

# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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## Resource Recording Team

**Monday, February 20, 2012:**

Bill Featherston, J.C. Lamm, Charles Harrill

**Monday, February 27, 2012:**

Beverly Carnes, Sally Pierce

## Attendance Report

**Sunday, February 5, 2012:**

Sunday School—121

Worship Service—149

Youth Worship (2/1/12)—25

## Serving on Sunday, February 19, 2012

**Ushers:** Harry Coble, Steve McIver, Dicky Smith, John Yates

**Greeters:** Barbara Coble, Helen Cox, Steve and Cynthia Morris

**Nursery:** Hilda Auman

**2s & 3s:** Nan Bates

**Children's Church:** Michelle Ard

**Sound:** TBA

**Security:** Harry Coble

**Deacons of the Week:** Norvin Forester, Dennis Holloway

**Wednesday Family Night (2/15/12):** Deacon/Youth-Sponsored Valentine's Banquet

## Serving on Sunday, February 26, 2012

**Ushers:** Harry Coble, Steve McIver, Dicky Smith, John Yates

**Greeters:** Barbara Coble, Helen Cox, Steve and Cynthia Morris

**Nursery:** Sallie Ormsby

**2s & 3s:** John and Beth Ray

**Children's Church:** Jennifer Byrd, Corey Davis

**Sound:** Kenny Melvin

**Security:** Dale Ormsby

**Deacons of the Week:** Lazelle Marks, Marjorie Rainey

**Wednesday Family Night (2/22/12):** meat, two vegetables, drink, and dessert - \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

## Valentine's Banquet

Wednesday

February 15, 2012

6:00 pm

\$150

Ticket Cost: \$7.00

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

If you have not purchased your ticket, please contact Debbie Holloway no later than Monday, February 13, 2012.

Please join your church family for an evening of fun and fellowship!

Special Valentine Menu

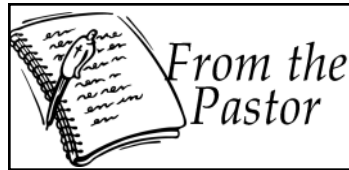
Special Entertainment

Sponsored by the  
FBC Youth and Deacons

Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:8



2/16 Hilda Lamm  
 2/18 Deb Holloway  
 2/18 Taron Melvin  
 2/20 Dale Ormsby  
 2/21 Jesse Williams  
 2/21 Charles Deane  
 2/23 Sam Brigman  
 2/24 Brandon Cox  
 2/25 Jesse Spencer  
 2/27 Bob Maddrey  
 2/28 Alex Yates



Super Sunday did prove to be a great day for us at First Baptist. Our Sunday School attendance was significantly higher, 149 of us experienced uplifting music and joyful worship, and the food and fellowship as several of us watched the “big game” was great. Thanks to all for helping to make Sunday a super day. Let’s make it a super Sunday each Lord’s Day!

With Valentine’s Day quickly approaching, the subject of love may be on our minds. So, first, don’t neglect to express your love to that special person(s) in your life. But also, let us not forget the responsibility each of us has to love God supremely and to love our neighbors as ourselves. A dear older and wiser friend of mine, Dr. Henry Fields, once wrote these words:

*He was such a small little fellow. Yet, for a moment he was as wise as the wise men of the ages. Discussing the church with his inquisitive kindergarten friend, he was ably serving as advocate for that ancient, stumbling institution. When his adversary in the debate asked, “What does the church do for you?” his quick answer spoke volumes as he replied, “The church is where you go to get loved.” What a powerful insight! May God grant that this little child never lose the wonder of truth.*

*However, in so many instances, the church fails to measure up to this high calling. There are those which rather than lift the loads of the believer increase their burden of guilt by stressing an overbearing legalism akin to that which Jesus so roundly denounced. Since all of us fail in such endeavors, the index of guilt soars and the burden it brings to us becomes oppressingly heavy.*

*Then, there are those who measure their contribution to the kingdom of God in terms of numbers, budgets, buildings, and meetings held in the name of the church. But when activity becomes the focal point of faith, faith is soon diminished through weariness caused by constant doing. Churches can demand so much activity and get people into so much doing that there is no time for being and growing and understanding.*

