



## Fall Kick-Off and Carnival

*Wednesday September 7 — 5:30-7:00 p.m.*

Featuring:

**Games & Prizes for All Ages** (at 5:30)

**An all-you-can-eat Barbecue Supper** (at 6:00)

— cost: \$5.00 for age 12-adults and \$2.50 for age 11 & under —

***Reservations needed***

Permanent Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal reservations apply — if you do not have permanent reservations and plan to attend, call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday, September 6

## Sunday, September 11 is ***“CHANGE SUNDAY”*** at First Baptist Church

The Transition Team invites you to a special congregational event on Sunday, September 11 where we ask everyone to use their “servant leadership” skills in the life of the church.

- ▶ 9:00 am - Continental breakfast served in the Gathering Area
- ▶ 9:30 am - Morning Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Larry Hovis, President, CBF-NC, is bringing the sermon
- ▶ 10:45 am - Bible Fellowship and congregational gathering  
Larry Hovis leads a dialogue to explore congregational life/work in the “Missional Church”
- ▶ 2:00-5:00 pm - All Boards Retreat will be at the Union Baptist Association Resource Center  
Larry will lead the Boards in dialogue and thinking through positive change to strengthen FBC ministries

These schedule **CHANGES** help us to ask the question, “How will we prepare for **CHANGE** this year?”

**Join us and experience *CHANGE***

## This Week at FBC

### Sunday, September 4

- 9:00 AM Summer Choir
- 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Preschool Extended Session
- 10:45 AM Service of Worship

### Monday, September 5

- Church Offices Closed for Labor Day
- 6:30 PM TOPS

### Tuesday, September 6

- 9:30 AM Crafters on Mission

### Wednesday, September 7

#### ANNUAL FALL KICK-OFF:

- 5:30 PM Games & Prizes for All Ages
- 6:00 PM Barbecue Supper
- 7:00 PM Outreach Team
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 8

- 9:30 AM Volunteers Clean Church Kitchen
- 5:30 PM Transition Team



The Food Pack committee is in need of 3 more individuals who could deliver the backpacks to Rock Rest Elementary School one Thursday per month. They can be picked up after the Wednesday night service and delivered at any time on Thursday to the school. If you can help, please contact Carol Tyson at 704-361-0491 or by email at [caroltyson@carolina.rr.com](mailto:caroltyson@carolina.rr.com).

### Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call —

September 3-10

Sara Spahr Stubbs — 704-219-0076

## Missions-First

- In September the Loose Change Offering will benefit the **Crisis Assistance Ministry**, a local agency that provides emergency financial help for people in need.
- A few Wednesdays ago, our friend and neighbor, John Danford, told us about his work with churches and pastors in Malawi. One of the needs: reading glasses. Yes, the Wal-mart, K-mart, drug store variety of reading glasses — new or used. Place your donations in the marked bucket in the Gathering Area.
- Your Board of Missions is asking for donations for our **school uniform closet**. Especially needed: navy blue collared shirts in M, L, XL and khaki pants (girls and boys) in sizes 6 through 14. Thank you for your participation in this ministry to our community.
- Children are now back in school. The Missions Board is once again sponsoring the **Food Packs 4 Kids ministry** for children at Rock Rest Elementary. A list of needed items can be found on the church website. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area. Thanks for helping!
- **Loaves & Fishes** is requesting contributions of 6½-oz. packages of instant potatoes and one-pound boxes of saltines for September. Place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area.

## Adopt-a-Grandparent ...

We are currently looking for 3 volunteers for the Adopt-a-Grandparent program for our Weekday Preschool. The requirements for our Grandparent program volunteers are listed below:

- Available to visit your assigned class in daytime hours at least once per month (30 minutes) to read a story or lead a simple activity
- Enjoy spending time with preschool children
- Submit information and pass the required background screening process required by First Baptist and the Weekday Preschool

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, contact Sara Spahr Stubbs at 704-283-8534 or by email at [sssfbc@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sssfbc@carolina.rr.com).

## By the Numbers ...

### Sunday, August 28, 2011

Bible Fellowship Attendance.....	93
Worship Attendance.....	149
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 10,722
Budget Receipts.....	\$ 16,589
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$557,572
Budget Receipts to Date.....	\$471,830



## The Worship of God

September 4 - 10:45 a.m.

### Anthem by the Summer Choir

*“Sing Praise to the Lord” by Robert Hobby*

### Sermon by Gene Derryberry

*“Sometimes I Have Very Unreasonable Expectations”*

Scripture: Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

*Audio CDs of our worship services are available in the church office.*

*Audio recordings of sermons are available at*

*[www.monroefirstbaptist.org](http://www.monroefirstbaptist.org)*

## Committees

### **Bible Fellowship Greeters:**

Forefront Class

### **Church Office Volunteer:**

Sylvia Baker

### **Security:**

Gathering Area –Ken Handy

Narthex-R. V. Lee

### **Ushers:**

R. V. Lee, Ann Wild, Aileen Sowder,

Nancy Thomas, Frances Vaughan

### **Offertory:**

Lorey White, Ann Handy, Joe Litaker,

Rebecca Mills

### **Preschool Extended Session:**

Robin Haas, Eleanor O’Neill

### **Money Counters:**

Frances Vaughan, Ray Sowder

## Accidental Art Part 2

**Mondays — September 12-October 10**

6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Will feature acrylic collage tips and techniques  
taught by Patti Duncan

Classes are free, but open to only the first 20 to apply

Register by calling Patti at 704-225-8743

or by email at [pduncan4@carolina.rr.com](mailto:pduncan4@carolina.rr.com)

Join us for the fall season

## CHANCEL CHOIR

September 7 at 7:15 p.m.

*Membership is open! —  
come sing with us!*

## Volunteers Needed ...

to help clean and ready the  
church kitchen for the new year

**Thursday, September 8**

beginning at 9:30 a.m.

## College Class/Lunch ...

With Wingate beginning its fall semester, our Choral Scholars and other students will be returning to the church. As we have done in the past, our “Sunday School” for college students will meet each Sunday *after* worship — and will include lunch. If you — or your class/group can provide lunch — at church, in a home (college students *love* to go to a home), or at a restaurant, please contact me by email at [paul.sims@monroefirstbaptist.org](mailto:paul.sims@monroefirstbaptist.org). or by phone at 704-283-8534. Also, if you will sponsor a student’s Wednesday night supper, please contact Marsha Sexton in the church office or by email at [marsha.sexton@monroefirstbaptist.org](mailto:marsha.sexton@monroefirstbaptist.org).

Thank you.

## First Baptist Family

*Please remember the following in prayer:*

Delana Helms

Dr. C. G. Hopper

Jim Moncrief

Debbie Wall

Martha Barrett, sister of Jane Austin

Marshall Brantley, father of Marsha Sexton

Wert Carte, friend of Denise Hopper

John Kilby, father of Alvin Kilby

Jennifer Baskins Snelson

Gordon Springs

Carol Brooks, mother of Pam Caskey

Ritch Hothem, cousin of Don Haver

### *Sympathy*

To Nell Helms and family in the death of her  
husband, Louie



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**Messy Marvin 2011**  
**FBC Youth**  
**Sunday, August 28**

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