

# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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## From the Pastor

Pam Harvey, a senior at Prentiss High School in Mississippi, won the F.A. Parker Award in 1979 for an essay entitled, “What America Means to Me.” In the essay she summed up what America meant to her in one word—*freedom*. She expressed thanks to those who had paid the ultimate price—the sacrifice of their lives—to open the way for the many freedoms we enjoy. She concluded by saying, “Freedom—that is why this country was started, and that is what America means to me.”

Pam Harvey was correct; America does mean freedom. We are free to worship our God, to speak our convictions, to print our editorials, to pursue our careers, and to make choices which affect our lives. We are free! However, genuine freedom involves responsibility. Charles Kingsley understands this. He said that there are two freedoms: an irresponsible freedom, “where a man is free to do what he likes,”

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Veterans Service  
November 6, 2011  
11:00 am

For those participating in Sunday’s service...please sit in the first row of the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. After placing your flag(s), you may sit anywhere you like.

## It’s Only a Piece of Cloth...

But because of its colors, it has been ripped up, slashed, spat upon and burned.

Yet, for only a piece of cloth, it has the strongest threads ever joined together.

Its threads are tough—because this piece of cloth is a symbol...

It is a symbol of a PEOPLE, a PURPOSE and a PRESERVATION—a Trinity of Trust in a Cause.

Such a symbol will always be reviled and mutilated, but it can never be destroyed.

It is indestructible because this piece of cloth is sewn with the FIBERS OF FREEDOM...

These sturdy threads create such a strength and unity, that no opposing force can split or dissolve them...

For interwoven within the fibers of this piece of cloth is a THOUGHT, a DEED and a SACRIFICE of countless brave individuals.

In short, it is a fusion of sincerity and devotion—all loomed together to form one unique fabric.

Yes, it’s only a piece of cloth...

But it’s the AMERICAN FLAG.



-Carl Shapiro

**Resource Recording Team, Monday, November 7, 2011:** Bonnie Barnes, Louise Deaton; **Attendance Report, October 30, 2011:** Sunday School—84; Worship Service—119; Youth Worship (10/26/11)—28.

**Serving on Sunday, November 6, 2011:** **Ushers**—Charlie Auman, Gene Coen, J.C. Lamm, Chris McDuffie; **Greeters**—Irene Aiken, Barbara Coble, Graham Jenkins, Charles and Mary Joyner; **2&3s**—Michelle Ard; **Children’s Church**—TBA; **Nursery**—Dicky and Jan Smith; **Sound**—TBA; **Security**—Charles Harrill; **Deacons of the Week**—Kenny Melvin, Mark Tyler; **Wednesday Family Night 11/9/11**— Party chicken, two vegetables, drink, and dessert: \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



**OCC COLLECTION WEEK**  
**NOVEMBER 14-19, 2011**



**November 7, 2011**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Faith Baptist Church**



**Mr. Jake Killian**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks  
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morris  
 Mr. B.T. Phillips

**Mr. Harold Matthews**  
 Mr. J. Davis Blount  
 Mrs. Martha Gandy  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill  
 Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lamm  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks  
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morris  
 Mr. B.T. Phillips  
 Ms. Betty Shaw  
 Mr. Roy Shepard  
 Mr. Ray Vawter  
 Ms. Elaine Wilson  
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**Rev. Nash Odom**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen  
 Mrs. Martha Gandy  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks  
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morris

**Mr. Buddy York**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morris

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and a responsible freedom, “where a man is free to do what he ought.” As Christians, I trust that we will opt for the responsible freedom...that we will use our freedom to do what we ought. And what ought we to do? Things like defending the dignity and worth of every citizen, meeting the needs of our neighbors, praying for our leaders, and preserving and extending that which is good, godly, and right.

Freedom is a wonderful thing, but freedom is not free. In order to have it and maintain it, we must assume responsibility for it and often that responsibility comes with an expensive price tag.

In his book, Through the Valley of the Kwai, Ernest Gordon tells the story of a Japanese prisoner of war camp by the River Kwai. One day when the work ended and tools were counted, as was the daily custom, one shovel was missing. The guard raved and ranted that a prisoner had sold it to the Thais. He demanded that the guilty party step forward. No one moved. Then the guard threatened, “All will die.” A Scottish soldier quickly stepped out and confessed, “I did it.” The guard beat him until blood ran down his face. No one moved. Then the guard struck the prisoner with the butt of his rifle and killed him. The men, in shock and exhaustion, picked up their tools and moved back to camp. When they arrived at camp, the tools were counted again at the guardhouse. Only then did they discover the original count to be incorrect. No shovel had been missing. The Scottish soldier had laid down his life to preserve his prison community.

Similarly, many have laid down their lives to win and preserve our freedom while others have bravely served our country for the same purpose. Therefore, as part of our worship service this Sunday, we will be remembering and honoring our veterans. Come and join us.

*Father, thank you for freedom and for those who paid the price for freedom. As we enjoy our freedom, help us to be responsible Christian citizens. God, bless America. Amen*

I'll see you on Sunday as we worship together. Jim Nelson

### Choir Notes



It looks like Sundays in November are extra special. On November 6, we will recognize veterans. We will share the Lord's Supper on November 13, and November 20 is our special community Thanksgiving service.

