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"To know Christ and make Him known."

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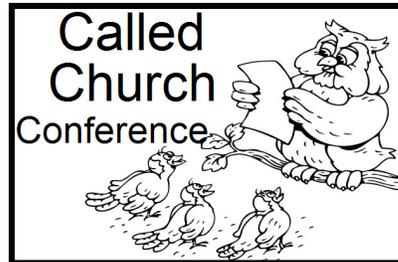
From the Pastor

In 2 Corinthians 8-9, Paul wrote to the church concerning an offering which was to be given to help the poor saints in Jerusalem. He commended them for their generosity and their willingness to help, but he also made the following true statement: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully (2 Cor. 9:6). This is a basic law of agriculture. The gardener or the farmer will reap in direct proportion to the proper amounts of seed sown...and this principle is true in every area of life.

We reap in the measure that we have given ourselves to Bible study (Joshua 1:8). Many people are not even acquainted with biblical characters much less the great salvation which God offers, the assurance of His presence, and His many promises. Consequently, their lives are surely spiritually impoverished.

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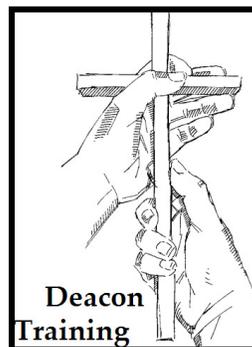
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Called Church Conference

We will hold a Called Church Conference on Sunday, October 23, 2011, immediately following the morning worship

service. The purpose of this conference will be to vote on the 2012 Proposed Church Budget. Please join your church family for this important meeting!



Deacon Training

Dr. Nelson will lead a Deacon Training Session on Sunday, October 23, 2011, from 4:00-5:30 pm, in the conference room. This will be the first session of a two-part series. The training will help the deacons understand the qualifications and the expectations of the position they hold. The second session will deal with ministering to the church and sharing Christ. All deacons are asked to attend.

Resource Recording Team, Monday, October 24, 2011: Beverly Carnes and Sally Pierce; **Attendance Report, October 16, 2011:** Sunday School—98; Worship Service—133; Youth Worship (10/12/11)—25.

Serving on Sunday, October 23, 2011: **Ushers**—Charlie Auman, Gene Coen, J.C. Lamm, Chris McDuffie; **Greeters**—Irene Aiken, Barbara Coble, Gene and Bonnie Barnes, Terry and Susan Brown; **2&3s**—John and Beth Ray; **Children's Church**—Jennifer Byrd and Corey Davis; **Nursery**—Sallie Ormsby; **Sound**—Kenny Melvin; **Security**—Chris McEntire; **Deacons of the Week**—Dennis Holloway and Lazelle Marks; **Wednesday Family Night 10/26/11**—Chicken and noodles, drink, and dessert: \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

Trunk OR Treat



October 30, 2011
5:00-7:00 pm
First Methodist Church
Rockingham, N.C.

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have given ourselves to prayer (Matt. 6:6). Jesus declared that spiritual blessings come to those who develop the habit of prayer. And James said, "you have not, because you do not ask."

We reap in the measure that we give voice to our Christian testimony (Ps. 126:6). The more we share our faith, the Holy Spirit has more opportunity to work in the lives of people.

We also reap in the measure that we give our material resources to build the church and advance the kingdom (2 Cor. 9:8). One writer made the following comments: *The apostle Paul did not believe that God was a beggar or that God's treasury was in danger of going bankrupt. He did not believe that God became richer because of the gifts of his people. Instead, he encouraged these people in Corinth to become generous givers because God is a generous giver. The apostle declares, "God loves a cheerful giver" (9:7 RSV). God does not love the generous giver because the gifts enrich the heavenly treasury; God loves the cheerful giver because that giver is becoming like God. When we give out of a heart of love and meet the needs of others, God sees in us those character traits that remind him of his own nature. To be generous is to be godly. To be stingy is to be ungodly.*

We reap in proportion to what we sow! Therefore, the more we sow, the more we can expect a harvest. As we live each day and as we support the financial needs of our church through our church budget, let us remember this principle.

There will be a Called Business Meeting this Sunday to act on the recommendation from the Budget Planning Committee and Deacons to adopt and support the 2012 church budget. There will also be an opportunity at the conclusion of the worship service to turn in your Estimate of Giving cards. Jim Nelson

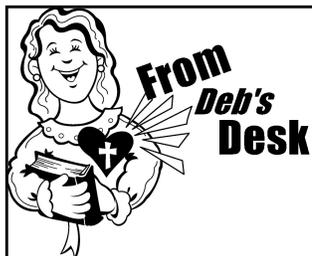
Choir Notes



I will be away this Sunday but Geneva Kelly will be filling in. Please make her feel welcome.

