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Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Monday, April 6, 2015

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Monday, April 13, 2015

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Monday, April 20, 2015

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Monday, April 27, 2015

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

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Sunday, Mar 8, 2015

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Sunday School-79

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Worship Service-97

Sunday, Mar 15, 2014

Sunday, Mar 22, 2014

Sunday School-92

Sunday School-79

Worship Service-127

Worship Service-114

Serving on Sunday, April 5, 2015

Nursery: Kathy Griffis

2s & 3s: Peggy Scott & Brenda Tyler

Children's Church: Angela Cockerton

Security: Chris McDuffie

Serving on Sunday, April 12, 2015

Nursery: Cynthia Morris

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette & Gabrielle Goodwin

Children's Church: Beth Ray

Security: John Ray

Serving on Sunday, April 19, 2015

Nursery: John and Monica Yates

2s & 3s: Nan Bates

Children's Church: Joanne Taylor

Security: Kenneth Robinette

Serving on Sunday, April 26, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd & Corey Davis

Security: Steve McIver



In his little book, “Eight Days that Changed the World”, Don Aycock said, “Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter form a 3 legged stool upon which the Christian faith rests. The other days in the last week of Jesus’ life are like spindles running from one leg to another, supporting and reinforcing them. Remove any one of the 3 legs and the whole stool collapses. They stand together, or they fall apart.” Indeed, the last week in the earthly life of Jesus was vitally important.

Palm Sunday was important because in our Lord’s action of parading through the streets of Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, Jesus was declaring his identity - not as a political or military Messiah, but as a spiritual and peace-seeking Messiah. However, when this truth became evident to the people by the end of the week, they were shouting for his death.

Obviously, Good Friday was also important. The cross of Christ had always been our Lord’s destiny. Jesus said, “I did not come into the world to be served, but to serve and to give my life as a ransom for many. And I, upon being lifted up from the earth, will draw all people unto myself.” The cross was not only important, it was necessary. This sacrificial act of divine love was required for our redemption and salvation. Jesus died so we might live abundantly and eternally.

But of course without Easter ... without the empty tomb, the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus would only have been a testimony to the love and courage of a great man but would not have provided what God intended - our forgiveness and salvation.

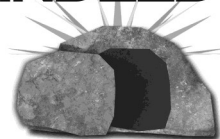
But Jesus was raised. His tomb was empty. He conquered sin and death. Consequently, we can live in the real hope and assurance of eternal life and victory. Because Jesus lives, we also may live!

Come and celebrate Easter with your church family.

Celebrate the Risen Christ
with your church family on
Easter Sunday.

He is not here. He is risen!

**He Is
RISEN
INDEED!**



Passion Week Services
First United Methodist Church
March 30 - April 1 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm daily

A light lunch will follow each service
and the speakers will include:

Rev. Mike Sykes, Monday, March 30

Rev. Jim Nelson, Tuesday, March 31

Rev. Dwight Williams, Wednesday, April 1

Join your community in worship as we prepare for Easter.

Happy Birthday!

4-1 Tracy McIver
 4-2 Pat Watson
 4-2 Don Auman
 4-4 J.C. Lamm
 4-6 Patsy Jenkins
 4-6 Sally Pierce
 4-6 Tess Ann Jones
 4-9 Betty Evans
 4-9 Dakota (D.J.) Waite
 4-10 April Collins
 4-11 Bonnie Barnes
 4-11 Jordan Beale
 4-12 Charles Joyner
 4-12 Candice Cox
 4-13 Michelle Ard
 4-14 Bobbie Sue Ormsby
 4-14 Allison Griffis
 4-19 Jeanne Olive
 4-21 Jaye Thomas
 4-23 Robbie Taylor
 4-26 Jason Buckner
 4-30 Ric Buckner
 4-30 Rebecca Morgan



It's hard to believe it is almost April, and Easter is upon us already! Our youth and children who were involved in Youth Sunday did a fantastic job speaking, singing, and leading in worship! It was a wonderful experience working with them to help make

that worship service so special. Many thanks to the youth and children – as well as to all of you who came out and worshiped with us that day! Please know that your support of the young folks here at the church means so much.

Several talented people in our church have been working on banners that will decorate our sanctuary over the Easter season (a season of seven weeks.) Their artistic gifts of painting and sewing will greatly enhance our worship space in these coming weeks. The images on the banners are connected to the scripture that will be used each Sunday. My prayer is that this visual art will touch you in a striking way this season.

