



The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Resource Recording Team

Monday, March 18, 2013:

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, March 25 2013:

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, March 3, 2013

Sunday School—89 Worship Service—95

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Sunday School—88, Worship Service—106

Serving on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Ushers: Harry Coble, Gene Coen, Chris McDuffie, John Ray, Dicky Smith, John Yates

Greeters: O Team

Nursery: Hilda Auman

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children’s Church: Linda Byrd

Sound: TBA

Security: John Yates

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

Wednesday Family Night (3/20/13): \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

Serving on Sunday, March 24, 2013

Ushers: Harry Coble, Gene Coen, Chris McDuffie, John Ray, Dicky Smith, John Yates

Greeters: W Team

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Twyla Nelson

Children’s Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Sound: TBA

Security: Gene Barnes

Deacons of the Week: Steve McIver, Pat Buckner

Wednesday Family Night (3/27/13): \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

Serving on Sunday, March 31, 2013

Ushers: Harry Coble, Gene Coen, Chris McDuffie, John Ray, Dicky Smith, John Yates

Greeters: GROW Team

Nursery: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

2s & 3s: Kaye Beale

Children’s Church: Mary Joyner

Sound: TBA

Security: Steve Bullard

Deacons of the Week: Gene Coen, Dennis Holloway

Wednesday Family Night (4/3/13): \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



Handel’s Messiah

The *Messiah* will be presented on Friday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m.

The choir consists of talent from First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, and First Presbyterian Church of Rockingham along with Paul

Chandley’s Choir and friends from the community. Paul Chandley will direct the performance, featuring Sophia Chandley as organist.

Please come and join us for Handel’s famous Baroque style oratorio as we offer our gift of music in praise of God.

Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday Services will be held March 24 at First Baptist Church at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The following **Lenten Services** will be offered at First United Methodist Church in Rockingham at 12 p.m.:

March 25 Rev. Mike Sykes of First United Methodist Church

March 26 Rev. Dwight Williams of First Presbyterian Church

March 27 Rev. Jim Nelson of First Baptist Church

A light lunch will be served following each of the services at First United Methodist Church.

On Wednesday, March 27, at First Baptist Church, we will have a special Easter Communion service at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Easter Sunday services: Celebrating the Risen Christ March 31, at 9 and 11 a.m.



- 16 Brenda Tyler
Joshua Cowan
- 20 Ina Haigler
Craig McNeil
- 21 Janice Coen
- 24 Mart Pierce
- 25 Nikki White
- 28 Carolyn Saunders
Catherine Shelley
Caroline Smith
Andrew Wheeler



From the Pastor's Pen

Easter is the center of the Christian story. Jesus died a death more cruel and painful than any of us can imagine. He was dead and sealed in the grave for three days. But then came Easter morning!

The pre-Easter disciples were a sad and hopeless group. They wept and grieved. The One whom they loved, the One in whom they placed their present and future was dead. But the story continues.

Mary went to the tomb. The linen cloth was rolled carefully. Mary wept. A man appeared. She thought he was a gardener, but when he called her name, "Mary," she recognized him. Jesus was alive! He did not appear to be a ghost or a spirit. It was Jesus in bodily form. It was a glorified body, but it *was* a body. Later, he appeared to all of his disciples. He ate with them, touched them, walked with them and spoke to them.

Jesus who had been dead was now alive — never to die again. God had raised him to life!

The fact of Easter is that God faced evil and death on Good Friday and won the victory on Easter Sunday. What does that mean to us? The simple answer is — everything! The resurrection validates the life and ministry of Jesus. It is the proof that Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior. It is the assurance that the answer to the question — "If a man dies, will he live again?" is "Yes!" It is the confidence that our faith and our preaching is not in vain. It is the courage and strength to overcome difficult and hard days, knowing that victory awaits us at the end of our journey. It is the very promise of eternal life. Those are the facts of Easter. But facts alone do not transform a life. Rather, transformation comes through our personal knowledge of and participation with the Living God. And that is made real through faith.

Is your life in the process of being transformed? I hope and pray so. May we move beyond belief in the Easter facts to a life lived daily in Easter faith!

Jim



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



	Week of	Feb
Giving Summary	March 3rd	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	8,963	24,925
Chall. to Maint.		1,600
Memorials & Hon.	100	1,490
Radio Ministry	400	800
Baptist Men Fund		440
Spring Missions	10	200
First Light Service	100	500
Youth Ministry		90
Anne Tyson Love Gift	85	993
Total Gifts	9,658	31,070

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2013	69,026
Actual gifts to date	61,196
YTD req. under actual gifts	(7,830)
% giving to req.	89%

Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to remember a loved one on Easter by placing a lily in the sanctuary may complete and submit this form to the church office by as soon as possible. The cost this year is \$10.00.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____





Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Evans
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harrelson
 Mrs. Shirley Mills
 Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks
 Miss Marlyn Benoist
 Mr. B. T. Phillips
 Mrs. Martha Gandy
 Mrs. Jean Cain
 Ms. Jean Crouch
 Mr. Claude Brigman
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harellson
 Mr. Bronson Brim, Sr.
 Mrs. Betty Matthews
 Mr. Richard Ervin
 Mrs. Betty Matthews
 Mr. Bobby Marshall
 Mrs. Betty Matthews
 Mrs. "Pinkie" Morris
 Mrs. Betty Matthews
 Mrs. DeLette Sibley
 Mrs. Betty Matthews

In Honor Of
 Miss Hannah Beale
 Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates



You're Invited!