*Again, there are those branches of the Faith which become so “spiritual” that reality is lost and followers of the Lord are forgotten. Such groups seek to escape the present struggle with this life by trying to live above it. In the process, people cease to matter except as they can be molded into one narrow groove of “spirituality.” Yet the founder of the Christian faith came and lived in the grubbiness of human life, feeling the emotions and pains of the folks about him. He never once rejected a soul because of their lack of spiritual comprehension. Instead, having loved his own, he loved them to the end.*

*I’m glad that my little friend understood that the major business of the church is lifting and helping and saving and encouraging the strugglers of life. And all of us are strugglers. Truly the church at its best is where you go to get loved.*



**Mrs. Rose Allison**  
 Ms. S.Cassandra Crump

**Mrs. Norma Branson**  
 Ms. Doris Goodman  
 Lydia Ruth Sunday School Class

**Mr. Tom Clapp**  
 Anonymous

**Mrs. Caroline (Carol) Jarrell**  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gene Coen

**Mr. Jake Killian**  
 Mrs. Shirley Mills

**Mr. Thomas Edward McLendon**  
 Anonymous



**Mr. Ed Ormsby**  
 Mr. & Mrs. Dicky Smith  
 and Family

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith**  
 Mr. & Mrs. James Iseman, Jr.

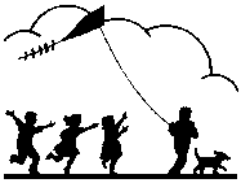


**Observance of the  
 Lord’s Supper  
 February 12, 2012  
 11:00 Worship Service**

Let’s make First Baptist such a place!

The Lord’s Supper will be observed in the morning worship this Sunday. Rev. Debbie Holloway will be leading the service. Come and share communion with your Savior and your church family.

Our Community Lenten Services will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at the First United Methodist Church, 12:00pm. As in past years, there will be a thirty minute service followed by a meal. The First Presbyterian Church, The First Baptist Church, and the First United Methodist Church will rotate the responsibility for the service and the meals. Come and join us as we prepare for Easter. Jim Nelson



**Children's Kite Day**  
**March 3, 2012**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Children, toddlers to sixth grade, and families are invited to participate in this fun day. We will meet at the church at 9:45 am, depart at 10:00, and return at noon. Please contact Debbie Holloway to sign up.



**Seniors on the Move...**

The Senior Adults will travel to the Southern Spring Show on Thursday, March 1. Departure time will be 8:00 am and we will stop in Monroe for breakfast. Cost will be \$13 for ticket and gas. Call Cathy McDuffie for a seat, 997-6572.

**Tithes & Gifts**

	Week of	Jan
Giving Summary	Feb 5	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	15,001	31,634
Chall. to Maint.	270	1,030
Memorials & Hon.	55	255
Radio Ministry	400	800
Van Fund	20	—
Baptist Men Fund	10	—
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>15,756</b>	<b>33,719</b>

**General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:**

Budget req. to date 2012	43,883
Actual gifts to date	46,945
YTD req. under actual gifts	(3,062)
% giving to req.	107%

**Choir Notes**

Dale Bailey is returning to FBC, Rockingham, with a song he arranged. The choir will accompany Dale as he sings, *A Charge to Keep I Have*. The lyrics are by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and the chorus is as follows: *Help me to watch and pray, and on Thyself rely. Assured if I my truest betray, I shall forever die.* Marjorie Hinson

**Children and Youth**



Our children and youth and families are certainly not lacking good family-oriented activities during these winter months. Our first Family Movie Night was a hit with those who attended and we plan to offer one each month through April. The *next* Family Movie Night will be Friday, February 24, at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there.

On Sunday, February 5, a number of our youth and families were joined by several extended family members and friends to hear Scott Emerson share about his recent Foreign Mission Trip. Scott shared from his heart about his experiences. Two main points he shared from his experiences were: 1) we all have choices to make in our daily lives; and 2) we all need to find a way to share our faith whether on a foreign mission trip with strangers or in our own communities. We all enjoyed hearing Scott and we appreciated him taking part of his last weekend home before Spring training to come speak to our group.

