



The First Baptist Informer

Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Independence Day, July 4th



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12



Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church &

First United Methodist Church

(To be held at First Baptist Church)

July 27th - July 31st

9:00 am - 12:15 pm

Resource Recording Team

Monday, July 6, 2015

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, July 13, 2015

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

Monday, July 20, 2015

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, July 27, 2015

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, May 31, 2015 Sunday, June 7, 2015

Sunday School-85 Sunday School-91

Worship Service-95 Worship Service-115

Sunday, June 14, 2015 Sunday, June 21, 2015

Sunday School-73 Sunday School-70

Worship Service-96 Worship Service-99

Serving on Sunday, July 5, 2015

Nursery: Diane Stokes

2s & 3s: Peggy Scott & Brenda Tyler

Children's Church: Leah Melvin & Vivian Hilton

Security: John Ray

Serving on Sunday, July 12, 2015

Nursery: Virginia Auman

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette & Gabrielle Goodwin

Children's Church: Steve McIver

Security: Chris McDuffie

Serving on Sunday, July 19, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Wilson

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Security: Steve Bullard

Serving on Sunday, July 26, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Steve McIver

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Security: Gene Coen



As we celebrate our nation's birthday on July 4th with family getaways, cookouts, fireworks and parades, I would like to think that we would also

take a moment or two to thank God for our country - for the many freedoms we all enjoy, the material blessings which put food on our tables and a roof over our heads, the opportunities and potential we have to make a positive difference in the world, and of course for the men and women who have fought and died so that we can enjoy all of the above and more.

But as we thank God for his personal and national blessings, let us also remember the many people and nations who are in turmoil and struggle every day for survival. Let us remember that crucial need for peace.

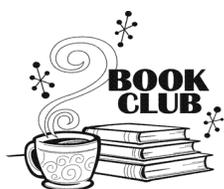
A need exists for peace between nations at war with each other—or at war with themselves. A need exists for peace from the threats of international terrorists who are at war with everyone. A need exists for peace within our own nation, where individuals and groups fueled by racial hatred exist, where crime is out of control, where violence on the streets, particularly with guns, is a daily occurrence in many cities. A need exists for peace within our families, where domestic violence is common and children suffer daily.

And, a need exists for peace even within our churches, where honest differences of opinion have led to anger, hurt, and exclusion.

Many nations and people thrive on conflict, but God's people are called to live in peace, to pray for peace, and to promote peace. Let us do so, and let us thank God that one day, one blessed day, peace will come.

“Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths. The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between many people and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.” Micah 4:2-3

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin in me! Happy Birthday, America!



The book club will not be meeting in July.

Tithes & Gifts

Due to Lynda Clifton's immediate family needs, the financial statement for this month will be reported in next month's Informer. Please keep Lynda and her family in your prayers.

“Missions” is the Word

According to the Scripture, every Christian, every believer, every child of God is a minister, a servant, a missionary. No matter who we are or what we do, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to let the light of Christ shine through us. We are to be witnesses and ambassadors for Christ. We are to declare the love of God to others by the words we speak and the lives we live ... so, yes, missions is the word! Therefore, let us pray for some of our young “missionaries” who will be traveling to Birmingham, Alabama and will be involved in mission projects July 5-10.

Later in July, Mandy Allen will be involved in a mission endeavor to South Africa and will also be attending the Baptist World Congress.

As these “missionaries” travel may we pray for their safety. As they seek to work in God's field may we pray for their fruitfulness and for their safe return.

Happy Anniversary!

July 7

Charles and Myra Deane
52 Years

July 12

Lazelle and Judy Marks
51 Years

July 15

Charles and Mary Joyner
48 Years

July 18

Michael and Kaye Beale
34 Years

July 19

J.C. and Hilda Lamm
12 Years



I hope this finds each of you doing well and surviving the somewhat oppressive heat we've been having these past couple weeks! We have a couple very exciting things happening in July. The first is the youth mission trip to Alabama, July 5th-10th. We are taking seven folks to Birmingham, Alabama to do construction and repair work on homes in that city. The group consists of Sarah Auman, Chuck Auman, Abram Buckner, Graeson Diaz, Benjamin Ewing, Taylor Forester, and me. Please be in prayer for us as we go to serve the people of Birmingham and share God's love with them.

