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“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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*From the  
Pastor*

As I write this article, it is Monday morning, October 2. We are one day into our three-day revival and already God has blessed us. We have felt the presence of God. David Ritcey has boldly proclaimed God's word and has challenged us to do our best for God and His kingdom, and to live in such a way that the enemy (Satan) knows our name (because of our commitment to Christ). And Larry Earhart, the choir, and the Praise Team have blessed our hearts with musical praise. God is working among us. May He continue to bring us His showers of blessing.

Let me thank you for your prayers and support of this revival effort. However, by the time you read this, our “scheduled revival services” will be over—but let us continue to strive as one person for the faith of the gospel. Let us continue to pray for revival.

In his book on revivals, Van Hafner said, “What we call revival

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## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 8, 2011

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

\$150

Featuring:

Sherry Watkins, Twyla Nelson, and Starr Ayers



ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Resource Recording Team, Monday, October 10, 2011:** Joanne Cadieu, Dale Ormsby; **Attendance Report, October 2, 2011:** Sunday School 88; Worship Service—132.

**Serving on Sunday, October 9, 2011:** **Ushers**—Charlie Auman, Gene Coen, J.C. Lamm, Chris McDuffie; **Greeters**—Irene Aiken, Robert and Nora Smith, Virginia Cole, John and Beth Ray, Jean Woodall; **2&3s**—Linda Teal; **Children's Church**—Steve McIver; **Nursery**—Cynthia Morris; **Sound**—Sam Brigman; **Security**—Ric Buckner; **Deacons of the Week**—John Ray, Kenneth Robi-  
nette; **Wednesday Family Night 10/12/11**— Ham, two vegetables, drink, and dessert: \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

## OCTOBER IS...



### National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Celebrating 25 years of awareness, education, and empowerment.

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## OCTOBER IS...



### PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Have you hugged your pastor lately? If not, then now's the time! Words of encouragement are welcome, too!



10/11 Ken Shedd  
10/11 Gayle Cook  
10/11 Anne Tyson  
10/12 Joy Swinnie  
10/13 Jim Clifton  
10/13 John T. Yates  
10/14 Chris McDuffie  
10/15 R. Kevin Aiken



The 2012 Proposed Budget Packets will be available on October 9, 2011,

and located in the Sunday School Classrooms and the sanctuary vestibule.

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is simply a return to normal New Testament Christianity. Most of us are so subnormal that if we ever became normal we would be considered abnormal!

Revival means self-examination on the part of Christians—repentance, confession of sin, renunciation of sin, restitution, submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, separation from the world, being filled with the Spirit. Finney says, ‘Revival is the renewal of the first love of Christians, resulting in the conversion of sinners to God. It presupposes that the church is back-slidden and revival means conviction of sin and searching of hearts among God’s people. Revival is nothing less than a new beginning of obedience to God, a breaking of heart and getting down in the dust before Him with deep humility and forsaking of sin. A revival breaks the power of the world and of sin over Christians. The charm of the world is broken and the power of sin is overcome. Truths to which our hearts are unresponsive suddenly become living. Whereas mind and conscience may assent to truth, when revival comes, *obedience* to the truth is the one thing that matters.’”

As we continue our journey together may we seek to experience genuine revival in our lives and in our church. Hope to see you on Sunday for Bible Study and worship!

Jim Nelson

## Choir Notes

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

Rehearsals for the *The Messiah*

Sunday, November 20, 3:00-5:00 pm, FBC Sanctuary

Sunday, December 4, 3:00-5:00 pm, FBC Sanctuary

Sunday, December 11, 3:00-5:00 pm, FBC Sanctuary (with orchestra)

Performance of the *The Messiah*

Sunday, December 11, 6:30 pm, FBC Sanctuary

Marjorie Hinson

## Children and Youth



I have had occasion to experience the story of David twice this week. Rev. Ritcey shared some aspects of David and his faith with the youth on Sunday evening and then I encountered this devotion on Monday morning. It seemed only appropriate to share with the families of our children and youth as we are experiencing revival here at First Baptist. The following is a devotion found in Henry T. and Richard Blackaby’s *Experiencing God Day by Day Devotional*. May we all move forward as optimists knowing where our strength comes from!

### Spiritual Optimism

*David said to the Philistine: “You come against me with a dagger, spear, and sword, but I come against you in the name of Yahweh of Hosts, the God of Israel’s armies—you have defied Him. Today the Lord will hand you over to me.”* 1 Samuel 17:45-46a

David was certainly an optimist! Regardless of his circumstances, David could always see God’s activity! A pessimist focuses on the problems, concentrating on the reasons why something cannot be done. The optimist sees those same problems, but he sees them from the perspective of God’s presence.

David was just a young boy when he faced Goliath, an intimidating veteran warrior who frightened even the bravest Israelite soldier. As he prepared for battle, David saw that Goliath was a giant. He heard his boastful taunts.



