



# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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## Resource Recording Team

**Monday, April 22, 2013:**

Beverly Carnes, Sally Pierce

**Monday, April 29, 2013:**

Gene Barnes, Judy McEntire

## Attendance Report

**Sunday, March 31, 2013**

Sunday School—85 Worship Services—175

**Sunday, April 7, 2013**

Sunday School—87, Worship Services—112

## Serving on Sunday, April 21, 2013

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

**Greeters:** R Team

**Nursery:** Hilda Auman

**2s & 3s:** Terry and Susan Brown

**Children's Church:** Linda Byrd

**Sound:** TBA

**Security:** Kenneth Robinette

**Deacons of the Week:** John Yates, Gene Barnes

## Serving on Sunday, April 28, 2013

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

**Greeters:** O Team

**Nursery:** Elaine Davis

**2s & 3s:** Twyla Nelson

**Children's Church:** Bobbie Sue Ormsby

**Sound:** TBA

**Security:** John Ray

**Deacons of the Week:** Steve Bullard, Chris McDuffie

## 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 17:** spaghetti, seven-layer salad, garlic bread, dessert.

**April 24:** pork loin, English peas, sweet potatoes, biscuits, dessert

## Home Missions Offering Goal — \$3,000

Are we truly 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.

## Operation InasMuch

Operation InasMuch will be held Saturday, May 25, 2013. Please mark your calendars now and join us in showing God's love to our community. We will go out and cut grass, trim shrubbery, rake yards, pressure wash homes, build wheel chair ramps, deliver meals within the community, send out cards, and visit people in the community.

In addition to being present, please remember to pray for the success of Operation InasMuch. If you have any questions, contact Operation InasMuch Coordinator Mrs. Jill Emerson, 895-3067, or Mr. Harry Coble, 582-8095.

## Thank You

“Barbara and I just want to say ‘Thank You’ for everyone who prayed for us, those who delivered meals, those who sent cards, those who called, and those who had encouraging words during Barbara's recent medical problem with her foot.”

—Barbara and Harry Coble



## The Observance of the Lord's Supper

April 21st, 2013  
at both morning services.

*Happy Birthday!*

- 14 Bobbie Sue Ormsby
- 18 Trace Davis  
Laney Dawkins
- 22 Ruby Hudson
- 23 Robbie Taylor
- 24 Mae Yates
- 29 Martha Gandy
- 30 Ric Buckner  
Mary Carter



## From the Pastor's Pen

Tonight, April 8, will officially conclude the men's portion of college basketball's "March Madness" when Louisville and Michigan will play for the championship. Too bad that no Carolina team or ACC team made it into the Final Four, but there's always next year. Or, is there? "March Madness" seems to be spreading not only throughout the entire calendar year, but also throughout the world. Politically, socially, meteorologically, economically — everywhere we look there seems to be madness or craziness. Everything that was once nailed down seems to be coming loose. So as Christians, during these uncertain times, what are we to do?

First, we must remain faithful to our loving and powerful God who does not change. He is alive and well and is working through even these maddening circumstances of life to fulfill his good purposes. We must continue to trust Him and serve Him with an even greater commitment.

Secondly, in these uncertain times we can discover serenity and shelter and comfort in His presence. Psalm 91:1-2 says, "you who live in the shelter of the Most High will say to the Lord 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'"

A recent article I read affirmed this special place of refuge. It said:

**"This past January following the Baltimore Ravens' playoff victory over the Indianapolis Colts, Ray Lewis took off his jersey and displayed his undershirt with 'Psalms 91' emblazoned across the front. It appeared again after the Ravens' Super Bowl victory of the San Francisco 49ers. Lewis said, 'For me, through the ups and downs, the roller coasters of 17 years, you have to find a safe place... You have to find that place that is very quiet in your head, and anytime I read it, anytime I come across it, my Bible, the first Scripture in there is Psalms 91.'**

Certainly Lewis knows the ups and downs of life all too well. A child of a broken home, he turned to football, arguably becoming one of the best linebackers of all time. However, in 2000, just as he was entering his prime as an NFL player, he was charged with murder and later pleaded guilty to a lesser charge. The following season, he led the Ravens to a Super Bowl Championship and was named the Super Bowl MVP. In October 2012, he suffered what easily could have been a season-ending torn triceps injury, but battled back to lead his team to a second Super Bowl victory.

