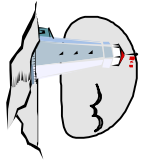


# The Current

August 2008

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

Revelation 2:4



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*I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart: before the "Gods" I will sing your praise. —Psalm 138:1*

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# Upcoming Events!

## August 2008

August 3—8:30 am & 11:00 am—Nomination of Deacons  
August 3—4:30 pm Deacons' Meeting  
August 24—6:00 pm—Ocean Baptism, 1st Avenue South  
August 24—6:45 pm—Ice Cream Social—Family Life Center  
August 27—6:30 p.m.—Nominating Committee Report  
August 31—6:30 p.m.—Deacon Ordination

## September 2008

40 Days of Community  
September 7—4:30 pm Deacons' Meeting  
September 15-19—Mobile Meals

## October 2008

October 4—WMU World Craft Day (Family Life Center)  
October 5—4:30 pm Deacons' Meeting  
October 26—Homecoming  
Quarterly Church Conference

## November 2008

November 2—4:30 pm Deacons' Meeting  
November 17-21—Mobile Meals  
Children's Musical

## December 2008

December 8—Widow/Widowers Banquet  
December 14—Christmas Cantata  
December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service

## January 2009

Quarterly Church Conference

## February 2009

February 17– 27—Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

## April 2009

April 5—Palm Sunday  
April 12—Easter Sunday

## Deacon of the Month

By Myron Pritchard

I was born in Sumter, SC, on August 14, 1958, into a wonderful Christian family. Throughout my years growing up, I rarely remember a Sunday when my parents did not go with me to church. I am eternally grateful to them for raising me in a spiritual environment where I was not only expected to be a faithful attendee of church but also an involved worker in the church. I was saved during the month of November in 1965 at a revival meeting being preached by Rev. John Davis at Westside Baptist Church in my hometown of Sumter. I thank God for his mercy to me during the times I have strayed away and praise His name for instilling in me a burden for lost souls as I have grown in my Christian walk.



I retired from being a secondary school teacher and coach this past June and have felt God's calling into a second career in ministry. Therefore, I am currently taking classes at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and seeking His direction as to how He would have me serve.

I began attending First Baptist Church North Myrtle Beach on August 26, 1984. On that night, I first saw Jan Nobles, our current organist, and knew I had met my life's soul mate. However, it took almost seven years for her to come to the same realization. We were married on Sunday, June 23, 1991 right here in FBC-NMB. I serve as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and deacon here in our church and enjoy going on short-term mission trips to tell others of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. My vision is to see our church become an even greater beacon of God's Love by reaching out to those who are lost here along the Grand Strand and throughout the world.

## Who Can You Call?

We'd like to start including a "Who Can You Call" contact list in our new member welcome packets. This list could be helpful to someone new in the area when looking for a vendor and would include business names and phone numbers. We'd like to support our members who have businesses. If you would like yours listed, please call the church office and supply us with the information. An example would be:

Auto Repairs: Susie Doe—555/555-5555

Childcare: FBC Child Development Center—555/555-5555

Computer Support: Jane Doe—555/555-5555

Painting Supplies: John Doe—555/555-5555

This information will only be given to members.

I hope and pray you are having a blessed summer! It is interesting to note that the church activities have not slowed down this summer. Sometimes one might think that summer is a time for a break in regards to church life, but it surely is not the case this summer, and that is OK. There are some important events scheduled in August which need our attention and prayer. Please look at the calendar and announcements and pray-pray-pray.

If you have not looked at one of the **Holy Land Pilgrimage** brochures, please pick one up and pray to see if the Lord would have you join us next February 17-27.

**40 Days of Community** is right around the corner for our church – September thru October. We will continue to inform you concerning this very important *Spiritual Growth Campaign* for our church. The two most important things we can do right now are to pray for this church endeavor and to be open to what God has for each of us and this church. Many individuals are working diligently now in preparation for the campaign and you may be asked to assist in some aspect of this program. *Prayer* must undergird all aspects of 40 Days of Community and the preparation for it. Please be part of this prayer ministry.

The **Master Planning Committee** needs our continued prayer and support as they work with the architects and contractors on the bids for the sanctuary -*Phase II of our Master Plan*.

It is hard financial times for many these days, and many church budgets reflect it. Our budget is no exception. As Christians, we must really pray and let the Lord examine our hearts and finances, so that we will give to Him what He intends. This applies to our tithes and offerings that go to the budget and the pledges we have made that go to the "**Building on Our Heritage**" building fund.

