



The First Baptist Informer

Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Monday, March 2, 2015

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, March 9, 2015

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Monday, March 16, 2015

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Monday, March 23, 2015

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Monday, March 30, 2015

Judy McEntire, Gene Barnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, Feb 1, 2015

Sunday, Feb 8, 2015

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Worship Service-86

Sunday, Feb 15, 2014

Sunday, Feb 22, 2014

Sunday School-57

Sunday School-83

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Serving on Sunday, March 1, 2015

Nursery: Diane Stokes

2s & 3s: Peggy Scott & Brenda Tyler

Children's Church: Leah Melvin & Vivian Hilton

Security: Michael Beale

Serving on Sunday, March 8, 2015

Nursery: Virginia Auman

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette & Gabrielle Goodwin

Children's Church: Steve McIver

Security: Kenny Melvin

Serving on Sunday, March 15, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Wilson

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Security: John Yates

Serving on Sunday, March 22, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Twyla Nelson

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Security: Gene Barnes

Serving on Sunday, March 29, 2015

Nursery: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

2s & 3s: Susan Wheeler & Agnes Larsen

Children's Church: Corinne Watson

Security: Steve Bullard



Even though February has the fewest days of any month of the year, for many who have dealt with freezing temperatures, mounds of snow, and treacherous roads, February has surely been a long, long month.

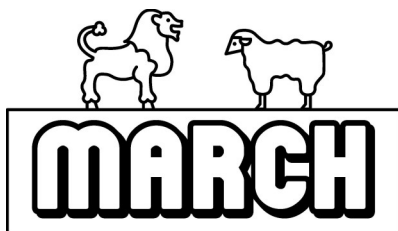
But perhaps warmer weather is “just around the corner”. With the arrival of March, we should be able to look forward to warmer days and the signs of Spring. Of course for basketball fans March means “March Madness,” the close of the regular season and the beginning of the NCAA Basketball Tournament which will determine the World Champion. So basketball fans, get ready to cheer for your favorite team.

But for the church, March falls in the middle of the season of Lent - that 40 day period of self-examination and confession as we prepare ourselves spiritually to properly enter into worship during Holy Week and Easter.

But for our church, March is also Gather the People month. After a LONG, COLD January and February with many being isolated because of sickness and bad weather, March presents us with an opportunity to get out and gather our church family together for Bible study and worship. Therefore, each Sunday in March we will focus on a special group - beginning with the men (March 1) and then the women (March 8), then the children and youth (March 15) and finally the focus will be on everyone - men, women, children, youth and our guests. On this day (March 22) we will seek to bring everyone together and celebrate the day with a covered-dish luncheon after the service.

The month of March can be a “banner month” for First Baptist as we prepare for the celebration of Easter and gather our people together if we get as excited and enthusiastic about our spiritual and church life as we do about our basketball teams.

Paul wrote to the Colossians - “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.” If we put our hearts into our efforts to gather our church family together, we will experience the refreshing Spirit of God moving among us. Come join us this month. It can be a new beginning!



Happy Birthday!

3-2 Anna Lee Crump
 3-2 Michael Sessions
 3-4 Margaret Smith
 3-4 Lex Hilton
 3-4 David Steffen
 3-5 Melanie Cockerton
 3-5 Charlie Auman
 3-7 Joanna Watson
 3-7 Amanda Watson
 3-9 Teri Beth Norwood
 3-10 Gene Davis
 3-14 Abbey Jenkins
 3-14 Destiny Teal
 3-16 Brenda Tyler
 3-20 Ina Haigler
 3-21 Janice Coen
 3-23 Herman Seawell
 3-24 Mart Pierce
 3-28 Carolyn Saunders
 3-28 Catherine Shelley
 3-28 Caroline Smith
 3-28 Andrew Wheeler
 3-30 Kathleen Mumford
 3-31 Kim Cox

Love that goes upward is worship. Love that goes outward is affection. Love that stoops down is grace.



I hope you all are doing well, and that in the midst of the crazy weather we've been having that you have been able to stay safe, warm, and dry...and hopefully appreciate the white beauty just a little bit, at least! ☺

I want to let you know about a few things we have going on during the month of March in the world of children and youth. On March 5th, there will be a youth/deacon dinner at Kenneth Robinette's house. This will be a wonderful chance for these two groups of folks to get to know each other some – and it certainly promises to be an evening of fun and good fellowship! Youth week is March 9th-15th. On Friday, the 13th, the youth will be going to Raleigh for WinterJam. Various Christian bands will be playing this evening. And then on Sunday, March 15th, the youth will be helping to lead in worship. Looking further down the road, we will be taking a youth mission trip to Birmingham, Alabama July 5th-10th. We are very excited about this opportunity to dive in and help our neighbors through construction, painting, and other hands-on service.

