



# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

**“To know Christ and make Him known.”**

**Volume XXXVI \* Number 18\* September 16, 2013 through September 30, 2013**

## Resource Recording Team

**Monday, Sept. 16, 2013:**

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

**Monday, Sept. 23, 2013:**

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

## Attendance Report

**Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013**

Sunday School—78 Worship Services—

**Sunday, Sept 8, 2013**

Sunday School—92 Worship Services—

## Serving on Sunday, September 15, 2013

**Ushers:** J.C. Lamm, Harvey Auman, John Ray,  
Dale Ormsby, Steve McIver, Steve Morris

**Greeters:** O Team

**Nursery:**

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

**Children's Church:** Linda Byrd

**Security:** Kenneth Robinette

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

## Serving on Sunday, September 22, 2013

**Ushers:** J.C. Lamm, Harvey Auman, John Ray,  
Dale Ormsby, Steve McIver, Steve Morris

**Greeters:** W Team

**Nursery:** Elaine Davis

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

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

**Security:** Steve McIver

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

## Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

**6:30 pm**

Come and join us for prayer and fellowship.

## **Pee Dee Associational News**

**Associational Deacon Training**

Second Baptist Church

September 16, 2013

6:00-9:00 pm

**Association Annual Meeting**

East Laurinburg Baptist

October 7, 2013

## DEEP IMPACT for Adults

**Guest Preacher/Leader—Larry Hovis  
(CBFNC Executive Coordinator)**

**Date: October 6, 2014**

**Focus: Being a Missionary Church for  
the 21st Century**

9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast

9:45 am The Biblical Basis for the Missionary Church (S-150)

11:00 am Worship—Exploring how shifts in culture require the church to make shifts in ministry in order to be faithful to God's unchanging mission

12:15 pm Fellowship lunch (S-150)

1:30 pm Workshop—Presentation and dialogue around the tables on how FBC Rockingham can “Impact Tomorrow” by seeing the community as a mission field (S-150)

6:00 pm Worship—“Getting there from Here” - Exploring the call of Jesus for the church to exercise great faith in reaching its community and world with the Gospel.

## From the Pastor's Pen



09/17 Linda Pryce  
 09/19 Dennis Holloway  
 09/21 Grace Riggan  
 Joanne Taylor  
 09/22 Mark Tyler  
 Christy Warren  
 09/23 Robert Smith  
 Chris McEntire  
 09/24 Bobbie Harrill  
 09/25 Ethan Harrelson  
 09/30 Will Shuler



### Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Aug	
	Sept. 1	MTD
Gen. Fund	5228	23748
Chall. to Maint.	50	850
Memorials & Hon.	405	1488
Radio Ministry		800
Katie Yates Fund		2000
Christmas in August		130
First Light Service		250
Love Offering		695
Baptist Men Fund		1000
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>5683</b>	<b>30961</b>
<b>Budget req. to date</b>	<b>276,104</b>	
<b>Gifts to date</b>	<b>225,939</b>	
<b>YTD req. under actual gifts</b> (50,165)		
<b>% giving to req.</b>	<b>82%</b>	



J.B. Fowler tells a story about Dr. Gaston Foote of Fort Worth, TX. When Foote finished the eighth grade, he felt he was old enough to handle a plow and kept nagging his dad about it until his father rigged up a plow and sent him out in the fields with his older brothers. The old mule was so gentle that he could do the plowing without the boy, but Foote swelled with pride as the old mule dragged him up

and down the rows.

Shortly after lunch, the sand of the field was so hot young Foote's bare feet almost blistered, but he couldn't afford to complain. About the middle of the afternoon, the hot, broiling sun had taken its toll, and the boy was so bone tired that he tied the lines around his waist and let the tough-mouthed old mule do the rest.

But when Foote stopped plowing, his father looked at the sun and told him there was still time to do plenty of plowing. And it was there, under the hot summer sun, that young Foote learned an unforgettable lesson.

Putting his hand on his son's shoulder, Mr. Foote said to the boy: "It's not sundown yet, son. You'll have to go back to the plow."

Gritting his teeth, young Gaston stayed with it until almost sundown. He said it was the hardest week's work he ever did in one day.

Often through the years, he later related, when things were hard and he was tempted to give up, he said he seemed to feel his dad's hand on his shoulder and his gentle voice saying, "Go back to the plow, son—it isn't sundown yet."

The temptation to quit is one of the severest temptations any Christian ever faces.

God sends us out into the fields to plow and cultivate the spiritual landscape. He sends us out into the world so that we can be witnesses to God's great love and grace, but not everyone is receptive to our message. Some are even hostile to us and oppose our ministry, leaving us feeling tired and weary and wanting to quit. But we must not quit. The stakes are too high. Our ministry is too important because what we do is, in fact, a matter of life and death. So Paul encourages us and says "Be not weary in well doing for you shall reap if you faint not".