Let us pray that the Lord's will be done on earth, my life, my home, and church as it is done in Heaven.

Thankful to be your pastor,

John Gambrell

# Family News

## What's Been Happening In the Family Life Center

By Dwain Hayes

- AWANA Grandprix, RA Raceway and AWANA, RA and GA Awards: This was a fun evening watching the cars race and the children receiving their awards and we had plenty of room to watch it all.
- Church Talent Show: Thanks to Phillips Seafood for the great food and WOW what variety of talent we had this year for the show. Thanks to everyone for supporting our youth who were going to camp.
- Lifeguard Suppers: Every Tuesday night the suppers are served, missionaries are sharing and then everyone plays basketball or volleyball.
- Vacation Bible School: We had a new experience by using the FLC as our base for our opening assembly, dinner, arts and crafts and recreation. With over 100 registered children, the space was great.
- USBA (United States Basketball Association): USBA has been using our facility for different tournaments but we helped host the national tournament. We had three weeks of players, coaches, fans and parents visiting the FLC and they all commented on what a friendly staff we have, clean facilities, and a beautiful FLC. I heard many times that we have something to be proud of.
- Upward Basketball Camp: We had 58 players registered and many volunteers for our first basketball camp. I heard many good comments about how we have opened up the FLC to help our children learn in a positive way.
- Family Basketball Thursday nights at 6:00 pm: Come and enjoy a good game and great fellowship.

## Save Your Receipts!

Two local restaurants, Hot Stacks and the Huddle House, will donate 10% of all meal receipts back to the church. Remember to ask for your receipt and drop it in the envelope outside the church office.

Building & Trust Funds	During Cracking Account	Building CD Account	Year-End Funds Balance	Current Month's Contribution	Year-End Balance
<b>Beginning Acct. Balances 6/1/2008:</b>	<b>201,825.46</b>	<b>315,430.92</b>	<b>517,256.38</b>		
Receipts for the Month:					
Swimming Fund Offerings	20,000.00		20,000.00		
Building Fund Offerings	245.00		245.00		
<b>Total This Month's Offerings &amp; Memos:</b>	<b>20,245.00</b>		<b>20,245.00</b>		
Interest Revenue:	2.71	3,553.80	3,556.51		
Other Misc. Revenue:					
Less: Principal Payments:					
<b>Total Receipts for the Month:</b>	<b>27,051.18</b>		<b>30,990.85</b>		
Disbursements for the Month:					
Utilities Disbursements:	(17,130.00)		(17,130.00)		
Loan Interest Disbursements:	(1,305.25)		(1,305.25)		
Less: Principal Disbursements:					
<b>Total Disbursements for the Month:</b>	<b>(18,946.18)</b>		<b>(18,946.18)</b>		
Net Change (Increase) for the Month:					
Transfers to or from:					
<b>Ending Acct. Balances 6/30/2008:</b>	<b>89,930.46</b>	<b>319,370.59</b>	<b>409,301.05</b>		
Year-To-Date Offerings & Memos:	19,451.00		19,451.00		
Year-To-Date Building Funds Interest:	43.40		43.40		
Year-To-Date Kinship Memos Interest:					
<b>Building Program: Church Debt (Loan) Balances</b>					
Building Debt Balance	2,557,952.43				
Less: Loan Payments Paid					
<b>Building Debt Balance</b>					<b>2,557,952.43</b>

**First Baptist Church of North Myrtle Beach  
 Monthly Treasurer's Report  
 June, 2008**

Budget & Designated Funds	6/1/2008:		6/30/2008:		Budget Checking Account		Budget CD Account		Budget Checking & CD Funds	
	Beginning Acct. Balances	Receipts for the Month	Budget Funds	Designated Funds	Account YTD	Actual YTD	Year	Year	Actual	Over/Under
<b>Beginning Acct. Balances</b> Receipts for the Month: This Month's Budget Offerings Budget Accts - Interest Receipts Designated Offerings Building Fund - Offerings	6/1/2008:	6/1/2008:	75,302.49	36,940.73	112,243.22	112,243.22	46,700.98		50,000.00	(3,296.75)
<b>Total Receipts for the Month:</b> <b>Disbursements for the Month:</b> Budget Disbursements Designated Disbursements Building Fund - Interest Exp.			51,634.57	308.00	54,942.57	54,942.57				
<b>Total Disbursements for the Month:</b> (Includes Disbursements for the Month) Year-to-Date as of 6/30/08			(89,340.06)	(20.00)	(89,360.06)	(89,360.06)				
<b>Ending Acct. Balances</b> Year-to-Date Budget Offerings Year-to-Date Budget Interest	6/30/2008:	6/30/2008:	40,597.00	37,228.73	77,825.73	77,825.73	46,700.98		265,265.98	(18,465.47)
<b>Total Budget Funds Available as of 6/30/2008:</b>				87,297.98	87,297.98	87,297.98	46,700.98		1,463.24	1,463.24

