

# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

**“To know Christ and make Him known.”**

**Volume XXXV \* Number 17 \* August 16, 2012 through August 31, 2012**



## Attention All FBC Committee Members

**You're invited...**

**What:** Committee Orientation and Training for the new church year.

**When:** Sunday, August 19, in the fellowship hall (S150) at 12:00 pm - light lunch provided.

**Who:** This is for ALL CHURCH COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS including members who are rotating off, those who are rotating on, and those whose term has not yet expired.

**Why:** To clearly understand your committee's purpose; to elect a chairperson; to consider budget needs for the new church year; to begin to develop plans for the new church year.

**Led by Dr. Nelson, all committee members are encouraged to attend.**



**Sunday, September 16, 2012  
through  
Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

**Raider Stadium**

As time for the Go Tell Crusade approaches, please be in prayer for Rick Gage and all the crusade organizers, the ministers and lay people involved, and most importantly...be in prayer for all those who will attend the Crusade. Pray that God's love will be revealed, that unbelievers will receive Christ into their hearts.

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Mr. Claude Brigman**  
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Evans  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Featherston  
Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Godwin  
Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Yates

**Mr. Jeffrey Coble**  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Linda) Byrd

**Mr. Jesse Williams**  
Baraca Senior Adult Class  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Linda) Byrd  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Featherston  
Mr. & Mrs. John Keith  
Mr. & Mrs. Heath McCallum  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred L. McCarthy  
Ms. Johnsie Morrison  
Mr. & Mrs. William Pangle  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy "Mac" Redfern  
The Kathryn Trotter Family

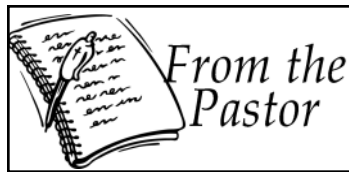
**Mrs. Phila Williams**  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Linda) Byrd  
Mr. & Mrs. John Keith  
Mr. & Mrs. Heath McCollum  
Ms. Johnsie Morrison  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy "Mac" Redfern  
The Kathryn Trotter Family

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Spc. Jordan Beale**  
Mrs. Carolyn Saunders

**Mr. W. Richard Smith**  
Mr. & Mrs. Dicky Smith

**Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spencer**  
Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Yates



If asked about the Book of Jonah (which we studied recently in VBS) most people would probably respond, "It's about a rebellious prophet who was swallowed by a big fish." And while that is correct, the book is actually about the will of God and how to respond to it and the love of God and how we are called to share it even with our enemies.

God told Jonah to go and preach against the wicked city of Nineveh (in Assyria, Israel's enemies) but Jonah refused, sought to ignore God's call, boarded a ship going in the opposite direction from Nineveh, fell asleep below deck, and in his disobedience and rebellion, Jonah lost his testimony as a man of God and put many lives at risk of danger and even of death.

My point? Through the years many have seen a comparison between the disobedience of Jonah and that of the church. God called his church to go and preach the gospel and to be his witnesses and ambassadors, but all too often the church responds like Jonah—either in rebellious disobedience or apathy. So as the church "sleeps" in the comfort of its buildings and programs and activities, it puts many people at risk of spiritual danger and even death.

The story is told that one night a pastor was awakened with the smell of smoke, but he was so sleepy he rolled over and went back to sleep. Then he was awakened again by the noise of horns blowing by passing cars and the pounding on his door by a neighbor. He finally jumped out of bed, put on his jeans, and raced outside. The house across the street was consumed in fire and glowing ashes were landing on the pastors house. When it was all over, the house across the street burned to the ground but the pastors house was spared.

When asked for what he was most thankful, he said, "I am thankful that someone was awake and made me realize the danger I was in."

