

EchoEs from the Valley

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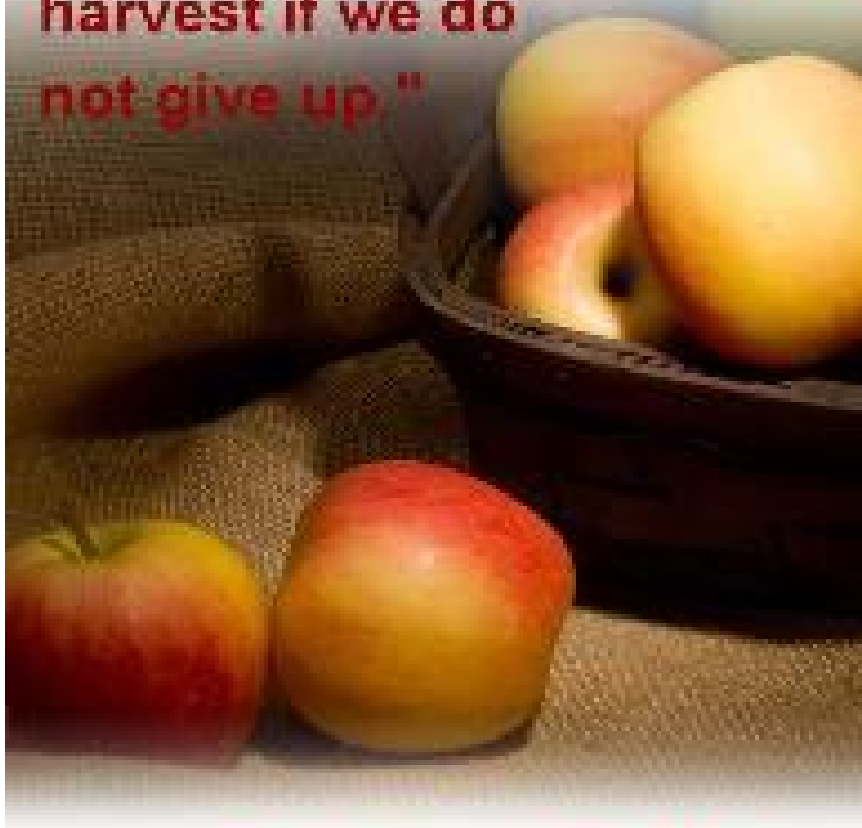
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August

**"Let us not become weary
in doing good, for at the
proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do
not give up."**



Galatians 6:9, NIV

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The Hearts Of The People And The Doors Of This Church Are Open To Everyone



How exciting it is to be enjoying several positive improvements that have been made recently! We have new paint on the covered walkway and in the sanctuary; a bright new sign at the corner of North Valley Brook and Lawrenceville Highway; matching signs on the outside reader board with new acrylic covers; and new hymnals are on the way! We thank all who worked to bring about these improvements.

A special thank you is extended to all who responded so willingly to our appeal to generate funds for the purchase of new hymnals. You did a fantastic job! Gifts arrived on a regular basis; the deadlines were met and most importantly our goal was met! Several “friends” of the church contributed to the fund including readers of Echoes, some out of towners and others who have never been in a position to attend a service. Thank You!!!

Our Nominating Committee has been working diligently and on August 13 presented the result of their efforts to the church. We appreciate this faithful team as we appreciate those who have agreed to serve during the upcoming church year beginning September 2008. There is much work to do. It is a privilege to serve the church; to be a part of Kingdom growth and advancement.

Thanks for your positive response to the Sunday School departments’ request for Bibles. Those “extra” copies of God’s Word from your homes have been placed in the hands of youngsters who previously had very limited access to Scripture.

Check out our Library Media Center. A search of the shelves just might provide you with a resource that will lift your

spirit or enrich your continuing education in faith. Jim Phillips recommends “The Greatest Generation” and “The Greatest Generation Speaks.”

While in the Library notice the ever improving décor, especially the recent addition of a lovely Thomas Kincaid lithograph, **Moonlit Village**. This library enhancement was placed by:

Dennis and Peggy Jackson

and

Nancy Davis

In honor of their parents

Ralph and Bobbie Rivers

Thanks Dennis, Peggy and Nancy. We appreciate you, the gift and your wonderful parents, Ralph and Bobby.

Paster Mike

The secret of success is to start from scratch and keep on scratching.

The seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

Luke 8:15 (NASB)

It is good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing.

Rejoice evermore. In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16,18

“A PROCLAMATION”

The deacon fellowship of Valley Brook Baptist Church has identified a particular group operating within the church; that is most worth of special recognition.

Being made aware in recent weeks of the importance of our willingness to serve, we further recognize that many groups and individuals give willingly and even sacrificially of their gifts, time and ability. This type of unselfish commitment is crucial if we are to effectively meet the needs and challenges that are inherent within the body of Christ at Valley Brook.

We wish to recognize just now one particular group for the following reasons:

Whereas: Their ministry affects each of us, every guest and the community at large.

Whereas: Their efforts are readily noticed and appreciated by each of us. There is a natural tendency to take for granted the valuable service accomplished by this team of dedicated servants.

Whereas: Although very deserving, these individuals seek no recognition and remain faithful to the tasks before them while consistently performing their tasks. They go the extra mile week after week and season after season.

Whereas: Their work is professionally done with great attention to detail.

We are extremely grateful for and thank God for our building and grounds team operating under the leadership of Charley Scott.

We appreciate you and place high value on the services you perform. Much more than just cutting the grass, weeding, edging, maintaining flowers, shrubs and controlling the perimeters, you give us pride in the grounds that are well kept, beautiful and are a positive enhancement to the Valley Brook community. We are thankful for this tireless group of dedicated servants.



July Youth Happenings

- Georgia Aquarium on July 23
- Malibu Grand Prix on July 31

Our kids were joined by Jean Tarvin and Nancy Sealock on each outing.

Special
MUSIC


Jonesmen Quartet
JOIN US!

The Jonesmen Quartet will be Live in Concert at Valley Brook Baptist Church, Sunday, August 24th at 6:00 p.m.



7:15 p.m.

The WMU invites every-one to a very special evening on August 19 at 7:15 p.m. Becky Markert is the featured speaker; the program is entitled, “The Shield of God.” Following the program, everyone is invited to enjoy desserts, coffee and tea in the Fellowship Hall.

Robert & Lee Morris have a new telephone number and e-mail address:

Telephone: (404) 254-1417

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Our featured speaker for August 24th at 12:00 noon will be June Sharkey. June is the daughter of our own Kate Broyles. She will be speaking on the subject of Stroke Prevention.

We will start the program with a potluck luncheon. As you are able, please bring a vegetable, pasta, salad, meat or dessert to share.



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TO OUR CHURCH

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Thanks
for YOUR
participation

Tom Barnett's 80th Birthday Party was a great success. Thanks to all who participated in making this a festive affair.

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.

And whatsoever; ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Colossians 3:23