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What it Boyles down to is. . .

As I write this, I am reflecting back over the last year, and I am filled with joy as I experience the peace and harmony that is found throughout our church. We have all worked together to rebuild our church into a vibrant one. We have come out of chaos and confusion into order and hope. Proof is that God has blessed us with one of the finest holiday seasons Colonial Avenue Baptist Church has had in some time.

Bonnie and I really love being your pastor. We have recently renewed our lease with Pebble Creek Apartments because we feel confident that we will be ministering with you all for most, if not all, of 2012. Boy, what excitement is ours to look forward to a 2012 advent season that is as great as 2011 was! Oh, I'm not saying that the Transition Team process will last that long but, typically, it takes at least six to 12 months for a search committee to establish the pastor God has chosen for Colonial Ave. Baptist. Perhaps you know of someone who is "waiting to see who the 'new' pastor is before joining." Well, let them know that we'll have many months together, and now is a great time to become involved.

May our great Lord bless you all richly in 2012.

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From Our Transition Team

The Transition Team is currently split into two sub-teams - one focusing on our Connections as a church and the other focusing on the Leadership aspect of the church.

In December, you may have seen a great example of what the Connections team is doing through a CBF speaker, Greg Smith. Greg provided some great information and answers about who CBF is and how we support regional and global missions through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In the coming weeks, more guest speakers are on the way. On January 15, we will have a potluck lunch following worship, and Pastor John will delve further into what it means to be "Baptist." Brent Williams will speak to us about our connections to other churches. On February 19, Tom Stocks will talk to us during the Sunday School hour about our connection with the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

The Leadership sub-team got the fun part of the job - reviewing the Constitution and trying to make sure that it accurately describes where we currently are currently. We aren't making any changes, just examining it thoroughly and then preparing a report for the church to review. We are also looking at the decision-making structure of the church, just to make sure we all have an understanding of it. Please continue to pray for the team and the work we are doing. As we approach the New Year, let's start getting excited about the culmination of this process - which is the hiring of a new pastor and a new chapter in the life of our church.

Our Mission

We are a loving, caring, and inclusive fellowship of faith, encouraging people of all ages to discover and use their spiritual gifts. We believe it is our privilege and responsibility to be agents of God's grace, using both creative and traditional means to spread the gospel of Christ and to assist each other on our journey of faith and mission."

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