



# The First Baptist Informer

## Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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### Resource Recording Team

**Monday, October 6, 2014:**

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

**Monday, October 13, 2014:**

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

**Monday, October 20, 2014:**

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

**Monday, October 27, 2014:**

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

### Attendance Report

**Sunday, Aug 31, 2014**      **Sunday, Sept 7, 2014**

Sunday School-68      Sunday School-90

Worship Service-89      Worship Service-111

**Sunday, Sept 14, 2014**      **Sunday, Sept 21, 2014**

Sunday School-92      Sunday School-94

Worship Service-146      Worship Service-130

### Serving on Sunday, October 5, 2014

**Nursery:** Kathy Griffis

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

**Children's Church:** Angela Cockerton

**Security:** Terry Brown

**Deacons of the Week:** Flo Aiken, J.C. Lamm

### Serving on Sunday, October 12, 2014

**Nursery:** Cynthia Morris

**2s & 3s:** Claudia Robinette

**Children's Church:** Beth Ray

**Security:** Michael Beale

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

### Serving on Sunday, October 19, 2014

**Nursery:** John and Monica Yates

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

**Children's Church:** Joanne Taylor

**Security:** Jerry Davis

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

### Serving on Sunday, October 26, 2014

**Nursery:** Elaine Davis

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

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

**Security:** Graham Jenkins

**Deacons of the Week:** John Ray, Kenneth Robinette



One of history's greatest musical conductors was an Italian named Toscanini who was born in 1861 and directed NBC's Symphony Orchestra in NYC at the great Carnegie Hall. Those who played for this great conductor appreciated his unusual gift but said he was a very hard task master. Rehearsals were anything but fun and often became war zones between the maestro and the orchestra. He could be ruthless in his verbal assaults heaped upon an unfortunate musician, but he could also be as gentle as a kind hearted grandfather. Once in a rehearsal, a musician had a difficult time playing a solo. Toscanini rapped his baton on his music stand to stop the music. He then asked the musician, "When were you born, sir? What year, what month and what day?" When the musician answered, Toscanini said, "That was a dark day for music!" Then he said, "Now try it again." This time the instrumental solo was flawless, so the great conductor stopped the music again and said to the person, "So you're not stupid, you can play well. Now I am happy, you are happy, and Beethoven is happy."

On another occasion, the orchestra was not playing well. They were not concentrating and not giving it their best. So laying down his baton, Toscanini said quietly, "Ladies and Gentlemen, God has told me how he wants this music played, and you are hindering God's work." Toscanini was difficult, but he drove his musicians to give their best. He was not interested in mediocrity, but he was interested in excellence - and so is God.

God calls every Christian and every church to excellence. He calls each Christian and each church to be the best and do the best for his glory.

A few weeks ago, our staff and church council met to plan our ministry for the new church year. While we scheduled a few events for the fall, mostly we talked about striving for and moving toward excellence in every aspect of our church life - in worship, in discipleship, in outreach, in ministry, and in fellowship. In that conversation and in others I have sensed a more optimistic spirit and a more enthusiastic attitude about the future of our church. God is moving among us. He is leading us to higher ground. He is leading us to excel in ministry. He is leading us to love a little more, to labor a little harder, and to pray a little longer so that we can excel. God is leading us. Let us follow!

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24

# Happy Birthday!



- 10/1 Kaye Beale
- 10/2 Victoria Cox
- 10/2 Patricia Greene
- 10/4 Bobby Mumford
- 10/5 Beth Ray
- 10/5 Abram Buckner
- 10/11 Gayle Cook
- 10/11 Anne Tyson
- 10/13 Jim Clifton
- 10/13 John Yates
- 10/14 Chris McDuffie
- 10/18 Cynthia Warren
- 10/23 Angela Cockerton
- 10/27 Keith Taylor
- 10/28 Jan Smith
- 10/30 Claudia Robinette
- 10/30 Wendall Sessoms
- 10/31 Larry Harrelson



We have some exciting things going on in the world of children and youth these days! On Wednesday nights we have activities and studies for children and youth from nursery through high school age. These begin at 6:30, immediately following the Fellowship Meal at 6:00pm. Terrific Tuesdays are off to a great start with snack, Bible stories, and music, and Sunday morning and Sunday night studies are in full swing. I am thrilled to be getting to know our children and youth and am so grateful for all the teachers, helpers, and planners who pour their time and love into these young folks!

In my office there is a framed quote that my sister gave me. It says, "Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see." These words of Mark Twain hold real truth, I believe. There is something about kindness that gives birth to warmth and hope...something about it that can be felt in a very tangible way...something that people of all ages – from nursery age on up – can feel. One of my prayers for you this month is this: May you not only seek to show genuine kindness to those you encounter, but may you be graced with kindness that warms and enlivens you. And may this kindness, in all its power and mystery, be a force that binds us together and connects us to all who cross our paths.

