



The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

"To know Christ and make Him known."

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A Lenten Devotional Book, written by and for Rockingham First Baptist Church members, will be available beginning Sunday, February 22, 2009.

Mandy Allen and Inell Allen have compiled and created this devotional. We hope you will take a copy to lead you through this important season.



*Prepare Ye
The Way
of the Lord*

First Baptist Church
LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Easter Lilies

Beginning March 1, 2009, and continuing each Sunday through March 15, 2009, the Sunday bulletins will carry an order form for the Easter Lilies. Anyone wishing to remember a loved one on Easter by placing a lily in the sanctuary may complete and submit the form to the church office by March 18, 2009.



COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS EACH WEDNESDAY

The format for our observance of Lent as a community this year will be different. We will gather at 12:00 noon in the dining room of First United Methodist Church and eat lunch together. At 12:45pm, one of the pastors will stand and lead a brief meditation to encourage our journey through Lent. The service will be over by 1:00pm.

We will meet each Wednesday at noon at the Methodist Church. First Baptist Church will serve lunch, and I will speak on two of those Wednesdays. The services begin on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, with the Methodist serving the meal and Keith Nanney leading the devotional. First Baptist will serve the meal on March 4 and March 25, and I will speak on each of these occasions. Plan to join us each week on Wednesday for the Lenten luncheons.

The observance of Lent and Holy Week will conclude with an ecumenical service on Maundy Thursday, Thursday evening, April 9, the Thursday before Easter Day. We will NOT have a Wednesday Night Family Night that week. All three churches will gather at the First Presbyterian sanctuary on Thursday evening at 7:00pm for a celebration of the Lord's Supper. The service will prepare each of us for Easter. There will be no preaching, but the handbells will ring and we will remember together the events of this holy week through scripture, music, and prayers. It is my prayer that our church will be well represented.

Lamar King

Resource Recording Team, Monday, February 23, 2009: Sally Pierce and Beverly Carnes.

Attendance Report, February 15, 2009: Morrison 35; Bible Study 109; Worship Service 185.

Serving on Sunday, February 23, 2009: Ushers - Harry Coble, Hunter Ennis, David Hildreth, Richard Martin, Stan Vetter; Sound - Kenny Melvin; Nursery - Sallie Ormsby; Twos and Threes - Linda Teal; Children's Church - John and Beth Ray; Greeters - Gene and Bonnie Barnes, Irene Aiken, John and Beth Ray, Barbara Coble, Susan and Terry Brown; Morning Prayer - Bess Shuler.

Did you know...

In ancient times, the Israelites had very distinctive customs regarding their beards and hair-styles: "Men were forbidden to trim their hair along the sides or the edges of their beards. A Nazirite who had made a vow did not allow a razor to touch his hair until that vow had been completed; at that time his hair was shaved and cast into the fire under the sacrifice of the fellowship offering he had presented to God."

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Contributions have been made to the church in loving memory of:

Mrs. Blanche Honeycutt by
Dr. and Mrs. Stan Vetter

Mr. Lloyd Mills by
First Baptist Adult Choir
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mudd

Mrs. Louise Mullis by
First Baptist Adult Choir
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill

Choir Notes



I would like to thank the men for participating this past Sunday in the service. Joe Davis always does a wonderful job, and we love to hear him sing! Baptist Men's Sunday is always a pleasure for me because it gives us variety that we really look forward to.

I would also like to remind those who are interested that the North Carolina Baptist Singers will perform at Laurinburg First Baptist Church on Monday, February 23, 2009, 6:45pm. Hope to see you there.

Marjorie

YOUTH NEWZ

Godliness leads to love for other Christians, and finally you will grow to have genuine love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more you will become productive and useful in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:7-8

During World War II, a French doctor named Rene Spitz made an amazing discovery. He discovered that babies who received affection from their caregivers grew and thrived while those who did not were sickly and more likely to die. This study shows how much human beings need to receive and give love in order to thrive. That need stays the same as we grow older. Obeying God's commands to love others can bring you love in return, which can actually make you healthier and happier. Obeying God's commands to love one another can help you "become productive and useful in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Obeying God's commands to love others can make a huge difference in your health and development. That's just part of the difference love makes—in your life and in the lives of those around you.

Read and Reflect: Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. Through this scripture reading we learn that godliness will lead to love for other Christians and then to an even wider kind of love. What is that wider love? Do you think it happens overnight? How do you think it happens? Have you been blessed (made happier and healthier) by loving others? How have others been blessed by your love? (Total article can be found in Josh McDowell's *Youth Devotions*.) Debbie

Mission Opportunity

The Brotherhood, Mission Committee, and Youth have united to offer a church-wide mission trip. The group will unite with the Timothy Project in Asheville, North Carolina, to work with poverty-stricken people. There will be opportunities to participate in construction work, projects with children, and much more. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2009, through Sunday, June 28, 2009. More details will be forthcoming in the very near future, but you will want to mark your calendar now so you do not miss the trip.

