

The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Resource Recording Team

Monday, May 21, 2012:

Bill Featherston, Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm

Tuesday, May 29, 2012:

Beverly Carnes, Sally Pierce

Attendance Report

April 29 and May 6:

Sunday School—89/104

Worship Service—113/128

4/26 Youth Worship—16

5/2 Youth Worship—20

Serving on Sunday, May 20, 2012

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

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: Gene Barnes

Deacons of the Week: Dennis Holloway, Lazelle Marks

Wednesday Family Night (5/16/12): BBQ with all the fixins' - \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

Serving on Sunday, May 27, 2012

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

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

Nursery: TBA

2s & 3s: Twyla Nelson

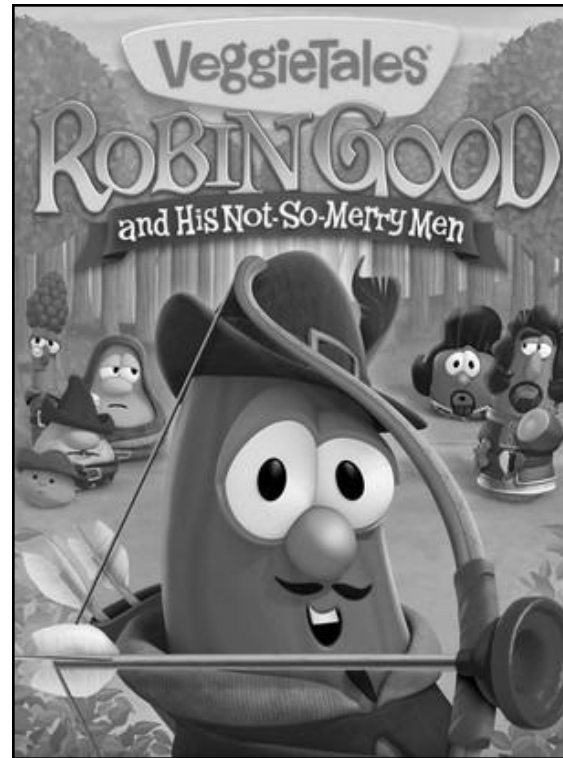
Children's Church: TBA

Sound: Kenny Melvin

Security: Steve Bullard

Deacons of the Week: Pat Buckner, Norvin Forester

Wednesday Family Night: (5/23/12) Hot Dogs with all the fixins'—\$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more -AND-
(5/30/12) Sloppy Joes—\$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more



Children's Community Activity

Saturday

May 19, 2012

10:00 am - 12:00 pm



**Baptist Men's
Breakfast
Sunday
May 20, 2012
8:30 am**



**Called Church
Conference
Sunday
May 27, 2012
Deacon Election**



5/15 Harry Coble
 5/15 Bess Shuler
 5/18 Beverly Carnes
 5/19 Linda Byrd
 5/22 Jerry Davis
 5/24 Leroy Yates
 5/24 Flo Aiken
 5/25 Barbara Coble
 5/25 Andy Shuler
 5/29 Danny Griffis
 5/31 Billie Taylor



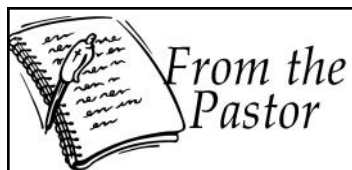
May 14, 2012
 Deacons 7:30 pm

May 28, 2012
 Office Closed
 Memorial Day

Tithes & Gifts

	Week of	Apr
Giving Summary	May 6	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	10,218	33,988
Chall. to Maint.	500	1,200
Memorials & Hon.	535	2,521
Radio Ministry	400	800
Baptist Men Fund		
Spr. Missions Off.		300
Summer Missions		35
Mother's Day Offring	80	
Total Gifts	11,833	38,844

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:		
Budget req. to date 2012	151,634	
Actual gifts to date	149,258	
YTD req. under actual gifts		(2,376)
% giving to req.		98%



Each week I receive an email devotional thought from Gardner Webb University simply called, "Monday Mornings." They are most often very timely and inspirational. This week's devotional was a challenge to always be guided by the leadership of the Holy Spirit in every area of life.

