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Tuesday, May 26, 2015

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Monday, May 31, 2015

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Attendance Report

Sunday, Mar 29, 2015 **Sunday, Apr 5, 2015**

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Sunday, Apr 12, 2015 **Sunday, Apr 19, 2015**

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Serving on Sunday, May 3, 2015

Nursery: Diane Stokes

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Leah Melvin & Vivian Hilton

Security: J.C. Lamm

Serving on Sunday, May 10, 2015

Nursery: Virginia Auman

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette & Gabrielle Goodwin

Children's Church: Steve McIver

Security: Ric Buckner

Serving on Sunday, May 17, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Wilson

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Security: Terry Brown

Serving on Sunday, May 24, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Steve McIver

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Security: Michael Beale

Serving on Sunday, May 31, 2015

Nursery: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

2s & 3s: Agnes Larsen & Susan Wheeler

Children's Church: Corinne Watson

Security: Dennis Holloway



A Mother's Tale ... My three young children love to get up early and watch out the window for the garbage truck. They take great delight in watching the waste hauler empty the can, then work the lever that causes the truck to compact the trash.

On the morning of my thirty-fifth birthday, my husband said to the children with a smile, “Kids, do you know what makes today so special?”

It should have been no surprise to us when our 5 yr old rushed past my outstretched arms to the window and replied, “It’s garbage day!”

In spite of our occasional insensitivity,

to all of our mothers we say,

Thank you! We love you! God bless you!

The Importance of Mothers ... When all is said, it is the mother only, who is a better citizen than the soldier who fights for his country. The successful mother, the mother who does her part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community, and occupies, if she would only realize it, a more honorable as well as a more important position than any man in it. The mother is the one supreme asset of the national life. She is more important, by far, than the successful statesman, or businessman, or artist, or scientist. - Theodore Roosevelt

Good Advice ... President Dwight Eisenhower described his mother as a smart and saintly lady. “Often in this job I’ve wished I could consult her. But she is in heaven. However, many times I have felt I knew what she would say.”

One night in their farm home, Mrs. Eisenhower was playing a card game with her boys. “Now, don’t get me wrong,” said the former president, “it was not with those cards that have kings, queens, jacks, and spades on them. Mother was too straitlaced for that.” President Eisenhower said the game they were playing was called Flinch.

“Anyway, Mother was the dealer, and she dealt me a very bad hand. I began to complain. Mother said, ‘Boys, put down your cards. I want to say something, particularly to Dwight. You are in a game in your home with your mother and brothers who love you. But out in the world you will be dealt bad hands without love. Here is some advice for you boys. Take those bad hands without complaining and play them out. Ask God to help you, and you will win the important game called life.’” The president added, “I’ve tried to follow that wise advice always.”



Happy Birthday!

5-4 Betty Matthews
 5-13 Miriam Greene
 5-14 William Bryant
 5-14 Beverly Crouse
 5-14 Tina Pittman
 5-15 Bess Shuler
 5-18 Beverly Carnes
 5-18 Reid McIver
 5-19 Linda Byrd
 5-23 Ashley Sherrill
 5-24 Leroy Yates
 5-24 Flo Aiken
 5-25 Norvin Forester
 5-25 Andy Shuler
 5-28 Ellen Forester
 5-31 Carl Riggan



I hope this finds each of you doing well! It seems, as I sit down to write this, that just yesterday I was writing an Informer article...time surely can fly!

I wanted to take time in this article to share with you exciting news about Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will be a joint endeavor between First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church the week of July 27th-July 31st. We will be hosting here at First Baptist. I am absolutely thrilled to be working together with FUMC and truly believe this will be an incredible opportunity to minister to our children! I ask that you begin now to pray for Vacation Bible School and that you also prayerfully consider how you might be able to help make VBS a success. Our children will be exploring icy, Everest terrain on an adventure to conquer challenges with God's mighty power. If you have questions or concerns, see me. I would love to chat with you about this exciting time coming up in July!

In other news, our youth will be having a bake sale on Sunday, May 10th - Mother's Day. This will be a great way to share some special treats with moms and dads alike! All money that is raised will go toward the youth mission trip to Birmingham, Alabama the week of July 5th - 10th. Also, Sunday, June 7th, we will be honoring our graduates and celebrating with these wonderful seniors as they achieve this milestone and take this next step in their lives!

Lastly, our Terrific Tuesday Program is scheduled for May 19th at 5:30 pm. Our kids have been busy with music, Bible stories, crafts, and creative prayers. We would love for you to come and see what our children have been up to this semester!

