



# The First Baptist Informer

## Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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### Resource Recording Team

**Monday, November 3, 2014**

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadien

**Monday, November 10, 2014**

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

**Monday, November 17, 2014**

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

**Monday, November 24, 2014**

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

### Attendance Report

**Sunday, Sept 28, 2014**      **Sunday, Oct 5, 2014**

Sunday School-75      Sunday School-79

Worship Service-85      Worship Service-87

**Sunday, Oct 12, 2014**      **Sunday, Oct 19, 2014**

Sunday School-81      Sunday School-88

Worship Service-95      Worship Service-89

**Sunday, Oct 26, 2014**

Sunday School-78

Worship Service-85

### Serving on Sunday, November 2, 2014

**Nursery:** Diane Stokes

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

**Children's Church:** Leah Melvin & Vivian Hilton

**Security:** Charles Harrill

**Deacons of the Week:** Flo Aiken, Charles Harrill

### Serving on Sunday, November 9, 2014

**Nursery:** Virginia Auman

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

**Children's Church:** Steve McIver

**Security:** J.C. Lamm

**Deacons of the Week:** J.C. Lamm, Judy McEntire

### Serving on Sunday, November 16, 2014

**Nursery:** Elaine Wilson

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

**Children's Church:** Linda Byrd

**Security:** Steve McIver

**Deacons of the Week:** Steve McIver, Don Auman

### Serving on Sunday, November 23, 2014

**Nursery:** Elaine Davis

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

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

**Security:** Ric Buckner

**Deacons of the Week:** Kaye Beale, Janice Coen

### Serving on Sunday, November 30, 2014

**Nursery:** Bobbie Sue Ormsby

**2s & 3s:** Betty Matthew & Susan Wheeler

**Children's Church:** Corinne Watson

**Security:** John Ray

**Deacons of the Week:** Marjorie Rainey, John Ray



Dr. Tracy Jessup from Gardner Webb University told of an Ohio grandmother who wrote Ann Landers about an article she read in her local paper. The article was about a young newly wed couple who in lieu of sending personal thank-you notes for wedding gifts, were going to make a donation to a charitable organization. This Ohio grandmother asked Ms. Landers, “Is this the lazy way out or what? Aren’t people who send wedding gifts entitled to a written thank-you note?”

Well, Ms. Landers responded, “... In my book this is inexcusable. Anyone who takes the time and spends money to send a wedding gift is entitled to a written note of appreciation...”

Now, regardless of what our opinions may be about this couple’s approach to thank-you notes, the truth is too often our thank-you’s go unspoken, unwritten and therefore unheard. But the Apostle Paul made a big deal of saying “thank-you!” In nearly all of Paul’s letters he thanks God for something good about the recipients. In 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 he wrote, “We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” He didn’t hesitate to say “Thanks!” November is the month during which we celebrate thanksgiving. This national holiday provides us an opportunity to express our gratitude not only to God who saves us and provides for us and who has blessed us abundantly, but thanksgiving also provides us an opportunity to speak words of appreciation to family and friends. So - I want to say to you - Thank you... thank you for your prayers, your faithfulness, your love and generosity as you give of yourself, your energy and time and talent and resources to serve God and edify and build our church. Thank you for supporting our church and its ministries in so many ways, and thank you for your continued faithfulness as we continue our journey together to become all that God wants us to be. May God bless you, your family and our church during this approaching holiday season...



Dear church family and friends; we felt the closeness and concerns for us during the illness and death of Mae. We know that we will meet her again. Much love, Leroy Yates, Dennis and Kay, and Carol and Vann.



- 11/1 Jennifer Byrd
- 11/1 Michael Sessions
- 11/4 Gene Coen
- 11/6 Hannah Crouse
- 11/7 Shirley Mills
- 11/7 Steve McIver
- 11/8 Judy McEntire
- 11/11 Corey Bullard
- 11/12 Hal Shuler
- 11/13 Carolyn Bridgman
- 11/13 McKayla Ard
- 11/14 Jason Coen
- 11/14 Matthew Harrelson
- 11/16 Tom Cox
- 11/18 Richard McLendon
- 11/18 Davis Hilton
- 11/20 Agnes Larsen
- 11/20 Myra Deane
- 11/23 Mary Moree
- 11/24 James Haltom
- 11/25 Teresa Moree
- 11/26 Kenny Melvin
- 11/28 George Crump
- 11/29 Hayley Kottwitz
- 11/30 Boyd Taylor



What an exciting time of year as November brings with it not only the promise of cooler weather but also the realization of the approaching holiday seasons! I hope that we can find the space to pause, breathe, and appreciate the time and the God who creates all seasons of our lives. A few things to highlight for you that are happening: 1) We have a new young adult Sunday School class that has begun! We are meeting in S162 and using curriculum called "Animate Faith." It is a DVD and discussion based time in which we explore different aspects of the Christian Faith with insights from current theologians and ministers. 2) Our Terrific Tuesday children will be putting on a short program on November 18th at 5:30 pm. They will be sharing music, art, and scripture that they have learned throughout this semester. We would love for you to come support them and see what they've been doing this year! 3) The weekly children and youth times have been going well. In addition to the regular learning and fellowship, we have enjoyed volunteering at Our Daily Bread, decorating pumpkins, enjoying a mystery dinner, learning the books of the Bible, and singing! As always, a note of appreciation to all of you who help in one way or another with the younger generations in our church. Through your energy, love, support, prayers, and guidance, please know that you are touching lives and making a difference. Every blessing, Patricia.

### Sympathy for the family of ...



Mrs. Mae Yates, who passed away on October 4th.



## Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Sept	Oct 5, 12 & 19
Gen. Fund	26,352	17,367
Chall. to Maint.	1,250	450
Memorials & Honor	660	400
Radio Ministry	900	800
Local-Benevolence	200	
Fellowship-Benevolence	300	
Military Bible Sticks		125
Katie Yates Fund	5,000	350
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>34,662</b>	<b>19,492</b>
Wednesday Fellowship Meals	790	370
Budget req. to date	310,172	
Gifts to date	312,072	
YTD req. under actual gifts	1,900	
% giving to req.	101%	

**From the Deacons** - As we begin our new church year at First Baptist, I would like to keep you informed of highlights of interest from the monthly deacon meetings. Judy McEntire, Chair. October Meeting Notes: Our Fall Festival attendance was 175. November 3rd is WMU National Day of Prayer. The Pee Dee Baptist Association will meet @ East Laurinburg Baptist Church at 7:00 PM. Could our church sponsor building of a wheel chair ramp? The cost is between \$400—\$500. We are seeking volunteers to train in the operation of new sound/video system in the sanctuary. Contact the church office if you are interested. Rev. Greene has begun a new Sunday School class for young adults.



### Veterans Day Celebration November 9th

Our congregation will be acknowledging and recognizing our military veterans on Sunday, November 9th in our worship service and in a veterans day luncheon to follow. Come and express your heartfelt appreciation to those men and women who have bravely and sacrificially served our country.

Pictures of your "family veterans" will be welcomed and will be displayed in the fellowship hall for the luncheon.

**Thanksgiving Community Thanksgiving Service** - November 23rd at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church. Rev. Dwight Williams will be the preacher.



## *In Loving Memory*

### **Mr. Gary Fisher**

Mr. Sam Brigman

### **Mr. John Searcy**

Mr. Sam Brigman

### **Mrs. Marjorie Sellers**

Mr. Sam Brigman

### **Mr. Claude Smith**

Mrs. Flo Aiken

### **Mrs. Lois Smith**

Mrs. Flo Aiken

### **Mrs. Nancy Smith**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Evans

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston

Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

### **Miss Mary Grace Stogner**

Mrs. Flo Aiken

Ms. Jean Cain

Mr. and Mrs. George Morris

Mrs. Carolyn Saunders

### **Mr. John Thrower**

Mr. B. T. Phillips

### **Mrs. Ola Mae Yates**

Mrs. Flo Aiken

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

Ms. Susan Davis and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes

Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

Mr. B. T. Phillips

Mrs. Marjorie Rainey

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sikes

Thomas Street Neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thomas



## *In Honor*

### **Mr. A. C. Godwin**

Mr. Leroy Yates

*Give thanks to the Lord, for  
He is good; His love  
endures forever.*

1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV



The choir has already been rehearsing their Christmas music and we encourage all who are interested in singing to make a special effort to join us on Wednesday nights for practice. The special Thanksgiving service will be held here at FBC on Sunday, November 23rd at 7 pm, and Rev. Greene and I are planning ways to involve children and youth for that service. A Busy, But Fun-Tastic Fall!!



### **HANDBELL CHOIR**

## **The Sandhills Ringers**

The Sandhills Ringers, a community handbell choir, will be in concert at First Baptist Church on Sunday, November 16th at 4:00 pm. The Sandhills Singers and other local talent will be featured. Selections will include "Jesus Loves Me," "God Bless America" and "Do-Re-Mi" from "The Sound of Music." The public is invited.



## **Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the good news of God's love. Now is the time to fill those shoe boxes. This year there will be two options ... one is that you can pack a shoe box (don't forget to add \$7 for shipping) and bring it to the church at the time and dates listed below, or you may donate money (\$28 is sure to fill a shoe box and \$7 will cover shipping) and members of the Mission Committee will do the shopping for you. Donations will be accepted by cash or check. Please place all cash in a church envelope and put OCC on the outside of the envelope. Those writing a check should place OCC on the memo line of the check. First Baptist will serve as a collection point for the shoe boxes. Filled boxes can be delivered to the church Monday through Saturday, November 17 - 22 from 10 am to 4 pm. The truck will be loaded on Sunday, November 23rd from 12 pm to 2 pm. We can use all the help we can get. Please contact Mrs. Beth Ray at 910-997-3810 if you would like to help during the collection period or if you have any questions.



## **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 at 895-4016.



## DATES TO REMEMBER!

- November 2 - Daylight Savings Time - Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
- November 2 - Youth Council Meeting - 5:30 pm
- November 9 - Quarterly Business Meeting
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 12 - Children's Council Meeting - 5:00 pm
- November 16 - Sandhills Ringers, FBC Sanctuary - 4:00 pm
- November 17 - Deacon's Meeting, Church Conference Room - 6:30 pm
- November 18 - Terrific Tuesday Program - 5:30 pm, S150
- November 23 - Community Thanksgiving Service, FBC - 7:00 pm
- November 27 - Thanksgiving Day Meal for the Community, E100 - 11:00 am

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**Quarterly Business Meeting** - There will be a quarterly business meeting on Sunday, November 9th immediately following the worship service. Written reports will be distributed, a presentation of the 2015 proposed budget will be made, and the nomination of deacons will take place.

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### Coming in December

- Christmas Worship - Celebrating the birth of Christ ... November 30, December 7, 14 and 21.
- Adult Christmas Music Program ... December 7th at 5:00 pm.
- Christmas at First Baptist ... December 14th at 5:00 pm - a very informal Christian devotion, carols and fellowship.
- Christmas Eve Candle Light Communion Service ... December 24th at 5:00 pm.

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**Terrific Tuesday Thanksgiving Program** - Please join us at First Baptist Church for this special program on Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30 pm in S150. Let us share with you how we are building Godly character through songs and scripture. Refreshments following the program in S150.

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