

The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

"To know Christ and make Him known."

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**Baptist Men's
Breakfast
July 15, 2012
8:30 am
\$150
All are invited!**



**Saturday
July 21, 2012
8:30 am**

Light breakfast will be served. Trimming, Edging, Adjusting Doors, and much more. Please come out and help keep your church beautiful!



Ice Cream Social

**Sunday
July 22, 2012
5:00 pm
\$150**

Sponsored by the FBC Adult Choir, you will not want to miss this old-fashioned hymn sing...served up with homemade ice cream!



Mission Trip

**Sponsored by the
Pee Dee Baptist Association
July 29—August 1, 2012
Bayboro, N.C.
Cost: \$20.00**

**Not limited to College
students, open to all
who are interested.
Contact Dennis or Debbie
Holloway to sign up.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/17 Darren Conklin
 7/18 Bill Featherston
 7/18 Anna Clifton
 7/19 Meg Hardy
 7/20 Sharon Clarke
 7/21 Hazel Todd
 7/21 Twyla Nelson
 7/27 Frances Godwin
 7/27 Elizabeth Ungar
 7/29 Dalton Hatcher
 7/30 Graham Jenkins



Mrs. Phila Williams
 Ms. Anne Cassells

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dawson
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Evans
 Mr. and Mrs. John Lentz
 Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks
 Mr. F. Miller McCormick, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Owens
 Mr. and Mrs. William Pangle
 Mr. B.T. Phillips
 Mr. John Pritchett
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith
 Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates



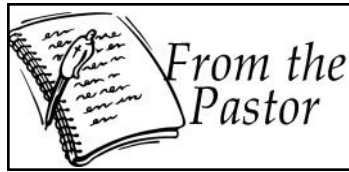
Mr. Kenny Melvin
 Mr. and Mrs. Dicky Smith



	Week of	Jun
Giving Summary	<u>Jul 1</u>	<u>MTD</u>
Gen. Oper. Fund	9,807	26,320
Chall. to Maint.	50	1,620
Memorials & Hon.	320	585
Radio Ministry	400	800
Sound & Lighting		100
Summer Missions		70
Mile of Pennies		<u>22</u>
Total Gifts	10,577	29,517

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2012	213,388
Actual gifts to date	200,417
YTD req. under actual gifts	(12,971)
% giving to req.	94%



Having just vacationed in Atlantic Beach and having enjoyed the sun and the surf for a few days I was reminded that the word "sand" is often mentioned in the Bible. Dr. Kirk Neely wrote the following thoughts about vacationing at the beach.

A vacation at the beach is an ongoing encounter with sand. It seems to be everywhere, not only on the beach, but also in places it doesn't belong - in our shoes, in our hair, in our bed, in our laundry room when we return to our inland home. The sand of the sea is used over and over again in the Bible to describe things that are immeasurable - the descendants of Abraham (Genesis 22:17), the wisdom of Solomon (I Kings 4:29), and the strength of armies (Joshua 11:4, Revelation 20:8). The Bible reminds us of what every beach lover knows, sand is everywhere.

Sand is also a symbol for instability. You only have to stand in the surf and feel the tide pull the sand from beneath your feet to know how unreliable sand can be. It is moved around by ocean currents and by the wind. Huge sand dunes such as Jockey's Ridge, North Carolina, or the massive sand dunes near the tip of Cape Cod at Provincetown, Massachusetts, are naturally occurring sand dunes. Most sand dunes along the coast, however, have been created by people so the beach can be preserved. Sand dunes held in place by strategically located fences, and by established plantings of sea oats are important to control the problem of beach erosion.

At Nags Head, North Carolina, I saw a man backing a bulldozer into the surf, pushing scoop after scoop of sand back up onto the beach. When he took a break from his work, I asked him what he was doing. "I'm taking sand out of the ocean and pushing it back up onto the beach to try to protect the property of people who were crazy enough to build out here. I've got news for them," he said. "The ocean is winning."

