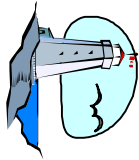


The Current

May 2009

God resists the proud, but
gives grace to the humble.
James 4:6



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But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. —1 Corinthians 15:20

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Upcoming Events!

May 2009

May 3—Deacons' Meeting

May 10—Mother's Day

May 24—Gideon Sunday

May 24—Salute to our Military

May 31—Parent/Child Dedication

June 2009

June 7—Deacons' Meeting

June 21—Father's Day

July 2009

July 12—Deacons' Meeting

Quarterly Church Conference

August 2009

August 2—Deacons' Meeting

Nomination of Deacons

Nominating Committee Report

September 2009

September 6—Deacons' Meeting

Deacon Ordination

October 2009

October 4—Red Cross Blood Drive

October 4—Deacons' Meeting

Deacon of the Month

By Bronson Summers

I grew up in the Drexel community just outside of Morganton, NC. As a young child, I went to church with my Grandmother. I accepted Christ as my Savior and was baptized on April 8, 1962. My parents started attending church at that time and were baptized on September 30, 1962. I attended Sunday School, Training Union and RAs.



I worked one summer at a local motel before my senior year in high school and for a year after high school before I went back to Morganton to attend Western Piedmont Community College where I obtained an Associate Degree in Engineering. I started work with a local construction company as an estimator in May of 1971. I met Dianne in 1975 while eating lunch at Stuckey's which her parents owned. We were married on September 10, 1976 in the home of her Grandparents, Ruby and Walter Keeter.

We have one son, Eric who is currently serving as Minister of Youth at Five Forks Baptist Church in Simpsonville, SC. He and his wife, Adrian, have blessed us with three grandchildren, Caelyn (almost six), Abigale (almost four) and Ryland (26 months).

In addition to serving as a Deacon, I am currently chairman of the Ushers, Sunday School Secretary and serving on the New Service Steering Committee. We are members of the In Focus Sunday School Class.

Memorial Day Presentation

We are planning a special Memorial Day presentation, Sunday, May 24, and need your participation. If you have a deceased love one who served in the military, we would like a photo from that military time as well as a more recent one. Your pictures will be scanned and given back to you. In addition to the photos, please list the person's name, rank, military branch, any active war duty, and the dates served. These people do not have to be members of this church, so please include your relatives, but indicate whose relative they are. Pictures must be received at the church by Monday, May 11.



As I reflect on the recent months here at the church, I truly am amazed at the wonderful volunteerism. By the way, we have a wonderful staff of employees here at First Baptist. Of course, this includes the Child Development Center. I am very thankful for all the good work they do and the cooperative, sweet spirit they have. Their work and attitude ministers to me and to others who come into contact with them. We are blessed to have them!

Now back to the members (volunteers) who make the church what it is. There are also those who are involved in the church ministries who are not members, but we all know this is their home church. The church would not be the ministry center of many activities without all the volunteers. Think with me for a few moments concerning some recent ministries the church has been doing: Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, the Easter Cantata, the CDC Spring Festival, the Living Last Supper, the Wales mission trip, etc.

If you attended any of these activities or were involved in them, you know how much time, prayer, preparation, thought and hard work was put into these ministries. I am amazed and greatly appreciative of all the wonderful effort. I thank all of you for what you mean to me, the church, the community and to God. At times some of you many volunteers may think no one notices, but God surely does and the rest of us really do, and we thank you.

Please continue to pray for, support and encourage our members who are going through rough times. I am much more concerned about the difficult financial times some of our members are in than the economic picture of the world. There are also a number of our members who have serious health problems. Let's keep our spiritual eyes and ears open so that we might pray, serve, support and encourage one another.

Yes, the church budget and **Building on Our Heritage** building program are negative affected by the recessionary times as well. Let's pray and make sure we are doing all that we can do in our giving so that the ministry of the church can continue to move forward.

Please remember to pray for the steering committee that is looking to God's future for our church. There are 14 members plus ministerial staff who are being assisted by Mark Flowers of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Blessed to be your pastor,

John Gambrell

PS My family and I thank you for your prayers and encouragement in recent weeks.

First Baptist Church of North Myrtle Beach
Monthly Treasurer's Report
March, 2009

Budget & Designated Funds	Church Operating Checkbook Account			Budget Offsetting Funds	
	Budget Funds	Designated Funds	Account Total	Goal Amount	Actual Over/Under
Beginning Acct. Balances Receipts for Rev. Koch:	49,234.93	52,640.91	101,875.84	49,042.90	
- Missions Budget Offerings	58,730.76		58,730.76		
- Budget Acct. - Interest Receipts		4,225.00	4,225.00		
- Designated Offerings			8,225.00		
- Building Fund - Offerings by					
Total Receipts for the Month:	58,730.76	4,225.00	63,015.76	-	
Disbursements for this Month:					
- Budget Disbursements	88,738.89		88,738.89		
- Designated Disbursements		7,748.45	7,748.45		
- Subsidy Fund - Offering Col.					
Total Disbursements for the Month:	88,738.89	7,748.45	96,487.34		
Net Surplus/Deficit for the Month:					
- (30,706.80)		(7,748.45)	(38,455.25)		
- (3,522.48)					
Ending Acct. Balances	47,288.89	49,117.46	96,406.35	49,042.90	
Year To Date Budget Offerings	199,526.65		199,526.65		340.04
Year To Date Budget Disbursements				2,240.11	724.12
Total Budget Funds Available as of 3/31/2009:		96,331.79			
					(Budget Checking & CD Funds)