As always, thank you for the special role you play in the life of First Baptist Church. Peace be with you all, Patricia.



Monday, May 25th
 Church Office Closed

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Mar 2015	Apr 5, 12 & 19
Gen. Fund	30,840	41,336
Chall. to Maint.	2,450	450
Memorials & Honor	1,505	155
Radio Ministry	1,650	450
Fellowship/Benevolence	100	1,000
Missions	1,137	870
Baptist Men's Fund/ Wheelchair Ramps	1,000	855
Katie Yates Fund		8,000
Pastor's Local Benevolence		1,000
Total Gifts	38,682	54,116
Wednesday Fellowship Meals	639	411
Budget req. to date	119,425	
Gifts to date	122,724	
YTD req. under actual gifts	3,299	
% giving to req.		103%

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching and as always we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering during VBS, there will be a meeting on June 2nd and June 23rd at 7:00 pm at FBC in S150. VBS this year is going to be held July 27th - July 31st from 9:00 am until 12:15 pm.



Deacon's Corner

For many years we have all enjoyed the beautiful music that our grand piano in the sanctuary has provided. Like all of us there comes a time when we need some repair work done and now is that time for the piano. This Baldwin Grand was built in 1959. We have contracted with John Hatcher Piano Service to do a partial renewal, install new hammers and action regulation for \$3,000. The Deacons and the Finance Committee have approved these monies to come from "Challenge to Maintain" funds. We appeal to you to consider making a special gift to replenish this fund. Please memo your gifts as piano fund. Thank you and God bless you.

Judy McEntire
 Chair of Deacons

Kenneth Robinette
 Chair of Finance

Happy Anniversary!

May 5
Bobby and Kathleen Mumford
53 Years

May 7
Jerry and Elaine Davis
53 Years

May 31
Mark and Angela Cockerton
29 Years

Christmas Shoe Box Ministry

The item for the month of May is a
small toy

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



Festival of Tables

Friday, May 15 / 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturday, May 16 / 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tickets on sale now for \$10.00
Ticket is good for both days.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Friday,
May 1st at Vito's in Southern Pines
at 6:00 pm. Those wishing to car-
pool should meet in the church
parking lot at 5:15 pm. Beverly
Crouse is the hostess this month.

Choir Director

Children's choir chimes meet
on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.
The members of this group
are April Collins, Brett and
Daulton Anderson, Nic and
Ben Ewing, and Sara Dar-
hower. They will be playing at the 11:00 service on
Mother's Day, May 10th.

Upcoming Dates to REMEMBER!

- May 1 - Book Club Meeting, Vito's in Southern Pines - 6:00 pm
- May 3 - Men's Breakfast at 9:00 am
- May 3 - Spring Business Conf. & Special Presentation - 10:00 am
- May 7 - National Day of Prayer
- May 10 - Mother's Day/Youth Bake Sale
- May 15 & 16 - Festival of Tables
- May 18 - Deacons Meeting - 6:30 pm
- May 28 - Senior Adult Rally, Beverly Hills Baptist Church
- May 25 - Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)
- June 2 - VBS Volunteer Meeting - 7:00 pm (FBC-S150)



New
Ministry
Opportunities

Let's Build a Church

Volunteers, led by our Baptist Men,
will be traveling to Calabash, NC the
week of May 18th - May 23rd to help
build a church. If you would like to
help, please contact Dennis Holloway
@ 910-895-9378 or 910-995-1676.



Senior Adult Rally

The Senior Adult Rally will be
held at Beverly Hills Baptist
Church on May 28th from 10:00
am until 1:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please
contact Janice Coen at 910-995-0038 if you would like
to attend.

"Landscapes and More"



Paint Class

"Landscapes and More"

This class will start on Monday, June
1st from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in E100
and will be held every Monday at the
same time for 6 weeks. There is no fee
for this class and it is open to anyone who is interested.
Please contact Flo Aiken at 910-997-2401.



Missions Offering

Church Goal: \$2,000

Given to date: \$2,007

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.”



Operation Inasmuch Update

Special thanks goes to ... more than 50 Operation Inasmuch participants including children, youth and adults from our church and our Boy Scout Troop. These volunteers served both our church and community this past week. Thanks to these volunteers, a ramp was built, yards were mowed,

leaves were raked, shrubbery was trimmed, meals were prepared and delivered to our homebound members, cakes and cookies were distributed to several of our public service departments, special gifts were made and delivered to nursing homes, and “care packages” were assembled and delivered to the Hospice Ministries of Richmond and Moore Counties.

How beautiful it was to see God’s people coming together and going out to touch lives and share God’s love. Thank you all for your service!

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