We are a congregation that is blessed with people of talent. Each of you is talented in one way or another – you all have wonderful gifts. I so enjoy getting to know you and learn about your interests and talents. If there are ways you want to be involved – talents that you want to share in some way – please come see me! I would love the chance to talk with you, be creative, and dream together!!

Blessings to you as we enter Holy Week and the Easter Season – Patricia Greene

Spring Break for
 Richmond County Schools
 April 6th - 10th

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Feb 2015	Feb 1, 8 & 15
Gen. Fund	27,583	22,131
Chall. to Maint.	16,860	1,650
Memorials & Honor	718	1,245
Radio Ministry	100	1,650
Fellowship/Benevolence		100
Missions		655
Baptist Men's Fund/ Wheelchair Ramps	850	200
Katie Yates Fund Pastor's Local Benevolence	200	
Total Gifts	46,311	27,631
Wednesday Fellowship Meals	697	317
Budget req. to date	82,105	
Gifts to date	72,291	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(9,814)	
% giving to req.	88%	

Tenebrae Service

Join us for a special Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service on Thursday, April 2 at 6:45 pm.

Maundy Thursday remembers the last meal Jesus had with His disciples in the Upper Room prior to His crucifixion on Friday. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word meaning "command" and is taken from Jesus saying, "A new command I give you: Love one another." (John 13:34). Maundy Thursday is an appropriate time for the congregation to celebrate the Lord's Supper remembering His humble and sacrificial love.

The word Tenebrae means darkness. Therefore, in this service several lighted candles are extinguished one by one symbolizing the darkness and sadness of the night when Jesus was betrayed, denied, tried, and led away to be crucified.

(There will be no Wednesday night activities on April 1st. There will be a meal served on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm followed by this service at 6:45 pm)

Happy Anniversary!

April 7
Joe and Betty Davis
53 Years

April 10
Gene and Janice Coen
38 Years

April 13
Kenneth and Claudia Robinette
24 Years

Christmas Shoe Box Ministry

The item for the month of April is:

toothpaste

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

Spring Coastal Retreat for Senior Adults

“Stay Alert”

The Senior Adults will be taking a trip to Ft. Caswell the week of April 27th. Come and enjoy a mixture of large-group worship, small-group activities and recreation. There is also free time for your group to relax on campus or to explore Oak Island, Southport and other local areas. If you are interested in going on this trip, please contact Janice Coen at 910-995-0038 as soon as possible. Please keep them in your prayers while they are away from home.



The Terrific Tuesday children are working on their end of year program. They will also sing in a local nursing home in May. The choir is pleased to welcome Robert

Harris to our men's section. He has a fine voice and will be an asset to the choir. Thanks to all of the choir members who participated in the Pepper Choplin concert. It was a GREAT experience for all of us.

Upcoming Dates to REMEMBER!

March 30-April 1 - Community Passion Week Services

April 1 - No Wednesday Night Dinner or Activities

April 2 - Fellowship Meal and Maundy Thursday Service

April 3 - Good Friday

April 5 - Easter Sunday Celebration

- Easter Missions' Offering

April 6-10 - Spring Break for Richmond County Schools

April 20 - Deacon's Meeting, 6:30 pm

April 25 - Operation Inasmuch

April 27 - Senior Adult Retreat to Ft. Caswell

About Operation Inasmuch ... set for April 25

- Based on Jesus' words: "inasmuch as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me."
- Is a movement of churches across America, a Compassion Revolution, reaching out in Jesus' name to our neighbors.
- One day to mobilize and engage local congregations in ministry.
- Report from NC Baptist (2014)
Churches participating: 168
Volunteers: 5,928 people giving 24,601 hours
Projects completed: 724
Ramps: 93
Donated value of projects: \$123,800
People served: 11,011
Counties involved: 47

One day can make a difference! Will you join us on Saturday, April 25th? (See bulletins for further details!)



Missions Offering

Church Goal: \$2,000

You may support missions by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (SBC) or to the Global Missions Offering (CBF).

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel.”

Let's Build a Church

Volunteers, led by our Baptist Men, will be traveling to Calabash, NC the week of April 27th - May 2nd to help build a church. If you would like to help, please contact Dennis Holloway @ 910-895-9378 or 910-995-1676.



A Look Ahead ...

Parade of Tables
May 15 - 16



Sympathy and Prayers for the family of ...

Mrs. Lucille Goodwin,
who passed away on March 6th.

Senior Adult Rally

The Senior Adult Rally will be held at Beverly Hills Baptist Church on May 28th. More information to follow in the next Informer.

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