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Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Monday, September 15, 2014:

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, September 22, 2014:

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Monday, September 29, 2014:

Judy McEntire, Gene Barnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, August 3, 2014 **Sunday, August 10, 2014**

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Sunday, August 17, 2014 **Sunday, August 24, 2014**

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Serving on Sunday, September 7, 2014

Nursery: Diane Stokes

2s & 3s: Peggy Scott

Children's Church: Leah Melvin, Vivian Hilton

Security: Chris McDuffie

Deacons of the Week: Judy McEntire, Steve McIver

Serving on Sunday, September 14, 2014

Nursery: Virginia Auman

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette

Children's Church: Steve McIver

Security: John Ray

Deacons of the Week: Don Auman, Kay Beale

Serving on Sunday, September 21, 2014

Nursery: Elaine Wilson

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Security: Kenneth Robinette

Deacons of the Week: Janice Coen, Marjorie Rainey

Serving on Sunday, September 28, 2014

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Twyla Nelson

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Security: Steve McIver

Deacons of the Week: Bill Featherston, Norvin Forester

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.



Unofficially, with the beginning of school and with Labor Day just a few days away, summer has come to a conclusion. While some are sad, others are glad. Nevertheless, our vacations are now past and most of us will be going back to **work**.

Work! Work consumes a large part of our lives. The average worker will spend 90,000 hours of his or her life working at a job, and that doesn't count any volunteer hours at church or civic clubs or doing chores around the house. Work is a colossal fact of life. Therefore, the attitudes we have about work will surely impact our personal happiness. Even though there are many tangible factors which positively or negatively affect our attitude about work, the Bible declares that work is good.

It is a gift from God.

(Ecclesiastes 5:18-20)

It provides protection from temptation.

(2 Samuel 11:1-3, 1 Timothy 5:13)

It provides for our needs.

(2 Thessalonians 3:6-15)

It provides for the needs of others.

(Matthew 20:28, Ephesians 4:28)

It involves a partnership with God.

(1 Corinthians 3:9, Job 5:17)

It provides opportunity to give a positive witness for Christ.

(1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

While our particular occupational job may not be ideal, work is good for us and can bring glory to God.

And may we not forget that above and beyond our “regular jobs” is the greater work of the kingdom which will bring eternal blessings.

Jesus said, “the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his fields.” (Matt 9:37:38).

Paul said, “Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Cor 15:58)

In this new church year may we work energetically, faithfully, joyfully and purposefully for the glory of God.



Happy Birthday!



- 9/3 Marjorie Rainey
- 9/4 Debbie McIver
- 9/5 Neal Cadieu
- 9/5 Harvey Auman
- 9/5 Lane Pryce
- 9/6 Myrtle Stogner
- 9/7 A.C. Godwin
- 9/7 Jessica McEntire
- 9/8 Jane Pittman
- 9/8 Lazelle Marks
- 9/10 Hayley D'Antonio
- 9/11 Jeannette Melvin
- 9/11 Lynda Clifton
- 9/14 Elaine Davis
- 9/17 Linda Pryce
- 9/19 Dennis Holloway
- 9/21 Grace Riggan
- 9/21 Joanne Taylor
- 9/22 Ellen McNeill
- 9/22 Mark Tyler
- 9/22 Christy Warren
- 9/23 Robert Smith
- 9/23 Chris McEntire
- 9/24 Bobbie Harrill
- 9/25 Beverly Sanders
- 9/25 Ethan Harrelson
- 9/26 Ernest Evans
- 9/28 Joe Davis
- 9/28 Jonathan Dawkins
- 9/28 Ben Bullard
- 9/30 Will Shuler



A New Arrival ...

Rev. Patricia Greene, our new Associate Pastor/Minister to Families will officially begin her ministry at First Baptist Church on September 8th. While she comes to us with youthful energy, proven leadership and effective spiritual gifts, she will need your prayers and support to be effective in providing ministry to our church and community. So continue to pray for her, remind her of your name and as you are able, volunteer to help her.



Special

Morning Service

Sunday, September 14 A Special Day of Commitment

During the morning worship service we will have a special Installation

Service for Patricia combined with a commitment service for all of our leaders and workers for the 2014-15 church year.

The worship service will then be followed by a delicious meal catered by our own Baptist Men. While there will be no official charge for the meal, donations will be accepted to raise funds for missions through the Baptist Men's fund. Put this date on your calendar!



