

The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Resource Recording Team

Monday, February 18, 2013:

Charles Harrill, J. C. Lamm,
Bill Featherston

Monday, February 25, 2013:

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, February 3, 2013

Sunday School—90 Worship Service—120

Sunday, February 10, 2013

Sunday School—80, Worship Service—124

Serving on Sunday, February 17, 2013

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

Greeters: O Team

Nursery: Hilda Auman

2s & 3s: Nan Bates

Children's Church: Linda Teal

Sound: TBA

Security: Hal Shuler

Deacons of the Week: John Yates, Gene Barnes

Wednesday Family Night (2/20/13): \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

Serving on Sunday, February 24, 2013

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

Greeters: W Team

Nursery: Sallie Ormsby

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd, Corey Davis

Sound: Kenny Melvin

Security: Jerry Davis

Deacons of the Week: Steve Bullard, Chris McDuffie

Wednesday Family Night (2/27/13): \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



Boy Scout Sunday

February 17, 2013



Sunday, February 24th

Our church family will honor Anne Tyson for her years of service on staff at First Baptist Church with a reception immediately following the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, February 24th. A love offering will be taken during February. Marked envelopes will be inserted in the bulletin.



- 16 Hilda Lamm
- 18 Deb Holloway
Taron Melvin
- 20 Dale Ormsby
Corinne Watson
- 21 Charles Deane
- 23 Sam Brigman
- 24 Brandon Cox
- 25 Jesse Spencer
- 27 Bob Maddrey



From the Pastor's Pen

Concerning Lent (which began on Wednesday February 13)

Second and third-century Christians were well into the pattern of commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ between Good Friday and Easter, a time which was called the Great Three Days. Often new converts were baptized on Easter morning, but first they were required to fast on Friday and Saturday. However, the custom of spending 40 days in prayer and self denial in preparation for Easter didn't arise until later. Officially, the first reference to Lent as "the forty days" occurred at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.

Lent was a time to call the church back to its mission and founding principals, and the Scriptures offered some examples of how to do that. Israel spent 40 years in the wilderness learning how to trust God. Elijah spent 40 days in the wilderness before hearing the still, small voice of God. Moses spent 40 days on the mountain waiting for God to deliver the Law, and Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness to be tested by the devil before beginning his ministry.

Therefore, Lent has become a 40 day period prior to Easter to pray and fast, to take up our crosses and become reacquainted with the sacrificial Christian lifestyle. Lent is an invitation to go into the wilderness with Jesus and to leave behind the pleasures and conveniences of the world in order to focus more directly on the most important thing—our relationship with God. And that often leads to giving up some "stuff" that would make our relationship with God better—things like pride, prejudice, anger, animosity, grouchiness, grudges, apathy, and faithlessness.

But lets not forget, when we give up or surrender those kinds of things, we gain better and stronger lives, families, and churches.

So, I invite you during these next 40 days to go into the wilderness with Jesus, and on Easter you will arise a transformed Christian and we will become a more Christ-like church. *Jim*



**First Light
Contemporary
Service
Each Sunday
9:00 am
FBC Sanctuary**



Choir Notes

The next rehearsal for The Messiah will be Sunday, February 17 at 3 pm. The performance will be Friday, March 22 at 6:30 pm. Plan now to attend and invite friends and neighbors.

Genevra Kelly will be our organist for the 17th. I have the privilege to travel to New York and sing at Carnegie Hall with the N.C. Baptist Singers along with Joseph Martin's choir. We will be singing some of his and Pepper Choplin's music.

Kim Denison will be our guest soloist on the 24th. Wow what an exciting February!
Marjorie Hinson



	Week of	Jan
Giving Summary	Feb 3	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	10,178	24,570
Chall. to Maint.	450	750
Memorials & Hon.	685	1,033
Radio Ministry	400	800
Baptist Men Fund		25
Christmas Missions		190
Youth Ministry	40	35
Total Gifts	11,753	27,403

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:	
Budget req. to date 2012	38,348
Actual gifts to date	36,505
YTD req. under actual gifts	(1,843)
% giving to req.	95%



Region 6 Missions Rally February 21, 2013 - Prospect Baptist Church - Albemarle, N.C.

This Missions Rally is for all who are involved or interested in missions... men, women, and youth. It will be a time for inspiration and information concerning local, state, national, and international missions. There will be singing, testimonies, mission videos, and more. All are welcome to attend for a good time of fellowship and inspiration!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Steve McIver, our Baptist Men's Director, who was recently installed as the Master of the Hamlet Masonic Lodge No. 532.



