

The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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From the Pastor

This Sunday two very important and meaningful events will occur. First, we will be ordaining Steve Bullard and John Ray to the office of deacon, and secondly, after the worship service and a “snack luncheon” in S150 we will be making a formal presentation of the 2012 proposed church budget. Both of these events are worthy of our prayers and our participation because Christian service and Christian giving are two major pillars which upholds and supports the ministry of the church.

Jesus stressed the importance of both. He said, “I came not to be served but to serve and to give my life as a ransom for many.” In that one statement Jesus spoke about serving and giving. But he did more than just speak about these things. He actually did serve and give. He met the needs of people. He fed the hungry, visited and healed the sick and afflicted, encouraged the weak, taught the

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Laying On of Hands
October 16, 2011
11:00 am

Please join us this Sunday
for the ordination of

Mr. Steve Bullard

and

Mr. John Ray

to the office of deacon.



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The 2012 Proposed Budget will be formally presented to the church membership at a snack luncheon immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, October 16, 2011. This proposal will be submitted to the church for a vote at a Called Church Conference the following Sunday, October 23, 12:00 pm. We hope all will participate by being present!



Resource Recording Team, Monday, October 17, 2011: Bill Featherston, Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm; **Attendance Report, October 9, 2011:** Sunday School 93; Worship Service—116.

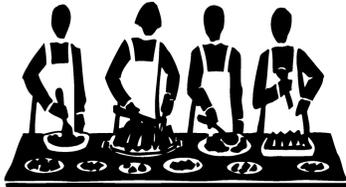
Serving on Sunday, October 16, 2011: **Ushers**—Charlie Auman, Gene Coen, J.C. Lamm, Chris McDuffie; **Greeters**—Irene Aiken, Helen Cox, Barbara Coble, Steve and Cynthia Morris; **2&3s**—Nan Bates; **Children’s Church**—Michelle Ard; **Nursery**—Hilda Auman; **Sound**—Kevin Aiken; **Security**—Terry Brown; **Deacons of the Week**—Gene Coen and Bill Featherston; **Wednesday Family Night 10/19/11**—Spaghetti, salad, drink, and dessert: \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



**COMING
SOON!**

**Seaboard Festival
Saturday, October 29**

**Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 30**



Feed the Families

We have the opportunity to help feed families and senior adults who would otherwise not enjoy a hot home-cooked Thanksgiving meal. On Thursday, November 24, our church will be hosting a "by invitation only" traditional Thanksgiving meal for between 75-100 people. The staff and Missions Committee are coordinating this service opportunity for people of our church. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this project, please contact the church office. Opportunities to help include: decorating S150, providing desserts, heating food, serving food, and clean-up. Some of these opportunities can be done beforehand and some are needed on Thanksgiving Day. Please pray over this opportunity, check your calendars, and join us if so led.

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truths of God and prayed for all of us. Then, in a final act of sacrificial love, He gave his life in death in order to save us from our sin. Therefore, if we are to walk in His steps, then we too must be involved in serving and giving—activities in which both deacons and members should be involved. So this Sunday come and celebrate the privilege we have to serve God and give Him the best of our lives and resources.

Thank you Frances Godwin and ladies for hosting the first Women's Conference. From the reports I am getting, the speakers—Sherry Watkins, Starr Ayers, and Twyla Nelson—all did very well and touched the hearts of the women who were present. Thank you all! Jim Nelson

Choir Notes



Last week's revival was a wonderful experience for those who attended. I want to thank choir members, sound crew, and especially the children who gave up an afternoon to spend at our church. You all did a great job and I know you were blessed by the experience. Marjorie Hinson

Children and Youth



Disney on Ice, DARE TO DREAM, December 10 @ 2:30 pm: We are exploring the interest in children and/or families attending the Disney on Ice DARE TO DREAM show in Raleigh, NC. Group tickets are \$12-\$21 depending on the seating available. If you are interested in your child or family attending this thrilling show on ice, please contact me by Wednesday, October 19.

Medical Supplies for Malawi: The Terrific Tuesday children are collecting medical supplies (Neosporin, aspirin, Band-Aids, Pepto Bismol, and other small items) to be sent with a mission team from NC to Malawi later this month. There is a collection box in the office complex hallway. Deadline for items to be dropped off is Wednesday, October 19.

Trunk or Treat, October 30, FUMC, 5:00-7:00 pm: We need five dozen cupcakes for the cake walk. We need small prizes and candies to be given as prizes at the games. We need ten trunks from our church. A container for candies and prizes is located in the office complex hallway. You may contact me if you would like to provide a trunk. The Children's Council would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this Halloween alternative activity for our children and their families.

Cub Scout and Boy Scout Meeting, Sunday, October 16, 3:00 pm, E100: Parents and children interested in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are invited to a meeting this Sunday in E100 to meet the leaders of the Cub Scout Pack and the Boy Scout Troop being established at First Baptist. There will be a time to meet the new leaders, to ask questions, and to sign up to participate in the groups. Boys in first grade and older are eligible to join.

