

The First Baptist Informer

Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Monday, October 5, 2015

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, October 12, 2015

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

Monday, October 19, 2015

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, October 26, 2015

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, Sep 6, 2015

Sunday School-67

Worship Service-85

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Sunday School-81

Worship Service-88

Sunday, Sep 13, 2015

Sunday School-75

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Sunday, Sep 27, 2015

Sunday School-73

Worship Service-

Serving on Sunday, Oct 4, 2015

Nursery: Kathy Griffis

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette & Gabrielle Goodwin

Children's Church: Melissa Ewing

Serving on Sunday, Oct 11, 2015

Nursery: Cynthia Morris

2s & 3s: Brenda Tyler & Judy Harris

Children's Church: Angela Cockerton

Serving on Sunday, Oct 18, 2015

Nursery: John and Monica Yates

2s & 3s: Nan Bates & Debra Melver

Children's Church: Beth Ray

Serving on Sunday, Oct 25, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd & Corey Davis



Unless one was incapacitated or totally focused on football, I would think most of us were aware of the visit of Pope Francis to the United States last week. Undoubtedly, most, if not every news agency, covered his visit and gave high marks to this popular religious leader not only for his vision for making this a better world, but also for his humble, down-to-earth, compassionate nature.

As I watched some of the news releases, two things caught my attention. First, was the powerful influence this godly man possesses - not necessarily because of his office or position, but because of his humble and compassionate demeanor. He really does seem to care for everyone, particularly those, who for many reasons, can not care for themselves. And I thought, “It is true,” as scripture declares, “real, genuine transforming power doesn’t come from wealth or weaponry or physical force, but by love and compassion.” For there remains faith, hope and love but the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

And secondly, as others have noted, I was also impressed by the enthusiastic and warm welcome he received not only by his fellow Catholics but also by many non-Catholics as well. I would think that the crowds that gathered to hear and see Pope Francis in Washington, DC and New York and Philadelphia would not have agreed on many of the issues that face our country and our world, and yet, apparently they put aside their differences and joined together to welcome this religious leader. And I thought, if people with differences can come together to hear and see and welcome a mere man, then surely in spite of our differences we can come together to love and serve and worship God incarnate, the one who died on the cross for all humankind, even Jesus, the Christ. But if not now, then one day we will join a multitude of believers singing and praising God around His throne. (Revelation 4 and 5) However, until then, each Sunday we have the opportunity to gather in our churches, to put aside our issues, and join together in praising and worshiping God.

Hope to see each of you in worship!

Fall is Here!





When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well
With my soul, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

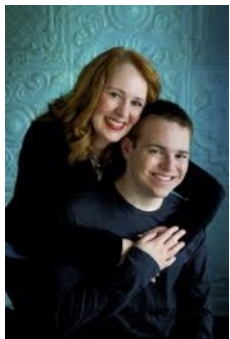
~ H. G. Spafford

Music has always been important to me. From the time I was little, I remember walking around my house whistling or humming. As I've grown older, music has become even more special to me, and in recent months I have found myself sustained by music in particularly treasured ways. It reaches depths that spoken words cannot touch. The familiarity of well-known melodies is calming, and whether the song is well-known or new to me, often the message in the words touches my soul.

This month I wanted to share with you lyrics to one of my favorite hymns – a hymn that I'm sure you know well. I know that for many folks, it seems like the soul is far from "well." Whatever the situations may be, I know that turmoil, worry, illness, grief, and so much more often take their toll on the well-being of our spirits. That is the reality. When I sing this song, I don't always do so with a soul that is completely at peace. Rather, when I sing these lyrics, I sing them with a heart praying and believing that one day peace will come and stay. May God be with each of you this month, and together may we confidently lift our voices in song knowing that God is with us and because of that, it is well with our souls. Peace be with you, Patricia



Several notes of appreciation have been received from the Richmond County Schools, offering thanks to our church family for the generous contributions which provided school uniforms and supplies for 35 students. The notes are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Thank you, First Baptist Church.



"The Challenges and Blessings of Living with Autism"

First Baptist Church of Rockingham Sanctuary / Saturday, October 24th at 4:00 pm

Sponsored by the Rolling Sandhills Civitans

Susan and Patrick King will share lessons learned and hope found during their October 24th talk. Doctors had told Susan and her husband David that their son Patrick was mentally retarded and might never speak. Patrick graduated high school with honors and earned academic scholarships to attend college. He has become a gifted public speaker and a powerful vocalist. As a young child he could not tie his shoes until he was 13 years old; yet, he emerged as a swimming champion who received an athletic scholarship to swim in college. He's currently a senior at Pfeiffer University with a 3.91 grade point average. When Patrick and Susan speak they aim to increase awareness and understanding of autism by sharing how Patrick experiences his autism and how they have learned to be successful with it. Please come find hope and encouragement from Susan and Patrick who are learning to thrive in the midst of life's challenges.



