

# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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## Resource Recording Team

**Monday, March 19, 2012:**  
Bill Featherston, Charles Harrill,  
J.C. Lamm

**Monday, March 26, 2012:**  
Beverly Carnes, Sally Pierce

## Attendance Report

**Sunday, February 26 & March 4, 2012:**  
Sunday School—84/88  
Worship Service—123/140  
Youth Worship (2/22/12 & 2/29/12)—22/30

## Serving on Sunday, March 18, 2012

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

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

**Nursery:** John and Monica Yates

**2s & 3s:** Terry and Susan Brown

**Children's Church:** Linda Byrd

**Sound:** TBA

**Security:** Dale Ormsby

**Deacons of the Week:** Dennis Holloway,  
Lazelle Marks

**Wednesday Family Night (3/14/12):** hot dogs, drink, and desert—\$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

## Serving on Sunday, March 25, 2012

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

**Greeters:** Barbara Coble, Gene and Bonnie Barnes, Terry and Susan Brown

**Nursery:** TBA

**2s & 3s:** Twyla Nelson

**Children's Church:** Bobbie Sue Ormsby

**Sound:** Kenny Melvin

**Security:** Marjorie Rainey

**Deacons of the Week:** Pat Buckner, Norvin Forester

**Wednesday Family Night (3/21/12):** parmesan chicken, vegetables, drink, dessert—\$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



# Afternoon of Praise

March 25, 2012

5:00 pm

FBC Sanctuary



Called  
Church  
Conference



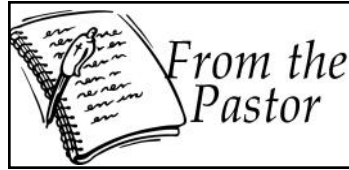
March 18, 2012

12:00 pm

Vote on Revised Budget



- 3/16 Brenda Tyler
- 3/16 Joshua Cowan
- 3/18 Paul Many
- 3/20 Ina Haigler
- 3/20 Dave Hildreth
- 3/20 Craig McNeill
- 3/21 Janice Coen
- 3/24 Mart Pierce
- 3/25 Nikki White
- 3/28 Carolyn Saunders
- 3/28 Catherine Shelley
- 3/28 Caroline Smith
- 3/28 Andrew Wheeler



I want to thank you for a very good response to our initial meetings of our strategy planning process—*First Baptist Church: Moving Forward*. I not only appreciate the numbers of you who were present but also your enthusiastic participation in these focus teams. As we continue our discussions during these next weeks, please keep these things in mind:

1. *It is important that you share your thoughts and ideas honestly, but it is more important that we maintain our unity and determine not what will please us (as individuals) but what will enable our church to grow, and to reach and disciple people.*
2. *It is the task of each team to make recommendations in their area...recommendations which will then be presented to the church for consideration.*
3. *Each team will also receive the same format for writing your final recommendations, objectives, goals, and action plans.*
4. *At the conclusion of this process, after these recommendations have been approved, I am praying that many of you will want to be involved in implementing these plans and moving our church forward.*

Please continue to pray for God’s guidance for our beloved church. And please pray for our Focus Team Leaders:

*Worship - Mark Cockerton*

*Outreach/Evangelism/Visitation - Janice Coen*

*Reaching Young Families - Abram Buckner*

*Christian Education - Judy McEntire*

*Fellowship - Larry Harrelson*

*Stewardship - Harry Coble*

*Ministry - John Ray*



**March 21, 2012** (\$7.00)  
Rev. Debbie Holloway

**March 28, 2012** (\$4.00)  
Rev. Pat Sykes



It’s time to order lilies to remember your loved ones this Easter. Quantity is limited this year to a total of thirty plants at a cost of \$11.00 per lily. Please complete the form below and return to the church office no later than March 19.

IN MEMORY OF:

\_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF:

\_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY:

\_\_\_\_\_

The following was written by Michael Gibney: *Robert Schuller tells a story about a banker who always tossed a coin in the cup of a paraplegic beggar who was on the street outside the bank. But, unlike most people, the banker would always insist on getting one of the pencils the man had beside him. “You are a good merchant,” the banker would say, “and I always expect to receive good value from merchants I do business with.” One day the man was not on the sidewalk. Time passed and the banker forgot about him, until he walked into a public building and there in the concessions stand sat the former beggar. He was obviously the owner of his own small business now. “I have always hoped you might come by someday,” the man said. “You are largely responsible for me being here. You kept telling me that I was a ‘merchant.’ I started thinking of myself that way, instead of a beggar receiving gifts. I started selling pencils - lots of them. You gave me self-respect, caused me to look at myself differently.”*

What a difference a word of encouragement can make! Hebrews 10:24 says, “Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” Have you encouraged anyone today? Jim Nelson

### Choir Notes



Sunday, March 25, at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary, the FBC Praise Team will host “An Afternoon of Praise.” Our special guests will include Layton Allen on piano, Alyse Player and her amazing voice, and Mackie Swails with Bum Ministries. Mackie performs mimes to inspiring songs, one of which is, “I Bowed Down on My Knees and Cried Holy.” You will not want to miss an afternoon of inspiring music and wonderful testimonies. Marjorie Hinson



**Mrs. Norma Branson**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen  
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

**Mrs. Audrey Goodman Carter**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams

**Mr. Harold Matthews**  
Mrs. Helen Cox

**Mr. Ed Ormsby**  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Alexander  
Ms. Janet Anderson  
Anonymous

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Mr. William Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spencer  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stogner  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strong  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams

