

# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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**A Portrait of Revival...** picture the scene of Ezekiel 37. By a supernatural occurrence, Ezekiel finds himself in the midst of a valley of dry bones. All around him as far as the eye can see lie dry bones—picked clean by birds of prey and bleached white by the sun. As the prophet surveys the valley, the Lord asks him a surprising question, “Can these bones live?” Amazed by the question, Ezekiel responds, “O Lord God, you know!” Then God says to him, “Prophecy upon these bones and say unto them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.’” The prophet obeys and prophesies. Then he hears an eerie sound, a shaking in the valley. To his amazement he sees these bones moving and forming a human skeleton. He sees flesh come

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## Fall Revival

October 2-4, 2011

Featuring:

Rev. David Ritcey and Rev. Larry Earhart

The FBC Adult Choir

The FBC Praise Team

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Sunday:

11:00 am Morning Worship

12:00 pm Covered Dish Lunch

5:30 pm Youth Snack Supper and Program with Rev. Ritcey

7:00 pm Evening Worship

#### Monday:

12:00 pm Prayer Luncheon (sandwiches provided)

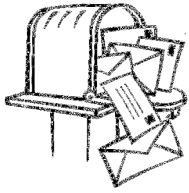
7:00 pm Evening Worship

#### Tuesday:

7:00 pm Evening Worship

**Resource Recording Team, Monday, October 3, 2011:** Bonnie Barnes and Louise Deaton; **Attendance Report, September 25, 2011:** Sunday School 78; Worship Service—122.

**Serving on Sunday, October 2, 2011:** **Ushers**—Charlie Auman, Gene Coen, J.C. Lamm, Chris McDuffie; **Greeters**—Irene Aiken, Graham Jenkins, Barbara Coble, Charles and Mary Joyner; **2&3s**—Hal Shuler; **Children's Church**—Angela Cockerton; **Nursery**—Michelle Ard; **Sound**—Lazelle Marks; **Security**—Chris McDuffie; **Deacons of the Week**—Kevin Aiken and Don Auman; **Wednesday Family Night 10/5/11**—Fried Chicken, two vegetables, drink, and dessert: \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



**Attention  
College Students...**

**You've got mail!**  
Please contact the church office with your new mailing address!



10/2 Richard L. Byrd

10/5 Beth Ray



The Richmond Christian Counseling Center will hold a Fall Auction on Saturday, October 8, 2011, at FBC (E100). They will be auctioning household goods, baked goods, services, etc. All proceeds to benefit the ministry of the Counseling Center.



**The 2012 Proposed Budget Packets** will be available on October 2, 2011, and located in the Sunday School Classrooms and the sanctuary vestibule.

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upon the skeletons and skin upon the flesh. Bodies are formed but there is no life in them until Ezekiel asks God to give them breath. Then he feels a breeze blowing through the valley. Breath is given and those bodies are given life.

You see, Ezekiel witnessed what we might call renewal or revival. Notice, there was LIFE—"they lived;" there was POWER—"they stood upon their feet;" - there was UNITY—"an exceeding great army." This is a picture of revival—new life, new power, new unity.

Allow yourself for a moment to look back at that valley where Ezekiel stood. Look at the dry, parched bones which once were pulsating with life and power and were unified as a mighty army fighting for a great cause. Is there a possibility that you can identify with those bones? Perhaps you were once filled with energetic spiritual life. Perhaps once you were strong in your faith and service. Perhaps you were once united with your brothers and sisters, following a single purpose—building the church and advancing God's kingdom. But something happened—slowly, unnoticeably you lost your spiritual vitality and strength.

Friends, God's breath of the Holy Spirit wants to breathe new life and power and unity of purpose back into your heart. Would you let him do it?

Pray for, and participate in, these days of revival! Jim Nelson

**Choir Notes**

What an exciting time of renewal this weekend! We are blessed that we have this opportunity to come together as a family of God.

We would like to invite you to join the choir for rehearsals—Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday—at 6:30 pm. Let's join our voices and fill the choir loft for each evening service. Try it! You might like it! Marjorie

**Children and Youth**



**Gospel Journey Maui, Youth Bible Study, Sunday Evenings at 6:00 pm, Beginning October 9.** Relational, relevant and edgy, Gospel Journey Maui is all about real questions and real conversations. Seven young strangers with very different spiritual worldviews and a Preacher/Wannabe-Surfer hung out for an entire week in Maui, diving into life's biggest questions. Ultimately it boiled down to this: Can everyone be right? We will follow the cast on their journey to discover the truth. **WARNING: Life transformation will occur.**

**Puppets, Drama, Signing, and Praise Sing Coming in October!** Children grades 4-6 and youth will meet from 4:30-5:30 pm on the following dates in October. We will meet in the Drama Room on the second floor of the Educational Building. Parent chaperones and volunteers are welcome.

