



# The First Baptist Informer

## Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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### Resource Recording Team

**Monday, August 4, 2014:**

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

**Monday, August 11, 2014:**

Dale Ormsby, Judy McEntire

**Monday, August 18, 2014:**

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

**Monday, August 25, 2014:**

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

### Attendance Report

<b>Sunday, June 29, 2014</b>	<b>Sunday, July 6, 2014</b>
Sunday School-59	Sunday School-70
Worship Service-72	Worship Service-85
<b>Sunday, July 13, 2014</b>	<b>Sunday, July 20, 2014</b>
Sunday School-91	Sunday School-83
Worship Service-88	Worship Service-97

**Sunday, July 27, 2014**

Sunday School-89

Worship Service-155

### Serving on Sunday, August 3, 2014

**Nursery:** John and Monica Yates

**2s & 3s:** Peggy Scott

**Children's Church:** Corinne Watson

**Security:** Dennis Holloway

**Deacons of the Week:** Mark Tyler, John Yates

### Serving on Sunday, August 10, 2014

**Nursery:** Cynthia Morris

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

**Children's Church:** Steve McIver

**Security:** John Yates

**Deacons of the Week:** Gene Barnes, Steve Bullard

### Serving on Sunday, August 17, 2014

**Nursery:** Sallie Ormsby

**2s & 3s:** Nan Bates

**Children's Church:** Linda Teal

**Security:** Gene Barnes

**Deacons of the Week:** Chris McDuffie, John Ray

### Serving on Sunday, August 24, 2014

**Nursery:** Elaine Davis

**2s & 3s:** John and Beth Ray

**Children's Church:** Jennifer Byrd, Corey Davis

**Security:** Steve Bullard

**Deacons of the Week:** Kenneth Robinette, Flo Aiken

### Serving on Sunday, August 31, 2014

**Nursery:** Bobby Sue Ormsby

**2s & 3s:** Betty Hildreth, Betty Matthews

**Children's Church:** Mary Joyner

**Security:** Dennis Holloway

**Deacons of the Week:** Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm



What a great Vacation Bible School we had at First Baptist Church last week. While we did not enjoy the quantity of children for which we had hoped, we certainly did enjoy a high quality school. Genuine appreciation is extended to Corinne Watson and her great staff for their labors of love, sacrifice and hard work. Thank you all for your faithfulness!

It's hard to believe that August is already here. That means there are only a few weeks left for vacations to occur. Football practices will soon begin. The opening of school is just around the corner, and we as a New Testament church will soon begin a new year of ministry and will welcome a new staff minister, Patricia Greene, who will officially begin her ministry on September 8th. By now most of us have met Patricia and have already begun to appreciate her gifts in ministry. I have no doubt that she will make a positive difference in our church. But let us understand that the coming of new staff - no matter how gifted or talented - is never a guarantee of numerical or spiritual growth and success. However, growth and success in the church are very possible when the staff, the deacons, the leaders and the members work together as a united team under the lordship of Jesus Christ and are FAITHFUL to God, to Christ's church, to our mission and to one another. Faithfulness is really not a colorful, exciting, energizing word. In fact, faithfulness is probably a boring word because it refers to one just plodding along day by day doing his or her job ... nothing special or exciting. And yet faithfulness is often the quality which brings success, and God blesses our faithfulness.

When we are faithful to God and his church ... when we are faithful in our prayers, in our worship, in our stewardship and in our responsibilities in the home, in the church and in the community, then effective and successful ministry will simply follow.

So, I thank you now for your faithfulness in the past, for your faithfulness in the present and for your faithfulness in the future. Working together, our boring faithfulness can create an exciting, and inviting church.

May God help us to make it so!

“Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”  
Mark Twain

# Happy Birthday!



- 8/1 John Ray
- 8/2 Hilda Auman
- 8/5 Kathy Griffis
- 8/6 Cynthia Morris
- 8/7 Mack Haigler
- 8/9 Josh Steffen
- 8/12 Carolyn Knowlton
- 8/12 Marlyn Benoist
- 8/15 Virginia Cole
- 8/17 Sallie Ormsby
- 8/18 Steve Morris
- 8/19 B.T. Phillips
- 8/20 Becky Hatcher
- 8/24 Hunter Ennis
- 8/24 Sandra Elliott
- 8/26 Sharon Johnson
- 8/27 Kakki Hilton
- 8/29 Evelyn (Tot) Spencer



## VBS Volunteers: We Thank You

All Vacation Bible School volunteers received and deserved a heartfelt thanks during the week of VBS, but they also deserve one more public proclamation of our church's gratitude for their time and effort in making this year's Vacation Bible School special for the children who attended. A special thank you for the FBC Staff who put in an extra effort to help put all of this together. Thank you!

