

# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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*From the  
Pastor*

As we look toward, and prepare for, what we are calling “Super Sunday” on February 5, we may begin to ask several questions: What constitutes a super church? What sets a particular congregation above another in terms of health, vitality, and success? Is it a matter of budgets and buildings and baptisms? Does it have to do with programs and staffing? From a biblical New Testament perspective we must answer, “No!” These external, material things may be beneficial to any measurable success of a congregation, but without several internal and spiritual qualities within the membership, no church can be described as “super.” Notice the early Jerusalem church in the beginning chapters of the book of Acts. It had very little in the sense of buildings and budgets and programs, but I believe it was still super. It was super because it relied on the power of the Holy Spirit and

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## Super Sunday at First Baptist Church February 5, 2012

The day will include:

- 1) **A Super Sunday School Attendance** (9:45 am). For classes to set attendance goals, each class should determine their highest attendance of this past year (2011) and add at least one, then make plans to contact everyone on the class roll and be committed to be present.
- 2) **A Super Worship Service** (11:00 am)...with inspiring music and a challenging message on being a super church.
- 3) **A Super Financial Offering**. The challenge is for each of us to lovingly, willingly, and sacrificially present to God not just an offering but our tithe or more.
- 4) **A “Souper Ministry”**...to bring cans of soup on “Souper Sunday” to be donated to *Our Daily Bread*.
- 5) **A Super Bowl Fellowship**...in \$150. There will be pre-game activities for youth and the young-at-heart at 5:00 pm. A devotion, finger foods and refreshments brought by you (the participants) at 6:00 pm. Enjoy the game, 6:30 pm!

It can be a  
**SUPER SUNDAY**  
at First Baptist.  
Will you help  
to make it so?



**Super Sunday**

**Resource Recording Team, Monday, January 16, 2012:** Bill Featherston, Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm; **Attendance Report, January 8, 2012:** Sunday School 90; Worship Service—128.

**Serving on Sunday, January 15, 2012:** **Ushers**—Harry Coble, Steve McIver, Dicky Smith, John Yates; **Greeters**—Irene Aiken, Helen Cox, Barbara Coble, Steve and Cynthia Morris; **2&3s**—Terry and Susan Brown; **Children’s Church**—Linda Byrd; **Nursery**—John and Monica Yates; **Sound**—Kevin Aiken; **Security**—Jerry Davis; **Deacons of the Week**—Bonnie Barnes, Michael Beale; **Wednesday Family Night 1/18/12**—meat, two vegetables, drink, and dessert: \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



## Baptist Men's Breakfast

January 22, 2012  
8:30 am  
\$150



Baptist Men's Day  
January 22, 2012



1/15 Sarah Featherston  
1/15 Dicky Smith  
1/15 Wanda Bullard  
1/16 Judy Marks  
1/16 Jerry Garris  
1/17 Mark Cockerton  
1/20 Sheri Llewellyn  
1/20 Laura Cox

MARTIN  
LUTHER  
KING JR.

Day



January 16, 2012

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the practice of prayer. In addition, it understood its purpose for being and demonstrated a holy passion to fulfill it. For the early Jerusalem believers, church was not a weekly excursion to a building for an hour or two but, rather, a 24/7 way of life.

We'll mention the other three qualities in the next two weeks, but think with me about Holy Spirit power. It was only when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost that the church was born and was empowered to do its work and ministry. In fact, the book called the *Acts of the Apostles* perhaps should have been called the *Acts of the Holy Spirit* because every good thing done was the result of Holy Spirit empowered Christians. Super churches do the work of the Kingdom in and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Several years ago, a missionary was given a car which would not start without a push. It was a great frustration and inconvenience. He either had to park on a hill or enlist a few able bodies to give him a push. However, when he retired two years later, he gladly passed the car on to the new missionary, who immediately looked under the hood and discovered the only problem was a loose cable which he quickly repaired.

For the first man, the power had been there all the time. The only problem was a loose connection. Super churches are connected to their power source—even to God—through a strong faith relationship! Are you and I connected to our power source?  
Jim Nelson

## Choir Notes



Baptist Men are going to fill the choir area with booming voices on Sunday, January 22. We always love it when this particular Sunday rolls around.

Our "Fabulous Four" quartet, which consists of Joe Davis, Norvin Forester, Dalton Hatcher, and Jim Nelson, will be lifting their voices in praise. I'm sure you will not want to miss this Baptist Men's Sunday when they will be lead us in morning worship. Marjorie Hinson

## Children and Youth



This past weekend, I had the privilege of leading a devotion with the Children and Youth Councils. The devotion was entitled, "Something to Talk About," and centered around what we as Americans value—freedom of speech. With so many reality tv shows and so much social media, it has become popular to say whatever we feel like and call it freedom of speech. The author of the devotional challenges us to see that "the Bible never communicates that its 'right' to say whatever we want, whenever we want, and disregard discretion or self-control." He continued by giving four key questions "that God's Word urges us to ask before we speak, type, or text." Question #1 asks, "Is it honest? (Zechariah 8:16)." Just because we think or feel something about someone does not make it true. Even if something is true, it does not mean we should talk about it. Question #2 asks, "Is it edifying? (Ephesians 4:29)." In other words, is it uplifting? Does it build someone up? Even if something is true and edifying, should we say it? Question #3 asks, "Is it discreet? (Proverbs 3:21-22). Are we using caution, carefulness, tact, thoughtfulness, or wisdom? Question #4 asks, "Is it holy? (1 Peter 1:15-16)." Even though society says it is okay for us to say certain things, we need to use God's filter when asking ourselves if it's holy.