Also, Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Registration forms are now available on the table outside the church office and on the homepage of the church's website: www.fbcrockingham.org. Please spread the news about this week to the children and young families that you know. Children three years of age through those who have just finished 5th grade are welcome! I'm excited about this chance to partner with First United Methodist Church and make a difference in the lives of children in our church and community!

I continue to seek out people who would be willing to read scripture or a prayer, or lead in worship in some other way. If I have not asked you, but you are willing, please, please let me know! I would love for your voice to be added to our Sunday morning worship experiences. Every Blessing, Patricia

Happy Birthday!

7/1 Judy Harris
7/1 Danielle Lucas
7/2 Emily Dawkins
7/4 Kevin Aiken
7/6 Andrew Watson
7/6 Katie Watson
7/6 Alex Norris
7/8 Fred Harris
7/10 Louise Deaton
7/10 Beth Cadieu
7/12 Terry Brown
7/14 Robert Coleman
7/15 Garrett Hayes
7/18 Bill Featherston
7/18 Anna Moseley
7/20 Sharon Clarke
7/21 Hazel Todd
7/21 Twyla Nelson
7/22 Cole Chavis
7/24 David Eaddy
7/27 Frances Godwin
7/29 Glenn Snyder
7/30 Graham Jenkins
7/30 Greg Marks

Dear Church Family,

I am extremely excited to share with you that I will be going to South Africa this July 14-28. This mission opportunity is sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. It will include mission work in the Winterton/Emmaus area of the country, some travel, and end with participation in the 21st Baptist World Congress in Durban.

Since I was a child, I have loved missions, learning about missionaries, and far off places as well as participating in local ministry. I believe this started while growing up in the WMU of this church.

There are 7 CBF partner churches (I will join the FBC Wilmington team) with ties to South Africa work. These CBF churches joined together to offer the trip to coincide with the World Congress. The Baptist World Congress joins Christians who worship in Baptist Churches from all over the world. The theme this year is Jesus Christ, the Door. It will include worship, study, testimonies, seminars, and more.

During our time in Winterton/Emmaus, we will join a local minister and his established mission there. This includes a preschool where approximately 70 children attend. I will find out more about our broader assignments there in the next few weeks and will be glad to share with you as they come to me.

I would like to thank the FBC Missions Committee for contributing financially to this mission trip. I would like to thank the congregation for commissioning me on June 28th.

Please pray for our team including preparations, safe travel, good health, and open hearts for the people and our team. Grace and Peace, Mandy Allen

J.O.Y. Fellowship Group trip to Ansonia Theatre, Wadesboro, NC
Sunday, July 5, 2015

Enjoy Patriotic Music performed by The Singing Americans of Stanly County

Depart Church at 2:00 pm / Bus Cost: \$5.00 per person

Donations will be accepted for The Singing Americans during the performance.

Please contact Janice Coen with any questions and to reserve your seat.

Her phone number is 910-995-0038.



July 4 - Independence Day

July 5 - July 10 - Youth Group to Birmingham, AL (Passport Mission Trip)

July 5 - Missions Committee Mtg, 9:00 am

July 5 - Joy Group trip to Wadesboro, NC, 2:00 pm

July 15 - Church-wide Covered Dish Meal, 6:00 pm

July 20 - Finance Committee Mtg, 5:30 pm

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

July 27 - July 31 - Vacation Bible School, 9-12:15 pm

Sympathy



Mr. Phil Knight
passed away on May 19th.
He is Mary Catherine Moore's father.

Mr. Jim Clifton
passed away on June 24th.
He is Lynda Clifton's husband.

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