



The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Monday, April 1, 2013:

Bonnie Barnes, Louise Deaton

Monday, April 8, 2013:

Dale Ormsby, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, April 15, 2013:

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Attendance Report

Sunday, March 17, 2013

Sunday School— 95 Worship Services—124

Sunday, March 24, 2013

Sunday School—91, Worship Services—124

Serving on Sunday, April 7, 2013

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

Greeters: W Team

Nursery: Anne Tyson, Jan Smith

2s & 3s: Peggy Scott

Children's Church: Kaye Beale

Sound: TBA

Security: Gene Barnes

Deacons of the Week: Lazelle Marks, Frances
Godwin

Serving on Sunday, April 14, 2013

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

Greeters: G Team

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Twyla Nelson

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Sound: TBA

Security: John Yates

Deacons of the Week: Bill Featherston, Norvin
Forester

Wednesday Family Night

Join us for dinner, fellowship, Bible study, and activities every Wednesday beginning at 5:45 pm. The cost is \$5.00 a plate, or \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

The Menu

April 3: ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, biscuits, & dessert.

April 10: chicken pot pie, congealed salad, seven layer salad, biscuits, & dessert.

Home Missions Offering Goal — \$3,000

Are we doing whatever it takes to reach the one who needs to experience the transforming power of God's love and grace? Let us pray and give to support the work and ministry of our missionaries and field personnel. You may give to the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, or to the Annie Armstrong offering of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Missionaries to Speak

Graham and Sharon Nichols have responded to God's call to serve as career missionaries serving with The Mission Society.

They have been called to serve and live among the people of Ecuador and are seeking prayer and financial support to remain in field ministry serving Christ in community in the town of Calceta, located in the Coastal Region of Ecuador.

In the United States both were very active in their home church, Lewis Memorial United Methodist Church in Evans, Georgia, and within the community and surrounding States.

Graham worked in management and administration for over 34 years. Sharon worked in dental/medical office management for 15 years. Both are Mission Society trained mission project coordinators with Sharon having led short-term teams to Peru for several years.

In Ecuador, the Nichols feel called to minister through children and adult discipleship; Kid's Clubs, small group Bible Studies for men, women and youth, evangelism, church planting, music ministry, serving with Compassion International, hosting short-term mission teams, and by loving Ecuador's people; making disciples to make disciples.

Come and hear their story on Sunday, April 14 at the Baptist Men's Breakfast (8:15 a.m.) and the worship service (11 a.m.)

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Don Auman
Pat Watson
- 4 J.C. Lamm
Gracie Parrisher
- 6 Patsy Jenkins
Tess Ann Jones
Sally Pierce
- 9 Betty Evans
- 10 April Collins
- 11 Bonnie Barnes
- 12 Charles Joyner
- 13 Michelle Ard
- 14 Jeanne Olive



From the Pastor's Pen

According to the calendar, Spring has arrived, but according to the actual temperatures, winter is still tenaciously hanging on. Yet despite the frigid temperatures, we have experienced some warm, uplifting services and activities at First Baptist Church.

The presentation of the *Messiah* on Friday, March 22, was outstanding. The choir, the orchestra, and the soloists (including our own Marjorie Hinson) were terrific. We were truly blessed!

On Saturday, March 23, a significant number of our children gathered for an Easter egg hunt. They heard the Easter story from Judy Harrelson and thoroughly enjoyed the hunt—and their sweet surprises.

On Sunday evening, March 24, our youth gathered to share in and learn about the Old Testament, Jewish Seder meal. We learned the symbolism involved in the various foods which pointed to the Messiah and the salvation he would provide through his death. Then, we enjoyed a delicious meal together, provided by Wanda Bullard and the Auman family.

For me, these activities have genuinely enhanced my worship at Easter time, and as of this date, we still have several community services and our Easter celebration to anticipate.

Thank you—each one of you—for your part in helping your church to celebrate and rejoice in the good news that Jesus Christ is risen!

Hyman Appleman was speaking about the Apostle Paul's experience in a Philippian jail. He said, "I can just see brother Paul in prison. One of the guards whom he had led to Christ must have approached him early one morning with these words:

'Hey, old man, do you hear something?'

'Yes, I hear someone sharpening an axe.'

'What do you suppose they're going to do with that axe?'

'They're probably going to cut off my head.'

'Doesn't that bother you?'

'Pitch me a coin!'

With a confident smile Paul flips the coin, "Heads I win...and tails I win! For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

The great old soldier of the cross was filled with assurance and hope even in the face of execution. From where did this hope come? From the conviction that Jesus Christ faced death and conquered it! That same assurance and hope are ours today. Because Jesus is alive—like Paul we can say, "Heads I win...and tails I win!"

Let us live everyday in hope! See you on Sunday!

