



The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Resource Recording Team

Monday, Nov 18, 2013:

Bonnie Barnes, Judy McEntire

Monday, Nov 25, 2013:

Dale Ormsby, Joanne Cadieu

Attendance Report

Sunday, Nov 3, 2013

Sunday School—88 Worship Services—

Sunday, Nov 10, 2013

Sunday School—95 Worship Services—115

Serving on Sunday, November 17, 2013

Ushers: Kenneth Robinette, Steve Bullard, Ric Buckner, Dale Ormsby, Steve McIver, Steve Morris

Greeters: G Team

Nursery: Kaye Beale

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Security: J.C. Lamm

Deacons of the Week: Chris McDuffie, John Ray

Serving on Sunday, November 24, 2013

Ushers: Kenneth Robinette, Steve Bullard, Ric Buckner, Dale Ormsby, Steve McIver, Steve Morris

Greeters: R Team

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Twyla Nelson

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Security: Ric Buckner

Deacons of the Week: Kenneth Robinette, Charles Harrill

Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

6:00 pm

Come and join us for prayer and fellowship.

A Word From the Pastor!

Several years ago a cartoon pictured Charlie Brown giving Snoopy his dinner on Thanksgiving Day, but it was just his usual bland and dry dog food in the bowl. Snoopy took one look at the dog food and said, “This isn’t fair! The rest of the world today is eating turkey with all the trimmings, and all I get is dog food. Because I’m a dog, all I get is dog food”. He stood there and stared at his bowl for a moment and then he smiled and said, “But I guess it could be worse. I could be a turkey!”.

Have we ever felt like Snoopy, thinking everyone else has it better than us, that life has treated us unfairly? Probably so. And while many do have it better than us, multitudes have it worse than us. We could be a turkey at Thanksgiving! So instead of dwelling on what we don’t have, we need to focus on what we do have and be thankful.

Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus!” Typically during the Thanksgiving season, we do seek to be more aware of our blessings, and we often do name them one by one. We thank God for our family and friends; our health and well being; our country and church; our salvation and the promise of heaven. And we should be thankful for these wonderful blessings and express our thanks to God. But perhaps the scope of our thanks should be expanded. One writer reminded me I should also be thankful for:

- the taxes I pay because it means I’m employed.
- the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
- my shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
- all the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.
- the lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.
- the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.
- the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I’m alive.
- the weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.

The fact is, we are more blessed than we realize. Let’s enjoy what we have been given and express genuine thanks to the giver of all things - our God and Heavenly Father! Happy Thanksgiving!



Church Post Office

If you have Christmas cards for active church members, please drop them off at the church for delivery. We ask that the money you save on postage be put in the Foreign Missions Christmas offering. The point of contact for this is Mrs. Debbie McIver.



- 11/16 Christie Joyner
- 11/16 Tom Cox
- 11/18 Richard McLendon
- 11/18 Davis Hilton
- 11/20 Agnes Larsen
- 11/20 Myra Deane
- 11/23 Mary Catherine
(Knight) Moree
- 11/24 James Haltom
- 11/25 Terri Moree
- 11/26 Charlie Melvin
- 11/28 George Crump, Jr.

*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

Tithes & Gifts

| Giving Summary | Oct. 20&27 Nov. 3 | Oct. MTD |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Gen. Fund | 18,236 | 23,894 |
| Chall. to Maint. | 800 | 1,200 |
| Memorials & Hon. | 573 | 2,483 |
| Radio Ministry | 850 | 850 |
| Angel Tree | 70 | 70 |
| OCC | 140 | 140 |
| First Light Service | 250 | 250 |
| White Christmas | 50 | 50 |
| Total Gifts | 20,969 | 28,937 |

Budget req. to date 337,461
Gifts to date 281,789

YTD req. under actual gifts
(55,672)

% giving to req. 84%



Audio Military Bible Sticks

Consider reaching our brave men and women in uniform with the Word of God in audio on the Military Biblestick—a small, personal listening device pre-loaded with the Audio New Testament; and now also including a full hour of selected Psalms. Specifically designed for deployment, the non-reflective finish and low-power operating light meet military specifications, which makes it possible for soldiers to listen almost any place and any time! Over 300,000 Biblesticks have already been provided to chaplains in every branch of our armed forces. The chaplains then make them available to our troops, often those on the front lines, who have courageously volunteered to serve our country. The sticks cost \$25 each. If you wish to participate, you may write a check to FBC for the Biblestick(s) and write in the memo line “Biblestick”. Some comments from our military personnel that have used these Biblesticks:

1. “It lets me listen everywhere and anywhere. Tune out the world and tune in God!”
2. “It helps me keep God’s Word in my mind, heart, and soul anytime.”
3. “I wanted to thank you. I can’t always read the Word, but because of you, I can take it with me.”



