



# The First Baptist Informer

## Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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### Attendance Report

Sunday, June 1, 2014

Sunday School-95

Worship Service-121

Sunday, June 15, 2014

Sunday School-91

Worship Service-116

Sunday, June 8, 2014

Sunday School-88

Worship Service-108

Sunday, June 22, 2014

Sunday School-79

Worship Service-107

### Serving on Sunday, July 6, 2014

Nursery: Diane Stokes

2s & 3s: Peggy Scott

Children's Church: Corinne Watson

Security: John Ray

Deacons of the Week: Steve McIver, Don Auman

### Serving on Sunday, July 13, 2014

Nursery: Claudia Robinette

2s & 3s: Virginia Auman

Children's Church: Beth Ray

Security: Chris McDuffie

Deacons of the Week: Kaye Beale, Janice Coen

### Serving on Sunday, July 20, 2014

Nursery: Elaine Wilson

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Security: Steve Bullard

Deacons of the Week: Marjorie Rainey, Bill Featherston

### Serving on Sunday, July 27, 2014

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Twyla Nelson

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Security: Gene Coen

Deacons of the Week: Norvin Forester, Kenny Melvin



## INDEPENDENCE DAY

*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.”*

*Psalm 33:12*

The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. I am rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time is come - it is now - when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of our citizenship. America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government. - Peter Marshall, quoted in *America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations*.

### Independence Day Fun Facts

56 people signed the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson wrote the majority of it.

2014 marks this year as the 238<sup>th</sup> Independence Day

Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence on a "laptop," a kind of writing desk that could fit on one's lap.

Several countries used the Declaration of Independence as a beacon in their own struggles for freedom. Among them, France. Then later, Greece, Poland, Russia and many countries in South America.



### Communion Service

We will observe Communion on Sunday, July 20th during worship service.

# Happy Birthday!



7/1 Judy Harris  
 7/1 Danielle Lucas  
 7/4 Kevin Aiken  
 7/6 Andrew Watson  
 7/6 Katie Watson  
 7/8 Fred Harris  
 7/10 Louise Deaton  
 7/10 Beth Cadieu  
 7/12 Terry Brown  
 7/15 Gray Mills  
 7/15 Garrett Hayes  
 7/17 Marcus Haltom  
 7/18 Bill Featherston  
 7/19 Meg Hardy  
 7/20 Sharon Clarke  
 7/20 Chaz Sessoms  
 7/21 Hazel Todd  
 7/21 Twyla Nelson  
 7/23 David Eaddy  
 7/27 Frances Godwin  
 7/29 Dalton Hatcher  
 7/30 Graham Jenkins  
 7/30 Greg Marks

# FROM THE PASTOR'S

## DESK



“GOD BLESS AMERICA”. Those words have been used as a song title, a prayer, and a patriotic slogan for most politicians and for most of us. But recently I read that someone had said, “We keep asking God to bless America. Well, he already has. Now it’s our turn!”. And I thought, “He’s right! It’s our turn to bless America. But how?” In 1 Timothy 2:1-4 Paul gives us 3 things we can do to bless America:

1. We can pray for our country and its leaders (v1-2). A teacher arrived in her classroom 15 minutes early, caught a group of boys huddled on their knees in the corner of the room, and asked “what are you doing?” One of them answered, “we are playing cards.” She replied, “OK, I was afraid you were praying!” The fact is, people all over this country huddle in groups to play cards, watch sporting events, read books or discuss various topics, but rarely do we huddle together to pray. If we would bless America, then let us pray!

2. We can live righteously (v2). The story is told that one night a preacher was cut off by another driver as two lanes were merging into one. His sinful nature took control and he began to tailgate the car with his high beam lights on. The other car retaliated by slowing down to 15 mph. Like two stubborn donkeys, the front car kept it slow, and the preacher kept the lights on bright. But within a few minutes, the preacher came to his senses and asked himself, “What am I doing? This is not the way I should act.” He backed off, dimmed his head lights and asked God for forgiveness! If we would bless America, then let us live righteously.

3. We can share the love of God (v3-4). Leighton Ford, one of Billy Graham’s associates, was preaching at a crusade one night. Dr. Graham, who would be preaching the following night, was seated in the stadium incognito. When the invitation was given, a man seated next to Dr. Graham wanted to respond and receive Jesus, but he hesitated. Dr. Graham said, “Sir I’ll be glad to walk down with you.” But the man who didn’t recognize Graham said, “No thank you, I’ll just wait till the big gun comes tomorrow night.”