# Kathleen's Notes

By Kathleen Gambrell



In the field of music, there is something called "atonal" music. Basically, it is music that has no key signature. If you know a little about music, composers write in specific keys, and players/singers know, by the key indicated at the beginning of a piece, what various notes are going to be played/sung. Except for atonal music! Although some musicians may strenuously disagree with me, atonal music sounds discordant and chaotic. It is extremely difficult to play, because there is no tonal center of gravity. It's sort of like making it up as you go! (Don't worry—I'm not planning on playing any atonal music in church!)

Unfortunately, in our Christian walk, we sometimes live our lives "atonally". We determine the key. Our lives become what we want and the way we want it. We don't keep our focus totally on God and on being in tune with Him. At first it is an easy way to live—not having to work quite so hard at serving God in ways that may take us out of our comfort zone, at living a Christ-like, loving way towards everyone (even our enemies), or giving up something to serve God better . . . . But it is interesting to note that when we live "atonally", our lives gradually become confused, chaotic and disharmonious. It is much more difficult living the way we want for the moment. We make many costly mistakes, although we may not realize it at the time because our lives are so out of tune!

We are coming to a very important time in our church—our 40 Days of Community. This will be a challenging time, a stretching time if we fully commit as individuals to what God wants us to do for those forty days and beyond. But if we are preparing ourselves now and making sure we are keeping our lives in tune with the Lord, then the changes we make, the discoveries we make, the decisions we make regarding our church and the community around us will be in complete harmony with God. Just as musicians have to practice to perfect pieces, stretching ourselves to improve, carefully playing or singing the right notes on tune, we as a church body need to be doing the same in a spiritual sense. What a difference it will make in our own lives, our families, our church, and our community as a result! Let's commit to being in tune with God and being in harmony with each other, thereby producing beautiful things for the one who saved us! And may "Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace" be a prayer we repeat often as we live for the one who calls us His own!

# CDC News

By Cindy Parker

Children are more than just little bodies. They have a developing mind, a growing personality, and an impressionable spirit. Environments for our most precious resource must encourage, inspire and empower. We owe it to them to plan well.



The CDC

Play is essential to childhood development and socialization. At every stage of life, it sustains physical and emotional health. It promotes multi-generational interaction. It builds community. It fosters social harmony. And, of course, play just keeps life fun.

How well did we plan? We will certainly know the answer to that question when the children step onto their new playground for the first time! We look forward to it being a truly unique, developmentally appropriate play and learning environment.

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*Play is one of the most vital activities there is.  
It benefits all ages.  
It crosses all culture.  
It has been, and always will be, all important.  
It is play!*

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In His service, Cindy

## Collecting School Supplies

We will be collecting any kind of school supplies (including new or slightly used notebooks and backpacks) for the local primary and elementary schools the first two Sundays in August. Please put your items in the gray mission boxes located around the church.



# Welcome New Members!



John (Jack) & Barbara Bogert



Becky Ennis

## Did You Know?



If you answer a phone tree message in person, pressing the start key (\*) at the end of a the message will allow you to hear it again. The star key must be pressed before the message disconnects in order to hear it a second time.

## Ocean Baptism

We are planning an ocean baptism, Sunday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m., 1st Avenue South. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office. We will come back to the church following the baptism for an ice cream social in the Family Life Center.

## July Mission Project Results

We recently packed 82 boxes containing approximately 2000 beanies that were valued at close to \$10,000! Including the postage to send them, this puts the monetary value of the "Beanie Babies for Iraq and Afghanistan" around \$11,000. Jesus doesn't care about the dollar value and they were given, packed and will be sent in HIS name. The *real value* will be the **smiles** of the ones who receive and distribute the boxes and the wonder they will see on the faces of 2000 children! NO dollar amount can be put on the impact this outreach may have for years to come. Nothing attached to the beanies—just reach out and touch! Thanks to everyone who helped support this mission project.