Mr. Bronson Brim, Sr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Harrill
 Mrs. Helen Cox
 Mrs. Marjorie Rainey
 Mr. & Mrs. Brent Neal
 Mr. & Mrs. Jae Hardy
 Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Yates
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Harrelson
 Mrs. Shirley Mills
 Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Brim
 Mr. & Mrs. Marty Chilton
 Mrs. Rosa L. Britt
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Stafford
 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Stogner
 Mr. & Mrs. David Ariail
 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hall
 Mr. B. T. Phillips
 Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Godwin
 Miss Evelyn Marks
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Featherston
 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Haley

Mr. Bobby Marshall
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Harrill
 Mr. B. T. Phillips
 Miss Evelyn Marks

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins
 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bowles

Mr. Ed Ormsby
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Featherston

Mrs. DeLette Sibley
 Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Yates
 Mrs. Martha Gandy
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Harrelson
 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Stogner
 Miss Evelyn Marks
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Featherston

Mrs. "Pinkie" Morris
 Mrs. Shirley Mills
 Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Godwin
 Mrs. Martha Gandy
 Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Kindley
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Featherston

Mrs. Billie Sue Sherrer Seay,
 A special friend
 Miss Marlyn Benoist



Mr. & Mrs. Joe Davis
 Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Spencer

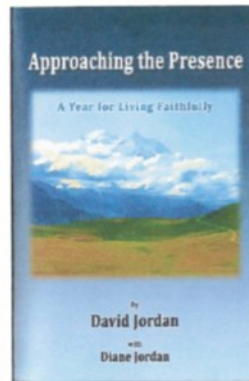
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Iseman



The Youth and adults who attended the Winter Retreat are so grateful for the opportunity to attend the worship event and the opportunity to go skiing. The Youth made thank you cards for Don Auman, bus driver and chaperone, and for Virginia Auman and Abram Buckner, chaperones. They also made a thank you card for the church and I have copied it for you here.

Youth Week will be from Sunday, March 3 -Sunday, March 10.

Memories can last forever, because of you!



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
 A BOOK SIGNING**
 The Rev. Dr. David Jordan, former Pastor of Rockingham First Baptist Church, will be at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Stogner, 335 Curtis Drive, Rockingham, NC Wednesday, February 27, 2-5 pm with his book, **"APPROACHING THE PRESENCE, A Year for Living Faithfully"**, with his mother, Mrs. Diane Jordan, as contributing author. *This is a book of daily devotionals, and is dedicated in memory of David's father.*

Also, Dr. Nelson has invited David to speak at the Wednesday evening Adult Prayer Service, so you are encouraged to be present to hear him.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Painting Class Orientation

Tuesday, March 5th
 6 pm

New Members are welcome. There will be something for new members and for established members. For more information, contact Flo Aiken.



Parade of Tables

Parade of Tables is up and running again. Our date is May 18th. If anyone would like to have the honor of decorating a table and being its hostess, please contact Myra Deane (894-3612) or Diane Stokes (995-2483). We would love to have new faces join in the fun. We need all requests by February 24th.



Now is the perfect time to join the choir! Come, lend your voice to the moving musical, *Messiah*.

Messiah Rehearsal Dates

Sunday	February 17	3:00 pm
Tuesday	February 26	7:00 pm
Sunday	March 3	3:00 pm
Tuesday	March 12	7:00 pm
Sunday	March 17	3:00 pm

Performance

Friday	March 22	6:30 pm
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J.O.Y. Fellowship
Southern Living Spring Show
March 1, 2013

Contact Janice Coen for cost information and to reserve your seat on the bus - 995-0038.



Children and Youth

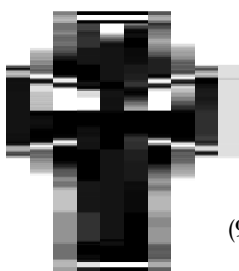
NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR:

The first family outing to the circus on February 9th was fun for all. Our next family activity will be a BIG Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 23rd from 10-11:30. There will be crafts and face painting, an Easter story, a BIG egg hunt, and snacks. Families with children

from toddler up through 5th grade are invited to come join the Children's Council in celebrating Easter in a BIG way.

We wish to welcome and thank our newest addition to the Terrific Tuesday volunteers—Taylor Forrester. Taylor has recently joined our Youth group and is jumping right in to help with our church ministries. Thank you, Taylor.

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