

The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

"To know Christ and make Him known."

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Resource Recording Team

Monday, October 22, 2012:
Sally Perce, Beverly Carnes

Monday, October 29, 2012:
Judy McEntire, Gene Barnes

Attendance Report

October 7, 2012:
Sunday School—105
Worship Service—99
First Light—20

Serving on Sunday, October 21, 2012

Ushers: Gene Barnes, Steve Bullard, J.C. Lamm, Dale Ormsby

Greeters: W Team

Nursery: Hilda Auman

2s & 3s: Nan Bates

Children's Church: Linda Teal

Sound: TBA

Security: Lazelle Marks

Deacons of the Week: John Yates, Gene Barnes

Wednesday Family Night (10/24/12): \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

Serving on Sunday, October 28, 2012

Ushers: Gene Barnes, Steve Bullard, J.C. Lamm, Dale Ormsby

Greeters: G Team

Nursery: Sallie Ormsby

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd, Corey Davis

Sound: TBA

Security: Pat Buckner

Deacons of the Week: Steve Bullard, Chris McDuffie

Wednesday Family Night: (10/31/12) \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



In Concert
Monday, October
15
6:30 pm

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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Sunday
October 28, 2012
5:00-7:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church

Candy, treats, and trunks are needed.
Contact Debbie Holloway to sign up!



10/20 Raquel Anzaldúa
 10/23 Angela Cockerton
 10/27 Keith Taylor
 10/28 Jan Smith
 10/30 Liz Conklin
 10/31 Larry Harrelson

G.R.O.W.

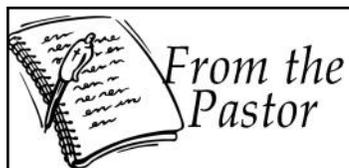
R Team October 10, 2012

Flo Aiken
 Michael & Kaye Beale
 Pat Buckner
 David Eaddy
 A.C. Godwin
 Frances Godwin
 Jim Nelson
 Dale Ormsby
 Sallie Ormsby
 Myrtle Stogner
 Diane Stokes
 Jim Stokes



	Week of	Sep
Giving Summary	Sept 23&30	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	11,281	29,210
Chall. to Maint.	400	1,250
Memorials & Hon.	140	2,140
Radio Ministry		800
Baptist Men Fund		
NC Missions		65
Katie Yates Fund		
Go Tell Crusade	1,020	1,555
Total Gifts	12,841	35,020

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:	
Budget req. to date 2012	313,737
Actual gifts to date	281,973
YTD req. under actual gifts	(31,764)
% giving to req.	90%



Stewardship is an important biblical concept which declares two truths: (1) that God is the creator and therefore the owner of all things and (2) that we are to be good and faithful managers of the many gifts which God allows us to have and to use.

Stewardship is important because it is the means by which God builds his church and grows His kingdom. It reveals a partnership between God and His people. He provides the resources of time, talent, ability, skills, possessions, money, etc., but as partners with God, we are to manage and utilize those gifts faithfully in a manner which honors and glorifies God and advances His kingdom.

Chuck Colson tells the following story of visiting Mississippi's Parchman Prison: Most of the death-row inmates were in their bunks wrapped in blankets, staring blankly at little black-and-white TV screens, killing time. But in one cell a man was sitting on his bunk, reading. As I approached, he looked up and showed me his book—an instruction manual on Episcopal liturgy.

John Irving, on death row for more than 15 years, was studying for the priesthood. John told me he was allowed out of his cell one hour each day. The rest of the time, he studies.

Seeing that John had nothing in his cell but a few books, I thought, *God's blessed me so much, the least I can do is provide something for this brother.* "Would you like a TV if I could arrange it?" I asked.

John smiled gratefully. "Thanks," he said, "but no thanks. You can waste an awful lot of time with those things." For the 15 years since a judge placed a number on his days, John has determined not to waste the one commodity he had to give to the Lord—his time.

As we seek to grow our church, we might ask ourselves, "Are we being faithful stewards? Are we using the gifts which God has given us in ways that glorify Him?" Let us not waste any of God's gifts—but use them faithfully in love and for His glory! Jim Nelson

Choir Notes

I'll Sing of You (Ken Bible): *I've made so many plans, Magnificent and grand, And thought that surely someday they'd come true. But now I find these dreams More selfish than they seemed. My Lord, I only long to sing of You.*

For You are all that's lovely, And You are all that's true, And You are all that's beautiful to me. If I could live a thousand years And write a thousand songs, Still You, O Lord, are all I'd want to sing!