**Baptist Men's Breakfast,
 Sunday, March 17th at
 8:15 a.m.**

\$150



MARK
 YOUR
 CALENDAR

**March 2013
 Deacon Meeting
 Sunday, March 17
 12:30 p.m.
 Conference Room**



When (Jesus) entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." Matthew 9: 28-29

The two blind men express belief in Jesus' power to heal. Then, as he does in other miraculous healings, Jesus touches them. Loving touches from Jesus are like hugs between a parent and child—they are healing and comforting. We all need the tender touches of Christ and the warm hugs of family. (Neilsen, *Who Do You Say That I Am?*)

Family is important. Statistics show that the instances of children coming to faith are largest when the father is the spiritual example in the family, then the mother, then others. When parents attend church *with* their children, they set the strongest example for their children to come to faith and live their lives out in faith.

I hope to see your family in church this Sunday, and every Sunday!



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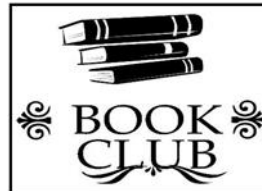
Home Mission Offering

Church Goal: \$3,000.00

You may designate your offering to:

1) The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (SBC)
 Theme: *Whatever it Takes—Reaching the One*, or

2) The Global Missions Offering (CBF)
 Theme: *God's Mission; Your Passion*
 May we be faithful and generous in our giving and praying.



Carolyn Bridgman hosted the First Baptist Church Book Club in her home Friday, March 1. Carolyn led a discussion of Tim Gautreaux's *The Missing*. Set in the 1920s, the novel's plot involves the kidnapping of a four year old girl from a large department store in New Orleans and the protagonist's efforts to find the child. His search introduces the reader to some of the most decadent characters in Southern literature. The theme of the novel points to the utter futility and degradation caused by the pursuit of revenge.

The Louisiana author is married to Raeford native Winborne Howell, who is the niece of Becky Howell of Ellerbe.

Please join us at our next Book Club meeting on Friday, April 12, 2013. It will be hosted by Melissa Bearfield. The location has yet to be chosen, so keep your eyes on the church bulletin for further information. New members always welcome!

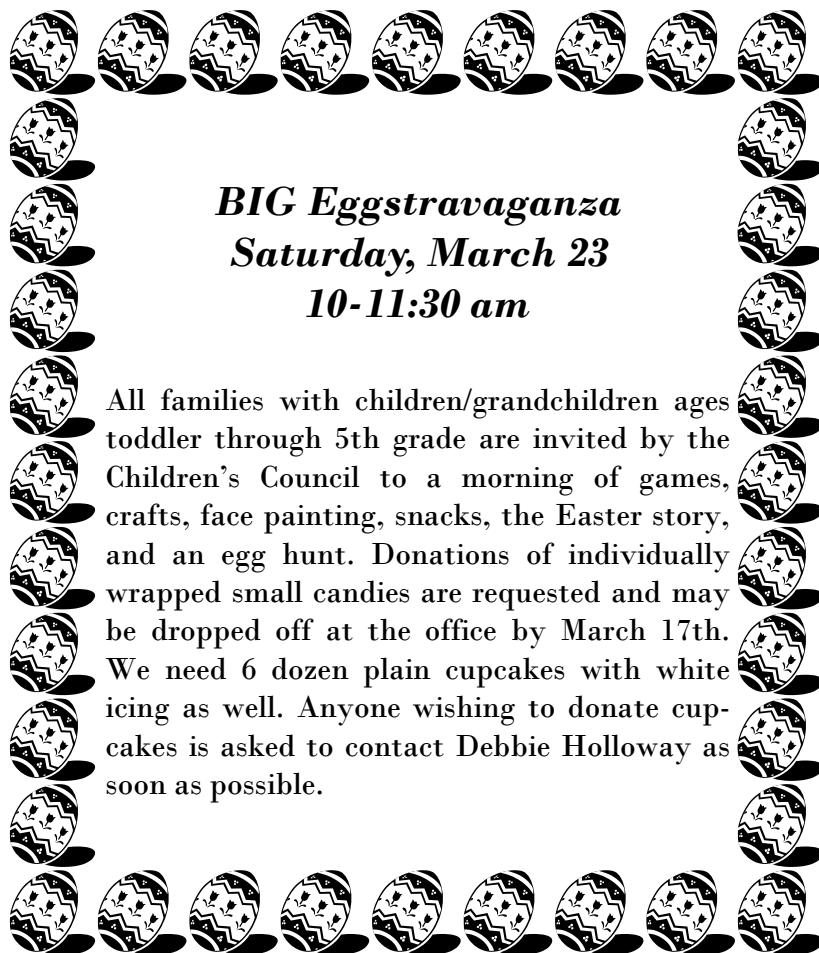
CHOIR NOTES

Our children will be participating in our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday 11 a.m. services. They are excited about being a special part of these two services.

Handel's Messiah will be presented in the sanctuary Friday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. Those participating will have dress rehearsal from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

*No choir rehearsal April 3.

Rejoice! He is Risen!



BIG Eggstravaganza ***Saturday, March 23*** ***10-11:30 am***

All families with children/grandchildren ages toddler through 5th grade are invited by the Children's Council to a morning of games, crafts, face painting, snacks, the Easter story, and an egg hunt. Donations of individually wrapped small candies are requested and may be dropped off at the office by March 17th. We need 6 dozen plain cupcakes with white icing as well. Anyone wishing to donate cupcakes is asked to contact Debbie Holloway as soon as possible.

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