New "Signing" Class, Sunday, October 16, 4:30 pm: Children fourth grade and older are invited to participate in the new signing class. We will begin practicing for a part in the Christmas programs here at First Baptist. Please contact me for further information or attend the orientation meeting Sunday afternoon, October 16, in the Drama Suite on the second floor of the education building. Debbie Holway

Memorial Service

We were very saddened by the death of Mrs. Flora Gibson who passed away March 18, 2011. Flora and her husband, Dave, joined with our church in September of 1961. They were both active members until June of 1988. There will be a celebration of her life on October 16, 2011, 2:00 pm, at Count United Methodist Church in Shallotte, North Carolina.



Please remember our drive to fill shoe boxes on November

13. We also need donations of money to send the boxes. Be in prayer that this will be a big success so that many children will receive God's love in a shoe box.



10/16 Kayla Hernandez
10/18 Jean Woodall
10/18 Mark McCaskill
10/20 Raquel Anzaldua



Boy Scout/Parent Meeting
October 16, 2011
3:00 pm

Tithes & Gifts

	Week of	Oct
Giving Summary	Oct 9	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	12,636	20,398
Chall. to Maint.	—	400
Memorials & Hon.	30	30
Radio Ministry	—	400
Van Fund	—	20
Baptist Men Fund	—	—
NC Mission Offering	—	—
Total Gifts	12,666	21,748

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2011	254,143
Actual gifts to date	294,987
YTD req. under actual gifts	(59,156)
% giving to req.	83%

Simple Gifts

(Reprinted from www.samaritanspurse.org)

Operation Christmas Child brings needed supplies and salvation to Filipino children living in dire conditions.

It smells so strongly of trash and cow dung at the big garbage dump outside of Manila that most people hold handkerchiefs to their noses to block some of the smell. No one wants to visit this area. Muck swallows shoes, leaving people barefoot in the smelly mess. And yet, there are people who live and work here.

These people are lower-class Filipinos. They collect bottles and other pieces of trash to sell. Their houses sit right on the edge of the dump site and are made of trash. While most people crinkle their noses and want to leave, the dump people smile and laugh while the brown concoction on the ground squishes deeper in between their toes.

The children in this area are quiet but happy. Boys run shirtless through small patches of grass with a soccer ball. Girls watch and giggle in their crisp, white school blouses and plaid skirts. They've just finished a day of school and walked home under the hot and sticky June sun.

Today, the smiles are a little wider. On the walk home, the children cradle Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes underneath their elbows.

This was a special day at school, a day of surprises. Although the teachers had tried to keep it a secret, the children had found out that they would receive gifts, and they were excited. Before she received her shoe box, 8-year-old Joy listed the things she wanted.

"School supplies...slippers...a pencil case...a pencil...anything that can be used for writing...and shoes."

She paused between each item as if she was afraid to say that she wanted more than one thing. Only after being prompted did she continue her list.

Nine-year-old Ralph slowly listed what he wanted, too. "School supplies, school bag, a T-shirt, shoes and socks."

All of these are simple things that most American children take for granted. But in impoverished areas like this one, school supplies and basic clothing make a huge difference.

"Education is the only way out," said Marlin, Pastor of the church that arranged the shoe box distribution at the school. "OCC will make a difference for them." With new school supplies, the children will have more opportunities in class. But the shoe boxes don't just offer physical items to make life better for children. The gifts also present an opportunity to learn about the Gospel.

That's exactly what Ralph did. When he accepted his gift, he also accepted Christ. As he kicks a soccer ball to a friend, his smile isn't just because of his new toys. Now he has found God's love.

Ralph and his friends were offered "The Greatest Gift of All" booklet with their gifts, which explains the story of Christ and salvation through Him. Ralph said he is excited to learn more about Jesus. He is blessed because his mother is also a Christian, and she taught him about Christ even before he believed.

Joy also received the booklet, but she didn't look at it as soon as she received it. She said she wanted to look at it later. When she reads "The Greatest Gift of All," there is hope that she too will find Christ's love.

At the end of the day, the smiling faces at the dump pick up their last bottles and throw them into bags. Then they walk the short distance to their houses.

Children have finished playing soccer and are helping to prepare the evening meal. Over dinner, they will talk about their day at school. Parents will see every gift in the shoe boxes, and they, too, will hear about how Jesus loves them.



Copies of the 2012 Church Budget Proposal were made available to the membership Sunday, October 9. Those who did not pick up their copy should receive it in the mail. If you do not receive one via mail, you may contact Lynda Clifton or pick up a copy at the formal presentation to be held October 16, 12:00 pm, in S150.



The Estimate of Giving cards will be available on Sunday, October 16, and located in Sunday School classrooms and the front vestibule. They will also be available at the formal presentation of the budget.

Backpack Pals: We have been offered the opportunity to pack the backpacks again this year. We will be going on October 24, November 14, and December 12. We will depart from the church at 5:30 pm and return by 7:30 pm. Children grades three and up, parents, and adults are invited and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in working with the Backpack Program on these dates, please contact Debbie Holloway as soon as possible.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 16

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
Formal Budget Presentation/S150	12:00 pm
Morrison Worship Service	3:00 pm
Boy Scout/Parent Meeting	3:00 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Children/Youth Activities/Bible Study	4:30 pm

Monday, October 17

Finance Committee	6:30 pm
Deacons	7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 18

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 19

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

	Supper	5:45pm
	Adult Prayer Meeting	6:30pm
	Children's Mission Study	6:30pm
	Youth Mission Study	6:30pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm

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