A Note from Kathleen

By Kathleen Gambrell
 Music Director

This month I want to take the time to thank you as a church for your love and support towards us as a family. In the ministry we are, among other things, to lend comfort, support, and prayers to those of you who are hurting or going through a tough time. This time around the roles have been reversed



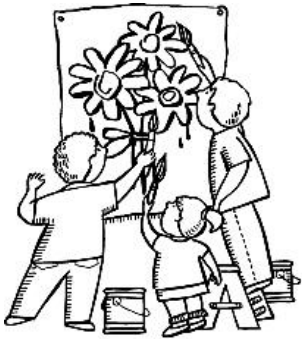
and you have been a beautiful part of the healing process in our "bend in the road". Never have I seen the love of God manifested through His people as much as I have here in this church. Thank you for your prayers, your concerns. Thank you for the notes you have sent us all. Your hugs, your affirmations are sustaining us. I cannot even begin to

explain how much I needed the evening services where you have specifically prayed for us and come up to encourage us as a family. God says He makes all things beautiful in His time, and you are such an important part of that! I am reminded of the hymn "Blest Be the Tie". Most of us are familiar with the first verse, since we sing that during our observances of the Lord's Supper. There are four verses in all, and our church is described in all of them. Verses two and three say this: "Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear." The hymn writer, John Fawcett, was the minister of a church which consisted of poor peasants. Fawcett had many opportunities to go to "better" places, with an offer even from King George III, yet he declined every one of them. He said, "I have lived among my own people, enjoying their love; God has blessed my labor among them, and I need nothing that even a king could supply." We have been, and continue to be, so blessed by being a part of this church, ministering among you. Your love, your prayers, and your support are what sustain us as we continue to serve our risen and living Lord.

The CDC Spring Festival Big Success

By Cindy Parker
CDC Director

Beautiful weather, great community participation, and volunteers with big hearts made our 10th annual festival a huge success!

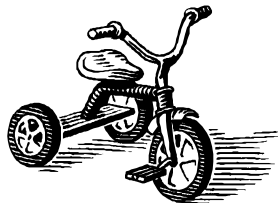


The CDC

Profit from the festival enables the center to purchase computers, new trikes, and a shade structure for the toddler playground. All this I consider blessings from above!

Our St. Jude trike-a-thon is right around the corner! The fun program exposes children to proper trike and riding-toy safety habits. St. Jude is the first institution established for the sole purpose of conducting basic clinical research and treatment into catastrophic childhood diseases, mainly cancer. St. Jude continues to be the only National Cancer Institute funded cancer center devoted solely to children.

Our CDC has raised over \$14,000 for St. Jude over the last eleven years. We hope that our blessings have helped provide many children and their families with hope! In His service, Cindy Parker



In Celebration of Season of Prayer for Association Missions
and Martha Compton Offering
WMU Invites all Waccamaw Baptist Association Churches to
Called to Love: Discovering and Using My Spiritual Gifts

Led by: Rev. Rick Astle
WBA Director of Missions

According to recent surveys, nearly 50% Christian adults are either unaware of their Spiritual Gift, claim they do not have one, or do not know the spiritual identity of their gift! Are you one of them? This Conference will help you discover your "Spiritual Job Description" and find your place of service within the church!

May 18-19 from 6:30 pm—9:00 pm
Jamestown Baptist Church
9th Avenue, Conway

This material cannot be learned by listening to a tape!
It is necessary to attend both sessions!

No conference fee

Registration required by **May 8**

Contact the WBA office at 248-9358



From Myles and Bonnie Snipes

When the sun is shining warmly on our face and the calm waters are gently rocking our boat of life, it is so nice to enjoy the comfort and joy that comes from a loving church family. We have enjoyed that love for many years of relatively calm seas.

But when the sky grows dark and the calm sea turns into a raging ocean and the storm causes waves of tribulation to lift you up and drop you down, crashing against your stern, testing the strength of your vessel, it is so much more of a blessing to have a church family like ours in your boat declaring to the mighty winds and waves, "*Peace Be Still*".

