

# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

Volume XXXV \* Number 9 \* April 16, 2012 through April 30, 2012

## Resource Recording Team

**Monday, April 16, 2012:**

Bill Featherston, Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm

**Monday, April 23, 2012:**

Beverly Carnes, Sally Pierce

**Monday, April 30, 2012:**

Gene Barnes, Judy McEntire

## Attendance Report

**April 1 and April 8, 2012:**

Sunday School—91/94

Worship Service—131/222

Youth Worship (4/4/12)—26

## Serving on Sunday, April 22, 2012

**Ushers:** Charlie Auman, Gene Coen, J.C. Lamm, Chris McDuffie

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

**Nursery:** Sallie Ormsby

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

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

**Sound:** Kenny Melvin

**Security:** Pat Buckner

**Deacons of the Week:** John Ray, Kenneth Robinette

**Wednesday Family Night (4/18/12):** Potato Bar, drink, and desert—\$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

## Serving on Sunday, April 29, 2012

**Ushers:** Charlie Auman, Gene Coen, J.C. Lamm, Chris McDuffie

**Greeters:** A.C. and Frances Godwin, Jane Pittman, Charles and Mary Joyner, Hazel Todd

**Nursery:** Jill Emerson

**2s & 3s:** Judy Harrelson

**Children's Church:** Mary Joyner

**Sound:** TBA

**Security:** Dennis Holloway

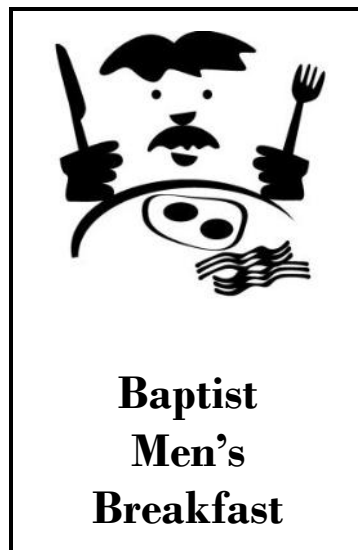
**Deacons of the Week:** Don Auman, Harry Coble

**Wednesday Family Night (4/25/12):** Spaghetti, salad, drink, dessert—\$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



## It's Deacon Nomination Time!

The 2012 Deacon *Nomination* will take place at our Spring Conference, May 6, 2012. We will hold the Deacon *Election* during a Special Called Church Conference on May 27, 2012. See inside for details on the nomination voting process and for a list of active resident members eligible to hold the office of deacon.



**Baptist  
Men's  
Breakfast**

**April 22, 2012**

**8:30 am**

**\$150**

**Guest Speaker:**

Larry Osborne

Red Springs Field Rep.

N.C. Baptist Men

**ALL**

**ARE**

**WELCOME!**



4/18 Trace Davis  
4/18 Laney Dawkins  
4/19 Jeanne Olive  
4/19 Shayla Douglas  
4/21 Louise Covington  
4/22 Ruby Hudson  
4/23 Robbie Taylor  
4/24 Ola Mae Yates  
4/29 Martha Gandy  
4/30 Ric Buckner

## **REMINDERS:**

### **APRIL 15**

Children's Council 5:00 pm

### **APRIL 16**

Finance Committee 6:30 pm

Deacons 7:30 pm

### **APRIL 20-21**

Baptist Men

Disaster Relief Training

## **2012 FLOWER CALENDAR**

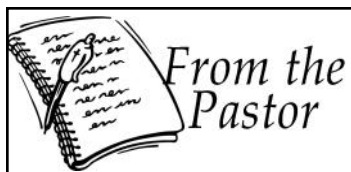
If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one, please contact the church office to reserve your special date.



## **Senior Adult Ministry**

**Save the Date: April 19, 2012, Senior Adult Picnic.** Stay tuned for more details.

**Save the Date: May 21-25, 2012, Seniors by the Sea...**a fun-filled week of food, fun, fellowship and growing in our faith. See Cathy McDuffie for details!