Since time is so unsure, My plans so insecure, I'll love You, Lord, in everything I do. I'll look for little things And little gifts to bring, And every moment, Lord, I'll sing of You. Marjorie Hinson

Children and Youth



If you made a commitment to work for God and work in your church in the new church year, here is a wonderful opportunity:

Time? Talent? Desire? If you have the time, talent, and desire to work with children and teens in the area of puppets, drama, signing, or music, please let me know as quickly as possible. We are beginning our Youth Sunday afternoon activities and would love to have you join us as we put together some new puppet dramas, practice some skits for worship and Wednesday nights, learn some hand-signs to some new and some more familiar hymns, and learn to sing some new and some more familiar hymns. If you are willing to provide a small snack on a Sunday afternoon, we would love to put you on the calendar! Debbie Holloway



Mr. Claude Brigman
Mrs. Jeannette Melvin
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parsons

Mr. Frank Clements
Ms. Evelyn Marks
Mrs. Jeannette Melvin

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins
Maness Tire and Recapping
Mrs. Jeannette Melvin

Mr. Jesse Williams
Mr. and Mrs. John Durant

Mrs. Phila Williams
Mr. and Mrs. John Durant

Operation Christmas Child



REMINDER: It's OCC time again! Once again we will be an area collection site and will be collecting November 12-19. Please help pass the word and encourage everyone to fill as many boxes as they feel they can. Our national goal is over 100 million boxes! We have not yet received our shoe boxes but should within a week. I will put them around the church. We will need volunteers to man our site. The times of operation will be Monday—Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you are able to volunteer, please give me a call at 417-5109. Thanks. Beth Ray

Children Learn More In Church Than You Think

(Devotions.com; Mike Ruffin; September 29, 2012.)

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

The late Art Linkletter's 1957 book, Kids Say the Darndest Things, still reminds us that kids not only say those things that sometimes embarrass their parents, but they also blurt out occasional pearls of wisdom that help us to realize we're doing some right things with them. My wife, Robbie, recounted a conversation she had several years ago with her niece and

nephew that reminded me of Linkletter's book and underscored the importance of child-like faith.

She and her mother were taking her niece, Ashlyn, and nephew, Andrew, out for lunch and began to reminisce about their Great Grandmother, Viola. “Grandmam Viola died,” three-year-old Ashlyn said, “but she went to heaven.” “How do you know she went to heaven?” Robbie asked. “Because she died and I'm smart,” she said. Her brother, six-year-old Andrew, then piped in, “You have to have Jesus in your heart to go to heaven.” Ashlyn agreed: “Well, I know Grandmam went to heaven because she had Jesus in her heart and so do I.”

Indeed, kids do say the darndest things, and they're as innocent and truthful today as they were when Linkletter wrote his book on the subject. Interestingly, a lot of adults think all you have to do to go to heaven is die, but Andrew went right to the heart of the matter. He knows in his heart that what Jesus said to his disciples is still true today: “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.” (John 14:6)

Andrew's parents didn't drill that truth in him, although they also believe it. He learned it in Sunday School, probably while he was coloring. Ironic, isn't it? In today's society, we repeatedly hear the contemporary parent say, “I want to let my child reach his own decision about what he believes.” Sadly, they freely admit their child wouldn't know how to read if he didn't attend school. Yet, they fail to see that he will never know what to believe if he is not exposed to it in our places of worship.

There is a message in this story for all of us. I know in my case, I am the Christian I am today because of the childhood that I was privileged to have lived. Much of my life was spent around godly people and many of their habits then are my habits today. It's not just a verse in the Bible: “Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

Jesus told us very clearly what he thought about such matters. “Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them,” he once said. “For of such is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19:14)

As parents and grandparents, we must be careful to remember that age and maturity have nothing to do with the condition of the soul. God is providing us with a wonderful opportunity to teach spiritual truths to our children and grandchildren. If we seize that opportunity, the fruit we see in the lives of those children will bless us in ways we could never imagine.



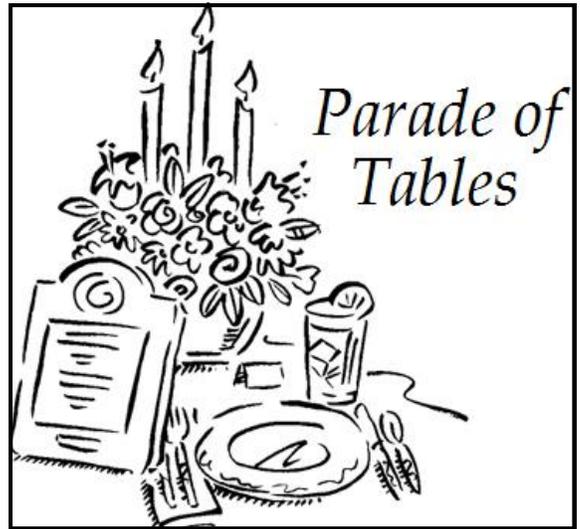
Attention All Pianists...

FBC is in need of a piano player for our Fellowship Singing on Sunday Mornings. The group meets each Sunday at 9:30 am. If you'd like to join this fellowship, please contact Anne Tyson (895-4016) in the church office. Thanks!



First Light Contemporary Service

Each Sunday
8:45 am
FBC Sanctuary

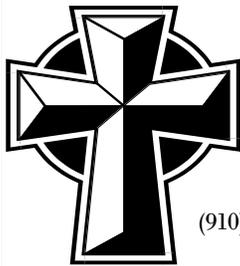


FBC Parade of Tables

Saturday
October 27, 2012



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