

# The First Baptist Informer

## Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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### Resource Recording Team

Monday, March 7, 2016

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

Monday, March 21, 2016

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, March 28, 2016

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

### Attendance Report

Sunday, Jan 31, 2016      Sunday, Feb 7, 2016

Sunday School-64      Sunday School-67

Worship Service-72      Worship Service-87

Sunday, Feb 14, 2016      Sunday, Feb 21, 2016

Sunday School-67      Sunday School-75

Worship Service-80      Worship Service-85

### Serving on Sunday, Mar 6, 2016

Nursery: Diane Stokes

2s & 3s: Brenda Tyler & Judy Harris

Children's Church: Leah Melvin & Vivian Hilton

Church Security: Ric Buckner

### Serving on Sunday, Mar 13, 2016

Nursery: Virginia Auman

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette & Gabrielle Goodwin

Children's Church: Steve McIver

Church Security: Terry Brown

### Serving on Sunday, Mar 20, 2016

Nursery: Elaine Wilson

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Church Security: Graham Jenkins

### Serving on Sunday, Mar 27, 2016

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Steve McIver

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Church Security: Mark Cockerton



Easter is the center of the Christian story. Jesus died a death more cruel and painful than any of us can imagine. He was sealed in a grave for three days, then came Easter morning. According to the gospel writers, when the women went to the tomb to complete the task of anointing Jesus' body, they say that the huge stone had been rolled away from the entrance to the tomb - which they then discovered was empty. In addition, an angel appeared and said, "You seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. He is risen!" Now, some suggested that Christ's body was stolen or that he, not actually having died, was revived and simply walked away. But according to Scripture, the risen Christ was seen and heard by the disciples several times and by as many as 500 people. Consequently, given the eye witness accounts of the resurrection, the dramatic change in the post-Easter disciples from the pre-Easter disciples, the birth and history of the church, and the testimonies of millions of followers, the life-changing truth of the Christian story is that Jesus rose from the dead, defeated sin and death in their own back yard, assuring us of his presence, power and victory. Because he lives, we also shall live. Easter is a time to celebrate the power of love incarnate. But as we celebrate Christ's victory, let us not forget ... before Jesus wore the victor's crown, he had to bear and experience the cross! Join us this month as we journey together to Calvary's Cross and beyond to an empty tomb!

## Baptist Men's Breakfast



Please join us for our Baptist Men's Breakfast on Sunday, March 13 at 9:00 am.

He is  
**RISEN**



I know that word has been spreading in the congregation about some upcoming plans for me, so I wanted to take the space to let you know about what I will begin in August. About a month ago now, I approached the deacons about my desire to enter the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Program at Campbell University Divinity School this fall. The DMin is a terminal degree for ministers, and the program is structured so that ministers will continue their current ministry work as they move through the program. I was very grateful for the overwhelming support the deacons gave me, and so I continued the application process. I just heard last week that I have been accepted into Campbell's program, and so my plan is to begin as a DMin student there in August while of course continuing my work here at First Baptist.

The DMin is a three-year program, and my plan at the moment is to focus my studies in the area of worship, though that could certainly change. For the first semester (fall 2016), I will be going to Campbell every other week on Thursdays and Fridays. The on-campus time will decrease after that first semester. The third year will primarily involve developing a project and writing a thesis. My work will be focused on our congregation, and I truly believe it is work that will benefit our church. I welcome any questions you may have about my plans, and I would love to talk with you further about them. I am incredibly grateful to serve a congregation that values such work, and I look forward to continued ministry with you all in these coming months and years.

I pray that March holds wonderful things for each of you. You are a beautiful people, and I thank God for you.

### Happy Birthday!

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|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 3/2 Anna Lee Crump    | 3/2 Matthew Sessions | 3/4 Lex Hilton        |
| 3/4 David Steffen     | 3/5 Melanie Lampley  | 3/5 Charlie Auman     |
| 3/9 Teri Beth Norwood | 3/10 Gene Davis      | 3/16 Brenda Tyler     |
| 3/20 Ina Haigler      | 3/21 Janice Coen     | 3/23 Herman Seawell   |
| 3/24 Mart Pierce      | 3/25 Mandy Allen     | 3/28 Carolyn Saunders |
| 3/30 Kathleen Mumford | 3/31 Kim Cox         |                       |

### Happy Anniversary!

March 10  
Drew and Erin Gregory  
4 Years

March 29  
Gene and Bonnie Barnes  
52 Years



Eggstravaganza will be Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30! Come, and bring your children and grandchildren. We have an exciting morning of face painting, crafts, and an egg hunt planned!



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 13th.

## Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Jan 2016	Feb 7, 14 2016
Gen. Fund	24,043	12,912
Chall. to Maint.	450	50
Memorials & Honor	2,895	50
Radio Ministry	800	800
Missions	710	
Baptist Men/ Wheelchair Fund	150	60
Katie Yates Fund	100	
Wed Fellowship Meals	513	107
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>29,148</b>	<b>13,872</b>
Budget req. to date	52,971	
Gifts to date	39,900	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(13,071)	
% giving to req.	75%	

## A Message from Marjorie



The choir will NOT meet on March 23rd or March 30th for regular Wednesday night rehearsal. Please mark this on your calendar. If you have friends or family in the Gastonia area, please inform them that the NC Baptist Singers will be at Unity Baptist on Monday, March 7th. Concert begins at 6:30 pm.

