

The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Monday, November 19, 2012:
Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm,
Bill Featherston

Monday, November 26, 2012:
Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

November 4 & 11, 2012:
Sunday School—111/94
Worship Service—108/127

Serving on Sunday, November 18, 2012

Ushers: Steve Morris, John Ray, Ken Robi-
nette, John Yates

Greeters: O Team

Nursery: Hilda Auman
2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown
Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Sound: TBA

Security: Steve McIver

Deacons of the Week: J.C. Lamm, Judy
McEntire

Wednesday Family Night (11/21/12): \$5.00
plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

Serving on Sunday, November 25, 2012

Ushers: Steve Morris, John Ray, Ken Robi-
nette, John Yates

Greeters: W Team

Nursery: Elaine Davis
2s & 3s: Peggy Scott
Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Sound: TBA

Security: Michael Beale

Deacons of the Week: Steve McIver, Pat
Buckner

Wednesday Family Night: (11/28/12) \$5.00
plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or
more.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



KIDS GIVING THANKS
Terrific Tuesday
Thanksgiving Program
November 14, 2012 - 6:30 pm



**Serving Thanksgiving
Dinner to Families in Need**
11/22/12 - \$150

Contact Debbie Holloway to
participate in this ministry!



First Presbyterian Church
November 18, 2012
7:00 pm

Rev. Mike Sykes
officiating.

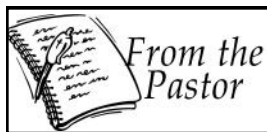


SANDHILLS RINGERS
in concert

November 18, 2012
4:00 pm
FBC Sanctuary



11/16 Tom Cox
 11/18 Davis Hilton
 11/20 Agnes Larsen
 11/20 Myra Deane
 11/23 Kylee Shapiro
 11/26 Kenny Melvin
 11/28 George E. Crump, Jr.
 11/29 Hayley Kottwitz
 11/30 Boyd Taylor



There is no doubt of the incredible need which exists in the lives of so many people today. Just this morning (as I write this article) three individuals have knocked on our door seeking assistance for food, power bills and water bills. Along the eastern coastal regions from North Carolina to New England millions of people have lost their homes and businesses and possessions to Hurricane Sandy, while others are grieving the loss of loved ones. In other words, as Thanksgiving approaches, it will be very difficult for many to “count their blessings.” Yet, as Christians who have been adopted into God’s family and who have been assured of the hope of eternal life, regardless of our physical state, we still can and should thank God for His amazing love and grace.

Many of us can remember our early school days when we would line up on the playground. The teacher would pick two students to be team captains who then would alternately choose their classmates to be on their team. Without fail, not only would the more athletically gifted students be chosen first, but the same one or two students would be chosen last, which undoubtedly made them feel completely unwanted and humiliated. However, while we humans pick and choose our team members on the basis of talent and ability, God chooses us to be in His family simply because He loves and cares for us. We are all of great value and worth to Him. In fact, God demonstrated His love for us in that “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!” Jesus died for us so that we could be on His team - and that makes everyone of us special!

Consequently, in spite of our difficult circumstances, we can still be thankful to God. We can say, “Lord, thanks for choosing me to have a relationship with you through Christ. Help me seek to live a life that is holy and blameless before you in love.” Jim Nelson



**Senior Adult
 (J.O.Y. Fellowship)
 Christmas Party**

**December 1, 2012
 5:00 pm
 Covered Dish**

RSVP by 11/25/12 to
 Janice Coen, 995-0038.

Choir Notes

There will be an important meeting at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 18, for actors participating in the Christmas program, “All is Well.” This meeting will be held in E100 and it is very important that you attend. You will be contacted. The choir members have been given a reminder of their extra rehearsals.

Mark your calendar and plan now to attend the Adult Choir Presentation of, “All is Well,” Sunday, December 9, at 5:00 pm, FBC sanctuary. There will be refreshments afterwards in S150.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee. How Great Thou Art. Marjorie Hinson

Children and Youth

Ahoy Mates! Eleven youth and four chaperones attended the Fall Youth Retreat this past weekend. The weekend theme revolved around pirates and treasure. Some of the bible lessons included creation and the first sin, the story of Esther, Solomon’s turn from God, and the Lord’s Supper. At the beginning, middle, and end of the retreat, each individual was asked to name their treasure in life. Several answers had changed by retreat’s end. On Sunday morning, the group witnessed a truly breathtaking sunrise in a time of silent worship. Travel mercies were great, food was delicious, Bible study and worship was very meaningful, the fellowship was enlightening, and the nativity at the *Pirate’s Voyage* dinner theatre was humbling. Thank you, youth, for attending. Thank you parents and grandparents for allowing your youth to attend. Thank you youth sponsors for helping youth attend. And, thank you chaperones (Scott and Jill Emerson and Chuck Auman) for helping make this weekend retreat a blessing for all!

