

# dbc Courier

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Fellow DBC Members:

I want to update you on the preliminary 2009 financial results and provide some information concerning our plans for the 2010 budget.

You will recall that this past February we approved a modified 2009 budget based on actual 2008 expenditures, with the understanding that we would, where possible, try to manage expenses to 80% of the budgeted line item until we saw improvement in the economy. Although the economy continues to struggle, DBC members have continued their historical strong financial support, and have as of December 31st contributed \$1,146,896 toward the 2009 operating budget. The staff and department leaders have worked hard to control expenses. However, we anticipate a budget shortfall of in range of \$15,000 - \$18,000. This is not completely unexpected, as a significant percentage of our expenditures are fixed and difficult to control (i.e. general operating items like utilities, maintenance, custodial services, personnel and debt service). The shortfall will be covered by Derbyshire's reserve fund which was established several years ago for just such occurrences.

We have started work on the budget process. However, we do not anticipate presenting a proposed 2010 budget until possibly the middle of February. In the interim, we will use last year's budget for 2010 expenditures until we finalize and adopt the 2010 budget. We have received budget requests from the staff and various leadership teams which will be incorporated into the 2010 budget process.

In light of the 2009 shortfall and the slightly lower 2010 pledged income (2010 pledges are \$938,587.16 compared to 2009 pledges of \$944,203.84), the Finance Team will seek guidance from the newly established and elected Church Council (expected within a few weeks) as we move forward with the budget process. A number of issues will be addressed, including cost of living increases for our staff, staffing issues proposed through the Kingdom Vision plan, and other important organizational activities.

Should you have any questions about the 2009 budget or our plans for 2010, please call me at your convenience.

Prayerfully,

Gray Key  
Finance Director

## Grief Seminar

**Coping with Loneliness After a Loss**  
Sunday, January 17, 3:30-5:00 P.M. in the Parlor  
Led by Beth Smith

This seminar is open to members of the church and wider community. For more information, call 740-7238 ext. 21, or email [griefministry@dbcrichmond.org](mailto:griefministry@dbcrichmond.org).



## SENIOR ADULTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS Fun for Seniors

**January 14** – Joy Club (10:30 a.m. – Noon) in Bryant Hall

**January 19** – Informational Workshop (10:30 a.m.– Noon) in Bryant Hall

- Estate Planning
- Power of Attorney Documents
- Advance Medical Directives
- HIPAA Medical Authorization

**January 28** – Senior Adult Activity Day (10:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.) in Bryant Hall.

## CELEBRATING *Grace* HYMNAL

### UNVEILING EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4!

With approval of both the Music and Worship and Finance Teams, I joyfully announce that Derbyshire has created a Hymnal Fund to receive contributions for the purchase of the *Celebrating Grace Hymnal* for the Chapel and Sanctuary!

The *Celebrating Grace Hymnal* is a rich collection of timeless hymns and new expressions of Christian faith that glorifies God. The book is broad in scope and includes over 600 traditional and new hymns, beloved gospel and scripture songs, creative worship readings and selected scripture passages. In addition to the actual hymnal worshippers hold, there are creative supplemental music resources (orchestrations, handbell accompaniments, children's hymn studies, congregational anthems and vocal solos) available through an on-line worship planning component, *Worship Matrix™* that makes this a wonderful, comprehensive tool for all of us to use in the worship of God.

A personal note about the *Celebrating Grace Hymnal* - it has been a high privilege and great learning experience for me to serve on several of the hymnal's committees over the last four years and witness first-hand the grassroots approach the editors have taken to developing and designing a hymnal that will meet the resource needs of churches today. I believe they have worked both hard and smart to compile a treasure of hymns born from the spirit, wisdom, and creativity of over 50 competent church musicians, well-grounded theologians and insightful laypersons. I am also humbled and honored to have six new hymns in this hymnal and am currently composing all the organ, piano, handbell and brass accompaniments for the hymnal's national release concerts March 7-8 at Second-Ponce de Leon Church in Atlanta, GA.

There are specific *Celebrating Grace Hymnal Fund* envelopes in the pew racks as well as in the church office for those who would like to support this project with an above tithe gift. The specially designed envelope will allow contributors to notate their \$15 per hymnal contribution in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. The Music and Worship Team's goal is to place the order in February and have the hymnals in our pews Easter Sunday, April 4.

Please see a member of the Music and Worship Team, me, or visit [www.celebrating-grace.com](http://www.celebrating-grace.com) for more info about the *Celebrating Grace Hymnal* that will encourage congregational worship and song at Derbyshire!

David Schwoebel  
Minister of Music/ Composer in Residence

PS - I would strongly encourage you to take the Faith Development Seminary Hymnology Course beginning in April. The BTSR Instructor, Dr. Deborah Loftis, is also the *renowned* Executive Director of the Hymn Society of America!



Congratulations to the following DBC students who auditioned and were selected to participate as one of 170 Virginia Baptist All-State Singers:

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| Heather Carter   | McKenzie Smith        |
| Madison Frayer   | Emily Turner          |
| Stewart Lawrence | Kayley Turner         |
| Alex Liscio      | Savannah Turner       |
| Caroline Medley  | David Warren          |
| Jonathan Medley  | Windsor-Rose Whitlock |
| Kimberly Quinn   | Sarah Young           |

You are cordially invited to support our students by attending their Closing Worship Concert at Second Baptist Church on Saturday, February 27, at 3:00 PM!

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT SEMINARY

2010 winter courses begin on January 14, 17 and 20. Registration forms and information are available in the church office.

## THE 2009 BIBLE READERS MARATHON

The second running of the Derbyshire Bible Readers Marathon was concluded on December 31. Of the 44 who entered the race on January 1, 2009, 21 from Derbyshire and Lakewood Manor crossed the finish line. What they accomplished was reading the Bible through in one year in a version of scripture that is in chronological sequence of events as they occurred in history. Those not finishing were encouraged to continue reading until finished. Those from Derbyshire who have received a certificate of recognition for their accomplishment were: Windsor-Rose Whitlock, Sherry Bagwell, Nancie Parr, Betty Harlow, Burness Ansell, Jr, Harry Francis, Jr, Carolyn Riviere, Jeanie Shiflett, Marvel Fielden, Erma Jo Fielden, Annie Johnson, Bernard Johnson and Catherine Walker. The Marathon will not run in 2010.



## OFFERING FOR WORLD MISSIONS

Derbyshire's Goal: \$30,000

**CBF Global Missions: \$4,639.50**  
**SBC Lottie Moon: \$6,781.00**  
**Total: \$11,420.50**



Thanks goes out to Brenda Robinson and Laura Shelton for heading up CARITAS again this year. Derbyshire hosted 35 men from around the Richmond area from December 26-January 2. We would also like to thank all the members who volunteered their time over the holiday week, made meals, drove, and donated monies to make this ministry possible.



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