CALENDAR

YOUTH

Thursday, September 17 10:00 A BBQ

Friday, September 18 11:30 A LLL Potluck, CAH 7:00 P Youth Movie Night

Sunday, September 20

9:00 A Library Opens 9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care Sam Oakley, Nicole Patton, Jack & Ainsley Nunneley, Baileigh Futch

5:00 P Youth Choir 5:45 P Belles and Beaux 6:00 P Youth Bible Study Monday, September 21

1:00 P Brave Heart Volunteers meet

Tuesday, September 22

9:30 A Yoga

6:00 P First Place for Health Wednesday, September 23

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00 P Library Opens

Chapel Bells

5:15 P Dinner

6:00 P Children's Choirs and Missions

Youth Bible Study **Adult Prayer Time**

6:20 P Adult Bible Study

7:00 P Sanctuary Choir Thursday, September 24

10:00 A BBQ

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Movie Night

Friday, September 18 7 p.m. in the Annex

Tunica Hills Hike Saturday, October 24

9:00 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars!

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Help Needed!

The Early Learning Center is looking for a Preschool Director. If you or anyone you know may be interested in the position, please contact Bobby to discuss the job description and qualifi-



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Annual Prayer Breakfast

"What Makes for Peace?" Wednesday, September 30 7:00 a.m.



Are you trying to manage too much of the universe? We all do to some extent. We take on other people's problems and worry constantly about things we simply cannot change.

Dr. George McCauslin was a director of a YMCA in western Pennsylvania. Times were tough. Membership was declining, finances were bad and staff relationships were sour. George found himself working 85 hours a week and taking little time off. When he was off, he was worrying and fretting about the problems he faced.

He went to a therapist who wisely told him that he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and that he had to find a way to let God into his problems. It all sounded good but he did not know how to do it.

One afternoon he took off from work and went for a walk in the woods. As he walked under that cool canopy he could feel the tension leaving his mind and body. He sat down under a tree and sighed. For the first time in months he felt truly relaxed. Then he did something very interesting. He took out a pen and some paper and wrote God a letter. "Dear God," he wrote. "Today I hereby resign as general manager of the universe. Love, George." As George tells

this story he always adds. "And wonder of wonders, God accepted my resignation."

You cannot enjoy God's gifts if you are constantly worrying. A whole lot of life you are not responsible for and cannot change. Leave it to God. Resign as director of the universe. It won't be easy because you cling to the illusion of control. The key is grace. You simply must integrate grace into your life.

Frederick Buechner wrote, "The grace of God is something like this: here is your life. You might never have been, but you are here because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can separate us. It's for you. I created the universe. I love you. There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you reach out and take it."

So let God be God. He really does know what He's doing. You enjoy His blessing and presence.

Grace,
Terry Ellis

ADULTS

Brave Heart

Monday, September 21 1:00 p.m.

Meet at the Brave Heart storage facility at the end of West Bricksome to help sort donations and stuff backpacks.

First Place for Health

Tuesday, September 22 6:00 p.m.



Annual Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7 am Boudreaux's 2647 Government Tickets are \$20 and available in the church office.

Sunday Sermon Series

September 20 10:30 a.m.

Something's Missing: The Search for a Meaningful Life Good Times, Bad Times Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Women's Book Study

Beginning in October, the Women's Book Study group will meet on Monday afternoons from 1:30-3:00, and will begin reading and discussing the book, With Us in the Wilderness, by Laura Barclay. Books are \$12 and can be ordered through the church office. Call Pam Morgan at 753-5479 if you have any questions.

LLL

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat October 4, 7 p.m.

River Center tickets are \$60 and availability is limited. Please come by the church to reserve your spot and pay for your ticket.

Vicksburg National Military Park

Thursday, January 14

A head count is needed in order to determine if we can charter a bus and tour guide. If you have not already signed up, please let the church office know of your interest in going.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Home from the Hospital Charlie Jordan Bill Davis Dot Flory

Buckie Smithen

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to **Dorothy McDaniel** on the death of her grandson, Bill Guthrie, who passed away in July.

Thank You

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from **Bob Graham.**



Stagg-Tolbert Forum and Fall Meeting

Saturday
November 7
St. Charles Avenue
Baptist Church
New Orleans, Louisiana
Featured Speaker:
Rachel Held Evans
For tickets and
more information visit:
www.scabc.org/RHE.html

Wednesday Night Dinner September 23

Brisket, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls, Banana Pudding