May God hold you always in light and love. Every Blessing, Patricia



## A Thanksgiving Meal for our Community Neighbors

The Missions Committee will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving meal for our neighbors as we have done the past 3 years. The meal will be held on Thanksgiving day. We are looking for volunteers to help with: food purchasing and food preparation, greeting and welcoming guests, serving the meal, washing dishes and general clean up, and possibly delivering meals to the homebound. If you would be available to help in any of the ways mentioned above, please call the church office 895-4016.

## Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	August	Sept 7 & 14
Gen. Fund	27,126	18,736
Chall. to Maint.	850	450
Memorials & Honor	100	445
Radio Ministry	800	900
Local-Benevolence		200
Fellowship-Benevolence		300
Katie Yates Fund		5,000
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>28,876</b>	<b>26,031</b>
Wednesday Fellowship Meals	651	462
Budget req. to date	273,246	
Gifts to date	286,474	
YTD req. under actual gifts	13,228	
% giving to req.	105%	



## Changing Lives - One Soldier at a Time

Do you remember "The Military Bible Sticks" we promoted last fall? The "Faith Comes By Hearing" organization provided over 400,000 Bible Sticks last year to chaplains who then gave them to men and women in every branch of our military. However, the chaplains are requesting thousands more. As you recall, the Bible Stick is an audio recording of the New Testament which soldiers can take with them even onto the battle field. The cost is \$25.00 per Bible Stick. What a great way to support our military. We will collect donations through October.



## *In Loving Memory*

### **Mr. Samuel Greer**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston  
Mrs. Martha Gandy  
Mrs. Sally Pierce

### **Mr. Claude Smith**

Mrs. Marjorie Rainey

### **Mrs. Lois Smith**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston  
Mrs. Martha Gandy  
Mrs. Marjorie Rainey

### **Mr. Blake Clayton**

Mr. Sam Brigman

### **Mr. Jimmy Massagee**

Mr. Sam Brigman

### **Miss Mary Grace Stogner**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston  
Friends of Mrs. Myrtle Stogner  
Mrs. Martha Gandy  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill  
Mrs. Genevra Kelly  
Lydia/Ruth Class  
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Moore  
Ms. Elizabeth Tuttle  
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

### **Mr. J. C. Thrower**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen  
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Haigler  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill  
Lydia/Ruth Class  
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

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## **199th Annual Meeting Pee Dee Baptist Association**

Monday, October 6  
3:15 - 6:00 pm  
Roberdel Baptist Church.



A prayer for our church: May we, through our worship, be awakened to the wonder of your love for us. May familiar words shine with new meaning and informality. Open our eyes and hearts as You speak Your word to us in this time. May we be renewed to serve You. Give us a vision for the future that Your church may go forward and souls may be saved. May we be prepared to let go of the past and serve the present age, our calling to fulfill. Amen.



Please join us at First Baptist Church of Rockingham on Saturday, October 18th from 2 to 5 pm for our annual Fall Festival. This event will feature a hayride, a cake walk, face painting, games for the kids, hotdogs with all the trimmings, cupcakes, a chili cook-off, a bouncy castle, and great fellowship. The community is invited. Tell all your friends and family to come out and have some fun.



The book club will meet Friday, October 3rd. Melissa Bearfield will be the hostess. She will be in touch with everyone about where to meet. We will discuss the book The Dry Grass of Summer by Anna Jean Mayhew.

## **J.O.Y. Fellowship Group (2 trips)**

**Southern Supreme Fruitcake Company**  
Bear Creek, NC

Friday, October 10

Bus Cost: \$10 per person  
(cost covers bus expense only)  
Bus departs church at 7:00 am



**Northwood Temple Dinner Theatre**  
Fayetteville, NC

Friday, October 17

Trip Cost: \$32 per person  
(cost covers bus and show ticket)  
Bus departs church at 4:30 pm

Please contact Janice Coen at (910) 995-0038 if you have any questions.



## DATES TO REMEMBER!

- October 1 - Wednesday Night Meal (Pot luck/Covered Dish), 6:00 pm
- October 1 - Youth Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
- October 5 - Missions Committee Meeting, 9:00 am
- October 10 - JOY Fellowship Group (Southern Supreme Fruitcake Company)
- October 15 - Children's Council Meeting, 5:00 pm
- October 17 - JOY Fellowship Group (Northwood Temple Dinner Theatre)
- October 18 - Fall Festival, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
- October 20 - Deacon's Meeting, 6:30 pm
- October 31 - Halloween

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### Upcoming Training Events

1. Sunday School Leadership for all officers, teachers, directors, and those interested in strengthening and building our Sunday School ministry ... Sunday, October 5th and 4:00 pm.
2. Outreach Training for deacons, Sunday School Leadership, and all those interested in developing a workable, effective, and comprehensive outreach ministry ... Sunday, October 12th and 19th at 4:00 pm.
3. Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts for all FBC Christians and church members ... Sunday, October 26th and November 9th at 4:00 pm.

(All sessions to be held in the church conference room or in E100)

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### I Shall Not Pass This Way Again

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." - Stephen Grellet (Quaker Missionary)

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