Eggstravaganza is just around the corner for our children. Saturday morning, March 28th, from 10-11:30 the children will be gathering at the church for a guaranteed fun time of Easter egg hunts and activities.

As I sit and write these words, I give thanks for you...your faces and stories are coming to hold a very special place in my heart. I treasure you all, and hold you in my prayers.

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Jan 2015	Feb 1, 8 & 15
Gen. Fund	20,493	20,908
Chall. to Maint.	50	1,660
Memorials & Honor	70	515
Radio Ministry	800	100
Missions	425	
Baptist Men's Fund/ Wheelchair Ramps	200	850
Katie Yates Fund		
Pastor's Local Benevolence		200
Total Gifts	22,038	24,233
Wednesday Fellowship Meals	581	697
Budget req. to date	52,249	
Gifts to date	41,986	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(10,263)	
% giving to req.	80%	

Gather the People Month

Gather the Men

March 1

(Fellowship Breakfast, 9:00 am with speaker
 Rev. Gary Richardson, the Place of Grace)

Gather the Women

March 8

(Special worship feature)

Gather the Children/Youth

March 15

(Youth Sunday)

Gather Everyone/Neighbors & Friends

March 22

(Conclude with a church-wide covered dish luncheon)



In Loving Memory

Mr. John David Hilton

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks
Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Melvin

Mrs. Mildred Kirkley

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clarke



In Honor

Miss Evelyn Marks

Mrs. Jean Cain
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks
Mr. Leroy Yates

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Iseman

Happy Anniversary!

March 29
Gene and Bonnie Barnes
51 Years

**Christmas Shoe Box
Ministry**

The items for children for the
month of March are:

March - wash cloths/soap

Feel free to bring any other small items
you may want to donate.



**Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead one hour on Sunday, March
8th.**



I would like to thank the choir for
their hard work on the "extra"
music for the Choplin concert.

"Let there be joy on the mountain
Singing, singing in the valley.
Join the holy hosts of angels,
Rise up and praise the Lord."

Words by Pepper Choplin

Upcoming Dates to REMEMBER!

- March 1-8** - National Week of Prayer for Missions
- March 1** - Pepper Choplin Concert, FBC, 7:00 pm
- March 8** - Daylight Savings Time, Spring Forward 1 Hour
- March 15** - Youth Sunday
- March 19-20** - CBF of North Carolina General Assembly
- March 22** - Sandhills Ringers join our worship service
- March 28** - Eggstravaganza
- March 30-April 1** - Community Lenten Services
- April 1** - No Wednesday Night Dinner or Activities
- April 2** - Fellowship Meal and Maundy Thursday Service
- April 5** - Easter Sunday Celebration
 - Easter Missions' Offering

FUMC Mission Trip

A group from First United Methodist Church in Rockingham will be taking a mission team to Haiti this summer. In an effort to help provide food to the people of Haiti, FUMC has organized a 5K run/walk, "Hoofing It for Haiti," that will be March 21st. The money that is raised will purchase food for orphanages, schools, churches, and families in Haiti. The 5K will be held at the Mary Ellen Kindley Fitness Trail on the campus of Richmond Community College on Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 a.m. All proceeds will be donated to Rockingham's First United Methodist Church Haiti Mission Fund. 100% of your entry fee will purchase a bag of rice, beans, and oil to feed a family in Haiti for 3-4 weeks. The food will be delivered by the FUMC Haiti Mission Team during the week of July 7-15, 2015 while on mission in Haiti. If you are interested in participating in the 5K, you can register online:

<http://www.sportoften.com/events/eventDetails.cfm?pEventId=14555>

Entry fee is \$25 by March 13th and \$30 thereafter.

If you have questions, contact Allison Farrah 910-817-1029

Actions to Take During Lent

- Pray and fast as the Holy Spirit leads
 - Study and meditate on God's word
- Acknowledge, confess, and repent of sin
 - By faith receive God's forgiveness
- Give up vices which hinder your faith journey
- Take up virtues which enhance and strengthen your faith journey
- Examine or evaluate your life and relationships in view of God's word
- Make a renewed commitment to be the presence of Christ as you seek to love God and one another



Sympathy for the families of ...

Mr. John Hilton of New Cumberland, WV, Lex Hilton's father

Mrs. Sharon Wilson, who passed away on February 4th, Diane Lucas' sister

Mr. Jon Daniel Shedd, who passed away on February 6th, Ken Shedd's brother

Mrs. Sherry Yates, who passed away on February 17th, John Thompson's mother

Mrs. Billie Taylor, who passed away on February 18th

Mrs. Myrtle Stogner, who passed away on February 19th

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