



# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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## Resource Recording Team

**Monday, May 6, 2013:**

Bonnie Barnes, Louise Deaton

**Monday, May 13, 2013:**

Dale Ormsby, Joanne Cadieu

## Attendance Report

**Sunday, April 14, 2013**

Sunday School—92 Worship Services—168

**Sunday, April 21, 2013**

Sunday School—95 Worship Services—110

## Serving on Sunday, May 5, 2013

**Ushers:** Dennis Holloway, Chris McDuffie, John Ray, Kenneth Robinette

**Greeters: G Team**

**Nursery:** Anne Tyson

**2s & 3s:** Peggy Scott

**Children's Church:** Kaye Beale

**Sound:** Lazelle Marks, Sam Brigman

**Security:** J.C. Lamm

**Deacons of the Week:** John Ray, Kenneth Robinette

## Serving on Sunday, May 12, 2013

**Ushers:** Dennis Holloway, Chris McDuffie, John Ray, Kenneth Robinette

**Greeters: R Team**

**Nursery:** Claudia Robinette

**2s & 3s:** Virginia Auman

**Children's Church:** Beth Ray

**Sound:** Lazelle Marks, Sam Brigman

**Security:** Ric Buckner

**Deacons of the Week:** Flo Aiken, Charles Harrill

## 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**

**May 8:** BBQ Chicken, Corn Pudding, Broccoli & Cheese, Biscuit, Dessert.

**May 15:** Sloppy Joes, Baked Potatoes, Salad Bar, Dessert.

## **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.

## **Terrific Tuesday for Kids**



Children Pre-K and ages 4 up through 5th grade are invited to join us for a summer of fun-packed Tuesdays.

We will explore our county's bountiful history, enjoy picnic outings, learn some exciting Bible stories, and much more.

We ask that you pre-register so we can plan volunteers and transportation. Deadline to pre-register is Tuesday, May 14th.

## **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.

## Wishing You a Happy Birthday!

4th Betty Matthews  
 13th Miriam Greene  
 14th William Bryant  
 Beverly Crouse  
 15th Harry Coble  
 Bess Shuler

### For Your Information:

In case some of our Informer readers have not yet heard the news, Rev. Debbie Holloway submitted her resignation to the personnel committee and deacons in mid-March. However, due to a number of scheduled summer events and activities, she will continue to serve faithfully and fulfill her ministry responsibilities at our church until the end of the summer.

In the meantime, an ad hoc committee chaired by Kenneth Robinette, vice chairman of our deacons, is conducting a needs assessment to determine future positions.

So, please pray for Rev. Holloway and for our church as we move into the future.



## From the Pastor's Pen

Bombings in Boston. A fertilizer factory explosion in Texas. Devastating floods in the Midwest. Earthquakes in China. An avalanche takes lives in Colorado. These were just a few of the headlines I read about during this past weekend (April 20-21.) There is no doubt that Jesus' words were true: "In the world you shall have tribulation." No matter who or where we are, as pilgrims journeying through this world, each of us at one time or another will face storms. While some will be major storms causing substantial damage, others will be more irritating than damaging. But we will all face storms.

Jim Cantore, a meteorologist with The Weather Channel, chases and follows storms for a living. While he has faced many life threatening storms, his most severe storm has been seeking to care for his two children, both of whom have Fragile X Syndrome, a genetic disorder that can lead to autism-like symptoms and is associated with learning and behavioral problems. Cantore calls this condition "the storm that hurts the most and never goes away."

Storms are a part of life in this world. The question is — how will we face them? How will we deal with them?

God spoke an important word to his people through Isaiah. The Israelites were still in bondage and would face many storms before finally going home. So, to encourage them he said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." (Isaiah 43:2)

While there is no promise of a quick fix or a future without trouble, there is a promise of God's sustaining presence until the end of our journey. God has promised to never leave us or forsake us. So, during stormy days, let us all look to and trust in the God who knows us, has redeemed us, and will be with us!

As always, I hope to see you in study and worship on Sunday.