'09
MISSION TRIP



2/23 Sam Brigman

2/23 Julia Swinnie

2/25 Jesse Spencer

2/27 Edith Smith

2/27 Bob Maddrey

2/27 Scott Brewer

2/28 Libby Smith

2/28 John Alexander Yates

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Classes for everyone!



Giving for the week ending February 15, 2009:

\$6,811.30.

A more detailed report will be included in next week's Informer.

Love and Sympathy

The church extends its deepest love and sympathy to Mrs. Sally Pierce and family in the loss of her brother-in-law; and to Mrs. Shirley Mills and family in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Louise Mullis.

WMU News



The first week in March is designated as WMU Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The national goal is \$65,000,000. North Carolina's goal is \$6,200,000. The following is a bit of history about the Missions, reprinted from www.wmu.com:

The 1888 preamble of Woman's Missionary Union reads in part, "We, the Women of the churches connected with the Southern Baptist Convention, desirous of stimulating the missionary spirit and the grace of giving, among the women and children of the churches, and aiding in collecting funds for missionary purposes, to be disbursed by the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and disclaiming all intention of independent action, organize..."

Woman's Missionary Union's purpose remains the same today as WMU continues to promote and support the missions offerings in cooperation with the North American Mission Board and the International Mission Board.

The first collection of funds by WMU for either of the Boards was for home missions and took place at WMU's organizational meeting in May of 1888. WMU accepted a request from Home Mission Board corresponding secretary Dr. Isaac Taylor Tichenor to aid in building a church and enlarging a Christian cemetery in Havana, Cuba. Offerings for home missions continued to be taken each year, usually to aid missionaries on the frontier and the work in Cuba. In 1895 Dr. Tichenor asked WMU to contribute \$5,000 to help alleviate the agency's \$25,000 debt and prevent the withdrawal of missionaries from their missions fields. In response, WMU instituted the Week of Self-Denial as a time of praying for and giving to home missions and raised more than the \$5,000 requested. Since 1895, a week of prayer and a home missions offering have continued. In 1903 the official name of this event was the Week of Prayer and Special Effort for Home Missions; in 1922 the name was changed to the Thank Offering. In honor of WMU's first corresponding secretary and crusader for home missions, the offering was named the Annie Armstrong Offering in 1934. In 1969 the name was changed to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, directly connecting the offering with the Christian observance. Woman's Missionary Union continues to promote this offering and set the goals for giving to North American missions.

Children's Corner

This past Sunday in Children's Church, the children and I made sun catchers. We painted the cross figures with many colors and attached a string to hang the catchers in a window. The catchers will beautifully catch the light and remind the children of God's reflection on us. In the Bible, we are reminded that each of us is a reflection of the God we serve. We reflect GOD. As the children shared with me: God is trustworthy; nice not mean; and a good listener. When we act the same way as God, we are reflecting that character, and more, to others. Just like the sun catcher, we gather the light (of God) and reflect it to all that we come in contact with. This week may you seek the light and reflect it to all those to whom you meet. Mandy



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WEDNESDAY
★ **NIGHT** ★
FAMILY NIGHT

Supper	5:45pm
Adult Prayer Meeting	6:30pm
Children: GAs, RAs, Mission Friends Bible Drills, graded choirs	6:30pm
Youth Bible Study	6:30pm
Adult Choir	7:30pm

Opportunities for the Week

SUNDAY, February 22

Morrison Correctional Institute	8:00am
Praise Singing in E-100	9:30am
Bible Study	9:45am
The Gathering in S-150	10:30am
Radio Broadcast on G-104 FM	10:45am
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00am
First Place	4:00pm
Handbells	4:30pm
Youth Choir	6:00pm
Youth Devotion and Fellowship	7:00pm

TUESDAY, February 24

WMU Group #3—Beth Moore's "Esther"	7:30pm
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WEDNESDAY, February 25

Ash Wednesday - Lunch at First Methodist Church	12:00pm
Wednesday Night Family Night	5:45pm

FRIDAY, February 27

Rockingham Soup Kitchen



Senior Adult Ministry

March 6, 2009

Southern Spring Show

8:00—4:00pm

Cost \$11.00

March 31, 2009

Dinner Theatre at The Barn

"The Church Basement Ladies"

Greensboro, N.C.

Cost \$43.00

(Must RSVP by March 20, 2009,
to Cathy McDuffie, 997-6572.)



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Coming up!**

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"Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, 'See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him.'" Judges 16:4-5

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