Kids' Program

Terrific Tuesday Children's Thanksgiving Celebration

Parents, families and friends, you are invited to the “Terrific Tuesday Children’s Thanksgiving Celebration” at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 26th at 5:00 pm in room S-150. Let us share with you how we are building Godly character through songs and scripture. We will make “a joyful noise unto the Lord!”. Refreshments following the program in S-150.



Angel Tree

This year our church will be participating in providing school uniforms (\$25) and a (\$10) gift card for 35 students who are in need. Mrs. Bess Shuler will serve as the point of contact for this project so please call her at 910-410-0655 if you have any questions. The Angel Tree will be up no later than December 1st. Please place your \$35 in a church envelope and mark school uniform on the front or write a check for \$35 and put school uniform in the memo line of the check. Please place your envelope/check in the offering plate or give it to your class secretary who will turn it in with their Sunday School Records no later than December 8, 2013.



In Loving Memory

Mr. Wayne Lucas

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Miss Evelyn Marks
Mrs. Shirley Mills

Mrs. Lillian Sherrill

Miss Evelyn Marks

Mr. Glenn White

Mr. and Mrs. Ric Buckner
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Burgess
Mr. and Mrs. Neal Cadieu
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Dr. and Mrs. Moosa Hajisheikh
Miss Evelyn Marks
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Benny Sharpe
Mr. and Mrs. David Wood
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

Mr. Ray Goodman

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Miss Evelyn Marks

Mrs. Quida Lucas

Miss Evelyn Marks

Mr. Bruce Goodman

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston

Mrs. Monnie McKay Yeargan

Miss Evelyn Marks

REMEMBER OUR
Missionaries



Foreign Missions

December 1-8 is designated Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and our offering goals are as follows:

Mission goal - \$2,500

Hallelujah goal - \$3,000

A Thanksgiving Meal for our Community Neighbors

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a Thanksgiving meal for our neighbors. The meal will be served on Thanksgiving day from 11 am to 1 pm. While some have already volunteered, we are still in need of others who would be willing 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!



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child ... sponsored by Samaritan's Purse is off to a good start. Several shoe boxes have already been dropped off. Have you filled one yet? Of course, there is still plenty of time. While you may bring the boxes to the church office, at any time, the promoted collection schedule is 10 am to 4pm Monday, November 18 thru Saturday, November 23 or from 12 pm to 2 pm on Sunday, November 24 and from 10 am to 12 noon on November 25. Remember to include \$7 for shipping. If you have any questions, call the church office at 895-4016 or Beth Ray at 997-3810. Thank You!

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be at First United Methodist Church this year. The choir is singing "A Simple Thanksgiving", which was written by one of our favorite composers, Joseph Martin. The youth and children will be involved in the service this year. The adult choir will present "Behold The Star" on December 8th at 5 pm. Please invite family and friends.

WHITE



CHRISTMAS

White Christmas

The Richmond County Council on Aging has provided the church with approximately 30 names of recipients for delivery this year. This year individuals may either fill up the grocery bags with the suggested items or enclose \$25 cash or check in an envelope and write White Christmas on the outside of the envelope and on the memo line of the check. Please turn in all groceries and/or money by Sunday, December 15th. Everyone is invited to help the Mission Committee re-pack the grocery bags on December 21st at 9 am in E-100 (Senior Adult Dept). Everyone is invited to help deliver the White Christmas bags on December 22, 23 and 24. Please contact Mrs. Christy Warren at 895-4725 if you have any questions. Thank you for your help with this program.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- November 17 Sandhills Ringers and Singers (FBC, 4 pm)
- November 24 FUMC Thanksgiving Service (7 pm)
- November 26 Terrific Tuesday Children's Thanksgiving Celebration, (S-150 at 5 pm)
- November 28 Community Thanksgiving Meal (S-150 11 am—1 pm)

Book Club Meeting!



Anne Tyson will be hosting the Book Club for December. The monthly meeting will be held on Friday, December 6th at 6 pm at Debbie Holloway's home. There will be a Christmas Cookies/Treats Exchange. Please bring a plate of your favorite cookies/treats along with the recipe to share. Light finger foods will be served. New members and/or visitors are welcome to attend.

The Sandhills Ringers with The Sandhills Singers

On Sunday, November 17th at 4:00 pm, The Sandhills Ringers will present a concert in our sanctuary. Selections Include: All Hail The Power, Breath of Heaven,, Phantom Of The Opera, The Prayer, The Washington Post, This Is My Country, Under The Sea

In lieu of tickets, please donate non-perishable food items for Backpack pals and New Horizons. The public is invited.

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