If you missed the Super Bowl party at church Sunday night, you really missed some great fellowship and food. Dr. Nelson and I threw the football around with a couple of youth before the game and Ric and Abram Buckner threw the ball around with the youth during half-time. Several deacons and wives came to share the evening. With food items such as fried pickles, home fried chips, two variations of Mexican dip, cupcakes, mini quiche, and much more, no one went home hungry. As I write this, plans are being made for next year's event. Make a note on your calendar to check out the church Super Bowl event next year!

**Sunday Nursery Workers - Children's Church Workers - 2s & 3s Workers:** Please mark your calendars and put notes on your fridge doors as reminders of your Sunday schedule to volunteer with the children. We never know when we are going to have little members and guests. We must always be prepared. We appreciate all who give of their time to help parents and grandparents be able to attend worship and to share Jesus and His love with little ones.

**Youth Week is Coming, March 4-11, 2012. Focus verse: Psalm 91:2 - I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."**

**Mission News:** Summer Youth Mission Trip, July 14-19, Richmond County, \$25.00 deposits due immediately; Children's Summer Mission Camp (Grads 3-6), July 30—July 3, Wingate University, \$60.00 deposits due immediately. Debbie Holloway

**In Case You Missed It...**

(Reprinted from the *Daily Journal*, 1/26/12, amended.)

**Hamlet Teachers Selected for Region Four Team of the Year:** Four Hamlet Middle School teachers - Amber Teeters, David Lancaster, Ashleigh Buie, and **Kakki Hilton** (also known as "Team Edison") - were recently selected by the North Carolina Middle School Association as Region Four Team of the Year.

These teachers are being recognized for outstanding teaching practices and were selected among all of the nominated teams in the Sandhills/South Central region of the state.

In middle schools, teachers are grouped together in teams. The team represents a group of teachers who have the same group of students (100-120) every day. Their classrooms are clustered together in the same wing of their building. Together, teams teach science, language arts, social studies, and mathematics - one teacher per subject, generally.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2012 - FEBRUARY 29, 2012

<u>Sunday, February 12</u>	
Youth Council	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/Communion	11:00 am
Morrison Worship Service	3:00 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Drama	4:00-5:30 pm
Children's Council	5:00 pm
Youth Snack	5:30 pm
Youth Bible Study	6:00-7:30 pm
<u>Monday, February 13</u>	
WMU Group #2	10:00 am
<u>Tuesday, February 14</u>	
Terrific Tuesday	3:15-5:15 pm
FBC Art Group/E100	6:00 pm
Morrison Ministry (Yokefellow)	7:00 pm
<u>Wednesday, February 15</u>	
Wednesday Family Night	
Valentine's Banquet	6:00 pm
<u>Sunday, February 19</u>	
Vehicle Committee/Conference Room	9:15 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
Youth Activities	4:00-5:30 pm

<u>Monday, February 20</u>	
President's Day	
Finance Committee	6:30 pm
Deacons	7:30 pm
<u>Tuesday, February 21</u>	
Terrific Tuesday	3:15-5:15 pm
FBC Art Group/E100	6:00 pm
Morrison Ministry (Yokefellow)	7:00 pm
<u>Wednesday, February 22</u>	
Ash Wednesday	
Lenten Lunch/First Methodist	12:00 pm
<u>Thursday, February 23</u>	
FBC Prayer Group/Conference Room	11:00 am
<u>Friday, February 24</u>	
Soup Kitchen	
Movie Night/E100	6:30 pm
<u>Sunday, February 26</u>	
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
Youth Activities	4:00-7:30 pm
<u>Tuesday, February 28</u>	
Terrific Tuesday	3:15-5:15 pm
FBC Art Group/E100	6:00 pm
Morrison Ministry (Yokefellow)	7:00 pm
<u>Wednesday, February 29</u>	
Lenten Lunch/First Baptist	12:00 pm
Wednesday Family Night	5:45 pm

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