

# The Enabler

**Greenwood Forest Baptist Church**

WE AFFIRM:


- ◆The Lordship of Christ
- ◆The Authority of Scripture
- ◆The Competence of the Individual Believer
- ◆The Autonomy of the Local Church
- ◆The Separation of Church and State
- ◆A Worldwide Mission
- ◆Denominational Participation

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## Abundant Giving

<p>Refugee Support (MSP) \$ _____</p> <p>Unidiversity Bus (MDP) \$ _____</p> <p>Mural (GFCC) \$ _____</p> <p>Default Split \$ _____ <small>(33 1/3% MDP, 33 1/3% MSP, GFCC 33 1/3%)</small></p> <p>Total \$ _____</p>	<p><b>Abundant Giving</b> <small>Sunday, May 18, 2008</small></p> <p><b>Greenwood Forest Baptist Church</b> <small>110 S.E. Maynard Road Cary, NC 27511</small></p>  <p>Envelope # _____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Over the last few weeks you have been hearing testimonies in worship about the Abundant Giving Campaign. Today you are asked to give from the abundance of your life to three specific projects that we believe will truly make a difference.

These projects are:

- 1: The Missions Commission to support a refugee family through the Lutheran Family Services refugee resettlement program.
- 2: The Youth Ministry to provide buses to safely transport the youth to Unidiversity 2008 at Mars Hill College.
- 3: The Greenwood Forest Children's Center to fund the painting of a wall mural in the newly-constructed area shared by both the church and the Children's Center.

The goal for these projects is \$4,000 each. You will find envelopes in your bulletin and in the pew racks. Please feel free to give to one or more specific projects, or to give to all projects equally, list your donation under Default Split. You may donate to these projects through the month of June.

Please prayerfully reflect on how your abundant giving can help change the world.

## Church News

### Special Called Business Meeting Today

Please stay for the Special Called Business Meeting immediately after this morning's worship service to vote on Deacon recommendations regarding church budget issues.

### Verizon Cellular Update

On April 30th, representatives from Verizon met with Steve Denning, Properties Committee Chair, and Ed Floyd, Mark Soyars, and Travis Hicks to address the questions raised at the last business meeting concerning a proposed re-design of Verizon's original construction drawings.

The materials samples presented were satisfactory and additional architectural options were considered. At this meeting the revised design of the housing for the cable at the base of the steeple was much smaller and in keeping with the drawings originally presented to the church when the contract was approved.

This past Wednesday the Properties Committee unanimously accepted the new design and we plan to sign the contract soon, pending approval from our attorney, Dillard Powell.

### Refugee Family Interest Meeting Today

If you are interested in finding out more about sponsoring a refugee family, please plan on attending an informational meeting this afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 228.

Please come and find out more about this exciting opportunity. Cole Warren and Kim Nichols will be there to talk about their experiences. Contact Elise Atkins 215-2025 or [atkinse@bellsouth.net](mailto:atkinse@bellsouth.net) or Amanda Atkin for more information.

### Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

### Senior Adult Calendar

May 21, 6:30 PM	Committee meeting
May 24, 5:00 PM	Cookout at Watkins home
May 31, 8:30 AM	Breakfast
June 3, 11:30 AM	Luncheon

### Spring Church Picnic Today

Don't miss the Spring Church Picnic this afternoon, beginning with fellowship at 4:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall and on the lawn. The meal begins at 5:00 p.m.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come welcome our newest members.

### The Discernment Process for Phase Two of the Building Program

Please read the insert in today's *Enabler* outlining the Discernment Committee's recommendations. A member of the committee will also make a brief presentation during this morning's worship.

Next Sunday, May 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., committee members will be available in the Media Center to answer questions about the recommended course of action and the process that led to it.

On Wednesday, May 28, at 5:15 p.m., an extra Wednesday Night Dinner will be followed by discussion of the discernment process. At 6:30 p.m., the Discernment Committee will make a full presentation of its report. Childcare will be provided.

On Sunday, June 1, a Special Called Business Meeting will be held after each service to hear a motion from the Council of Deacons based on the report to be voted on by all church members in attendance.

If you wish to review materials related to the discernment process, they are available on the Web at <http://www.gfbccary.org/discernment/>

### Deacon Nominations

The Deacon Nominating Committee is filling our slate of deacons for the coming church year. There are spots open on both the Council of Deacons and Caregiving Deacons. Contact Tom Brooks or Jane Brumbeloe to make nominations.

### Senior Adult Cookout

The Senior Adults will enjoy their annual barbecue chicken cookout on May 24 at the home of Susan and Gary Watkins.

For information and reservations call Eunice Shreve at 919-467-0178.

**Spring GA Mission Project:  
Touching Miami With Love**

The Girls in Action are collecting items to send to "Touching Miami with Love", an urban ministry in Miami sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The ministry provides services to the homeless, a youth program, and an after-school program for elementary-aged children.

The following supplies have been requested: books, pencils, washable markers, erasers, scissors, construction paper, stickers for rewards, K/2 – friendly puzzles, floor puzzles and quick-to-play board games.

The GAs are also making cards for the children. Please put your contributions in the bin outside the church office by May 21.

**HOPE's Spring Project**

HOPE of GFBC will sponsor "Hope Elementary Charter School" during the month of May.