### The Teacher

Lord, who am I to teach the way to little children day by day.  
 So prone myself to go astray?  
 I teach them knowledge, but I know how faint they flicker and how low  
 The candles of my knowledge glow.  
 I teach them power to will and do, but only now to learn anew  
 My own great weakness thru and thru.  
 I teach them love for all mankind and all God's creatures, but I find  
 My love comes lagging far behind.  
 Lord, if their guide I still must be, oh, let the little children see  
 The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

Leslie Pinckney Hill

### VBS STAFF

- Director:** Corinne Watson
- Registration Table:** Beth Ray
- Drama (Skit) actors:** Alex Cockerton, Taylor Forester
- Lights & Sound - Coordinator:** Dianne Lucas
- Finale Slideshow:** Dianne Lucas
- Set Design:** Dianne Lucas, Pat Buckner
- Crew Leaders:**
  - K-2nd Grades:** Lee Chavis, Virginia Auman
  - 3rd-5th Grades:** Judy McEntyre, Michael Beale
  - Pre-K:** Corinne Watson, Beverly Crouse, Helen Cox, Katie Watson, Candice Cox
- Nursery:** Elizabeth Moss, Cristina Moss, Peggy Scott
- Crafts:** Kathy Griffis, Debra McIver
- Snacks:** Bonnie Barnes, Diane Stokes, Betty Davis
- Bible Stories:** Kaye Beale, Judy Harrelson
- Music:** Judy Harris, Brenda Tyler
- Health Room:** Janice Coen, Crystal Coen
- Swimming Party:** Susan Wheeler, Andrew Wheeler
- Sunday Lunch:** Linda Byrd, Sallie Pierce, Peggy Scott



## Attention Youth!

### Friday, August 8th

All youth are invited to participate in an overnight lock-in at the Butler Youth House.

## Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	June	July
Gen. Fund	34,940	25,383
Chall. to Maint.	900	450
Mem. & Hon.	253	
Radio Ministry	800	800
Katie Yates Fund	210	
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>37,103</b>	<b>27,033</b>
<b>Wednesday Fellowship Meals 675</b>		
Budget req. to date	221,551	
Gifts to date	240,466	
YTD req. under actual gifts	18,915	
% giving to req.	109%	





## *In Loving Memory*

### **Mr. Howard Coleman**

Mr. Sam Brigman

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

Ms. Barbara Clapp

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

### **Mrs. Vicky Singleton**

Mr. Sam Brigman

### **Mrs. Pearlle Melton**

Mr. and Mrs. Janice Coen

### **Mr. Joseph McGuire**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

### **Mrs. Annie Laurie Cribbs**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

### **Mr. Mike Dawkins**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

### **Mr. June Bennett**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen



## *In Honor*

### **Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks**

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen



If you would like to stroll down memory lane by way of some pictures from the past, please visit our website. Go to [fbcrockingham.org](http://fbcrockingham.org) and click on "Church Life" then click on "Memories". Leave a comment if you would like and/or see what comments were left by other visitors. More pictures to be added soon.

Enjoy.

## **Updates/Changes**

Please check the weekly bulletins for any updates/changes to the information in the Informer. Always call the church office if you have any questions.



Vacation is a wonderful thing! But it is time for weekly choir rehearsals again. Our first rehearsal was this past week on July 30th. The men will sing again on Sunday, August 31st. Chrystal Coen will be starting an adult hand bell group that will meet every Wednesday at 5:00 pm starting August 27th. Please call the church office if you are interested. This group is open to men and women. Prior hand bell experience is required.



The book club will meet Friday, Aug. 1 at 6:00 pm at Outback Steakhouse in Pinehurst. Please meet at the FBC Greene Street parking lot at 5:15 pm to carpool. Marjorie Hinson is the hostess this month. We will be discussing any book you have read recently.

## **Teams vs Committees.**

### **Why Teams?**

Carolina! Duke! State! Wake! Most North Carolinians are ardent fans of one of these basketball teams.

Certainly, any sports team that is built on the strengths of its players, is well-trained, and performs at a high level and generates a lot of enthusiasm and support in and around the team. And when a team is really successful, its fan base tends to grow.

Some churches are looking to the team model as a way of capturing just those responses within their congregations. Those who have moved from the traditional committee structure to a team structure report a significant revitalization of their churches. They perceive that their Deacons have taken on more of a leadership role, church members have gotten more involved, and their congregations have grown.

After hearing about the success of Zebulon Baptist Church, one of the churches here in North Carolina that has moved to a team structure, our Deacon Board decided to EXPLORE this as a possibility for our church. We are in the very early stages of our exploration. In fact, at our last Deacon's meeting, we engaged in a lively discussion of the difference between a team and a committee. We have a long way to go.

Over the next few months we hope to determine whether a team structure will work for RFBC and if this is the direction in which God wants us to move. Please pray for us as we learn and deliberate. If you have any thoughts on this matter, please share them with any of the Deacons. We will keep you informed of our progress.



## DATES TO REMEMBER!

- August 3** - Church Conference (following Worship Service)
- August 4** - Missions Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- August 10** - Church-wide Men's Breakfast - 9:00 am (Everyone's invited)
- August 17** - Deacon's Meeting, 1:15 pm
- August 25** - First Day of School for Richmond County Students
- August 27** - Adult Hand Bell Group (first meeting), 5:00 pm
- August 31** - The Men's Choir during Worship Service



### The Ladies of FBC...

The ladies of FBC will welcome Patricia Greene into our church family with a "Pantry Pounding" on Saturday, September 6th at 9:30 am. A light breakfast will be served in S150. Put this on your calendar!

### Education Quotes

"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand."

(Native American Saying)

"Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another."

(G. K. Chesterson)



### Baptist Men's Breakfast

Everyone is invited to the Baptist Men's Breakfast in S150 on Sunday, August 10th at 9:00 am. The program will be a Presentation of the ministry of Compassion International.



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