Jim



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



Giving Summary	Week of	Mar
	March 10	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	9,891	18,854
Chall. to Maint.	750	750
Memorials & Hon.	140	240
Radio Ministry	400	800
Spring Missions	25	35
First Light Service		100
Anne Tyson Love Gift	70	155
Total Gifts	11,276	20,934

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:		
Budget req. to date 2013		84,365
Actual gifts to date		71,227
YTD req. under actual gifts		(13,138)
% giving to req.		84%



First Baptist Church entered a cook team in the first annual Baptist Men's Cook-off held March 23rd. Kenneth Robinette, Dennis Holloway, Paul Collins, and Mark Savage spent many hours setting up, cooking, and chopping twelve Boston butts. Our team took 2nd place out of a field of 13 cook teams in their first team effort. The trophy will be on display at the church. Congratulations FBC Team!

Donations in Memory of:

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Easter Lilies

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Mrs. Hilda B. Lamm
Mr. J.C. Lamm



As I read through my email this morning, one item really captured my interest. The article entitled "Why 'Insiders' Are Killing Your Church" written by James Emrey White can be found at www.churchleaders.com. Anyone interested in evangelism will want to read this article and then as I did really give some serious thought to changing the truth of the article. White wrote: Almost everybody who follows Christ, and almost every gathering of those Christ followers constituting a church, says the same thing: "We want to reach the world for Christ." Yet, most don't. So where's the breakdown? It's not strategy... It's not theology...It's not the new generation of leadership...It's not the new generation of Christians...So what is the problem? Jesus knew. When challenged about His own mission's emphasis toward those on the outside of faith, He responded: "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? Go figure out what the Scripture means: 'I'm after mercy, not religion.' I'm here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders" (Matthew 9:12-13,Msg)... Countless numbers of leaders and members of churches have given in to a Christian consumerism. They embrace a mentality that gives ample rhetorical support to evangelistic intent, but resists violently at the point of implementation because--at the point of actually "doing" it "costs" them. In other words, scratch the surface of a sacrificial, pick-up-your-cross, to die is gain, eat my flesh and drink my blood, Christian, ...and you have an it's-all-about-me, spiritually narcissistic, turned-inward, meet my needs, feed me, consumer.

White goes into a list of excuses that people give for not putting evangelism into action. Why? White's answer is: "Because it would call for sacrifice or inconvenience of some kind...evangelism is fine in theory, but not in practice, because in practice evangelism almost always involves death-to-self, the complete anti-consumer state of mind. So can we change? Sure. But only when we look in the mirror and own the truth about our consumerism: We say we want them in heaven, but we act like they can go to hell.



Choir Notes



There will be **no** adult choir rehearsal on Wednesday, April 3.

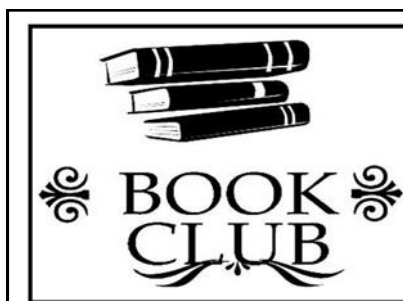
The Sandhills Ringers will be ringing in the Sunday service on April 14.

Thank you again, choir members, for your participation in the *Messiah*. It was a wonderful experience for me, and I hope you also feel blessed by the contribution each one of you made.

Thoughts on Hymn Lyrics

Are you thinking about the lyrics when you sing a hymn? Some people can sing one or two verses of a hymn from memory, not just because they have been singing it most of their lives, but because these words have a special meaning. People who are dedicated to God's work not only memorize Bible verses, but have words of hymns in their hearts and minds.

Make a concerted effort to discover lyrics. They were once important to someone, and can also be important and inspiring to you!



Our next Book Club meeting is Friday, April 12, 2013. Melissa Bearfield will be hosting the gathering at Ichiban, at 6 p.m. New members are always invited to attend. If you're reading a great book and want to share, or simply looking for recommendations, the First Baptist Book Club is certain to expand your horizons!

Relief and Release: The Hands of Christ

The 2013 NC Baptist Missions Conference will take place at Calvary Baptist Church of Winston-Salem on April 5th and 6th. Featured speakers include Kyle Idleman, Terry Rae, Taylor Field, and David Nasser. Meredith Andrews will lead in musical worship.

Several have already signed up for this year's missions conference to be held in Winston-Salem. There is still time for you to sign up and room for you to ride the van. Please contact Dennis Holloway if you are interested in attending and to obtain housing information.

Family Fun Day! Saturday, April 27 10am-1pm

Families with children up through 5th grade are invited to a day of games, crafts, activities, and pizza lunch. For further details, contact Debbie Holloway.

Youth News!

In April, the Youth will be offered an evangelism study entitled "Reach Out, Don't Freak Out." Parents, I hope you will encourage your youth to take part in this study that will change their lives and the lives of those around them forever!

Fatz Stacks Pancake Fundraiser

Saturday, April 20

7:30-10:30 am

Tickets: \$7

Contact church office for ticket information. All proceeds will go to the Missions Committee to aid our Children, Youth, and Baptist Men's summer mission activities.

BBQ Luncheon Mission Fundraiser

Sunday, April 28

12:30pm-3 pm

Cost: \$7

Eat in or take out. Food will be served immediately following the 11 o'clock service. Tickets may be purchased prior to the luncheon or at the door. All proceeds will go to the Missions Committee to be used for Children, Youth, and Baptist Men's mission activities this summer.

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