What a wonderful celebration we had on Easter Sunday as our church family gathered in worship. And what wonderful words we heard from the Easter angel: "He is not here. He is risen!" May that truth fill our hearts and guide our steps in these days!

Dr. Tracey Jessup from Gardner Webb University, in a recent devotional, told of an experience which James Pluddemann had in high school while working at a Christian camp which taught him the eternal value of service. Pluddemann said, "One day we worked until dark trying to finish a staff house before the camp season started. My shirt was soaked with sweat, and my hands blistered from shoveling sand around the foundation. I was beginning to feel sorry for myself when the camp director, Hi Johnson, strode around the corner of the building. He watched what we were doing for awhile and then quietly reminded us that the staff who were moving into this house would be a big help to the camp. Then he said something that I will never forget: 'Your shoveling will, in the long run, be used of the Lord to bring a lot of campers to Jesus.' We started shoveling with a renewed sense of purpose. Now we were not just a bunch of dirty, sweaty high school kids tired of shoveling mud. We were instruments of God Almighty to bring people to himself. What a lesson in leadership! Our view of the task shifted from shoveling sand to building the kingdom."

Paul wrote these words to the Philippians, "If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." In addressing the theme of unity within the church at Philippi, the Apostle Paul does not say they must hold the same thoughts or opinions on every issue they may encounter. Instead, he encourages them to have a disposition involving the heart, soul, and mind that works toward a unity of purpose.

This is what we at First Baptist must do - especially in our focus groups, as we seek to move First Baptist forward. Whether or not the tasks we recommend are large or small, whether or not we agree on every matter, we must unite ourselves around one purpose - building the Kingdom of God - and in doing that we will also strengthen and build our church. May we keep our purpose in front of us - not to satisfy our desires, but to know Christ and make Him known!

I hope to see you in Bible study and worship this Sunday as we begin a new series on "Following the Commands of Jesus." Jim Nelson

## **Choir Notes**



There will be NO ADULT CHOIR on Wednesday, April 11. The Choir Chimes will play for us on April 22, and then will not meet again until the fall. Marjorie Hinson

## **Children and Youth**



April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. During this month, we will be discussing child abuse, bullying, and teens with problems. In an effort to stop abuse and bullying, we want to equip our students, parents, and teachers with information regarding these subjects. We will be providing a *Quick Reference Guide of Easy Tips to Avoid & Defuse Tantrums* to parents and teachers. We will provide our parents with a booklet entitled, Parents' Guide to Recognizing Teen Problems. We will be asking our children and youth to sign a pledge and post it at home or in a locker at school taking a stand against bullying. We will be giving each member in our congregation a sticker to wear taking a stand against bullying. We appreciate your participation in this awareness campaign and your support of our children.

**Tweens, Sundays, 6-8:00 pm.** Parents of tweens, we need your help to make this group a success. The children 5th-8th grade are invited to participate in our weekly meetings where we practice puppets, signing, drama, and have devotions and snacks. The children are required to be in Sunday School and morning worship in order to participate in the afternoon activities. Please be sure your child is in attendance on Sunday



**Mr. Bill Dabbs**

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams

**Mrs. Lois Dawkins**

Dr. and Mrs. Moosa Hajishekh  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams

**Mr. David Hildreth**

Anonymous

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coble

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Evans

Lewis Sunday School Class

Mrs. Sally Pierce

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

**Mr. Jake Killian**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coble

**Mr. Harold Matthews**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coble

**Mr. Thomas McLendon**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coble

**Mr. Ed Ormsby**

Anonymous

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Byrd

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coble

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutchinson

Mr. and Mrs. John Mack

Mr. and Mrs. Lowry Walker

**Mr. George Rankin**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

**Mrs. Carolyn Robinson**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

**Mrs. Doris Skaggs**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen



**Dr. Jim Nelson and Staff**

Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Anne Brigman

mornings. Judy Harris, Diane Lucas, Sallie Ormsby, Del Lucas, and Abram Buckner have excellent lessons prepared for these children on Sunday mornings and really miss them when they are not here. Debbie Holloway

**WHAT'S COMING IN MAY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH???**

**YOUTH FIC**

Saturday

May 5, 2012

4:00—8:00 pm

**CHILDREN'S EVENT**

**VEGGIE TALES "ROBIN GOOD"**  
(Games, Activities, and Movie!)

Saturday

May 19, 2012

10:00 am—12:00 pm

**Love and Sympathy**

We extend our deepest love and sympathy to Mrs. Flo Aiken and family in the loss of her husband, Dr. Jeff Aiken, who passed away April 7, 2012.