How many of us sleep while others perish? God has commissioned his church to go and share the love of God through Jesus Christ with the world...Our church and community will have a great opportunity to share God's love and expose many to the gospel by supporting and bringing family and friends and neighbors to the Sandhills Go Tell Evangelistic Crusade September 16-19. Be in prayer for this meeting. To be involved, call the Pee Dee Baptist Association. Jim Nelson

**Choir Notes**



Choir rehearsals for the revival will be held Sunday, August 19, at 2:30 pm, and Saturday, September 15, at 9:30 am. The revival will be held September 16-19.

Our church will host the N.C. Baptist Singers on Monday, October 15. the Singers and the orchestra members will be rehearsing that afternoon and give a concert at 6:45 pm that evening. Please plan now on attending this concert. You will be blessed. Marjorie Hinson

**Children and Youth**



**TERRIFIC TUESDAY 2012-2013 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Leader/Assistant for: Boys RAs (2nd through 5th grade); Girls GAa (2nd through 5th grade); Mission Friends (4 years through 1st grade); Snacks; and Van Driver. Please contact me, 895-4016, if you are willing to support this vital and growing ministry. Deb



	Week of	Jul
Giving Summary	<u>Aug 5</u>	<u>MTD</u>
Gen. Oper. Fund	8,675	29,593
Chall. to Maint.	50	1,200
Memorials & Hon.	245	2,090
Radio Ministry		800
Katie Yates Fund	1,000	3,000
Summer Missions		60
Mile of Pennies		
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>9,970</b>	<b>36,743</b>

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

Budget req. to date 2012	251,984
Actual gifts to date	219,808
YTD req. under actual gifts	(32,176)
% giving to req.	87%



Many, many thanks to all those who participated in VBS! Thanks to the teachers, helpers, and volunteers, the children had a fun, educational, and memorable week. FBC is blessed to have so many caring adults involved with our children's ministry! Deb Holloway

### Resource Recording Team

**Monday, August 20, 2012:**

Bill Featherston, Charles Harrill,  
J.C. Lamm

**Monday, August 27, 2012:**

Beverly Carnes, Sally Pierce

### Attendance Report

**July 29, August 5, August 12:**

Sunday School—97/83/84  
Worship Service—118/112/115

### Serving on Sunday, August 19, 2012

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

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

**Nursery:** Hilda Auman

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

**Children's Church:** Michelle Ard

**Sound:** TBA

**Security:** Jerry Davis

**Deacons of the Week:** Steve Bullard,  
Chris McDuffie

**Wednesday Family Night (8/22/12):**

Sloppy Joes, drink, and dessert—\$5.00  
plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or  
more.

### Serving on Sunday, August 26, 2012

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

**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 and  
Corey Davis

**Sound:** TBA

**Security:** Graham Jenkins

**Deacons of the Week:** John Ray, Ken-  
neth Robinette

**Wednesday Family Night (8/29/12):**

Spaghetti, salad, dessert, drink—\$5.00  
plate, \$12.00 for a family of three  
or more.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/15 Virginia Cole  
8/16 Natalie Dawkins  
8/17 Sallie Ormsby  
8/18 Steve Morris  
8/19 B.T. Phillips  
8/24 Sandra Elliott  
8/25 Richard Carnes  
8/25 Cayman Melvin  
8/26 Sharon Johnson  
8/27 Kakkie Hilton  
8/29 Tot Spencer

## New Small Group



The Ladies Fellowship Group, a new FBC small group, will hold its first meeting on Saturday, August 25, 5:00 pm, at Bella Italy Restaurant. Virginia Auman will serve as hostess. There will be great food, fun, and fellowship. Please contact Virginia for more information, 997-6047.

## FBC Book Club

Sandra Elliot hosted the FBC Book Club at Ichiban's Restaurant on Friday, August 3. The club members discussed Eleanor Brown's, The Weird Sisters. Upon learning of their mother's cancer diagnosis, three sisters return home not only to help save their mother's life but, in a sense, to save theirs. The sisters, all named after Shakespearean characters, had been reared by a rather eccentric father who teaches Shakespeare at a small college in Ohio and a more or less traditional stay-at-home mother. Birth order and societal expectations were among the themes discussed.

