

The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Happy Thanksgiving



Community Thanksgiving Service

November 20, 2011

FBC Sanctuary

7:00 pm

Terrific Tuesday Thanksgiving

November 22, 2011

5:50

5:30 pm

“Feed the Families” Thanksgiving

November 24, 2011

5:50

11:00 am - 1:00 pm



Baptist Men’s Breakfast

Sunday Morning

November 20, 2011

8:30 am

Join us for a wonderful breakfast prepared by Ken Robinette and crew, and fellowship provided by the Baptist Men. All are invited!



FBC Quarterly Church Conference

Sunday

November 20, 2011

12:00 pm

We will hold our quarterly business meeting this Sunday, immediately following the morning worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

Resource Recording Team, Monday, November 21, 2011: Bill Featherston, J.C. Lamm, Charles Harrill; **Attendance Report, November 13, 2011:** Sunday School—96; Worship Service—141; Youth Worship (11/9/11)—28.

Serving on Sunday, November 20, 2011: **Ushers**—Charlie Auman, Gene Coen, J.C. Lamm, Chris McDuffie; **Greeters**—Irene Aiken, Barbara Coble, Helen Cox, Steve and Cynthia Morris; **2&3s**—Terry and Susan Brown; **Children’s Church**—Linda Byrd; **Nursery**—John and Monica Yates; **Sound**—Kevin Aiken; **Security**—Michael Beale; **Deacons of the Week**—Chris McDuffie and John Ray; **Wednesday Family Night 11/23/11—NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES!**



11/20 Agnes Larsen
11/20 Myra Deane
11/20 Ella Conklin
11/23 Kylee Shapiro
11/24 Dan Conklin
11/25 Loni Lambe
11/25 Terri Moree
11/26 Kenny Melvin

From the Pastor...

Giving thanks when it's hard to give thanks...The story is told that for one man and his family, Christmas Eve became a Thanksgiving day. The car was packed with kids and travel stuff for the 400-mile trip to Grandma's. As was their custom, they prayed for God's protection as they traveled, but while cruising down I-75 in Ohio they ran over some debris in the road which made a lot of noise, but with no damage to the car—or so they thought. A few minutes later when they stopped for gas, they discovered both front tires were almost completely flat. Well, while the family was not happy with having to replace the tires, they were thankful for God's care—thankful that they didn't have an accident; thankful that the tires stayed inflated until they got off the interstate; thankful that a tow truck was sitting at the gas station; thankful that a tire store was open and located in the next block!

While our circumstances may not always be good, there is always something for which we can be thankful. The Bible is filled with admonitions to be thankful and Paul even declared, "give thanks in all circumstances (good or bad), for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." It is my observation that most of us who will be reading this article have been abundantly blessed physically, materially, and spiritually through the years and really should express our gratitude to God. And even those of us whose circumstances have been hard and difficult can look for the positive and can discover something for which to say, "Thank you, God." For example, I came across the following unusual Thanksgiving list last week:

I am thankful for...

- ...the taxes I pay because it means I'm employed.
- ...the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
- ...my shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- ...a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- ...the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- ...my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
- ...all the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.
- ...the lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.
- ...the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.
- ...the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I'm alive.
- ...the weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.

Sometimes it is hard to give thanks, but it can be done! For what are you thankful?

Speaking of giving thanks, I want to thank you for your many expressions of encouragement during "Clergy Appreciation Month" in October. Each card, call, or hug was greatly appreciated. Thank you! It's good to be your pastor. Jim Nelson

Choir Notes

Choir members, don't forget our very important "Messiah" rehearsal on Sunday, November 20, from 3:00-5:00 pm. We will have a picture made for the *Richmond County Daily Journal*.

For our Terrific Tuesday Thanksgiving dinner we will be singing songs of praise and thanks. The children have been enjoying learning these Thanksgiving praises for you. The dinner will be Tuesday, November 22, at 5:30 pm, in S150. Marjorie Hinson



Mr. Clyde Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Blair
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Lydia Ruth Sunday School Class
Mrs. Marjorie Rainey
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Staley
Mrs. Myrtle Stogner
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams
Mrs. Jean Woodall

Mr. Jake Killian
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Mrs. Marjorie Rainey
Mrs. Myrtle Stogner

Mr. Harold Matthews
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brigman
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Mrs. Marjorie Rainey
Mrs. Myrtle Stogner

Mrs. Peggy Percival
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harrelson

Mr. Donnie Smith
Miss Evelyn Marks

Mr. Buddy York
Miss Evelyn Marks

"Messiah"



Rehearsal

November 20, 2011
 FBC Sanctuary
 3:00—5:00 pm

Christmas Party

Senior Adult Christmas Party
 December 3, 2011
 5:00 pm
 \$150
 Cost: \$10
 Please RSVP to
 Cathy McDuffie, 997-6572.

