

SEPTEMBER 2022

# BAYSHORE CONNECTION

Better Together



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## September Deacon Devotional

*Acts 1:6-11, 7b-8*

What an answer Jesus gives his followers.

"That's beyond your pay scale", he says. "But while you're waiting, I have a big job for you to do."

"You don't need to know," Jesus tells them, "but you do need to go."

Over the course of history, not much has changed. People would still rather sit back and do their own thing than do the day-to-day work involved in following Jesus.

It's easy to become people who complain and point out problems, to become a people forever waiting for the right time to do something. In this passage, Jesus is calling us to go out into the world and **DO**, to go to the ends of the Earth sharing the Good News of Christ.

--Jane Lang

# A Word from Pastor Scott

## "Choral Necessities"



*"This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before." --Leonard Bernstein*

I came across these words from the famed conductor some years ago. They capture an aspect that is central to the teachings (and life) of Jesus. We are not to respond to evil in kind, but by turning the other cheek, by praying for our enemies, by loving those who persecute us, we create a new world.

This takes a kind of faith that requires a lot from us. To make music in the face of the world's cacophonous noise requires this kind of faith. To dream dreams of building and growing a church with today's headwinds requires this kind of faith.

One of the reasons I love singing in the choir is that it's a soulful reminder of the way life best works for us humans. In a choral space you have two ears to hear the pitch, rhythm, and volume. You have one mouth to try and match all those things to make music. Sometimes you sing in unison and are all on the same note, other times you sing in harmony and produce a richer sound. The right kind of dissonance makes music all the more powerful.

All of you have ears to hear this, I'm sure. This is both about the choir and about our life together beyond the choir. It works best when we lend our two ears and then sing our song with one mouth. (Part of what is happening in our culture today is that people are singing with their fingers in their ears!)

As we move from this summer season into September, I want to celebrate all that we have "sung" together during this not-so-sleepy summer. All four of the Dawning's implementation teams are meeting regularly – with some significant spin-off activities planning an active fall. The deacons had a very effective meeting this month and have made renewed commitments to our ministries.

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## September Calendar Connections:

- 7th--Women's Bible Study Resumes Wednesday Mornings at 10:30am.
- 11th--Last Day to get your picture taken for the Photos Directory before Sunday Worship.
- 14th--Wednesday Night programming begins!
- 17th--Youth Skate Party
- 18th--Rev. Sarah Gunter Preaches
- 30th--Last Day for Youth Used Athletic Shoe Collection

Coming October 2nd--  
BAYSHORE BINGO!

*Pastor Scott cont.*

And very significantly, on Aug. 14 we heard together, and unanimously, the direction to call Sara Hunt Felke to be our Associate pastor during this season. I'm grateful. Her presence will be key as we work together. She's already hit the ground running. OR more to my theme, she's "hitting the high notes."

Finally, speaking of musical beauty, the song that Julie Webb and Rachel Mann sang on Sunday (the arrangement found by Doug Brickett) was of the most moving things I've heard in a long time. "What Wondrous Love Is This," has long been a favorite, and those words of the last verse, have long stood out: "and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on." (If you weren't here – find the service on our website – Aug. 21!)

Carolyn Burrell is experiencing the reality of those words. Before she died she told me a few times how much both the choir and Bayshore had meant to her through the years. The choir will miss her voice. The church will miss her presence. Pray for John. And we will together celebrate her life in late September.

In the face of it all, let's continue to make our music! (Oh, and come join the choir!)

Scott

# Shore Kids

WEDNESDAYS ARE  
BACK!



RECREATION, MUSIC AND MISSIONS  
ELEMENTARY KIDS: 6:30 - 7:30  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 14  
NURSEY AVAILABLE BY RSVP TO MELISSA

## BAYSHORE BINGO

**October 2 @ 3:00 in Fellowship Hall**  
**Shore Kids will be collecting \$ for GLOBAL**  
**MISSIONS as your admission fee**  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!**  
**Prizes & Ice Cream Sunday Bar**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30  
5:30 - 7:00  
HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND  
LOTS AND LOTS OF CANDY!



save the date . . .



# Youth

## Bayshore Youth Athletic Shoe Fundraiser!

Help us collect OLD & USED athletic shoes in any condition (pairs only--no singles). We will send them to an athletic shoe recycling program that will help us raise money for youth events at Bayshore!



SAVE  
THE  
DATE

**SKATE PARTY  
SEPT 17TH 4-6:30  
@UNITED SKATES**



# The Bayshore Spotlight is on Carmen Hufstetler



Carmen Hufstetler was born at Tampa General Hospital to Bill and Jenny Hufstetler. She has several cousins that she considers close friends – Gloria, Charlie, Linda, and Peggy.

Her family lived in the East Palm River area where she attended Palm River Elementary and the Palm River Baptist Church. Carmen later

attended Coleman Middle and Plant High, before graduating from the University of South Florida with a degree in Chemistry. After graduation she did medical research at USF and later at the University of Kentucky.

While living in Kentucky, Carmen was a member and Deacon at Calvary Baptist Church. She did a career change and went into sales with a Pharmaceutical Company. After a change in ownership, Carmen didn't like her work because the company was not as honest as it should have been. So she moved back to Tampa. She lived with her beloved cousins until she reestablished herself teaching Science at Freedom High and then at Bloomingdale High.

When asked what she does for fun, she replied very quickly, "Breeding and Raising Irish Setters!" Last September one of her dogs had a litter of 13 puppies! Wow! Carmen kept one and now has five Irish Setters at home. She normally attends 10 dog shows a year to show her gorgeous dogs. She's on record for having won 20 Irish Setter Championships. Yay, Carmen!

For the last 15 years Carmen has worked for Keller Williams Realty Company. It has grown into the biggest Real Estate Company in the world. She enjoys working with families, and it's a challenge to pick the right house for each one. Each one is different. The company's theme is "God first, then Family, then Your Business."

Along with working every day, Carmen is busy at Bayshore, too. She is a Deacon and serves on the Pastor Search Committee and the Personnel Committee.

Carmen is a vivacious, committed Christian, and a very thoughtful and kind lady. You will be blessed to know her.

--Jane Lang

## Budget Snapshot as of 9/6/2022:

Budget Year to Date: \$579,417.00

Giving Year to Date: \$473,477.00

Amount Under Budget: \$105,940.00

## Adults



**SARA HUNT-FELKE**

Associate Pastor

## WOMEN'S WEDNES- DAY BIBLE STUDY

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: Gather from 10:30-  
: 11:30am in the  
: Coffee Shop. You  
: can also join us by  
: Zoom. If you are  
: new to this study,  
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