



The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Resource Recording Team

Monday, Oct 21, 2013:

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, Oct 28, 2013:

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, Sept 29, 2013

Sunday School—94 Worship Services—112

Sunday, Oct 6, 2013

Sunday School—83 Worship Services—106

Sunday, Oct 13, 2013

Sunday School—74 Worship Services—101

Serving on Sunday, October 20, 2013

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

Greeters: R Team

Nursery: Kaye Beale

2s & 3s: Nan Bates

Children's Church: Linda Teal

Security: Jerry Davis

Deacons of the Week: Janice Coen, Marjorie Rainey

Serving on Sunday, October 27, 2013

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

Greeters: O Team

Nursery: Sallie Ormsby

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd, Corey Davis

Security: Graham Jenkins

Deacons of the Week: Bill Featherston, Norvin Forester

Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

6:00 pm

Come and join us for prayer and fellowship.



From the Pastor's Pen

What a good, informational, challenging, and inspirational experience we had on October 6th as Dr. Larry Hovis spoke to us about being a “missional church” for our time in our community. I appreciated your participation and conversations during the day and look forward to additional discussions as we focus our heads and hearts on the needs of our community and on improved or new ministries to meet those needs.

The fact is our cultural context has changed as Dr. Daniel Vestal said, “We are living in a time that many consider to be post-Christian. The Christian worldview is no longer the prevailing and predominant influence in American culture. People live by a very individualistic and personalized philosophy that says: “Whatever feels good for me, and seems right to me, and works for me is thereby appropriate.” No longer is the Church the center of community life.

We are also living in a time when religious pluralism and theological diversity pervasively influence culture. It used to be that “foreign” religions and “foreign” ideas were just that ... foreign. But not anymore. There are more Muslims in America than Presbyterians. And in many U.S. communities, one can find a variety of religious, ethnic and cultural influence from all over the world.”

So what does this mean for the church in general and our church in particular? It means that we must be intentional to incarnate the life and ministry of Jesus and extend his mission in the world. It means that we must be “filled with the spirit” to proclaim good news to the poor and release to the captives by moving outside the safety of the church building and beyond our comfort zones not only to declare God's love with our words but to demonstrate it by our actions.

Again, quoting Dr. Vestal, “The mission and message of the Church is not partisan politics. It is not health, wealth and prosperity. It is not extending the American way of life. It is not marketing our religious goods and services to a consumer culture. It is not building Christian institutions and organizations. But the mission and message of the Church is that in Christ, God is transforming human character and culture, and is reconciling broken and fallen humanity to Himself” ... and we have the privilege of joining our Heavenly Father in that eternal work. And that work begins in our own hearts as we seek to be more and more like Jesus in every aspect of our lives.

I am looking forward to our journey together.

*Christ
Is Coming!*



- 10/18 Cynthia Warren
- 10/23 Angela Cockerton
- 10/27 Keith Taylor
- 10/28 Jan Smith
- 10/31 Larry Harrelson



Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Sept. 22&29	Sept MTD
Gen. Fund	11,838	28,457
Chall. to Maint.	400	850
Memorials & Hon.		510
Radio Ministry		800
Katie Yates Fund		100
NC Missions	30	150
First Light Service		
Bus Maintenance		1,000
Baptist Men Fund		50
Total Gifts	12,268	31,917
Budget req. to date		299,113
Gifts to date		249,273
YTD req. under actual gifts (49,840)		
% giving to req.		83%



Operation Christmas Child Is Coming Soon!

The time is rapidly approaching to start packing Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Mrs. Beth Ray is the person to contact if you have any questions. This year there will be two options---one is that you can pack a shoe box (don't forget to add \$7 for shipping) and bring it to the church at the time and dates listed below, or you may donate \$35 (\$28 to fill the shoe box and \$7 for shipping) and members of the Mission Committee will do the shopping for you. Donations will be accepted by cash or check. Please place all cash in a church envelope and put OCC on the outside of the envelope. Those writing a check should place OCC in the memo line of the check. First Baptist will also serve as a collection point for the shoe boxes. Shoe boxes can be delivered to the church from 10 am until 4pm Monday, November 18 thru Saturday, November 23. Collection will be from 12 pm until 2 pm on Sunday, November 24 and from 10 am until noon on November 25. The church is looking for someone to take the shoe boxes to the Charlotte OCC collection center either on November 25 or 26. Please call Mrs. Ray to let her know if you can help her during the collection period or drive the U-Haul to the OCC collection center. Thank You!