We also extend our sympathy to Harvey Auman and family in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Annie Ruth Brim, who passed away April 9.

**Operation INASMUCH**

**Operation INASMUCH is almost here...May 12, 2012, 7:30 am until...**

Operation INASMUCH sets aside one day a year to go out into the community and spread the good news of Jesus Christ by helping those in need. To volunteer, or to make requests, please contact Harry Coble, 582-8095.

**Congrats to Our Cub Scouts - 1st Year Racing**

On Saturday, March 31, the Richmond District of the Central NC Council of Boy Scouts of America held its annual Pine Wood Derby Race. There were a total of 32 Cub Scouts present and participating in the wooden car racing. Gregory Dawkins took third place in the Webelos Scouts I (fourth grade), and Caleb Brewer took first place in the Webelos Scouts II (fifth grade). Gregory and Caleb, along with all the other winners, will progress to the Central NC Council race on May 19 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway as part of the all-star race. Way to go, Scouts!

**Grounds Maintenance**

The church will soon be doing all the maintenance of the grounds. The following items are needed: riding lawnmower, push lawnmower, wheelbarrow, rakes, pitch fork, gas can, gas hedge trimmer, hand-held hedge trimmers, gas edger, gas weed eater, couple of sprayers, hoes, garden tools. If you would like to donate equipment, please contact the church office or Sally Pierce.. Thank you so much for caring. Harry Coble



	Week of	Mar
Giving Summary	<u>April 1</u>	<u>MTD</u>
Gen. Oper. Fund	9,444	32,766
Chall. to Maint.		2,270
Memorials & Hon.	408	925
Radio Ministry	400	800
Van Fund		20
Baptist Men Fund		
Spr. Missions Off.	250	325
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>10,502</b>	<b>37,106</b>

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2012	113,039
Actual gifts to date	109,848
YTD req. under actual gifts	(3,191)
% giving to req.	97%



**2012 North American Missions Emphasis**



**2012 CBF Global Missions**



## CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

**Saturday**  
**May 5, 2012**  
**8:00 am—until**

It's spring cleaning time again! Come join us for a day of sprucing up the inside and outside of our church property. Please call the church office to sign up - individuals and groups welcome. There will be weeding and mulching to do outside. There will be cabinets to clean out, rooms to organize, and much more inside. Lunch will be provided. Mark your calendars!!!



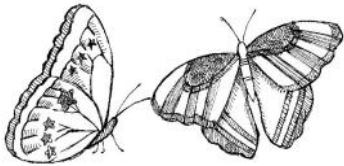
## MISSION FUNDRAISER

**Saturday**  
**May 5, 2012**  
**8:00 am—until**

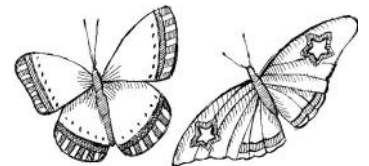
**ITEMS NEEDED!** To support this effort, please donate items by May 1. Funds raised will aid children and youth attending mission camps this summer:

**Children**—Passport Kids, Wingate, June 30-July 3, \$233.00

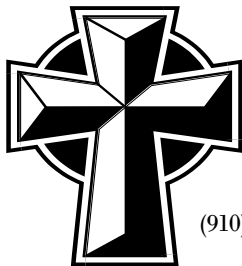
**Youth**—NC Baptist Men *Deep Impact*, Richmond County, \$18.00



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