The FBC Book Club will next meet on Friday, September 7, 2012, when we will discuss Stephen King's, 11/22/63. The plans are to meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 pm and travel together to Captain Larry's Seafood Restaurant in Laurinburg. Mrs. Marjorie Hinson will be the hostess. New members are always welcome. Please contact Anne Tyson for more information, 331-8644.

## WMU Group #3 - New Bible Study



WMU Group #3 will begin a new Beth Moore study beginning Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 7:30 pm. The study is entitled, *James: Mercy Triumphs*. Following is a brief description:

*James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple and learn how you can put your faith into action.*

*Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any New Testament book. Come along with Beth Moore on a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James. You will never be the same again.*

*Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. Plus, Beth introduces a five-tiered study approach that she has never done before.*

If you would like to participate, or like more information, please contact Judy McEntire, 895-5759.

## It's OCC Registration Time!

It's time to sign up as a volunteer in an Operation Christmas Child Processing Center. Following are the dates and times that FBC will be going:

**Wednesday, November 21, 2012: 10:00 am—2:00 pm (Depart 8:00 am)**

**Monday, November 26, 2012: 11:00 am—3:00 pm (Depart 9:00 am)**

**Friday, December 7, 2012: 10:00 am—2:00 pm (Depart 8:00 am)**

Space is limited! Sign up now!!! Contact Beth Ray or Debbie Holloway.

## Small Group - Painting Class



Beginning September 4, 2012, 6:00 pm, E100, and facilitated by Flo Aiken. For more information, or to sign up, please call Flo at 997-2401.



**Baptist Men's  
Breakfast**

**August 19, 2012  
8:30 am  
\$150**



**Deacon Ordination  
August 26, 2012**

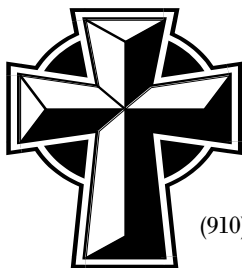
**Flo Aiken  
and  
Steve McIver**



**BACK TO SCHOOL ... BACK TO SCHOOL ... BACK TO SCHOOL ... BACK TO SCHOOL**

**August 27, 2012!!!**

**RADIO SPONSORS:** If you can't be present in the sanctuary for the worship service, listen to the broadcast on WJSG, G-104 on your FM dial. The following area businesses sponsor the broadcast: Crump Realty, Jenkins Automotive and Industrial Supply, Medical Center Pharmacy, Moss Brothers Tire and Service, Carter Funeral Home, and Dr. Kevin Aiken.



**The First Baptist  
Informer**

Published Weekly by:  
The First Baptist Church  
of Rockingham  
201 N. Randolph St.  
Rockingham, N. C. 28379  
(910) 895-4016 \* Fax (910) 895-1773  
[www.fbcrockingham.org](http://www.fbcrockingham.org)

**NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
ROCKINGHAM, NC  
PERMIT NO. 35**

*Address Service Requested*

**Dr. James J. Nelson, Senior Pastor**  
[drjimnelson@yahoo.com](mailto:drjimnelson@yahoo.com)

Lynda Clifton, Financial Secretary  
[lynda@fbcrockingham.org](mailto:lynda@fbcrockingham.org)

Marjorie Hinson, Organist/Choir Director  
[mheightyeight@roadrunner.com](mailto:mheightyeight@roadrunner.com)

Debbie Holloway, Associate Pastor  
for Children & Youth  
[dholloway4@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dholloway4@carolina.rr.com)

Chris McEntire, Director of Accounting  
[cmcentire@carolina.rr.com](mailto:cmcentire@carolina.rr.com)

Daniel Short, Custodian

Anne Tyson, Administrative Assistant  
[anne@fbcrockingham.org](mailto:anne@fbcrockingham.org)