Worship with us and surely you will receive a blessing.

Choir members will rehearse on Sunday, November 20, in the sanctuary, from 3:00-5:00 pm. Wear your smiles!  Marjorie Hinson

### Children and Youth



I had the most enjoyable experience last week. One of our children and eight youth joined me to pack the Backpack meals. In approximately thirty minutes, 401 backpacks were filled with food for elementary children who would otherwise probably not have anything to eat over the weekend. Have you ever tried to open one of those grocery store plastic bags? I was really trying my hardest to open them and have them ready for the youth to use as they gathered food but was having a difficult time. Cayman Melvin came over and offered to help. I have to admit that I hesitated, thinking with the limited use of one of his arms that he might not be able to do it either. Wow! I was so wrong! He got the hang of opening those bags and did a fantastic job keeping the line moving. I was reminded that only when we think we can't do something is when we can't! Won't you join us on November 14, when we return to the warehouse in Hamlet to do another day's mission work?

### Love and Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to Mrs. Ruth Jenkins and family in the loss of her husband, Mr. Clyde Jenkins, who passed away October 29, 2011. Mr. Jenkins joined with our church on July 5, 1959, and served faithfully throughout the years. He will be missed by all.

## FEED THE FAMILIES



Anyone interested in volunteering to help prepare and serve a Thanksgiving meal to those in need, please contact the church office (895-4016). Opportunities to help include decorating \$150, providing desserts, heating food, serving food, and clean-up. Thanks!



11/06 Hannah Crouse  
11/07 Shirley Mills  
11/07 Steve McIver  
11/08 Judy McEntire  
11/11 Corey Bullard  
11/12 Hal Shuler

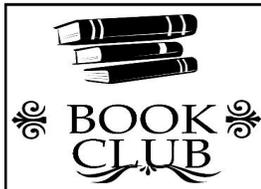
## Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Week of	Oct
	Oct 30	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	6,923	36,682
Chall. to Maint.	50	1,250
Memorials & Hon.	570	1,675
Radio Ministry		800
Van Fund	—	20
Fellowship Fund		500
Christmas		
Mission Offering	—	30
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>7,543</b>	<b>40,957</b>

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2011	380,056
Actual gifts to date	312,346
YTD req. under actual gifts	(67,710)
% giving to req.	82%

## Coming Soon



Do you like to read? Bestsellers? Action, drama, comedy, motivational, spiritual? Do you like to talk about, and share your opinion about, what you read? If so, then the FBC Book Club is for you. Beginning in January, 2012, we will begin a book club that will choose one book a month to read. The club members will meet once a month to fellowship and discuss the book, and to choose the next “read.” Meeting places will vary—homes, restaurants, etc. Call Anne in the church office to sign up.

## Belk Charity Day

Have you purchased your Belk “Charity Day” card? They are only \$5.00 each and the money goes towards mission projects. Please see Anne in the office or any of the Women on Mission to get your card today. Donations are also welcome. Thanks so much!

## It's a Girl!



Congratulations to Ashley McEntire and Matt Hogan on the birth of their daughter, Lyric Bethany Hogan, born October 20, 2011. Lyric weighed a whopping six pounds, ten ounces. The proud grandparents are Chris and Kathy McEntire and the proud great-grandmother is Judy McEntire.

## Seniors on the Move



Thursday, November 17...Seniors travel to the Southern Christmas Show. Itinerary: Departure time will be 8:00 am with a stop for breakfast at Bojangles in Monroe; enjoy the show until 3:00 pm; and return to the church around 5:00 pm. Cost of the ticket and bus trip is \$15.00. Please contact Cathy McDuffie to sign up and reserve your seat, 997-6572!

## Sunday Morning November 20, 2011 8:30 am



Join us for a wonderful breakfast prepared by Ken Robiniette, and fellowship provided by the Baptist Men. All are invited! Menu: Country Style Steak and Gravy Biscuits, Grits, Eggs, and Apple Turnovers.

# Have You

# Turned In Your Estimate of Giving Card?



**Shh!**

**Surprise Birthday Party!!!**

The FBC family and friends are invited to a surprise birthday party for **Shirley Mills on Sunday, November 6, 2011, from 2:00-4:00pm, in E100.** The party will be hosted by Gray Mills and Hayley Putnum. Plan now to attend but remember...shhhhhhhh!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, November 6**

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
Morrison Worship Service	3:00 pm
Signing Team	3:15 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Children/Youth Activities/Bible Study	4:30 pm

**Monday, November 7**

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Faith Baptist Church	7:00 pm
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**Tuesday, November 8**

<b>ELECTION DAY</b>	
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, November 9**

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

**Friday, November 11**

<b>VETERAN'S DAY</b>	
Youth Retreat/Myrtle Beach	

**Saturday, November 12**

Youth Retreat/Myrtle Beach	
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**Sunday  
November 6, 2011  
2:00 am**

**RADIO SPONSORS:** If you can't be present in the sanctuary for the worship service, listen to the broadcast on WJSG, G-104 on your FM dial. The following area businesses sponsor the broadcast: Crump Realty, Jenkins Automotive and Industrial Supply, Medical Center Pharmacy, Moss Brothers Tire and Service, Carter Funeral Home, and Dr. Kevin Aiken.



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