# AUGUST



## Ushers, Greeters, Nursery and Children's Church Volunteers for August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Sadie Shannon Helen Sizemore Chuck McDowell Earline Ashe	2 Lois Bellamy Doris Waldeck
3 Louise Kearns Amy Dyar	4	5 Catherine Cochran John Gambrell Chip McIntyre Amanda Harmon	6	7	8 Dottie Menius Charles Bullock	9
10 Imogene Blackmon Barbara Doan	11 Robert Edge Vince Smith	12 Jan Pritchard	13	14 Myron Pritchard	15	16
17 Tyler Watkins	18 Donald Sapp Gene Gore Ruth Anne Ellis Matthew Bellamy	19 Caroline Cooper	20 Gary Howe Joe DuRant	21 Lisa Weaver	22	23 Millie Lewis Bonnie Dempsey Shirley Kesterson Joyce Britt Mitchell Ward
24 Charles Riffle	25 Brett Gibson	26 Billie Dove Gore	27 Elaine Collins Cindy Prevatte Olivia Furr	28	29 Marcia Cecile	30 Bill Hoke
31						

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
<b>USHERS</b>					
8:30 a.m.	Leon Hayes, Paul Prevatte	Ken Plummer, Boo Boo Todd	Duke Foyle, Chip McIntyre	Russell Courtney, John Stinson	Bill Hoke, Raymond Wilson
11:00 a.m.	Charlie Bellamy, Chris Bellamy, Russ Courtney, Scott Harmon, Cary Smith	Charles Barr, Pete Bellamy, Charles Brewer, Ralph Bussey, Jim Davis	David Bell, Chip Bellamy, Frank Boulineau III, Ray Cooper, Kenny McLamb	Gary Carroll, J.L. Dunlow, George Lowe, Ashley McLamb, Donal Wright	Mike Lewis, Jennings Livingston, Porter Kennington, Ben Timmerman, Albert Wheless
6:30 p.m.	Ron Ball, Ron Bruce	Wayne Carey, Dwain Spivey	Elaine & Mason Collins	Polly & Tom Parrott	Ted Medler, Myron Pritchard
<b>GREETERS</b>					
Front Door	Hank & Vi Crawford	Jerry & Margie Branscome	Larry & Pat Criminger	Duke & Jan Foyle	Gene & Imogene Blackmon
Side Door B Wing	Charles & Joyce Parker	Dee Jordan & Dale Joyce	Lynda Cole & CeCe McComb	Ann Harper & Sandy Hawley	Dale Joyce & Bonnie Dempsey
Drive Thru	Gene & Ramie Tutterrow	Chuck & Bren Collins	Ted & Phyllis Medler	Dean & Joyce Britt	Dee Jordan & Alice Johnson
Welcome Desk	Cathleen Floyd	Helen Johnson	Sadie Shannon	Ramie Tutterrow	Annie Nobles
<b>NURSERY &amp; CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>					
Nursery	Kristen Lowe	Tess DuRant	Cheri Lewis	Melissa Hulett	Connie Keeter
Children's Church	Mylissa Bellamy	Dee Jordan	Natalie & Charlie Bellamy	Jennifer Carter	Ashley Jackson

## 2008 Membership Directories

Many thanks to Sandy Bruce and Dixie Kinser for all their efforts in coordinating the scheduling and production of the new membership directory. We'd also like to thank the photographers Al Carter and Jan Pritchard.

If you had a picture taken for the directory, please stop by the church office and pick your directory up.

If any of your information is wrong in the directory, call the church office. We will note the correction in the next "Current". Please update David and Christy Gambrell's address to show 4612 Tennessee Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37409.

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Chapel Choir Practice  
 8:30 Worship Service  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 5:30 AWANA  
 6:30 Evening Worship & Youth

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## AUGUST 2008

**Saturday, August 2**

9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.  
 Annual WBA  
 Children's Missions Day Camp  
 Cedar Grove Baptist Church  
 All children finishing grades 1-6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:30 am—Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Friendly's
3 8:30 am & 11:00 am—Called Church Conference (Nomination of Deacons) 3:30 pm—Nominating Committee 4:30 pm—Deacons' Meeting	4 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	5 7:00 pm—Lifeguard Supper	6 5:30 pm—Personnel Meeting 6:30 pm—Prayer Service 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	7	8	9
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17 5:00 pm—Nominating Committee	18 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	19 6:00 pm—Budget & Finance Meeting 7:00 pm—Lifeguard Supper	20 6:30 pm—Prayer Service 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	21	22	23
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31 6:30 pm—Deacon Ordination						