Worship Svc) Youth Group 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	27	28 BTK Picnic Betsy Fling's Noon	29	30	Any church member is welcome to attend any committee meeting, to listen to the committee's discussions and planning.	

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
SHAKE IT UP CAFE
August 8-12, 2011
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Children ages PreK through 5th grade will enjoy rotations such as Music, Rec-
reation, Snack & Bible Story, Craft, and Discovery Time,
Through various activities based on
2 Corinthians 5:17a
*“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation”***

The Days’ Specials include stories and activities based on:

Israelites Celebrate Passover
Festival Celebrations for the Israelites
Jesus Celebrates the Festival of Booths
Jesus Celebrates Passover
Celebrating the Festival of Weeks and Pentecost

**If you would like to help in a particular rotation area,
please contact Jennifer Snyder or any Christian Education Member
Watch for more information to come regarding youth registration**

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