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### March Mission Opportunities



1. Help is needed to build "above ground planters" in which to grow vegetables and to assemble play ground equipment at the Claude and Lois Smith Family Care Home on March 12th beginning at 8:00 am. There are three families now living at the Smith Home. We are excited to continue our Partnership with Baptist Children's Homes by helping with these projects.
  2. Help is needed to repair and restore the home of a Hispanic family whose husband/father is fighting Leukemia. March 14-18. (See Dennis Holloway for details)
  3. Volunteers are needed to assist and participate in a time of praise and devotion at "The Hermitage" care facility on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 3:00 pm beginning on March 8th. (See Dr. Jim Nelson for details)
  4. FYI ... Welcome baskets which included toiletries and other items were prepared and delivered to the residents of the Smith Family Care Home.
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### Sympathy for the families of ...

Mr. Eric Tyler, who passed away, Mark and Brenda Tyler's son  
Mr. Richard Norwood, who passed away, Danny Norwood's father  
Mrs. Sarah Featherston, who passed away, Bill Featherston's wife

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**Community Lenten Services ...** to be held Monday, March 21 - Wednesday, March 23 at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church and followed by a light lunch in S-150, our fellowship hall. Monday's service will be planned by the First Presbyterian Church with Tuesday's service being planned by the First Baptist Church followed by Wednesday's service being planned by the First United Methodist Church. Come and worship with your extended Christian family.

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## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina 2016 Gathering March 18, 2016

Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

Theme - Beloved Community : clarifying identity and covenant  
Colosians 3:12-14 / Worship leader: Dr. Dan Day

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March 6 - Missions Committee Meeting, 9:00 am  
March 6 - Youth Council Meeting, 5:30 pm  
March 7, 14 and 21 - Meditation and Prayer, 8:00 am  
March 8 - Praise and Worship at the Hermitage, 3:00 pm  
March 12 - Smith Home Mission Work, 8:00 am  
March 13 - Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)  
March 13 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am  
March 20 - Palm Sunday  
March 21-23 - Lenten Services, 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church  
March 22 - Praise and Worship at the Hermitage, 3:00 pm  
March 24 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm  
March 25 - Good Friday  
March 26 - Eggstravaganza, 10-11:30 am  
March 27 - Easter Sunday  
March 29 - Finance Committee Meeting. 6:30 pm



**Week of Prayer for Home Missions**  
**March 6-13, 2016**  
**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (SBC)**  
**Global Missions Offering (CBF)**  
**FBC Goal: \$2,500**

Our prayer and financial support is vital to the ministry of those who share the love, hope, joy and peace found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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## *In Memory*

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Mr. Jim Clifton

Anonymous

Mr. Darrell Holland

Ms. Barbara Y. Clapp

Mrs. Margaret Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Marlowe

Mrs. Mildred Garrett Kirkley

Ms. Sharon K. Clarke

Rev. Billy Rivers

Mr. Sam Brigman

Mr. Brian Thomas

Mr. Sam Brigman

Mrs. Betty Yarbrough

Mr. Sam Brigman

## *In Honor*

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Mr. Dennis Holloway

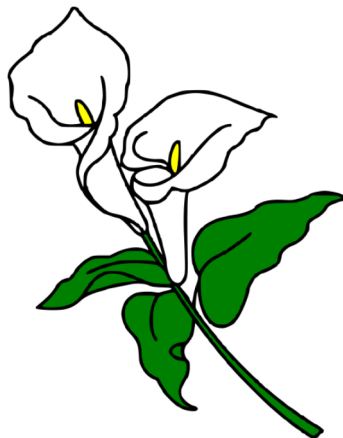
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Mr. Steve McIver

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith

Mr. and Mrs. James Iseman, Jr.





## Pray for Missions

Each year, Baptists support missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, CBF Global Missions (Christmas and Easter), and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. All these offerings are important because they give needed resources to missionaries and field personnel all over the world.

Here is some information about Annie Armstrong, the namesake of the North American Mission Board offering.

Annie Walker Armstrong was the first corresponding secretary (executive director) of Woman's Missionary Union. She was born on July 11, 1850, in Baltimore, Maryland. Her family was very active in Baptist life. Annie went with her mother to the missionary meetings of Woman's Mission to Woman. There she learned how important it is to give to and pray for missions. She developed a heart for missions. Annie worked with adults and children from many different ethnic backgrounds. In 1882, Annie helped organize the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland. She was the first president of the society.

In other states women did missions work. On May 14, 1888, women from 12 states met in Richmond, Virginia. They formed the Executive Committee of Woman's Mission Societies, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1888, Annie Armstrong was elected corresponding secretary. Today that position is known as executive director. In 1890 the group became Woman's Missionary Union. Annie Armstrong served WMU until 1906. She did not accept a salary for her work. In 1934 the offering for the Home Mission Board was renamed the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. Annie Armstrong died on December 20, 1938. Woman's Missionary Union was 50 years old.

Envelopes to support the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering or Global Missions can be found in your tithing envelopes and throughout the church. You may want to designate your intent on your check. Thank you for supporting Missions in North America and around the world.

**HERE  
I AM SEND  
ME.**

ISAIAH 6:8



**North American  
Mission Board**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
**North American Missions**

March 6-13, 2016

**Goal: \$70 Million**

**ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG  
EASTER OFFERING®**