**Mrs. Marjorie Spencer**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams

## Children and Youth



Why? Why *another* children/youth group? We established the Tween's group to offer another segment of our church family the opportunity to grow as individual Christians and to grow in community. This age group (5th grade-8th grade) is being challenged by a world like none of us has ever lived in before. What they see and hear and experience by and through TV, radio, internet media, and friends boggles the minds of those most interested in these young people. It is no wonder this age group does not believe in absolutes. It is no wonder this age group is confused about the roles of gender in relationships. It is no wonder they are seeking answers to questions they themselves do not even know how to formulate. I, for one, am glad that we are a place they can come to for answers. Help me as families and friends of these young people to share the love of Christ with them, to help them learn their value as God's children, to help them grow out of the shadows of low self-esteem set by the values of this world, and help them grow as the future Christian leaders our church, community, and world need. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

**Back Pack Pals, Monday, April 2, 6:00 pm.** We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm to depart for the warehouse, pack the bags, and eat on the return trip to First Baptist. Children, youth, parents, and friends are invited to join us for this evening of mission work and fellowship.

**Veggie Eggstravaganza, Saturday, April 7, 10:00 am—12:00 pm.** All children through sixth grade are invited to join us in a morning of crafts, egg hunting, and the Easter story told as only the *Veggie Tales* characters can tell it. There will also be a Children's Hat Parade (each child should wear a "funnily" decorated hat) and an Adult Hat Contest. Come out, bring your children and grandchildren, and enjoy a *veggie* kind of day!

## Small Group Ministry Update

The Small Group Ministry is bringing people together. Currently, there are eight groups meeting regularly, enjoying fellowship and embracing God's love in their midst. These are not exclusive groups, but inclusive groups who would welcome you with open arms as you share common interests.

The existing groups are: 1) Meals for Shut-ins, 2&3) WMU Bible Study Groups, 4) Book Club, 5) Prayer Group, 6) Art Class Group, 7) Preserving the History of Rockingham First Baptist Church, and 8) Handy Men.

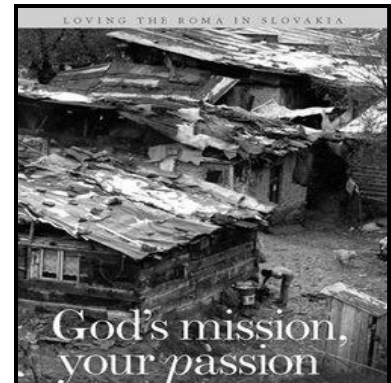
We welcome you to participate in an existing group, or if you have an interest and would like to begin another group, please call Brenda Tyler (910-410-8859) or Kaye Beale (910-895-8596) for more information.



	Week of	Feb
Giving Summary	<b>Mar 4</b>	<b>MTD</b>
Gen. Oper. Fund	9,721	30,014
Chall. to Maint.	1,100	1,145
Memorials & Hon.	305	1,943
Radio Ministry		800
Van Fund	—	20
Baptist Men Fund	—	10
Spr. Missions Off.	275	—
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>11,401</b>	<b>33,932</b>

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2012	78,900
Actual gifts to date	76,331
YTD req. under actual gifts	(2,659)
% giving to req.	97%



## WMU Week of Home Missions 3/11/12 - 3/18/12

2012 North American  
Missions Emphasis

2012 CBF Global  
Missions

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 16, 2012 - MARCH 31, 2012

<b>WMU Week of Home Missions</b>	
<b>3/11/12 - 3/18/12</b>	
<b><u>Saturday, March 17</u></b>	
<i>Dances to Life</i> (presented by Pheiffer University Department of Music featuring the Concert Choir directed by Joseph D. Judge) - First United Methodist Church <span style="float: right;">7:00 pm</span>	
<b><u>Sunday, March 18</u></b>	
Baptist Men's Breakfast	8:30 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
Tween Group	4:00-6:00 pm
<b><u>Monday, March 19</u></b>	
(Older) Youth Bible Study	6:00 pm
Finance Committee	6:30 pm
Deacons	7:30 pm
<b><u>Tuesday, March 20</u></b>	
Terrific Tuesday	3:15-5:15 pm
FBC Art Group/E100	6:00 pm
<i>Sound of Victory</i> Youth Praise Band Practice	6:00 pm
Morrison Ministry (Yokefellow)	7:00 pm
WMU #3	7:30 pm
<b><u>Wednesday, March 21</u></b>	
Community Lenten Service & Lunch/FUMC	12:00 pm

Wednesday Family Night	5:45 pm
<b><u>Thursday, March 22</u></b>	
FBC Prayer Group	11:00 am
<b><u>Friday, March 23</u></b>	
Soup Kitchen	
<b><u>Sunday, March 25</u></b>	
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
Deacon Ordinations of Pat Buckner & Frances Godwin	
Morrison Worship Service	3:00 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
<i>Afternoon of Praise</i> /FBC Sanctuary	5:00 pm
<b><u>Monday, March 26</u></b>	
(Older) Youth Bible Study	6:00 pm
<b><u>Tuesday, March 27</u></b>	
Terrific Tuesday	3:15-5:15 pm
FBC Art Group/E100	6:00 pm
<i>Sound of Victory</i> Youth Praise Band Practice	6:00 pm
Morrison Ministry (Yokefellow)	7:00 pm
WMU #3	7:30 pm
<b><u>Wednesday, March 28</u></b>	
Community Lenten Service & Lunch/FUMC	12:00 pm
Wednesday Family Night	5:45 pm
<b><u>Thursday, March 29</u></b>	
FBC Prayer Group	11:00 am
<b><u>Friday, March 30</u></b>	
FBC Book Club/Home of Carolyn Bridgman	5:30 pm

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