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| Sunday, October 9  | Puppet Practice                                   |
| Sunday, October 16 | Signing to Music                                  |
| Sunday, October 23 | Drama (we will be looking at a Christmas musical) |
| Sunday, October 30 | Praise Singing                                    |

**Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 30, 5:00-7:00 pm, FUMC.** The date and times are set. Now we need you and your children and/or grandchildren to mark the date and plan to be there. We will need some candy and small prizes donated for the games, and each church is asking for a minimum of 10 trunks each. If you are willing to decorate your trunk and treat the children, please contact me.

**Seaboard Festival, Saturday, October 29:** FBC will host a tent at the Seaboard Festival this year, promoting our church. We are asking groups within our church to take a time period during the day to promote our church and its activities. If you or someone you know at FBC are willing to support this event by sharing a time in the tent, please contact the church office for more details. Debbie Holloway



**Operation Christmas Child:**

Beginning October 2, each Sunday School class will have a box and a list of items to collect to fill shoeboxes. These donations should be in by November 13.

On November 13, we will have a soup and sandwich luncheon after church and will pack the shoeboxes.

The church will supply plastic shoeboxes. Anyone who would like to donate money instead of, or in addition to, items can give this to the office or Beth Ray.

...and remember, each shoebox must have \$7.00 included for postage!

**Belk Charity Day**

Belk has asked First Baptist and our Mission Committee to become involved in their "Charity Sale." This sale will be held on November 5, from 6:00 am to 10:00 am. The first 100 customers can win a gift card from \$15.00 up to \$1,000.00. The Women on Mission, church office, and Harry Coble have tickets for sale. The cost is \$5.00. This \$5.00 will be taken off your first purchase the day of the sale. Please purchase a card from one of the above and help the Missions Committee make this a success. God Bless You, Harry Coble, Missions Committee Chairperson

**From the Missions Committee...**

A big THANK YOU goes out to all who have donated wheel chairs and walkers to the church. There are now wheelchairs of all sizes available to our members in need.

Have you purchased your Belk "Charity Day Card?" See any of the Women on Mission or the Missions Committee members to purchase your tickets. Tickets are also available in the church office.

Please note that the Missions Committee meeting for October has been changed to Monday, October 10, and will be held in the church conference room.

Harry Coble, Missions Committee Chair

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

*October 8, 2011*

*8:30 am - 12:00 pm*

*\$150*

*Featuring:*

*Sherry Watkins, Twyla Nelson, and Starr Ayers*



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Tithes & Gifts**

Giving Summary	Week of	Sep
	Sep 25	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	7,372	24,572
Chall. to Maint.	400	800
Memorials & Hon.	—	290
Radio Ministry	—	800
Van Fund	—	20
Baptist Men Fund	—	200
NC Mission Offering	30	95
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>7,802</b>	<b>26,777</b>

**General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:**

Budget req. to date 2011	336,868
Actual gifts to date	274,559
YTD req. under actual gifts	(62,309)
% giving to req.	82%



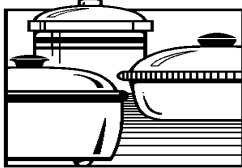
## Seniors on the Move

Friday, October 14...State Fair

Thursday, October 27...Seagrove Potteries

Thursday, November 17...Southern Christmas Show

Please contact Cathy McDuffie to sign up, 997-6572!



## Covered Dish Luncheon

October 2, 2011

12:00 pm

Please join us for lunch on the first day of our Fall Revival. The church will provide a meat and drinks, and we hope you will provide delicious casseroles, side dishes, and desserts. Plan now to come and enjoy wonderful fellowship with your church family!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, October 2

Prayer Time	9:00 am
Praise Singing in E-100	9:30 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Radio Broadcast on G-104 FM	10:45 am
Revival Morning Worship	11:00 am
Covered Dish Luncheon	12:00 pm
Morrison Worship Service	3:00 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Youth Snack Supper & Program w/ Dr. Ritcey	5:30 pm
Revival Evening Worship	7:00 pm

### Monday, October 3

Building Maintenance Committee	7:00 pm
Prayer Luncheon (sandwiches provided)	12:00 pm
Revival Evening Worship	7:00 pm

### Tuesday, October 4

Terrific Tuesday	3:15-5:15 pm
Morrison Ministry (Yokefellow)	7:00 pm
Revival Evening Worship	7:00 pm
WOM Group #3	7:30 pm

### Wednesday, October 5

<i>The Way of Forgiveness</i> Study	5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday Family Night	5:45 pm

### Saturday, October 8

Women's Conference	8:30 am—12:00 pm
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