Unfortunately, many Christians believe sharing the gospel is the task of the “Big Guns”, not the “little shots”. But the truth is whether a Big Gun or a little shot, we can better bless America and personally bless others when we are faithful in sharing our faith and the love of God with others.

May we never cease to pray “God bless America and all nations” but may we also do our part to bless our nation by blessing our neighbors. Happy Birthday America!

# Tithes & Gifts

## Giving Summary June 1, 8 & 15

Gen. Fund	25,107
Chall. to Maint.	500
Mem. & Hon.	138
Radio Ministry	800
State Missions	
Baptist Men	
Worship Equip	
Spring Missions	
NC Baptist Hospital	
Katie Yates Fund	100
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>26,645</b>
Wednesday Fellowship Meals	365
Budget req. to date	177,241
Gifts to date	205,135
<b>YTD req. under actual gifts</b>	<b>27,894</b>
<b>% giving to req.</b>	<b>116%</b>



A new page has been added to the church website. Go to [fbcrockingham.org](http://fbcrockingham.org) and look under “Welcome”. The new page is called “Take a Tour of FBC”.

### During the Month of July

Casual Sundays. During the hot month of July you are welcomed and encouraged, as you feel comfortable, to dress casually for our Sunday Services.

Although we will continue to have Wednesday night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting at 6:00 pm, there will be NO MEALS served during the month of July.



### *In Loving Memory*

#### **Mr. June Bennett**

Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks  
Mr. and Mrs. B.T. Phillips

#### **Mrs. Henrietta Bryant**

Ms. Betty Bryant  
Lydia/Ruth Class  
Ms. Jane McDowell  
Mr. B.T. Phillips

#### **Mrs. Margaret Yates Maples**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill  
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks  
Mr. B.T. Phillips  
Thomas Street Neighbors  
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

**Mr. Leon Jenkins** on his birthday and in remembrance of the many years he devoted to the Cameron Morrison Prison Ministry.  
Mrs. Patsy Jenkins and Family

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**July 23 - July 25**

**9:00 am - 11:30 am**

Registration forms available now at the church office and online at [fbcrockingham.org/vbs/](http://fbcrockingham.org/vbs/). Crocodile Dock will offer daily challenges, Bible stories, life discoveries and Bible verse discoveries where fearless kids shine God’s light.

All our VBS Team Members will be working together to make this a fantastic VBS adventure for our children and grandchildren.

There will be classes for Pre-K—Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade, and 3rd—5th grade children. We hope to see YOU there!

There will be a special VBS Outing on Saturday, July 26th.

### Rev. Patricia Greene

Rev. Patricia Greene will be joining us on the following dates:

July 12-13 ... for a time of planning with the children/youth councils.

July 26-27 ... for a VBS activity and for a Children’s Day on Sunday.

1. Spend time in cool and air-conditioned places
2. Always stay hydrated
3. Consume cold and frozen treats
4. Keep a cold water spray bottle for mist
5. Wear loose-fitting and light-colored clothing
6. Turn off appliances when unused
7. Take a cool shower everyday
8. Use ceiling fans to circulate air
9. Seal air leaks around doors and windows



### Choir Notes!



The choir will take a summer vacation in the month of July but will continue to remain in the choir loft. Choir rehearsal will resume on July 30th.



Thank you Judy Harris for your willingness to participate in the duets and thanks to the men who sing so beautifully when asked to give of their time and talents.

I have a great need for Christ;  
I have a great Christ for my need.



## DATES TO REMEMBER!

- July 4 - Independence Day (Happy Birthday America - 238)
- July 7 - Missions Committee Meeting - 7 pm
- July 13 - Men's Breakfast (Compassion International) - 9 am
- July 20 - Deacon's Meeting - 1:15 pm
- July 23-25 - Vacation Bible School
- July 27 - VBS Program/Children's Day (Check your bulletins and the website)



### Baptist Men's Breakfast

Everyone is invited to the Baptist Men's Breakfast in S150 on Sunday, July 13th at 9:00 am. The program will be a presentation of the ministry of Compassion International.



### Bible Facts

- Methuselah is the oldest man on record: 969 years old (Genesis 5:27)
- The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119.
- The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117.
- There are 594 chapters before Psalm 117 and 594 chapters after it (KJV).

# GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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