And surely being led by the Holy Spirit is our challenge as a congregation as we draw our "First Baptist: Moving Forward" planning process to a conclusion. Recommendations from our seven focus teams will be presented to our deacons and congregation soon. Decisions affecting our future ministry will be made. Thus, it is imperative that we are led only by God's Spirit!

The text of the devotion is Acts 8:34: "Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza...,' so he got up and went." The writer then told of guiding his small children to the main gates of the Magic Kingdom at Disney World. Because the children were small and because of the huge crowds, they couldn't see the gates, but their Dad and Mom could. Therefore, the children simply held their parents hands, trusted them, and obediently followed. Then he added, "We would do well to do the same in our relationship with God. That's what Philip did. Three key points in this story describe the activity of God and Christ. The same guidance and obedience that got Philip on the road from Jerusalem to Gaza at the right time also got him near the chariot of the Ethiopian official. After guiding the Ethiopian official to faith in Christ and baptizing him, Philip is taken away by the Holy Spirit to continue his evangelistic ministry all along the Mediterranean coast. Philip was given just enough guidance from the Holy Spirit to begin the journey. More often than not, the same is true for us. God gives us just enough guidance to take the next step. Philip obeyed because he trusted God. He understood guidance to be relational. Trust grows out of a relationship with God and gives testimony through obedience to the Holy Spirit."

May each of us grow in our relationship with God so that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit faithfully and obediently—hand in hand, step by step, day by day. Jim Nelson

Choir Notes



The choir is celebrating the return of Mark Cockerton and Lynda Pryce. Yeah! We welcome anyone who wishes to join our musical family and help us lead in worship every Sunday.

Carolyn Ford will be singing for us on Sunday, May 20. We are always blessed by her amazing talent. Members of the FBC youth group will accompany her in presenting the song, *Heal the Wound*.

The Terrific Tuesday children will present a musical on Tuesday, May 29, called *Heroes of the Faith*, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Flo Aiken and Bonnie Barnes are helping with costumes, and Marjorie Rainey is helping with the script. Marjorie Hinson

Children and Youth



VBS PLANNING MEETING, MAY 20, 2012, 5:00 PM. ALL VOLUNTEERS, AND OTHERS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED, ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

!!SAVE THE DATE!! PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT FATZ CAFÉ, JUNE 23, 2012, 7:30-10:30 AM. Fatz Restaurant is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser for FBC. All proceeds will go to the mission committee to help with mission trip expenses. Tickets will be available to purchase and, for those who wish to help, to sell. Cost is \$7.00 (we receive \$4.00 from each ticket). We may sell up to 500 tickets. Volunteers are needed to help serve the food. Fatz employees will cook. If interested, please contact me or a member of the Children or Youth Councils. Thanks for your help with this project.



Dr. Jeff Aiken

Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Linda) Byrd
Mrs. Jean Cain

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
FBC Tuesday Night Art Class

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Godwin
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harrelson
His Children: Rick, Kevin, Jeff,
and Vickie

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutchinson
Mrs. Shirley Mills

Drs. Neely, Johnson and Staff
Mr. B.T. Phillips

Mrs. Judy Blount

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Blount

Mrs. Ruth Brim

Mrs. Shirley Mills
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams

Mr. Jeffrey Coble

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coble
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

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Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Godwin

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harrelson
Mrs. Shirley Mills

Mrs. Carolyn Saunders
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams

Mr. Bill Dabbs

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Mrs. Lois Dawkins

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

Mr. David Hildreth

Anonymous

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Ms. Catherine Blackwell

Mrs. Carolyn Robinson

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Mrs. Marjorie Spencer

Mrs. Shirley Mills

Mr. Kirby Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks



Mrs. Patsy Jenkins

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Godwin

DEEP IMPACT YOUTH MISSION WEEK, JULY 9-14, 2012, COST: \$180.00. Any youth who has completed 7-12 grade is invited to participate in this week of local mission work. A \$25.00 deposit is due by May 20 for those wishing to register. A male chaperone is needed—must be 21 years or older. Chaperone would be responsible for the male youth in our group and for working as a team leader during the mission projects. Please contact me ASAP if interested. Debbie Holloway

BLOCK PARTY, JUNE 9, 2012, 6:00-8:00 PM, 1902 FENTON STREET (CORNER OF FENTON AND CONFEDERATE). There will be: face painting, edible crafts, VBS preview, games, hot dogs, fellowship.