Russell Conwell, the founder of Temple University, gave a speech entitled "Acres of Diamonds". In it he told the story about a man who discovered gold in western Nevada. The man worked his claim for a while, thought it was running out, and sold it for eleven thousand dollars. But the history of that gold mine was not to end there. An unexpected discovery opened the "Comstock lode", which proved to be one of the richest gold and silver deposits ever discovered on this planet. Thirty years later the purchasers had earned three hundred million dollars on their investments. One night Conwell labeled that story, "the man who sold out too soon".

### Thank You All!

I would like to thank all of you who made Janice's and my deacon ordination so special: Dr. Nelson, who reminded us that we have a mighty responsibility to honor God and serve His people; Marjorie Hinson, who managed to include my favorite hymn in the service; Crystal Coen and the choir, whose voices created such a sense of reverence and peace; Judy McEntire, Frances Godwin, and Dennis Holloway, who represented the Deacon Board so ably and lovingly; and all of you who laid hands upon us and spoke sweet words of support and encouragement. It was a beautiful and humbling experience. Thank you.—Kaye Beale.

## 2014 Budget Hearings

The Budget/Finance Committee will compile the Proposed 2014 Budget and present it to the Deacons by September 23. Pending approval by the Deacons, budget packets will be available for pick up at the church office or from Mrs. Lynda Clifton in October.



The Proposed Budget is scheduled to be presented to the church membership on Sunday, October 20th, 2013, immediately following the morning service. Members are encouraged to offer input on this date.

On November 2, 2013, members will vote for the Proposed 2014 Budget during the annual church conference.

## Terrific Tuesday Enrollment

Parents of children grades K-5 are invited to open registration for the Terrific Tuesday program now. Our music, Bible study, and missions programs on Tuesday afternoons began on September 10th from 3:15—5:15 pm. (It went well!) We will continue to pick children up from L.J. Bell, Washington Street and West Rockingham schools. Children from other schools may be dropped off.

## Please Pray for the Staff Search Committee:

Janice Coen, Chairperson, Melanie Cockerton, Bess Shuler, Del Lucas, and Don Auman. To date, a job description and church profile have been written, and we will soon be receiving resumes. The committee welcomes your suggestions for candidates and covets your prayers.



### *In Loving Memory*

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#### **Mrs. Willie Ballard**

Ms. Frances Ballard  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Byrd  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clarke  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Davis  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harrelson  
Mrs. Betty Matthews  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ricks

#### **Mrs. Anne Brigman**

Mrs. Carolyn Knowlton  
Mrs. Betty Matthews  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clarke

#### **Mr. Gary Trexler**

Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks



### *In Honor*

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The Bereavement Committee  
The Family of Mrs. Willie Ballard



### Fall Festival

**Fall Festival coming on Saturday, November 2. Many volunteers are needed. Sign up in the Bethany Sunday School classroom located behind the Sanctuary.**



Where did the Summer go? We have a busy Fall! The choir will begin the Christmas music which will be presented on Sunday, December 8th at 5 pm. We rehearse at 7:30 on Wednesdays and will start with the Christmas music if anyone wishes to leave after that. I have CD's which include the various parts for rehearsal at home. Choir chimes will begin on Wednesday, September 11th at 5:30 pm for grades 3-5.

## God Has a Plan!

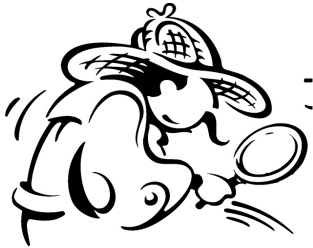
It's easy to lose your bearings in the storm. You can't find your way through the circumstances you face. Life rolls along fairly smoothly until suddenly the seas grow rough. Unseen problems occur. They were not in the forecast. Those are treacherous moments when we reach the point of abandoning hope. At that difficult, gut wrenching moment God says, "Don't Be afraid, I have a plan."

# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

## **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

Youth Events...FIC September 21 at the Youth Home from 7-11 pm

Deacon Training at Second Baptist Church...September 16



### **Have you seen....**

Beth Moore's video Bible Study  
entitled, *Fruit of the Spirit?*

If so, please contact Judy McEntire  
at 895-5759. Thanks!!!



### **Men's Breakfast**

There will be a Men's Breakfast at 8:15 am on  
Sunday, September 22, 2013  
All are invited!

**RADIO SPONSORS:** If you can't be present in the sanctuary for the worship service, listen to the broadcast on WJSG, G-104 on your FM dial. The following area businesses sponsor the broadcast: Crump Realty, Jenkins Automotive and Industrial Supply, Medical Center Pharmacy, Moss Brothers Tire and Service, Carter Funeral Home, and Dr. Kevin Aiken.



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