A few hearty people make the lonely coast of Northern Labrador their home. There is a simple church built in this solitary place where the wind never ceases and the sea is never calm. When asked how this frail building could withstand the pounding of the elements, the pastor of the church showed a visitor the foundation. A massive anchor chain was wrapped around the foundation of the church and fastened to the bedrock of the coast. All of us have to withstand adversity in life. Hebrews says that we have "hope as an anchor for our lives" (6:19). We are anchored to the Rock and the Rock is Jesus Christ himself.

Jesus told a parable about two men building houses. One built his house on a rock: the other built his house on the sand. The house on the rock stood firm: the house on the sand fell down. In spiritual terms, this means that we are to build our faith and our trust on the solid rock of Jesus Christ. To put our faith and trust in the shifting sands of financial investment, or the capricious currents of business and industry, or even in our own professional skills or business know-how is to place our security on an unstable foundation. It is as precarious as living in a sand castle would be. In Jesus Christ we have the only reliable foundation upon which to build a secure future for all eternity.

May we be anchored to the Rock! Jim Nelson

Choir Notes



Plan now to attend the FBC Adult Choir Ice Cream Social to be held Sunday, July 22, 2012, 5:00 pm, S150. There will be an old-fashioned hymn sing and lots of homemade ice cream!

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 1! New members are always welcome!!! Marjorie Hinson

Children and Youth



PASSPORT Kids Camp was a huge success! Our campers participated in worship, crafts, games, mission activities, a mission offering to provide clean water for Malawi, and much more. Two of our campers made significant choices in their spiritual lives. Tom Cox was very

Resource Recording Team

Monday, July 16, 2012:

Bill Featherston, Charles Harrill,
J.C. Lamm

Monday, July 23, 2012:

Beverly Carnes, Sally Pierce

Monday, July 30, 2012:

Gene Barnes, Judy McEntire

Attendance Report

July 1 & July 8:

Sunday School—83/97

Worship Service—105/97

Serving on Sunday, July 15, 2012

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

Greeters: Helen Cox, Barbara Coble, Ste-
ve and Cynthia Morris

Nursery: Monica Yates

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Sound: TBA

Security: J.C. Lamm

Deacons of the Week: Marjorie Rainey,
Gene Coen

Wednesday Family Night (7/18/12): Lasa-
gna, salad, drink, and dessert—\$5.00
plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or
more.

Serving on Sunday, July 22, 2012

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

Greeters: Gene and Bonnie Barnes, Bar-
bara Coble, Terry and Susan Brown

Nursery: TBA

2s & 3s: Twyla Nelson

Children's Church: TBA

Sound: TBA

Security: Chris McEntire

Deacons of the Week: Dennis Holloway,
Lazelle Marks

Wednesday Family Night: (7/25/12) Po-
tato and Salad Bar, dessert, drink—\$5.00
plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or
more.

Serving on Sunday, July 29, 2012

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

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: Steve Morris

Deacons of the Week: Pat Buckner, Nor-
vin Forester

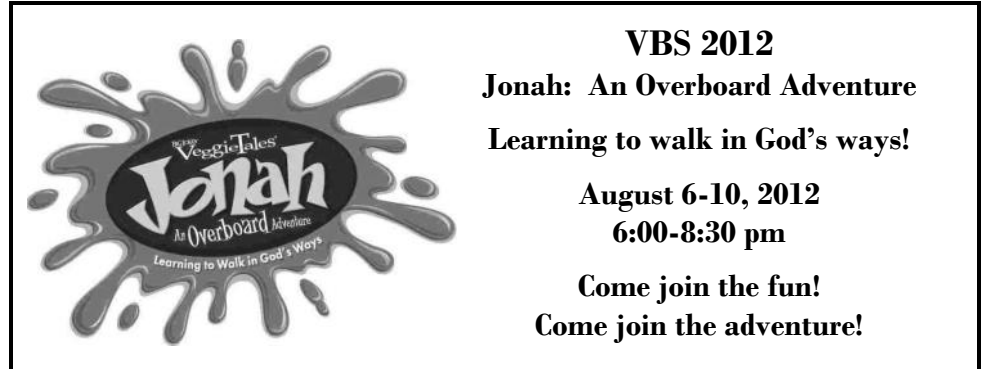
Wednesday Family Night: (8/1/12) Fried
chicken, two vegetables, dessert, drink—
\$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of
three or more.

