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### Buckets of Hope offer opportunity for every Kentucky Baptist to provide hands-on help to Haitians

Every Baptist can have a hands-on, life changing affect upon the people of Haiti by participating in a Southern Baptists "Buckets of Hope" ministry.

The "Buckets of Hope" is just one means by which Baptists can fulfill the mandate of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry in the name of Jesus. As we are reminded in Matthew 25:45, Jesus tells us, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, yet did it not to me." (KJV)

The "Bucket of Hope" consists of a plastic five-gallon bucket packed with selected foodstuffs. For approximately \$30 an individual Baptist can purchase the materials and assemble a "Bucket of Hope." In addition Baptists are requested to include a \$10 cash contribution, placed in an envelope and attached to the lid of the bucket, to offset the cost of transporting the relief buckets to Haiti.

**Project deadline:** By March 4, 2010, the "Buckets of Hope" must be completed and delivered to your local Baptist association collection point. Kentucky disaster relief volunteers will facilitate the pick-up and transport of the local "Buckets of Hope" to Hialeah, Florida, for placement in cargo containers for immediate shipment to the island nation. After delivery to a Hialeah warehouse, before loading in cargo containers, all the buckets will be labeled indicating the "Bucket of Hope" is a gift of Christian love and support from Southern Baptists.

**The Bucket:** The 5-gallon white plastic bucket with handle, which should be new and unused, can be purchased from Wal-Mart (model # to come). The bucket should not have any logo or other commercial imprint. The purchased bucket must include a tight fitting lid.

**The Food Items:** The commercially pre-packaged food items can be generic, store brand items. Once the food supplies are used, Haitians will find multi-ple everyday uses for the bucket. **Please do not substitute any item listed and do not add anything additional inside the bucket.**

- 2 – 5-pound bags long grain enriched rice
- 1 – 48-ounce plastic bottle cooking oil
- 2 – 2-pound bags dry black beans (can substitute with red beans)
- 1 – 5-pound bag of all-purpose flour (not self-rising)
- 1 – 20-ounce cylinder container of granulated white sugar (coffee service size)
- 2 – 1-pound boxes spaghetti noodles
- 1 – 2 lb, 8 oz. plastic jar creamy peanut butter
- 1 – white kitchen trash can size plastic bag (which will be used to wrap the bottle of cooking oil)

#### Packing Instructions:

1. As you pack the bucket, pray for the Haitian family that will receive the food.
2. Lay bucket on its side.
3. Place rice packages in bucket. Lay bags side-by-side and flat running in the direction of top to bottom of bucket. Gently compress the bags (without breaking them) as flat as possible to create room for other items.
4. Place bottle of oil inside a clean, unused trash bag and wrap the excess portion of the bag tightly around the bottle. (This is a precaution to protect the foodstuffs should there be leakage or a break in the bottle during transport.)
5. Lay the bottle of oil on top of the rice bags. Lay the wrapped oil container so that the bottom of the bottle is at the bottom of the bucket and is approximately in the center of the bucket.
6. Place the peanut butter jar on one side of the oil.
7. Place the cylinder of sugar on top of the wrapped oil bottle.
8. Place boxes of spaghetti noodles on the other side of the oil bottle.
9. While holding the sugar and peanut butter containers in place, stand bucket upright .
10. Place one bag of black beans down along the inside of the bucket next to the peanut butter.
11. Place bag of flour on its side on top of the peanut butter, gently packing down the flour bag to clear the rim of the bucket.
12. Place second bag of black beans next to the flour on top of the peanut butter.
13. Close lid on the bucket and make sure it is securely closed.
14. Place \$10 cash (bills only) into a business size (#10) or smaller envelope. Seal the envelope. Securely tape the envelope to the lid of the bucket.
15. Take the filled "Bucket of Hope" to your area collection center before March 4, 2010.

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*...between a ministering church and the home.*