GOBBLE! GOBBLE! GOBBLE! Feed the Families: It’s turkey time again. Last year, our church began a tradition of feeding those hit hardest by the economic downturn in our community on Thanksgiving day. We are blessed to do this again this year. The Missions Committee has graciously funded this event. We need a few volunteers: greeters, cooks, servers, clean-up crew, and a few to fellowship with those coming in for a meal. Also, if you are willing to donate some baked goods (cookies, pies, cakes) for desert, they would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you would like to help in any way! Deb Holloway



Giving Summary	Week of	Oct
	Nov 4	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	11,222	21,335
Chall. to Maint.	450	800
Memorials & Hon.	168	2,268
Radio Ministry	400	800
Baptist Men Fund	20	
NC Missions		
Katie Yates Fund		100
Go Tell Crusade		
Total Gifts	12,260	25,303

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2012	352,333
Actual gifts to date	315,577
YTD req. under actual gifts	(36,756)
% giving to req.	90%



Dr. A.M. Covington
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

Mrs. Julia Dunkelberg
Anonymous

Mr. Carl Kirkley
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clarke

Mrs. Miriam Marks
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

Mrs. Jean Woodall
Mrs. Helen Cox
Mr. and Mrs. David DuRant
Foster Stanley Sunday School Class
Mrs. Miriam Greene
Lydia Ruth Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stutts

Operation Christmas Child

Charlotte, N.C.

11/21 8:00 am

11/26 9:00 am

12/07 8:00 am

REMINDERS

11/19/12

Deacons - 7:30 pm

11/21/12

No Wednesday Night Activities

11/22/12 and 11/23/12

Church Office Closed



J.O.Y. Fellowship Group

11/16 Southern Living Christmas Show/Charlotte

12/01 Senior Adult Christmas Party 5:00 pm/S150

12/02 Singing Christmas Tree/Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Fayetteville

12/14 Alabama Christmas Show/Myrtle Beach

12/16 Handel's Messiah/First Baptist Church, Southern Pines

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

2012 Angel Tree



For \$35.00 you can sponsor a needy child for Christmas. We have 37 students from seven Rockingham area schools that need our help this year. Your gift of \$35.00 will buy a school uniform (pants and shirt) and a \$10.00 gift for a child. School counselors and social workers will buy the items for each child. Please turn in your money to the church office by December 9, 2012. Contact Bess Shuler if you have questions. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child this Christmas!

White Christmas



The Richmond County Council on Aging has provided the church with approximately 25-35 names of recipients for delivery this year. Grocery bags with lists attached are available in the church office to assist you with your shopping. Please return your bags by Friday, December 14. Delivery will be on Sunday, December 16, after church. You may pick up your bag for delivery in the sanctuary that morning after the service. Keep in mind that these persons are participants in the *Meals on Wheels* program. Thank you for your help with this program.

Love and Sympathy

We extend our deepest love and sympathy to Mr. David Eaddy and family in the loss of his father, Mr. Elwin Eaddy, who passed away November 5, 2012.

We also extend our love and sympathy to Mrs. Melissa Bearfield in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Gladys Yelton, age 99, who passed away November 5, 2012.

N.C. Baptist Men...the Working Hands of Christ



N.C. Baptist Men and FBC Baptist Men Meet Needs and Have Needs: N.C. Baptist Men respond to disasters in North Carolina and in other states. FBC Baptist Men respond to disasters and vital needs in our community, our state, and other states.

Currently, N.C. Baptist Men are responding to the devastation caused from Hurricane Sandy. The need for volunteers and financial aid is great. They ask for three things:

1) ***Pray** - Pray for people who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Pray for the volunteers who are going to minister. Pray for safety and the witness of our disaster relief volunteers. Pray that God's love will be shown to hurting people and they will want to know more about our great God who loves them, 2) ***Go** - If you are interested and able to go and help, please go to: www.baptistsonmission.org/Sandy, and 3) ***Give** - Give to help those in need. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to NC Baptist Men, designated for Disaster Relief and mail to: NC Baptist Men, Baptist State Convention, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC, 27512.

The FBC Baptist Men respond when and where there are needs. In order to continue responding, they ask three things: 1) ***Pray** - Pray for those in our community, state, and nation who have needs but no one to help them, 2) ***Go** - Join the local work, in-state work, and out-of-state work. There is something everyone can do, and 3) ***Give** - **The FBC Baptist Men's fund needs replenishing.**



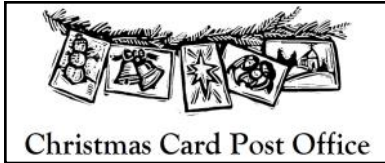
**Baptist Men's
Breakfast**
November 18, 2012
8:30 am
\$150
All are invited!



**Back Pack Pals
Fundraiser**
December 1, 2012
Fatz Café - \$7.00
Purchase tickets from
Deb Holloway.



Red Cross Blood Drive
December 3, 2012
3:30-7:15 pm - E100
Call Janice Coen, 995-0038, to make your
appointment. Give the gift of life!



Christmas Card Post Office
OPENING DECEMBER 2, 2012
and
CLOSING DECEMBER 16, 2012

Bring your cards for active church members to the Post Office in the hallway by the entrance to S150, to be delivered by the FBC Christmas Card Elves! Please...do not leave money at the Post Office. Your missions "postage" should be given through the church to your choice of foreign missions.



**Baraca II Sunday School Class
Christmas Party**
November 27, 2012
5:00-8:00 pm
\$150

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.



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