# Thank You!

From the American Red Cross:

*On behalf of the American Red Cross and, more importantly, the patients and families that depend on your efforts, thank you! We are proud to have you on our team—the largest volunteer team in the world.*



*Don't forget to remember...*

**January 16, 2012:**

Finance 6:30 pm

Deacons 7:30 pm

## Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Week of	Jan
	Jan 8	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	7,382	15,552
Chall. to Maint.	200	230
Memorials & Hon.	—	—
Radio Ministry	400	800
Van Fund	—	—
Baptist Men Fund	—	—
NC Mission Offering	—	—
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>7,982</b>	<b>16,582</b>

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:	
Budget req. to date 2012	8,777
Actual gifts to date	15,552
YTD req. over actual gifts	6,775
% giving to req.	177%

We may have the American right to speak our minds without fear and punishment from the law, but as a Christian it is important to place our words through the filter of God's Word. Instead of saying whatever we want, we need to ask ourselves how we can use our words in a way that points others toward Jesus. (Full article may be found in the January 2012 edition of Lifeway's *Essential Connection* magazine for youth. Debbie Holloway

## **Pee Dee Crisis Pregnancy Center Bouncing Baby Bottle Campaign January 22 - February 29, 2012**



The "Bouncing Baby Bottle Campaign" helps to provide funds for a life-saving ministry. Our local center is funded entirely by donations like ours to administer the necessary support services to provide a safe environment for the spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental well-being of any woman (or family) in a crisis pregnancy. First Baptist Church will not be distributing baby bottles this year but we would like to offer anyone who feels led to support this ministry the information needed to contribute. You may donate loose change, cash, or check to the Pee Dee Pregnancy Center located at 110 N. Lawrence Street, Rockingham, North Carolina, 28379. For more information, you may contact Terri Robinson at 895-6616.

## **The Circus is Coming!**

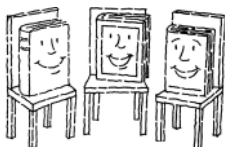


Ringling Brother and Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth will present the "Fully Charged" circus in Raleigh, North Carolina, February 8-12, 2012. Children through sixth grade and families are invited to attend the circus on February 12. We will depart Rockingham at approximately 11:30 am, stop in Sanford for lunch, and arrive in Raleigh by 2:30 pm. Ticket cost is \$11.00. Additional funds will be needed to purchase lunch and for fuel for the vehicle. Children under third grade must have a parent or guardian as chaperone. Please notify Debbie Holloway by Wednesday, January 18, to sign up.



## **SENIOR ADULTS ON THE MOVE...**

The senior adults will be traveling to Calabash on Thursday, January 26, 9:30 am. Cost will be \$8.00. It is sure to be a great day of adventure and fellowship. Please call Cathy McDuffie to reserve your seat on the bus!



**BOOK CLUB**

The first meeting of the First Baptist Book Club is tentatively set for **Saturday, January 28, 2012, 5:30 pm, at Bella Italy restaurant.** Please contact Anne Tyson, 331-8644 or [anne@fbcrockingham.org](mailto:anne@fbcrockingham.org), to discuss your availability on the above date. Thanks!



**January 27, 2012  
6:30—8:30 pm**

The Children's Council would like to invite families with children through grade six to an evening of good fellowship fun. Everyone is asked to dress for casual comfort (younger children may be dressed in their sleep-wear). Bring your child's sleeping bag or favorite pillow to help them have a comfy time watching the movie. The popcorn machine will surely have the building smelling like a movie theatre and tingle your taste buds. Virginia Auman and Debbie McIver will be hosting the evening and look forward to seeing you there. Please contact these ladies to sign-up.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, January 15**

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
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Drama	4:00-5:30 pm
Youth Snack	5:30 pm
Youth Bible Study	6:00-7:30 pm
Martin Luther King Celebration	
First Presbyterian Church	7:00 pm

**Monday, January 16**

Finance Committee	6:30 pm
Deacons	7:30 pm

**Tuesday, January 17**

Terrific Tuesday	3:15-5:15 pm
Morrison Ministry (Yokefellow)	7:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 18**

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



Due to budget constraints, we are considering changing the *Informer* from a weekly to a bi-monthly newsletter. More details will be coming soon.

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