

Upcoming Pulpit Guests



We welcome Dr. Jack Causey, Ministerial Resources Coordinator for CBF of North Carolina, as our pulpit guest this coming Sunday, July 25.



On August 1, 8 and 22 we will welcome Dr. Larry Hovis as our pulpit guest. Dr. Hovis is the Executive Coordinator of CBF of North Carolina.

Dr. Wayne Wike, who was our pulpit guest this past Sunday, will return to be with us again on August 15. Dr. Wike is the Director of Development for Wingate University.



Join us Wednesday, July 28

Dinner served at 5:30

Bible Study at 6:30

Bible Study will be led by Dr. Byrns Coleman

Topic: *"I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me"* — from Psalm 122:1

Dr. Coleman is Professor of Humanities at Wingate University

If you need dinner reservations, call the church office by noon on Tuesday

This Week at FBC

Sunday, July 25

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

Monday, July 26

- 6:30 PM TOPS

Tuesday, July 27

- 9:30 AM Craft Club

Wednesday, July 28

- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
Buffet: smorgasbord
6:15 PM Child Care
6:20 PM Prayer Meeting
6:30 PM Bible Study
Kids ROCK!
Youth Bible Study

Thursday, July 29

- 3:00 PM Landscaping Crew



Mission Man Triathlon

Seven to Participate on the FBC Team

This weekend we will cheer for the following who will participate in the 2010 Buckner Mission Man Triathlon at Lake Cammack Park near Burlington:

Team 1: Susan DeMart, Darcy Duncan, Jessica Marino

Team 2: Mark Eagle, Chris Gross, Tim McBride

Team 3: Mark Pittman

The triathlon, a ministry of Front Street United Methodist Church, is an event that raises thousands of dollars for helping organizations in the Burlington area.

This is the third year that teams from First Baptist Church have participated. GO TEAMS!!!

Change of address ...

Opal Faulk has moved to Carillon Assisted Living in Monroe. Her new address is:

Opal Faulk
Carillon Assisted Living
5306 Secrest Short Cut Rd
Monroe NC 28110

Bible Fellowship Lesson

Sunday, July 25

"Shaped by Prayer"

Scripture: **Luke 11:1-13**

Additional Scriptures: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15

Called Church Meeting

Sunday, August 1

There will be a Called Church Meeting on Sunday, August 1, at conclusion of worship to consider the following motion:

As an expression of our gratitude and appreciation for the service of Dr. John Hewett, the Coordinating Committee moves that First Baptist Church honor the spirit of the contract that was ratified on April 21 to provide three months of pay to Dr. Hewett.

The Coordinating Committee believes that this action is vital to the church body as we are working our way toward health and wholeness as a congregation. Please plan to join us for this important meeting.

By the Numbers ...

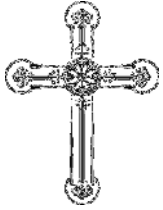
Sunday, July 18, 2010

Bible Fellowship Attendance.....	106
Worship Attendance.....	144
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 11,408
Budget Receipts.....	\$ 8,469
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$524,768
Budget Receipts to Date.....	\$498,930

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call July 24-31

Sara Spahr Stubbs – 704-291-2204



The Worship of God

July 25, 2010 - 10:45 a.m.

Anthem by the Summer Choir

"This Is The Day" by Linda Cable Shute

Sermon by Dr. Jack Causey

"The Greatest Day of Your Life"

Psalm 118:21-24; Philippians 4:4-9

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

Audio recordings of sermons are available at

www.monroefirstbaptist.org

Loaves & Fishes ...

is requesting contributions of 46 ounce cans of fruit juice for July. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area. Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community.

Committees

Sunday School Greeters:

Men's Bible Class

Church Office Volunteer:

Kathy Cole

Security:

Narthex - Don Haver

Gathering Area - J. T. Nance

Ushers:

Mary Lou Gamble, Don Haver, John Whitley, Nathan and Denise Hopper

Offertory:

Sandra Whitley, Jane Hawkins, Harvey Whitley

Preschool Extended Session:

Nursery-Debby McBride

Preschool I-Robin Haas, Fred Simpson

Money Counters:

Mary Ellen Hopper, Aileen Sowder

Wednesday Night Helpers:

Mary Nash, Dean and Angie Baskins

Missions-First

- For July, the Loose Change Offering recipient will be our **Weekday Preschool Scholarship Program**. The money will help provide scholarships for children whose parents have lost their jobs, or simply cannot afford preschool for their child.
- In the past year, our Board of Missions (with wonderful help from our church family) has regularly provided lunches for the clients at **Operation ReachOut**. The dates for August are the 5th and 19th. If you would like to participate in this ministry by preparing and/or serving lunch, please contact Dot Taylor.
- One of the schools has changed their school uniform shirts to hunter green. Currently, we do not have **any** of these shirts in the **Uniform Closet**, so we are asking for donations of the hunter green shirts in children's sizes. Please place in the Gathering Area.

Let us know ...

The Board of Christian Education wants to know about bulletin boards around the county where we might advertise upcoming First Baptist Church events. If you see a community bulletin board in a local coffee shop, library, gym, etc., please let us know. This information can be shared with either Sara Spahr Stubbs or Denise Hopper. Thanks for helping! This will be a great way of making our church more visible throughout Union County.

First Baptist Family

Please remember the following in prayer:

John Looney

Jeanette Helms back at Sharon Towers

Jessie Ruth Litaker

Mary Wood

Bob Thompson now home

Karen Marossy at home

Jim McGee, brother of Katherine Cox

Noelle Varney, granddaughter of Ed and

Faye Varney

Jessica Parker Helms, granddaughter of

Charlie and Betty Bivens

Macie Gaddes, Max Penegar's aunt

Marilyn LaGrange, mother of Brenda Lowery

James Mackay/Chris Harris, serving in Iraq

Parker Holland, granddaughter of John and

Jo Holland, on a six-month mission trip to Africa and Australia

A Message from the Coordinating Committee ...

I am writing to you today on behalf of our Coordinating Committee and our Associate Ministers to assure you that we are taking all appropriate steps toward the healing of our congregation. We met last Thursday evening, and had what we think was a very productive meeting. After a time of prayer (and of acknowledging the importance of prayer to the healing of our congregation) each person was able to share feelings of grief, of frustration, and yes, of hope. At this same meeting, we secured the help of three ministers who will be preaching for us in the coming weeks, and we decided that we needed an outside facilitator to help steer us in the right direction. We also decided to invite three deacons — Ray Casner, Tommy Nash, and Babs Simpson — to join us in our next meeting. We left this meeting with a renewed commitment to God and to First Baptist Church.

This week, we met with Jack Causey, who is the Ministerial Resources Coordinator of CBF of North Carolina. Dr. Causey will be helping us with the selection process for an Interim Senior Minister, and will help us put together a concrete plan as to how to proceed toward health and wholeness.* You will have an opportunity to meet Dr. Causey on Sunday — he will be our guest preacher.

Your Coordinating Committee members, including our two staff ministers, covet your prayers, invite your input, and pledge that we will do our best in serving God and this congregation.

Nancy Sumrow
Incoming Chair of Deacons

* See announcement on page two concerning a Called Meeting of the congregation.

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