Please join the Block Party team for an exciting afternoon promoting FBC in a local neighborhood. If interested in being a volunteer, contact Debbie Holloway or any member of the Children or Youth Councils. Whether a volunteer or an interested church member, we encourage you to come out and take part in the fellowship!

Dear Church Volunteer,

I came to visit your church recently. When my mom took me to the nursery area, there was no one to greet me or to take care of me. I could tell she was disappointed, but she smiled and said she would take me to "big" church with her. As we turned to leave, you came up, smiled at me, and so graciously took my hand and led me back to the nursery. My mom was so grateful—she really needed a time to worship God with no interruptions from me. You were so kind to me. I just wanted to say "thank you." Sincerely, A Small Child **!!!!VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!!**

Love and Sympathy

We extend our deepest love and sympathy to William Bryant and his family in the loss of his aunt, Viola Mae "Sis" Bryant Wallace, who passed away April 25, 2012, at the age of 100.

We also extend our love and sympathy to Christy Warren and her family in the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. Eldora Byrum, who passed away May 8, 2012.

Calling All Graduates

If you are, or know of anyone who is, graduating from high school or college, please contact Anne in the church office with all the exciting details. We would love to share the good news with our members through the newsletter. Thanks!

Thank You

Just another day...or so I thought. My cell phone rang just as Barb and I finished playing Bingo at McDonalds, on April 11. My grandson, Shane, was on the phone and said he had to call 911 because he didn't think our son, Jeff, was breathing. To make a long story short, Jeff went to be with the Lord that day. I know that the only way Barb and I have gotten through this time in our lives is through the prayers, visits, phone calls, kind words, cards, food, and concern of our church family. Our church family means everything to us and from the bottom of our hearts we thank you. Please continue to pray for us as we adjust without Jeff in our everyday lives. Harry and Barbara Coble

FBC Book Club

Robyn Sumpter, co-editor and contributor of The History of Richmond County Vol. II: Mixed Blessings spoke to the First Baptist Book Club Friday, May 4, during a dinner meeting at Pat's Kitchen. She noted interesting aspects of the county's history chronicled in this impressive volume. The organization of a women's book club in the early part of the twentieth century was of particular interest.

The ten members present also enjoyed a lively discussion of the book of the month selection, Nora Roberts' Unfinished Business. The hostess for the May meeting was Helen Cox. The club meets the first Friday of each month. Anyone wishing to participate or learn more about the club may contact Anne Tyson, club coordinator.



**Terrific Tuesday
Children's Musical**
"Heroes of the Faith"
 May 29, 2012
 6:00 pm



We still have a need for the following lawn equipment: a sturdy weedeater, a leaf blower, a shrub trimmer. If you have any of these and are willing to donate them to the church please call the office ASAP, 895-4016. Thanks!

NEWS FROM THE PEE DEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



**Pee Dee Baptist Association
WMU Annual Meeting**

**Location: Roberdel Baptist Church
1118 Richmond Rd.
Rockingham, NC**

Date: Saturday, May 19th

**Time: 9:30-11:30am
(Lunch provided at 11:30am)**

All ladies are welcome!



**Pee Dee Baptist Association
Mission Trip**

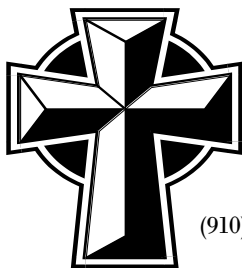
Logan, West Virginia

Host church: New Covenant Fellowship

Sunday, May 20 - Friday, May 25, 2012

**Please be in prayer for our members, and all others,
who will be traveling to West Virginia!**

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