



# The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

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

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## Resource Recording Team

**Monday, Jan 6, 2014:**

Bonnie Barnes, Judy McEntire

**Monday, Jan 13, 2014:**

Gene Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

**Monday, Jan 20, 2014:**

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

**Monday, Jan 27, 2014:**

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

## Attendance Report

**Sunday, Dec 15, 2013**

Sunday School—83 Worship Services—106

**Sunday, Dec 22, 2013**

Sunday School—83 Worship Services—126

**Sunday, Dec 29, 2013**

Sunday School—58 Worship Services—66

## Serving on Sunday, January 12, 2014

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

**Greeters:** W Team

**Nursery:** Claudia Robinette

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

**Children's Church:** Beth Ray

**Security:** Steve McIver

**Deacons of the Week:** Kenny Melvin, Mark Tyler

## Serving on Sunday, January 19, 2014

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

**Greeters:** GROW Team

**Nursery:** Elaine Wilson

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

**Children's Church:** Linda Byrd

**Security:** John Ray

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

## Serving on Sunday, January 26, 2014

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

**Greeters:** G Team

**Nursery:** Elaine Davis

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

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

**Security:** Steve Bullard

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



Having recently moved past the threshold of the New Year (2014), I can't count the number of times I have been greeted by the words "Happy New Year" or have spoken them myself. "Happy New Year" is a good, polite and acceptable greeting. It communicates to our friends and neighbors our best wishes for a prosperous year with very few, if any problems or pain. But what does it take to insure a year of happiness?

My friend and mentor, Dr. Henry Fields, responded to that question in his book, *The Rhythm of Life*. He said, "The first thing needed is something to hope for. Hope keeps us looking forward, outward, and upward. It is the ingredient in life that calls us onward to new adventure, bringing excitement to existence. Alexander the Great, in a mood of generosity, was once giving out gifts. To one person he gave a fortune, to another an entire province, to a third a position of high honor. A friend said to him, "By doing this, you will have nothing to yourself." "Oh yes I have," said Alexander. "I have kept what is greatest of all. I have kept my hopes."

Life begins its ending when we live in memory rather than in hope; when our memories are an escape from prison instead of a stimulus to further living.

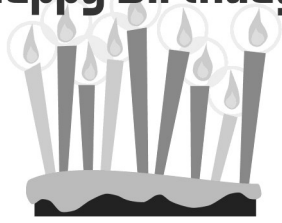
Then, secondly, we need something to do. Idleness soon drains the spirits of a sense of purpose and leaves the days with a worthless, meaningless shape. Folks who are afflicted with long terms of unemployment will be quick to proclaim that work is not a curse but a blessing. Without something of worth to do, the hours seem slow, and life becomes empty.

The third thing needed to bring joy and happiness to life is someone to love. In all of us, there is a basic need to count with somebody. If that need is not realized, we shrivel in loneliness and plod through time rather than dance through the hours. Granted, even when we are loved, there are those plodding times which result from other factors, but rebounding from such doldrums is far easier with the encouragement from someone we love and who reciprocates that love. Love entering life always brings a new thrill, a new humility, a new awareness of possibilities heretofore undreamed. When love is born, life and the world are renewed. How measureless, how great is the blessing of having someone to love and to be loved by in return!"

Hope. Purpose. Love. These are the ingredients for a Happy New Year. And the good news is, as Christians, we do have something to hope for; we do have a purpose (something to do); we do have someone to love us and to love. All the ingredients are ours in Christ Jesus. So ...

**Happy New Year!**

# Happy Birthday!



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|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1/1 Lucille Smith      | 1/1 Peggy Harris      | 1/1 Kim Cox          |
| 1/1 Ellen Forester     | 1/1 Gabrielle Goodwin | 1/1 Kathleen Mumford |
| 1/1 Claudia Robinette  | 1/1 Peggy Scott       | 1/1 Diane Stokes     |
| 1/2 Fumiko Davis       | 1/3 Louise Ervin      | 1/3 Michael Beale    |
| 1/4 Del Lucas          | 1/5 Betty Stogner     | 1/13 Vivian Hilton   |
| 1/15 Sarah Featherston | 1/15 Dicky Smith      | 1/15 Wanda Bullard   |
| 1/16 Judy Marks        | 1/17 Mark Cockerton   | 1/20 Laura Cox       |
| 1/24 Linda Teal        | 1/28 Laurene Ennis    | 1/30 Susan Brown     |
| 1/31 Corey Davis       |                       |                      |

## Foreign Missions...

Continue to pray and give. Offering goals and receipts are as follows:

Mission goal - \$2,500  
Hallelujah goal - \$3,000

Given to date: \$2,680

You may designate your gift to the Global Mission offering of the CBF or the Lottie Moon Christmas offering of the SBC.

## Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Dec. 2013
Gen. Fund	46,469
Chall. to Maint.	850
Memorials & Hon.	1,391
Radio Ministry	800
Angel Tree	985
Baptist Men	500
First Light Service	500
Military Bible Stick	375
Christmas Missions	2,365
Katie Yates Fund	3,140
White Christmas	150
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>57,525</b>
Budget req. to date	398,817
Gifts to date	350,531
YTD req. under actual gifts (48,286)	
% giving to req.	88%



## In Loving Memory

### Dr. Jeff Aiken

Mrs. Flo Aiken

### Mrs. Louise Covington

Mrs. Flo Aiken

### Mr. Glenn White

Mrs. Flo Aiken

### Mrs. Ruby Hudson

Mrs. Flo Aiken

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

Mrs. Martha Gandy

Miss Evelyn Marks

Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

Mr. B. T. Phillips

Mrs. Marjorie Rainey

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Byrd (Linda)

Richmond County Women's Club

### Mrs. Willie Ballard

Ms. Stephanie Taylor

### Mr. Dave Hildreth

Mrs. Betty Hildreth

### Mrs. Katie Yates

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

### Mr. Paul Many

Mr. Sam Brigman

Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morris

Mrs. Marjorie Rainey

### Mr. Benny Burcham

Mrs. Betty Hildreth

### Mr. Richard Smith

Mr. Ken Bostick

Mr. Sam Brigman

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clapp

Mrs. Martha Gandy

Ms. Doris Goodman

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

Mrs. Genevra Kelly

Mr. B. T. Phillips

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Ms. Pat Pyrtle

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jeffreys

Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Neal

Richmond County Farm Bureau Directors



## In Honor

### Mrs. Carolyn Bridgman

Mrs. Flo Aiken

### Mrs. Shirley Mills

Mrs. Flo Aiken

### Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

Ms. Barbara Yates Clapp

### Ms. Anne Tyson

Mrs. Flo Aiken

## Terrific Tuesday Open 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.

## Commitments for the New Year

**Forget Past failures.** “Forgetting what is behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for which God has called me heavenwards in Jesus Christ.”

*Philippians 3:13-14*

**Give up your grudges.** “Bear with each other and forgive each other whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

*Colossians 3:13*

**Restore your relationships.** “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with one another.”

*Romans 12:18*

**Turn away from your transgressions.** “Do not let sin control the way you live...we are no longer slaves to sin.”

*Romans 6:2*

**Realign your priorities.** “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.”

*Matthew 6:33*



## Home Bible Study

Home bible study will resume on Tuesday, January 14th. Please contact Judy McEntire @ 910-895-5759 with any questions.

## Sympathy for the families of ...



*Mrs. Ruby Hudson*

who passed away on December 6th

*Mr. Richard Smith*

who passed away on December 15th

*Mr. Paul Many*

who passed away on December 21st.

## DID YOU KNOW ...



... Epiphany, celebrated January 6, is commonly known as Twelfth Night, Twelfth Day, Three King's Day, or the Feast of Epiphany. It means “manifestation” or “showing forth”. It commemorates the first two occasions on which Jesus' divinity was manifested: when the three kings (wise men) visited infant Jesus in Bethlehem, and when John the Baptist baptized him in the River Jordan.

## Prayer for the New Year



In this New Year, may I be filled with patience, kindness, compassion, generosity and forgiveness. Help me to let go of old pains, hurts and grudges. Allow me to see the beauty of dignity in each and every person I meet. Deliver me from pettiness, selfishness, vindictiveness, and jealousy. Grant me peace of mind and spirit. Make me mindful of those less fortunate and willing to help as I can. May I be filled with your love and guided by your wisdom always. Amen.

## A Grateful Thank You



Dear Fellow Church Members and other Friends; I am back home now, after very serious heart surgery and medical care and rehab. I am here because of your daily prayers, love and concern for myself and Leroy. Only God's mercy and your love allowed me to come back. You will never know what a church family and friends mean until you experience it. Thank you, thank you and our love to everyone. Mae and Leroy Yates.

**“Be always at War with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you, a better person.” - Ben Franklin**

# DATES TO REMEMBER!



**January 12:** Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am

**January 18:** FIC, Game Night, 7:30 pm

**January 24 & 25:** Deacon's Retreat



## FIC News

January 18th at 7:30 pm, Game Night

February 2nd, Super Bowl Party, Abram's House

February 2nd, Souper Bowl, collect canned goods

## Martin Luther King Day Celebration in Richmond County

The theme for 2014 is "Honoring the Past - Moving Forward". On January 17 at 9 pm, there will be a MLK Gala at East Hamlet Community Center. Entry is free but donations of \$10 will be accepted. On January 18 at 9 am, Breakfast will be served at First Health Richmond Memorial Hospital in Rockingham for the first 100 people that arrive. The breakfast is free, but space is limited. On January 18 at 7 pm, there will be a Youth Extravaganza at Leak Street Educational and Cultural Community Center. On January 19 at 7 pm, The Ecumenical Service will be held at Outreach For Jesus in Hamlet. On January 20 at 10 am, there will be a Parade and march in downtown Rockingham. The participants will assemble at 9:30 am at Leath Memorial Library. A luncheon will be held at noon on January 20 at Sidney Grove Family Agape Center located at 401 McIntyre Road in Ellerbe. Donations of \$12 will be accepted to cover the cost of lunch. There will be a poster exhibit at Leath Memorial Library on January 16, 17, 18 and 20.

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