A donation has been given to the church in memory of:

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- Mr. William Lee "Bill" Williams
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A donation has been given to the church in honor of:

Miss Anne S. Tyson

He could not fail to notice his enemy's weapons: a sword, a shield, and a javelin. David did not barge into the battle unprepared for a fight. He armed himself with five smooth stones. David was prepared for God to grant him victory with the first stone he hurled at the giant or the fifth. David was ready to accept God's victory, whether it came easily or with much effort.

Optimists do not ignore the difficulties; they are keenly aware of them. But the knowledge of God's presence prevents them from becoming discouraged or giving up. It is impossible to stand in the presence of God and be a pessimist!

The account of David and Goliath vividly pictures the source of the Christian's faith—not our own size, strength, or resources, but the power of almighty God. If we focus on our opposition and problems, they will seem gigantic. But as we focus on God, we will see our situation in the proper perspective and be assured that all things are possible with God (Phi. 4:13).

**New Sunday Afternoon Activities for Children and Youth:** Children grades 4-6 and youth are invited to join us on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 pm for ministry preparation classes. October 9 we will practice with the puppets. October 16 Anne Tyson and friends will begin practicing signing to songs. October 23 we will assign parts for the Wednesday Night Family Christmas drama. October 30 we will spend an hour singing praise songs and enjoying a time of fellowship. A light snack will be served from 5:30-5:45 pm and children grades 4-6 will depart. Youth will begin the *Gospel Journey Maui* study on October 9 at 6:00 pm. This is a nine week study exploring Christian faith and other religions. Parents and other adults are welcome to volunteer as chaperones during these events and/or join us for the Maui study. Volunteers are welcome to provide a light snack for the children and youth. If interested in volunteering, please let me know. Debbie Holloway



The OCC donation boxes are now in each Sunday School classroom.

Please remember to bring items and help us make this a Merry Christmas for a child! November 13 is the date set for our soup and salad lunch, and to fill the shoeboxes. Mark your calendar!

### Fall Auction



The Richmond Christian Counseling Center will hold a Fall Auction on Saturday, October 8, 2011, 10:00 am, at FBC (E100). They will be auctioning household goods, baked goods, services, etc. All proceeds to benefit the ministry of the Counseling Center.

### It's a Girl



Congratulations to Ricky and Catherine Shelley on the birth of their daughter, Ella Garrett Shelley, born October 1, 2011, at 5:30 am. Ella weighed six pounds, eight ounces, and was a little over nineteen inches long. Graham Jenkins is the proud grandfather, Clyde and Ruth Jenkins are the proud great-grandparents.

### New Bible Study

The Women on Mission Group #3 has begun a new Bible study on Tuesday nights, "Women of the Bible." The group meets at 7:30 pm at the home of Pat Buckner. Anyone interested in joining the study is welcome and may call Pat or the church office for more information.

## Tithes & Gifts

	Week of	Sep
Giving Summary	Oct 2	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	7,762	24,572
Chall. to Maint.	400	800
Memorials & Hon.	—	290
Radio Ministry	400	800
Van Fund	20	20
Baptist Men Fund	—	200
NC Mission Offering	—	95
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>9,082</b>	<b>26,777</b>

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

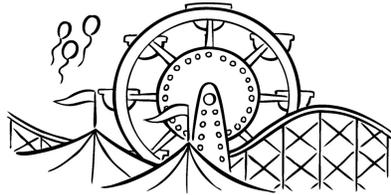
Budget req. to date 2011	345,505
Actual gifts to date	282,321
YTD req. under actual gifts	(63,184)
% giving to req.	82%



**Reminder:** We still have dates available on the flower calendar for anyone wishing to place flowers in the sanctuary in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Please call the church office to sign up.



**Sunday**  
**October 9, 2011**  
**8:30am**  
**\$150**  
**All are welcome!**



### Seniors on the Move...

**Friday, October 14...Seniors to the State Fair.** Depart at 8:00 am, stop for breakfast in Southern Pines, proceed to Fair and, weather permitting, stay until around 3:00 pm. Cost of bus trip, \$10.00. (If over 65, there is no entry fee to fair!)

Please contact Cathy McDuffie to sign up and reserve your seat, 997-6572!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, October 9

Baptist Men's Breakfast	8:30 am
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
Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sunday School Council	2:00 pm
Morrison Worship Service	3:00 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Children/Youth Activities/Bible Study	4:30 pm

### Monday, October 10

WOM Group #2	10:00 am
Missions Committee	7:00 pm

### Tuesday, October 11

Terrific Tuesday	3:15-5:15 pm
Morrison Ministry (Yokefellow)	7:00 pm
WOM Group #3/ <i>Women of the Bible</i>	7:30 pm

### Wednesday, October 12

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

### Friday, October 14

Senior Adults/State Fair	8:00 am-5:00 pm
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