Jim



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

## Tithes & Gifts

| Giving Summary       | Weeks of Mar  |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                      | Apr 7 & 14    | MTD           |
| Gen. Oper. Fund      | 12,702        | 30,161        |
| Chall. to Maint.     | 100           | 1,150         |
| Memorials & Hon.     | 85            | 380           |
| Radio Ministry       | 800           | 800           |
| Spring Missions      | 425           | 330           |
| Katie Yates Fund     | 100           | 100           |
| First Light Service  |               | 350           |
| Anne Tyson Love Gift |               | 155           |
| Sound Fund           | 350           |               |
| <b>Total Gifts</b>   | <b>15,337</b> | <b>33,426</b> |

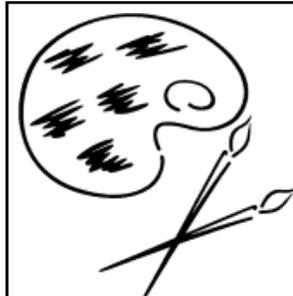
### General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Budget req. to date 2013    | 115,043  |
| Actual gifts to date        | 95,461   |
| YTD req. under actual gifts | (19,582) |
| % giving to req.            | 83%      |



George Beverly Shea, "America's beloved gospel singer," has died at the age of 104. Many of us remember gathering around the TV and listening to his wonderful voice as he sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus" during the Billy Graham Crusades.

Shea believed the simplicity of old hymns drew people to his music. He joined Graham's crusade team in 1947.



### Art Class

Acrylic painting class will meet on the following Tuesdays in May at 11 am in E-100:

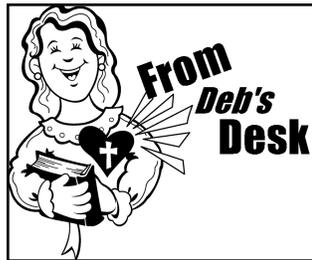
May 7th, 14th, and 21st.

Bring a sandwich and have a good time!  
 Contact Flo Aiken for more information!

## Donations

*In loving memory of:*

**Mrs. Doris Staples**  
Mr. & Mrs. John Yates  
Mr. B.T. Phillips  
Mr. & Mrs. Lazelle Marks



In Charles Swindoll's book Great Attitudes! 10 Choices for Success in Life, he asked and answered the question, "What's the secret of a great attitude? Choice." Swindoll wrote that he believed the "single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my bankroll, my successes or failures, fame or pain, what other people think of me or say about me, my circumstances, or my position. Atti-

tude keeps me going or cripples my progress."

One of the devotions in this book is entitled "The Right Attitude." He writes:

**When I'm able, by faith, to sense God's hand in my situation, my attitude will be right. I don't begin the day gritting my teeth, asking, "Why do I have to stay in this situation?" Instead, I believe that He made me the way I am and put me where I am to do what He has planned for me to do. I don't wait for my situation to change before I put my heart into my work. I suggest you give that a try. It's called 'blooming where you are planted.' There's nothing like an attitude of gratitude to free us up.**

What's your attitude? May I suggest if there is an area of your life you are not satisfied with right now that you begin to purposefully look for God's hand in the situation and by faith let him lead you through this time.

"Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your cards, calls, flowers, and food. I know your continuing prayers and concern are the key to my quick recovery.

God's Peace & Love,  
Judy McEntire"

## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2, 2013 is the National Day of Prayer. Services will take place on the steps of the Richmond County Courthouse!



## Calendar Events

Just a few reminders of upcoming dates you'll want to mark on your calendar!

May 1: Family Night: Food and Bible Study

May 5: Spring Church Conference. Deacon nominations.

May 8: Family Night: Food and Bible Study

May 12: Mother's Day

May 15: Family Night: Food and Bible Study

May 18: Parade of Tables

## Fund Raising Celebration for Keith Taylor

Our Christian friends from the local community have organized a fund raising event for Keith Taylor as he continues his recovery at Duke University Medical Center. This love offering takes place Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 6pm until 8pm at Freedom Baptist Church, 487 North US Hwy #1, Rockingham.

Several area gospel singers will be performing to help draw people to the event, including the Cameronian Quartet, Vickie Daniels, Tina Jacobs, and Mandy Outen.

First Baptist Church is organizing a fund raiser for a future date, so in the meantime, please support this generous community effort to help Keith in his time of need.

## J.O.Y. Group Fellowship!

Thursday, May 2

10am-1pm

Depart: 8 am, Return: late afternoon  
Breakfast stop on the way.

Tour of the Airborne and Special Operations Museum, and other places in Fayetteville including a visit to Cross Creek Mall.

Lunch on your own.  
\$5 per person covers fuel.

The BBQ Fundraiser for the family of Keith Taylor originally scheduled for Sunday, April 28 will be rescheduled. Watch the weekly bulletin for details!

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School 2013 is fast approaching, and volunteers are needed to help make this the most successful summer session ever. If you have the time and feel led to lend your special gifts for teaching and directing activities with *pre-school students*, please contact Debbie Holloway as soon as possible!



### Youth Trip: Odom Home, Pembroke

Saturday, May 4, the youth will visit the Odom Home — part of Baptist Children's Homes. This is a great opportunity for

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