**Psalm 91 is a shining testimony to the security of those who place their trust in God. By entrusting our lives to God's protection and pledging to him our daily devotion, we find in God a refuge, a place of safety."**

Father, in these days which are so unpredictable, may we find refuge in you even as we reaffirm our faith and recommit our lives to your service and the advancement of your Kingdom!

Jim



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

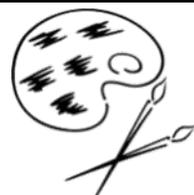
## Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Weeks of	Mar
	Mar 24 & 31	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	11,307	30,161
Chall. to Maint.	400	1,150
Memorials & Hon.	140	380
Radio Ministry		800
Spring Missions	295	330
Katie Yates Fund	100	100
First Light Service	250	350
Anne Tyson Love Gift		155
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>12,492</b>	<b>33,426</b>

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:  
 Budget req. to date 2013 99,704  
 Actual gifts to date 82,674

YTD req. under actual gifts (17,030)

% giving to req. 83%



### Art Class

Acrylic painting class will meet every Tuesday at 11 am in E-100 April 16th, 23rd, and 30th, and May 7th, 14th, and 21st. Bring a sandwich and have a good time! Contact Flo Aiken for more information!

## Donations

In loving memory of:

**Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie**  
Cathy's Card Club

In honor of:

**Mrs. Jeannette Melvin**  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Melvin



## friends of children

May 4, 2013

Kids of all ages (senior adult kids, too!) are invited to sign up for a one day mission activity. We are planning to travel to the Baptist Children's Home in Pembroke NC — the Odom Home. We will help clean the grounds, clean windows, fix floors and/or roofs, plant flowers, paint, and wash staff vehicles. There is something everyone can do. Come be a mission worker for a day. Contact Debbie Holloway to sign up by April 21st.



### God's Will and Your Life

*"I am the vine; you are the branches.  
If a man remains in me and I in him,  
he will bear much fruit;  
apart from me you can do nothing."  
—John 15:5*

*The following comes from the book "Experiencing God" (Youth Edition) by Henry T. Blackaby and Claude V. King.*

### The World's Fair

In 1986, when the World's Fair was coming to Vancouver, our association of churches was convinced God wanted us to try to reach the 22 million people who would come to the fair. We had about two thousand members in our churches in the greater Vancouver area. How in the world could two thousand people make a great impact on such a mass of tourists from all over the world? Both youth and adults had some exciting ideas.

Two years before the fair we began to set our plans in motion. At that time, the total income for our whole association was \$9 thousand. The following year our income was about \$16 thousand. For the year of the World's Fair, we took a great leap of faith and set a budget for \$202 thousand. We had commitments that would probably provide 35 percent of that budget; 65 percent of the budget was dependent on prayer.

Can you operate a budget on prayer? Yes. But when you do that, you are attempting something only God can do. What do most of us do? We set a practical budget, which is the total of what we can do. Then we set a hope or faith budget. The budget we generally trust and use, however, is the one we can reach by ourselves. We do not really trust God to do anything.

As an association of churches, we decided that God had definitely led us to the work that would cost \$202 thousand. That became our operating budget. All of our people began praying for God to provide and to guide us in doing everything we believed He wanted us to do during the World's Fair.

At the end of the year, I asked our treasurer how much money we had received. From Canada, the United States, and other parts of the world, we had received \$264 thousand. But people did more than give money. They came from all over the world to assist us. During the course of the fair, we became a catalyst to see almost 20 thousand people come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. God had truly moved—far beyond anyone's expectations!

We cannot explain what happened at the World's Fair except in terms of God's intervention. Only God could have accomplished those results. And how did God do it? He did it with believers of all ages who had determined to be servants, who were moldable, flexible, and available for the Master's use.

Nothing is impossible when you are seeking to do God's will. Let's seek His will for the lost in our community, be willing to do His will, and be believers of all ages who are determined to be servants, who are moldable, flexible, and available for the Master's use.

## 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.



## Fatz Stacks Pancake

### Fundraiser

Saturday, April 20

7:30-10:30 am

Tickets: \$7



### Youth Evangelism

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!

Contact the 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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