



The First Baptist Informer

Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Resource Recording Team

Monday, Aug 7, 2017

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, Aug 14, 2017

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

Monday, Aug 21, 2017

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, Aug 28, 2017

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, Jul 2, 2017

Sunday School-59

Worship Service-88

Sunday, Jul 16, 2017

Sunday School-74

Worship Service-98

Sunday, Jul 9, 2017

Sunday School-74

Worship Service-104

Sunday, Jul 23, 2017

Sunday School-75

Worship Service-93

Serving on Sunday, August 6, 2017

Nursery: Cynthia Morris & Betty Davis

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd and Corey Davis

Church Security: John Ray

Greeters: Mary Joyner/John and Beth Ray

Serving on Sunday, August 13, 2017

Nursery: Kathy Griffis & Debbie McIver

Cherub Choir: Judy Harris & Brenda Tyler

Church Security: Steve McIver

Greeters: Mary Catherine Moree/Steve and Cynthia Morris

Serving on Sunday, August 20, 2017

Nursery: Elaine Davis & Joanne Cadieu

2s & 3s: Ric and Pat Buckner

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby & Angela Cockerton

Church Security: Michael Beale

Greeters: Ric and Pat Buckner/Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Serving on Sunday, August 27, 2017

Nursery: John and Monica Yates

Cherub Choir: Judy Harris & Judy Harrelson

Church Security: John Yates

Greeters: Inell Allen/Mandy Allen/Sally Pierce



From the Pastor

As we approach the last weeks of summer, there are a few things to which I would call your attention.

First, the air conditioning and heating work will soon be completed in the fellowship hall (S150) and the sanctuary, leaving only the units in the educational building to be replaced. All work should be completed this month. Thank you for your cooperation and flexibility during these weeks of installing our new system. Thank you also for your generous responses to our AC/Heating loan. As of July 24th, \$44,462 have been deposited in our account. This amount does not include several significant pledges and other gifts. But let's continue to be faithful remembering "Together With God" through prayer, faith, sacrifice and commitment we can. We can meet this challenge and move forward.

Also, in this newsletter, there is a word of appreciation from Marjorie Hinson who submitted her resignation this past Sunday as our church organist and choir director. She and Lloyd will be relocating to Maggie Valley, NC. Marjorie has faithfully served our church for 9 years. We have been blessed by her musical gifts and will miss her. So during these next weeks you will have the opportunity to express your appreciation and well wishes to her.

One last thought, "I wish I had time to...". How often have we uttered those words? Most of us live very busy lives. Given our work responsibilities, our church and community activities, our family duties with our children and grandchildren, our recreational activities and yes for some of us—visiting our doctors, we do often say, "I wish I had time for ...". Well, my hope is that we will make time to spend time with God in prayer for our church and each other as we face these next months of transition, especially in our church staff.

As the hymn writer said, "Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage for the facing of this hour!"

Hope to see you in Bible Study and Worship.

Richmond County Schools





I hope this finds each of you surviving the heat and weathering the summer okay. Two upcoming events I want to share with you in this newsletter:

- On Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00pm our children and their families are invited to Twisted Treats for ice cream and fun! We hope you will come join us!
- September 8th-10th our youth will be taking a retreat to Caswell. I have never been before, and I hear that this is a cardinal sin at First Baptist Church of Rockingham!☺ I am looking forward to this chance to retreat with our youth and youth leaders as we grow closer to God and one another.

I have been doing some reading recently, and I wanted to share a quote with you that has resonated with me in recent days. Peter Marty writes the following: "Hope is what sustains us when we're not ready to give up on God beaming light into our darkness...or placing life into our weary hands." Hope...something so difficult to describe at times, but something absolutely essential to life itself. May God hold each of you gently in arms of love and place life-sustaining hope deep within you. Peace be with you, my friends, Patricia.



Once again we will be supporting our local school children. Donations of money and items will go to Richmond County schools. Our church goal is to raise enough money for 35 uniforms. Please give as you are able and denote on your check "school uniforms."

\$25 - one uniform / \$35 - one uniform and \$10 for school supplies

We will also be collecting socks and underwear for elementary age children. Boxes will be located by the church office and in S150. Thank you for your support of this important mission!