Community Thanksgiving Worship

A Thanksgiving Meal for our Community Neighbors?

The Missions Committee would like to sponsor a Thanksgiving meal for our neighbors as we have done the past 2 years. The meal would preferably be held on Thanksgiving day, depending on the availability of volunteers. We are therefore seeking those who would be available to help with: food purchasing and food preparation, greeting and welcoming guests, serving the meal, washing dishes and general clean up and the possibility of delivering meals to the homebound. If you would be available to help in any of the ways mentioned above, please call the church office ASAP!



Please Pray for the Staff Search Committee:

Janice Coen, Chairperson, Melanie Cockerton, Bess Shuler, Del Lucas, and Don Auman. To date, we have received numerous resumes. The committee welcomes your suggestions for candidates and covets your prayers.




The Fall Festival will be on Saturday, November 2 from 2 to 5 pm. The community is invited. Tell all your friends and family to come out and have some fun. Many volunteers are needed. Sign up in the Bethany Sunday School classroom located behind the Sanctuary.

New Social Networking Website for Sharing Prayers

This website provides a forum for submitting and sharing prayers online. Sharing prayers with others is a way for many people to find relief. Just knowing that you are not alone with your troubles provides great comfort and strength in difficult time.

www.praydoo.com



2014 Budget Hearings

The Proposed 2014 Budget will be presented to the congregation on October 20th after the 11:00 am Worship Service. This is your opportunity to hear explanations and to ask questions. It will then be presented to the church for adoption on Sunday, November 3. If you have not received a copy of the proposed budget, you may pick up one in the church office or see Lynda Clifton or Harry Coble.



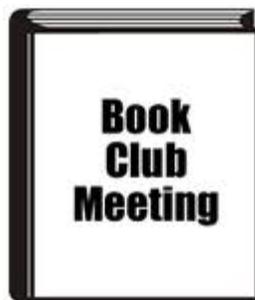
Terrific Tuesday Enrollment

Children, K-5, may still be enrolled in our Terrific Tuesday program. Our music, Bible study, and missions programs on Tuesday afternoons began on September 10th from 3:15—5:15 pm. (It is going great!) 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.



A Prayer For Our Church

May we, through our worship, be awakened to the wonder of your love for us. May familiar words shine with new meaning. Open our eyes and hearts as You speak Your word to us in this time. May we be renewed to serve You. Give us a vision for the future that Your Church may go forward and souls may be saved. May we be prepared to let go of the past and serve the present age, our calling to fulfill. AMEN



Book Club Meeting

Debbie Holloway will be hosting the Book Club in November. The monthly meeting will be held on Friday, November 1st. Everyone is asked to meet at Denise's Dinner in Ellerbe at 6:00 pm. Please call Debbie Holloway, 910-995-1857, with any questions.



Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. If you are interested in joining girl scouts, please contact Tanya Jackson @ 910-894-0471 or Laura Gillespie @ 910-894-3915.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

October 20	Budget Presentation after Worship Service
October 21	Deacon's Meeting at 7:30 pm
October 27	Pastor Appreciation Covered Dish following the morning worship service
November 1	Book Club Meeting (Denise's Dinner)

P A S T O R Appreciation Month

A pastor's heart is **P**rotective and guards his flock from Satan's snares.

A pastor's heart is **A**ttentive and seeks to know his people's cares.

A pastor's heart is **S**acrificial and for his sheep will give its all.

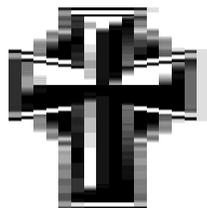
A pastor's heart is **T**ender and listens to the Spirit's call.

A pastor's heart is **O**bedient and heeds the Master's commands.

A pastor's heart is **R**eflective and considers he is but a man.

Deanna Malawy

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