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#### Deacons of the Week

**February 7:** Bill Hazle and Gene Hornback

**Head Usher:** Jimmy Rogers

**February 14:** W. L. McCoy and Dale Morris

**Head Usher:** Jimmie McDowell

#### Child Care Workers

**February 7:**

**Breakfast:** Michele Rogers

**Infant:** Katelyn, Toni and Barbara Davila

**Toddlers:** Megan Townsend and Heather Cline

**2's & 3's:** Jo and Tom Million

**Jr. Children's Church:** Suzanne Boone and Cindy Smith

**Evening Worship:** David and Wendi Edwards

**Wed., February 10:** Suzanne Boone and Debbie Dickerson

**February 14:**

**Breakfast:** Allison McDowell

**Infant:** Emma Cox and Janet Long

**Toddlers:** Jonathan and Tiffany Spratt

**2's & 3's:** Jamie and Cari Self

**Jr. Children's Church:** No Jr. Children's Church

**Evening Worship:** Bethany Hall

**Wed., February 17:** Joel and Kitty Dixon

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## Music Notes

Thank you for a wonderful worship experience yesterday! With the temperature just above zero yesterday morning, and frozen "slush" on the roads, I have to admit I was worried that only a few of our choir and orchestra members would be able to make it. Boy, was I surprised! We had a wonderful group there ready to rehearse and offer their gifts back to the Lord! I so appreciate their faithfulness. Not only does it show a wonderful level of personal commitment, it also gives a strong visual example to the congregation. It shows their willingness to share their gifts with everyone else, so that we may all offer our best to the Lord in worship. We have all been given various gifts, talents, and abilities for the strengthening of the body of Christ. Remember the passage in 1 Cor. 12:12 and 27: "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ." "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." I pray that you will find the joy that comes when you offer your gifts and abilities to the Lord for His glory. Not only does the Lord give us special gifts, He also gives us a passion for sharing them. What is it that you enjoy doing in service to the Lord? It may not be a musical gift, but it may be a particular act of service, a strong desire to disciple others, a gift of teaching, cooking meals for those in need, organizing relief efforts, gathering coats for the homeless, teaching children about the love of Jesus, visiting the sick or those in prison. The list goes on and on. Whatever it is, I urge you to remember what Jesus said in Matt. 25:34-35 and 40: "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Enjoying serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, along with you! Misty

## Youth

I have been challenging our youth about how we interact with each other, specifically how we talk to each other. We can be very casual with the words not realizing how we allow our words to be influenced by the negative language common in our culture. Ephesians 4:32: "Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive." Some times our language tears down instead of build up. As followers of Jesus Christ we are called to be different. Romans 12: "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." Easier said than done. That's why it is so important that we be together, do life together. Hebrews 10:24-25: "Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching." I like the word picture given in Colossians 3 starting in verse 9: "Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete - From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ. So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness." Everybody loves a sharp dressed man, right?

Just a thought...

Blessings,  
Claude

## Education & Children

### Preschool Ministry

#### New Scheduling

On Sunday afternoon our Preschool Committee got together for our first meeting of the year. After the meeting it was clear that we have a wonderful preschool committee that has many great ideas on how to improve our department and provide loving ministries to parents and their children.

One item discussed was scheduling. After much discussion we have decided to take a new approach to scheduling preschool volunteers. Beginning in March, we are asking all parents who have preschoolers regularly attending to volunteer for one service a month for 12 months. If you are not the parent of a preschooler, but would like to help we are asking you to volunteer once a month for either 6 or 12 months. That way you would always know you have the 1st Sunday morning of the month, or every 3rd Wednesday of the month, etc.

We realize that this is a different approach than has been done in the past, but the timing and need for this change is there. For most we are only asking for 6 or 12 services out of the approximately 150 we have each year (only 4-8% of services). Children's Church & TeamKID are not affected by this change.

### Children's Ministry

#### CentriKID Camp—July 5-9

#### VBS—July 19-23

Though the deadline for CentriKID has past you can still sign up. If you desire to go just let me know and I will contact CentriKID to see if a spot is available. If so we will make sure you go with us.

#### Schedule of Events:

##### Sunday, February 7

- 8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
- 9:15 a.m. Praise Team and Praise Band Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 6:00 p.m. *Forgotten God* Study
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities

##### Monday, February 8

- 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
- 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Upward Practices

##### Tuesday, February 9

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Art Class
- 11:00 a.m. Young at Heart
- 6:00 p.m. Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Upward Practices

##### Wednesday, February 10

- 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
- 6:00 p.m. TeamKid, Student Revolution, Prayer and Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

##### Thursday, February 11

- 6:00 p.m. Upward Practices

##### Friday, February 12

- 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

##### Sunday, February 14

- 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
- 9:15 a.m. Praise Team and Praise Band Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:00 noon Valentino's
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 6:00 p.m. *Forgotten God* Study
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities

### Birthdays Week of February 7-13

Feb. 7	Vicky Williams Mackenzie Vaughn Landyn Nunn	Feb. 10	Joe Jeffries Patty Edwards
Feb. 8	Diane Knight John Shelton	Feb. 11	Gracie Shelton
Feb. 9	Irene Arnette Mike Smith John Bell	Feb. 12	Nina Cundiff Ralph Greer
		Feb. 13	Rob Brown Myah Meredith Autumn Corbin



### Bell Ringing

We are looking for volunteers to ring the bell at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday morning and after worship. If you would like to volunteer, please see Tim Underwood or call him at 270-234-3056.

You and your loved ones are cordially invited to the Student Ministries annual

*Valentino's*  
**Sunday, February 14th, 2010**  
Immediately following the morning service. Join us in the CFC and be transported to Venice for a taste of Italy.  
Make your reservations at the *Valentino's* table in the church foyer this Sunday or call the church office.



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### January 31 Financial Report

Needed Weekly:	11,055.61
Budget Received:	11,383.25
4 Weeks Budget:	55,278.05
4 Weeks Received:	41,462.69
Designated:	
Haiti Relief	400.00
Youth	265.00
Video	50.00
Camp Deposit	145.00
Other	133.00

### January 31 Attendance

Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	35
Adult	74
Youth	20
Children	26
Preschool	16
Visitors	6
Total	180
Morning Worship	258

Total Offering 12,376.25