- 8/1 John Ray
- 8/2 Hilda Auman
- 8/3 Cynthia Morris
- 8/5 Kathy Griffis
- 8/7 Mack Haigler
- 8/9 Matthew Haywood
- 8/9 Josh Steffen
- 8/12 Marlyn Benoist
- 8/15 Virginia Cole
- 8/17 Sallie Ormsby
- 8/18 Steve Morris
- 8/19 B.T. Phillips
- 8/24 Hunter Ennis
- 8/26 Sharon Johnson
- 8/27 Kakki Hilton
- 8/29 Tot Spencer



	Giving	
June	July 1-16	
Summary	2017	2017
General Fund	25,017	16,443
Chall. to Maint.		
Memorials & Honor	100	50
Radio Ministry/Sound		
Baptist Men/Ramp Min.		
Missions		
Heating and Air Cond.	15,712	3,480
Wed. Fellowship Meals		
Total Gifts	41,079	20,668
Budget req. to date	220,838	
Gifts to date	176,834	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(44,004)	
% giving to req.	80%	



NEXT TIME WHEN I PREACH ON TITHING, DON'T SING 'JESUS PAID IT ALL' AS OUR INVITATIONAL HYMN



Lloyd and I are relocating to Maggie Valley, North Carolina at the end of this month. My last Sunday here will be August 27th. I have enjoyed my 9 years at this church and have grown to love all of you. I would like to thank the choir for their dedication and their willingness to participate in various endeavors that have come along. FBC will be in our prayers.

Financial Secretary – FBC Rockingham seeks a financial secretary, who will maintain appropriate and accurate accounting records and statements for the church, working cooperatively with the senior pastor, staff and lay leadership. Required to maintain some accounting records, perform reconciliation of accounts, maintain required tax reporting, and generate needed internal reports. Must have outstanding communication skills and some computer skills. General office duties are also included. Experience in finance or accounting preferred. This position is part-time, anticipated to be 15-20 hours per week. Qualified Candidates: Please forward resume to drjimmnelson@yahoo.com.

Happy Anniversary!

8/1 Joshua and Melanie Lampley - 2 yrs

8/16 Steve and Cynthia Morris - 53 yrs

8/17 Jim and Twyla Nelson - 44 yrs

8/18 Al and Nan Bates - 55 yrs



Sympathy for the family of ...

Nadine Cole who passed away. She is Marjorie Hinson's step-mother.
Josh Lamm who passed away. He is J.C. Lamm's grandson.



Christmas Shoe Box Ministry - The items for children for the month of August are:

Pencil sharpeners, pencils, small composition books

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

Quarterly Business Meeting Sunday, August 6th

- Nominating Committee Report
- Election of Deacons. Those who were nominated and agreed to serve include the following:

Andrew Danner

Frances Godwin

Chris McDuffie

Judy McEntire

Kenny Melvin

In Memory

Mr. Wayne Stevens

Mr. Sam Brigman

Ms. Nancy Snead

Mr. Sam Brigman

Ms. Peggy Coward

Mr. Sam Brigman



Mrs. Nadine Cole

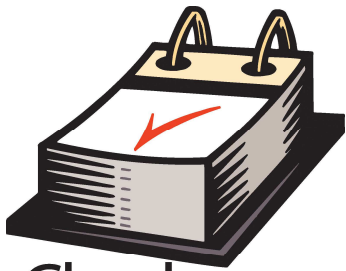
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. Lazelle Marks



Mr. Josh Lamm

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. Bill Featherston
Mr. Lazelle Marks





Check Your Calendar

- August 6 - Youth Council Meeting, 9:00 am
- Quarterly Business Meeting, 12:15 pm
- August 13 - Missions Committee Meeting, 9:00 am
- August 14 - Bible Study (Debbie Knight's Home), 6:45 pm
- August 15 - NC Baptist Men Regional Missions Rally - Region 6 (see info below)
- August 15 - Children and Families to Twisted Treats, 7:00 pm
- August 19 - Senior Adults Trip to Northwood Temple, Fayetteville, NC
- August 20 - Children's Council Meeting, 12:15 pm
- August 21 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:00 pm
- August 28 - First Day Back to School for Richmond County Students
- Bible Study (Debbie Knight's Home), 6:45 pm

North Carolina Baptist Men Regional Missions Rally/Region 6

Tuesday, August 15th
FBC, Rockingham

Supper 6:00 pm/Program 6:50 - 8:30 pm

Come join us for a night of mission inspiration as we experience what God is doing through NC Baptists around the world. There will be worship, testimonies, videos, and information on mission opportunities. Everyone invited!

Meal is free.

Call before August 8th to register.

Phone: 1-800-395-5102 x 5596

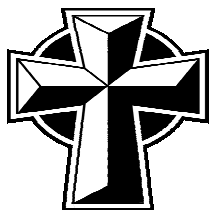
Prayer for the Day

O God, make clear to us each road.
O God, make safe to us each steep;
when we stumble, hold us;
when we fall, lift us up.
When we are hard pressed with
evil,
deliver us;
and bring us at last to Your glory.

- from the Northumbria Community



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