It is with great excitement that I write this September newsletter article, knowing that I have only a few more days until I move into a new home, and just a little over a week after that I will begin work at a new and wonderful place...your church home. I remain truly grateful for your willingness as a congregation to allow me to finish my chaplaincy program at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston. As I have worked to finish that, I have so enjoyed the weekends I have spent with you over the summer. It has been a joy to begin getting to know many of you over the past couple months, and I look forward greatly to the coming months and years as our relationships deepen. I already see a beautiful, welcoming, and hospitable spirit about this place - and that is so very special.

Over the past couple of years, a guiding purpose of mine has been to notice and seek beauty in the world around me...from dandelions, to oak trees, to the sounds of birds, to the glimmer of stars on a clear night, to the faces and spirits of the people whose paths cross mine. I believe God calls us to recognize the beauty that is around us and give thanks for it. As I have worshipped with you, played games with youth, sat across from you at the dinner table, and joined you in your homes, I have certainly found myself surrounded by much beauty. I give thanks for that. May God richly bless each of you this month, holding you in light and love as you move through the days. I look forward to joining you and journeying together with you.

Every Blessing, Patricia

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	July	August 3,10&17
Gen. Fund	24,983	17,635
Chall. to Maint.	1,250	50
Radio Ministry	850	850
Total Gifts	27,083	18,535
Wednesday Fellowship Meals		330
Budget req. to date	243,706	
Gifts to date	257,702	
YTD req. under actual gifts	13,996	
% giving to req.	106%	



In Loving Memory

Mr. Samuel Greer

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

Mr. Claude Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill

Mrs. Lois Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks
Mr. B.T. Phillips

Mrs. Ann Street

Mr. Sam Brigman



I am looking forward to another year with the NC Baptist Singers. Our time together is always inspirational and it is a privilege to sing with so many talented people. The Ice Cream Social is going to be Sunday, September 28th at 5:00 pm in S150.



The book club will meet Friday, September 5th at 6:00 pm at the Old Store in Lilesville. Tess Ann Jones will be the hostess. We will discuss any book you have read recently. In October we will be discussing the book "The Dry Grass of Summer" by Anna Jean Mayhew.

Teams vs Committees. Why Teams?

At our August Deacon's meeting, J.C. Lamm, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that when this committee submitted its 2014-15 slate of candidates to the congregation for approval, it had recruited church members to fill more than 220 positions.

We don't have 220 active members, and even active members don't always accept the call to serve on a committee or take on a leadership assignment. That means that some people in our church are serving in multiple capacities and may even be agreeing to take on roles in which they have little interest or talent.

There must be a better way for a congregation to be organized to accomplish the work of the church and to utilize the strengths of its members.

The Deacon Board continues its search for the better way. We are intrigued by the possibilities that a team organization presents, but we have questions. Would a team approach be more streamlined? Would teams help us to make better use of member's interests and talents? Would teams make us more mission-minded? Would teams get us more involved and excited about the work of the church? Just how would teams work in our situation?

Please pray for your Deacons as we read and study and explore these questions.



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 begin on September 9th from 3:15—5:15 pm. 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. You can come by the church office and register or it can also be done online at www.fbcrockingham.org/church-life/terrific-tuesday/. For more information, please contact Corinne Watson at 910-817-4204.



Ice Cream Social

Everyone is invited to join in fellowship at our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 28th at 5:00 pm in S150.

Youth Retreat



Youth Retreat - Camp Mundo Vista

Our youth will be enjoying fellowship and fun at Camp Mundo Vista on the weekend of September 26, 27 and 28. Please keep them in your prayers.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

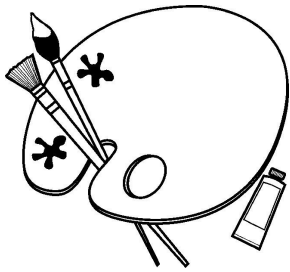
- September 1 - Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 7 - Planning Retreat, 1:00 pm
- September 7 - Missions Committee Meeting, 9:00 am
- September 9 - Terrific Tuesday Starts
- September 14 - Catered Luncheon, Baptist Men (Everyone's invited)
- September 21 - Deacon's Meeting, 1:15 pm
- September 28 - Ice Cream Social (S150), 5:00 pm (Everyone's invited)



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!

Attention Aspiring Artists



There will be a painting group that will meet on Wednesday and Thursday of each week from 1 - 4 pm to paint or sketch. A "Still Life" will be made available to you or you may bring your own photos. You must supply your own art supplies and easel, but there will be tables available. The group will meet at First United Methodist Church, 410 East Washington Street, Rockingham, NC on the corner across from the Leath Memorial Library. For more information, please contact Peggy Anderson at 910-895-6909 or Flo Aiken at 910-997-2401.

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