We would like to take this time to tell you that the love of Christ, that you have shown us during our storm has given us the strength to take your hand, in faith, and ride out the night. Not alone and fearful but confident and blessed with you, our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Sincerely, Myles and Bonnie Snipes



MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Taylor Smith	2
3	4	5 Hank Crawford Jim Landrum	6	7 Melody Young Staci McLamb	8 Paula Fulmer	9
10 Dwain Hayes	11 Harold Worley	12	13 Ann Smith Gene Hendricks Lindsey Worley	14 Faye Wright	15 Ben Timmerman Michael Clardy Jessica Worley	16 Cody Todd Cory Todd
17 Nicholas Bullard	18 Amanda Findlay	19 Terry Hall Melissa Hulett	20 Wayne Davis Connie Keeter	21 Kimberly McLamb	22 Will Gambrell	23
24 Selene Graham	25 Scelena Brown Bernice Stephens	26	27 Larry Williams Betty Rowell	28 Mary Cranford San Morgan Chip Bellamy	29 Mandy Todd	30 Ann Wilson Vita Savage
31 Donna Levy Karen Hart Butch Canipe Katherine Jenerette Charlie Bellamy Chris Bellamy						

Ushers, Greeters, Nursery and Children's Church Volunteers for May

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
USHERS					
8:30 a.m.	Leon Hayes, Paul Prevatte	Ken Plummer, Boo Boo Todd	Duke Foyle, Chip McIntyre	Ray Mason, John Stinson	Bill Hoke, Ray- mond Wilson
11:00 a.m.	Charlie Bellamy, Chris Bellamy, Russ Courtney, Scott Harmon, Cary Smith	Pete Bellamy, Charles Brewer, Ralph Bussey, Porter Kenning- ton, Bronson Summers	David Bell, Chip Bellamy, Frank Boulineau III, Ray Cooper, Kenny McLamb	Gary Carroll, Russell Court- ney, George Lowe, JL Dunlow, Ash- ley McLamb	Mike Lewis, Jennings Livingston, Ben Timmerman, Albert Wheless, Donal Wright
6:30 p.m.	Ron Ball, Ron Bruce	Wayne Carey, Dwain Spivey	Elaine & Mason Collins	Polly & Tom Parrott	Ted Medler, Myron Pritchard
GREETERS					
Front Door	Charles & Joyce Parker	Chuck & Becky McDowell	Hank & Vi Craw- ford	Charles & Linda Riffle	Wayne Carey & Boo Boo Todd
Side Door B Wing	Ron & Sandy Bruce	Dee Jordan & Alice Johnson	Sandy Hawley & CeCe McComb	Larry & Pat Criminger	Dwain & Lorene Spivey
Drive Thru	Ann Harper & Bonnie Dempsey	Tom & Agnes Roller	Gene & Imogene Blackmon	Ron & Marga- ret Ball	Jim & Brenda Davis
Welcome Desk	Cathleen Floyd	Helen Johnson	Sadie Shannon	Ramie Tutter- row	Annie Nobles
NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH					
Nursery	Carly DuRant	Jennifer Carter	Christina Bellamy	Charlotte Bruton	Nicole Smith
Children's Church	Dora Nance	Nelda Courtney	Charlotte Bruton	Mylissa Bellamy	Dee Jordan
SECURITY TEAM (ALL Services this Week)					
	Ralph Bussey, Dwain Spivey	Danny Bullard, Boo Boo Todd	Paul Prevatte, Bill Hoke	Scott Harmon, David Belle	Chris Bellamy, Chip Bellamy

Missions Update

Summer missionaries will be arriving in a couple of weeks. Lifeguards are being hired. Pray for both these groups now and thru the summer. We would love to have your travel size motel goodies plus lotion, regular size hygiene items plus suntan lotion (high numbers) and lip balm. Money for expenses is always appreciated.

The first lifeguard supper will be June 2 and we will be feeding each Tuesday night thru August 4. Do not forget to be a missionary and take water and a snack when you go on the beach. Leave it on the stand if you walk early and include a note. If you're face to face tell them you belong to FBCNMB and remind them to come to super Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

- 8:00 Chapel Choir Practice
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 5:30 Children Music
- 6:30 TeamKid
- 6:30 Evening Worship & Youth



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					2	2 7:30 am—Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Friendly's
3 4:30 pm—Deacons' Meeting	4 10:00, 1:00 or 6:00—Quilting 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 6:00 pm—ESL 8:00 PM—12 Step Program	5 11:30 am—Lunch Bunch at the home of Pat Criminger 6:30 pm—Visitation Team	6 6:30 pm—Prayer Service 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 6:30 pm—RAs & GAs 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 5:30 pm—Personnel Meeting	11 10:00, 1:00 or 6:00—Quilting 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 6:00 pm—ESL 8:00 PM—12 Step Program	12 6:30 pm—Visitation Team	13 6:30 pm—Prayer Service 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 6:30 pm—RAs & GAs 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	14	15	16
17	18 10:00, 1:00 or 6:00—Quilting 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 6:00 pm—Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 pm—ESL 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	19 6:30 pm—Visitation Team	20 6:30 pm—Prayer Service 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 6:30 pm—RAs & GAs 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	21	22	23
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24 Gideon Sunday Salute to our Military	25 Office Closed 10:00, 1:00 or 6:00—Quilting 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 6:00 pm—ESL 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	26 6:30 pm—Visitation Team	27 6:30 pm—Prayer Service 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 6:30 pm—RAs & GAs 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	28	29	30
31 6:30 pm—Parent/Child Dedication						