November and December are busy months. Special services are being planned and these two months are special months for families. Spend Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights with your church family and see what a difference we can make in your life! Marjorie Hinson

Children and Youth



Drama Team: Sunday, October 23, 4:30 pm. Children grades 4-6 and youth are invited to meet this Sunday afternoon in the Drama Suite on the second floor of the Education Building. There will be auditions and parts will be assigned for the Wednesday Night Fellowship Christmas party. The musical is called, "You Can't Cancel Christmas." Adults who are willing to coach the children with speaking parts are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Seaboard Festival: Saturday, October 29. First Baptist Church will host a booth at the Seaboard Festival this year. Various organizations within the church will host two-hour time slots. Information regarding our church will be given out. Each group will offer free activities during their stay in the booth. The children and youth will offer activities such as face painting, seasonal crafts, and music. The schedule is as follows: Baptist Men, 7:00-9:00 am (set up booth); Children, 9:00-11:00 am; WMU, 11:00 am-1:00 pm; Youth, 1:00-3:00 pm; Deacons, 3:00-5:00 pm (take down booth).

Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 30, 5:00-7:00 pm, First United Methodist Church. Trunks are still needed! Please contact me if you will provide a trunk.

Youth Retreat: November 11-13, Myrtle Beach. A \$20 deposit is due by Wednesday, October 26. We will depart FBC at 1:00 pm on Friday and return by 3:00 pm on Sunday. A special activity and Bible lesson will be accompanied with games, activities, snacks, and free time. Please see me for further details. Debbie Holloway



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October 2011
Have you hugged your
pastor lately?

Loving
Memory

Mr. Carl Kirkley
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clarke

Mr. Nash Odom
Anonymous

Mrs. Jeannette Melvin
& Family



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.



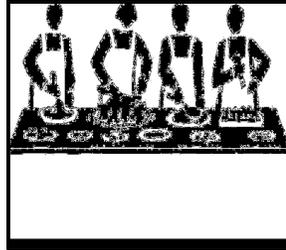
10/23 Angela Cockerton
 10/27 Keith Taylor
 10/28 Jan Smith
 10/29 Elisa Davis

Love and Sympathy

We extend our deepest love and sympathy to Judy Harrelson and family in the loss of her father, Mr. Jake Killian, who passed away October 14, 2011.

We also extend love and sympathy to Betty Matthews and her family in the loss of her husband, Mr. Harold Matthews, who passed away October 16, 2011. Harold was a loving and faithful member of FBC for many years and will be missed by all.

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 \$150, 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.

Backpack Pals



We have been offered the opportunity to pack the backpacks again this year. We will be going to Hamlet 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.



COMING IN NOVEMBER...

11/06 Quarterly Church Conference

11/07 World Day of Prayer/WMU/Faith Baptist

11/11-13 Youth Retreat

11/13 OCC Packing Party

11/14-19 OCC Collection Week

11/17 Senior Adults/Southern Christmas Show

11/20 Community Thanksgiving Service/FBC

11/22 Terrific Tuesday Thanksgiving Meal

11/23 Group to Charlotte/OCC

11/24 Thanksgiving Dinner/Feed the Families

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Week of	Oct
	Oct 16	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	4,195	24,593
Chall. to Maint.	400	800
Memorials & Hon.	500	530
Radio Ministry	400	800
Van Fund	—	20
Fellowship Fund	—	500
NC Mission Offering	—	—
Total Gifts	5,495	27,243

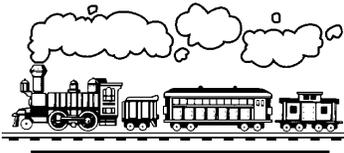
General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2011	362,780
Actual gifts to date	299,682
YTD req. under actual gifts	(63,098)
% giving to req.	83%



Seniors on the move....

Seagrove Pottery
October 27, 2011
8:00 am - 6:00 pm



Seaboard Festival
Hamlet, North Carolina
October 29, 2011
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 23

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
Called Church Conference	12:00 pm
Morrison Worship Service	3:00 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Deacon Training Session	4:00-5:30 pm
Children/Youth Activities/Bible Study	4:30 pm

Monday, October 24

Backpack Pals/Hamlet	5:30-7:30 pm
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Tuesday, October 25

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 26

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

Thursday, October 27

Senior Adults/Seagrove Pottery	8:00 am-6:00 pm
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Saturday, October 29

Seaboard Festival	7:00 am-5:00 pm
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