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Week of	Nov
	Nov 13	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	7,071	16,430
Chall. to Maint.	350	350
Memorials & Hon.	440	935
Radio Ministry	400	800
Van Fund	—	—
Baptist Men Fund	50	450
Benevolence Fund	276	276
OCC	50	50
Total Gifts	8,637	19,291

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:
 Budget req. to date 2011 397,331
 Actual gifts to date 329,282
 YTD req. under actual gifts (68,049)
 % giving to req. 83%

Children and Youth

Fall Youth Retreat: I wish to thank the families who allowed their child(ren) to attend this year's retreat, the youth who gave a weekend to spiritual growth, and to Don Auman for the lessons he offered on the Potter and the clay. Each youth was allowed to use the potter's wheel to make a cup which segued between Don's lesson on the Potter and the clay and my lessons on the "cup of life." We participated in a special Lord's Supper Saturday night. The weather was great, the youth cooked meals that were delicious, and the attitudes of listening and learning were evident. God truly blessed our time together!

You're invited! Terrific Tuesday Families and FBC Families, Thanksgiving Meal and Program, Tuesday, November 22, 5:30 pm. Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and music. The turkey and dressing will be provided and we are asking our church family to provide covered dishes to finish off the menu. For those who were not able to attend last year, we had a wonderful evening of fellowship with our TT families. This year will only be better if more of our church family is able to join us. Please call me or the church office to sign up. Debbie Holloway

Dear Church Family...

The family of Graham Inman would like to thank you all for your friendship and support through all the years for our parents, Graham and Ruth Inman. This church was so very supportive of both of them as our mother battled cancer and, since her death, for our father.

*Dad will be 93 years old on Christmas Day and decided he should move closer to one of his children in case he needs assistance in the next few years. So, after looking at retirement facilities in all three of the cities where each of his three children live, we all agreed the **Still Hope Retirement Home** in West Columbia, South Carolina, was the best choice because it had the most independent residents. Dad has relocated there at: **4204 Exum Drive, West Columbia, SC, 29169.** His new phone number is **803-939-9694.** He is still walking several miles a day there, just as he always did in Rockingham, and continues to be as independent as ever.*

Dad would like to remain a member of First Baptist Church as he will want to be buried back in Rockingham beside Mom. Again, thank you for many years of valued friendship and support. Sincerely, Jane Inman Allen



Poinsettias for Christmas

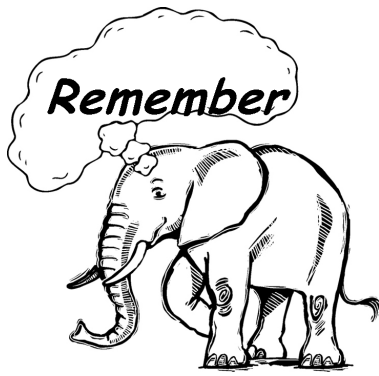


If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas in honor of, or in memory of, someone special, please fill out this request form and return it to the church office by December 9, 2011. The cost this year is \$12.00 each. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) at the end of the Christmas Eve Communion Service.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____



November 21, 2011:

Finance 6:30 pm
Deacons 7:30 pm

November 23, 2011:

OCC/Charlotte
7:00 am - 2:00 pm

November 24-25, 2011:

FBC Office Closed!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 20

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
Quarterly Church Conference	12:00 pm
Morrison Worship Service	3:00 pm
"Messiah" Rehearsal	3:00-5:00 pm
Signing Team	3:15 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Children/Youth Activities/Bible Study	4:30 pm
Community Thanksgiving/FBC	7:00 pm

Monday, November 21

Finance	6:30 pm
Deacons	7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

NO Wednesday Family Night Activities	
OCC/Charlotte	7:00 am—2:00 pm

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	
Feed the Families/FBC	11:00 am—1:00 pm

Friday, November 25

Office Closed

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