active in chaperoning our campers and helping with daily PASSPORT activities. Thanks, parents, for allowing your children to participate in this year's camp!

Summer Day Camp - While our number was small, the children who participat-
ed have had a meaningful experience. The children enjoyed educational road trips,
were allowed to experiment with their drama talents, and much more. Thank you,
Joanne Taylor and Tom Cox, for working with our church families.

Deep Impact was here July 9-14. Our adult and youth mission workers were
very actively involved in our community during that week. Please continue to be
in prayer for the workers, those who benefited from the work, and for the lives that
were changed forever during the week!

VBS VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED, AUGUST 6-10, 6:00-8:30 pm.
Needed: Leaders for ages 3-5, grades 2nd and 3rd, and helper with music. It
is sure to be a fun week for all!



VBS 2012
Jonah: An Overboard Adventure
Learning to walk in God's ways!
August 6-10, 2012
6:00-8:30 pm
Come join the fun!
Come join the adventure!

Love and Sympathy

We extend our deepest love and sympathy to Mark Williams and family in the
loss of his father, Jesse, who passed away Saturday, July 7, 2012. Jesse and his
wife Phila were faithful members of FBC since joining in March 1988. He will be
missed by all.

We also extend our love and sympathy to Jerry Garris and family in the loss of
his sister, Mrs. Hellon Mudd, who passed away June 28, 2012.

New Small Group Study Coming this Fall

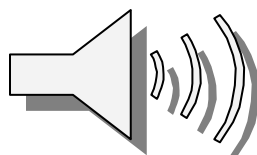


Beginning September 9, 2012, the Sunday after Labor Day,
Mrs. Brenda Tyler will be facilitating a new small group study
entitled, *Spiritual Parenting*. The group will meet on Sunday
mornings during the Sunday School hour, 9:45 am. This will be
a DVD curriculum and will include topics like: *Awakening to
Spiritual Parenting, Environments for Cultivating Faith and Storytelling, Identity and
Faith Community, Service and Out of the Comfort Zone, Responsibility and Course
Correction*, and more. To sign up for the course, please contact Brenda Tyler at 410
-8859.


Has anyone seen...





If you've been missing Mark Tyler lately, not to worry. Mark
has been at the Seeing Eye, training with a new dog. His previ-
ous dog retired (to a great new home!) due to health issues. Mark
will return on July 19th and we can't wait to welcome him back!



July 16, 2012
Finance 6:30 pm
Deacons 7:30 pm



MILE of PENNIES for 
 Baptist Children's
 Homes of
 North Carolina

 EVERY PENNY COUNTS!


**Children and Youth
 are sponsoring a
 Mile of Pennies
 Mission Offering
 during the summer of 2012.**

**If you'd like to donate your pennies
 (we accept silver coins, cash, and checks, too!),
 please turn in to Debbie Holloway.**

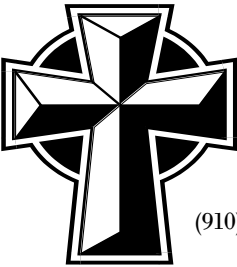
Thanks for your support!

Early Bird Fellowships

You are invited to join the Baptist Men for an Early Bird Fellowship on Sunday mornings, to be held in S150 at 8:30am. Please join them and your church family for coffee, juice, and a morning snack...and a very special time of friendship and fellowship.



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