October 1

Jim and Diane Stokes
27 Years

October 17

Jason and Crystal Coen
6 Years



Giving Summary August 2015

Gen. Fund	26,100
Chall. to Maint.	1,000
Memorials & Honor	150
Radio Ministry	850
Christmas in August	1,370
Baptist Men	100
Global Missions	6

Total Gifts 29,576

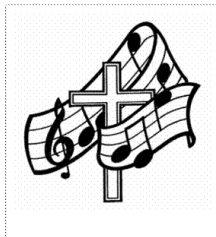
Budget req. to date 261,243
Gifts to date 232,454

YTD req. under actual gifts (28,789)

% giving to req. 89%

Happy Birthday!

- 10/1 Kaye Beale
- 10/2 Rev. Patricia Greene
- 10/2 Victoria Cox
- 10/4 Rev. Bobby Mumford
- 10/5 Beth Ray
- 10/5 Abram Buckner
- 10/11 Gayle Cook
- 10/11 Anne Tyson
- 10/13 John Yates
- 10/14 Chris McDuffie
- 10/16 Kay Hernandez
- 10/17 Margaret Lindsey
- 10/23 Angela Cockerton
- 10/27 Keith Taylor
- 10/28 Jan Smith
- 10/30 Claudia Robinette
- 10/30 Wendall Sessoms
- 10/31 Larry Harrelson



The adult choir will begin work on the Christmas music Wednesday, October 7th at 7:15 pm. If you would like to join, please contact Marjorie Hinson. We always welcome anyone who would like to participate in this joyous time of year! The Christmas music will be presented on Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 pm.

The Praise Team has begun rehearsals on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Hopefully soon, we will be participating in worship and sharing God's word through these contemporary songs of praise.

Pee Dee Baptist Annual Meeting Monday, October 5th

Spring Hill Baptist Church, Wagram, NC
Registration: 2:45 and 5:45 pm
Sessions Begin: 3:00 and 6:00 pm

200th Anniversary Celebration of Pee Dee Baptist Association

Sunday, October 4th, 3:30-5:00 pm at Cartledge Creek Baptist Church

Special Singing, Everyone is Invited. Guest Speaker: Alan Blume - Editor of the Biblical Recorder



- November 7th - Fall Festival
- November 11th - Veterans Day Program
- November 15th - Sandhills Ringers & Singers Concert
- November 22nd - Community Thanksgiving Service
- November 29th - Beginning of Advent

We hope you will join us!



On Sunday, October 4th we will celebrate the one year anniversary of First Baptist's employment of Rev. Patricia Greene. She will be preaching and leading the communion service that day. Following the service everyone is invited to a Brunswick stew lunch in the fellowship hall. We are also extending a special invitation to the teaching staff of our partner school - East Rockingham Elementary.





- October 4 - World Communion Day
October 4 - Rev. Greene's Anniversary Luncheon in S150, 12:15 pm
October 4 - PD Baptist Association's 200th Anniversary Celebration, 3:30-5:00 pm
October 5 - PD Baptist Annual Meeting, Wagram NC, 3:00-6:00 pm
October 5 - In-Out Reach Meeting, 6:00 pm
October 6 - Deep Impact Meeting in S150, 10:00 am
October 9 - JOY Fellowship Group Trip to Southern Supreme Fruitcake Company
October 11 - Jill Emerson's Ordination
October 14 - BB&T Speaker to discuss Estate Planning in S150
October 24 - "The Challenges and Blessings of Living with Autism", 4:00 pm



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) National Collection Week November 16 - 23, 2015

Monday—Saturday, Nov 16-21, 10 am to 4 pm
Sunday, Nov 22, 12 pm to 2 pm
Monday, Nov 23, 10 am to 12 pm

Inell Allen is the coordinator for this mission project.
Anyone interested in helping please contact her at 910-895-9480.

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In Honor

Mr. Sam Brigman

*Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Smith
Mr. Leroy Yates*



J.O.Y. Fellowship Group

Southern Supreme Fruitcake Company

Friday, October 9

Bus departs from church: 7:00 am / Breakfast at Bo Jangles in Biscoe

Southern Supreme Fruitcake Company Open House

Lunch at K&W / Visit to Randolph Mall / Bus Cost: \$10 per person

**Please contact Janice Coen
at (910) 995-0038 if you have any questions.**