We will collect monetary donations to buy classroom sets of 17 paperback books as well as other items needed in the classroom and by the students. Pick a tag off our "Hope Giving Tree" for a specific item to purchase or select a monetary amount to help us buy classroom books.

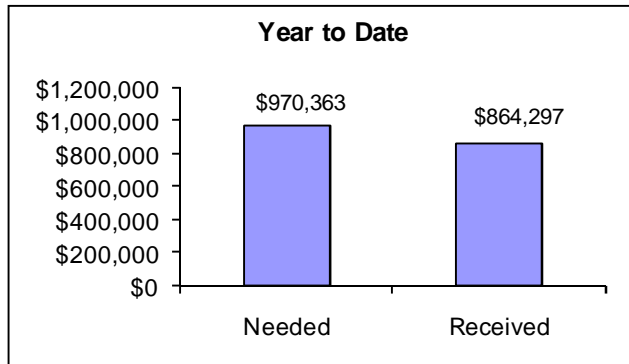
Items can be dropped off in the HOPE box near the "Hope Giving Tree" in the office hallway May 4-25, 2008. Monetary contributions (checks made payable to HOPE) can be placed in the HOPE box inside the church office May 4-25, 2008.

Questions, call Tricia Jones at 460-0437 or email [wpjones@bellsouth.net](mailto:wpjones@bellsouth.net).

**Congregational Caregiving**

Deacon of the Month: Terry Allen, 469-0905

**Financial Report, May 11, 2008**



**In Christian Care**

**We extend our sympathy to:** Frank Decker at the death of his brother in Indiana.

**We remember those in the hospital:**

Rex: Tom Griffis

Rex Rehab: Margaret Curl

Duke: Lydia Hoyle

**We remember those at home:** Ken Scott, Doris Schwartz Offerle, Mary Bullard, Jean Winstead, Vida Adair

**Volunteers for May 25:**

8:45 AM Nursery Scot & Leanne Glasgow

11:00 AM Nursery: Lou Anne Hicks & Bess

Averre, Bill & Monty Coleman, Eric & Christy Hall

Children's Church: Tom & Julie Brooks

Sound System: Charles Lord

Chatham Creek:

May 25: Adult 3 June 1: Adult 9

June 8 Adult 12 June 15 Adult 3

**Minister on Call May 23-25**

**Randy Sherron**

**In case of an emergency, call 215-2239**

**Attendance—Sunday, May 11**

Sunday School		Worship	
Adults	177	8:45 AM	116
Preschool	27	11:00 AM	288
Children	36		
Youth	35		
Chatham Creek	10		
Total	285	Total	404

**Focus on Finance:**

Church Budget Year (September-August)  
Week 37 ending 5/11/08

Stewardship Goal	1,389,979
Needed Year-To-Date	970,363
Given Year-To-Date	864,297
Shortage Year-To-Date	(106,066)
Given This Week	14,854
Weekly Goal	26,226
Baptist Hospital (Y-T-D)	330

## Dinner Reservation Information

You can now sign up for Wednesday night dinners by filling out and tearing off the perforated section of the Enabler.

Please circle or write in the dates you wish to attend and write in the number of family members who will be attending.

Payment should be made on Wednesday evenings only. You can also make or change your dinner reservations on the website.

To make a reservation on the web, go to <http://www.gfbccary.org/forms/dinnerReservations.php> or from the GFBC home page choose the News tab, then look for the *Make or Change Reservations* link under *Useful Information*.

## DINNER RESERVATIONS

FAMILY NAME

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No. of Reservations:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full Servings (\$4.00)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children under 3 (FREE)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children 3-12 (\$2.00)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent List (weekly attendance)

Family Limit - \$18.00

### May 21, 2008

Barbecue, cole slaw & corn salad  
Brunswick stew  
Texas toast, salad  
Banana pudding  
Kids menu: Hot dogs

### May 28, 2008

Spaghetti  
Salad  
French Bread  
Chocolate Cake  
Kids menu: Noodles and sauce

## This Week at GFBC

### Sunday, May 18—Abundant Giving Sunday

- No 8:45 Worship Service**  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service "Feel the Spirit"  
(Adult Choir)  
12:00 PM **Special Called Business Meeting**  
3:00 PM Refugee Family Interest Meeting  
(Rm 228)  
4:00 PM **Church Picnic**

### Tuesday, May 20

- 9:15 AM Ministers' Prayer Time  
7:00 PM Music Council Meeting

### Wednesday, May 21

- 5:15 PM Family Meal  
6:00 PM VBS Preview Party  
6:30 PM Senior Adult Committee  
6:30 PM Caregiving Deacons  
7:30 PM Missions Commission Meeting  
7:30 PM Adult Choir

### Saturday, May 24

Senior Adult Cookout at the home of Susan and Gary Watkins

### Sunday, May 25

- 8:45 AM Worship Service  
9:00 AM Discernment Committee Question  
& Answer Session (Media Center)  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
No evening activities

### Monday, May 26

- Church office closed**  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Rm. 224)

## CCA Food Pantry Needs

Cooking oil  
Dry or canned milk  
Jelly or preserves  
Tea, coffee & juice  
Canned or instant potatoes  
Canned vegetables, fruit or meat  
Boxed desserts cereals & Jello  
Personal hygiene items