

From the Transition Team

This past Sunday during morning worship, Babs Simpson gave the following report from the Transition Team:

“Today, I come not to bring an invitation, but to present you with some important information from the Transition Team. We are recommending that the Nominating Committee, as stated in our Constitution and By-Laws, begin the process of forming a Senior Minister Search Committee. This is a vital step in the life of our church. To underscore its importance and the part that you, the membership, play in this process, the Transition Team is encouraging the Nominating Committee to consider giving church members the opportunity to nominate persons to be considered for the Search Committee.

Meanwhile, the Transition Team is hard at work on a Senior Minister characteristic and skills survey to help the church determine what qualities we desire in our next Senior Minister. We will request the input of each member in taking this survey in the near future.”



**Observance of Communion
Sunday, October 2**

Missions-First

The Board of Missions encourages you to be involved in the mission endeavors of First Baptist Church. Each week a list of current endeavors is published in the newsletter. Take a moment to check the list and decide where you would like to help.

- **The Loose Change Offering** for October will benefit Operation Warm Hearts which provides new or gently used coats and new blankets for children and adults in Union County (see article on page 3). Bring your change each Sunday and drop it in the offering plate.
- **Operation ReachOut** - First Baptist will provide lunch for Operation ReachOut on Thursday, October 20. If you would like to help, please contact Dot Taylor or Angie Baskins.
- **Trunk or Treat** - Monday, October 31 in the church parking lot (see article on page 2 on how you can help).
- **Fall Bazaar** - Saturday, November 5 in the Multipurpose Room with all proceeds going to Crisis Assistance Ministry (see article on page 3).
- **Operation Christmas Child** - Our youth will be collecting items in October for the Shoe Boxes which will be sent to children all over the world during the Christmas season.
- **School Uniform Closet** - First Baptist provides school uniforms for children in need in Union County Schools. Especially needed: navy blue collared shirts in M, L, XL and khaki pants (girls and boys) in sizes 6-14. Contact Glenda Poindexter to help.
- **Food Paks 4 Kids ministry** provides food-filled backpacks on weekends for children at Rock Rest Elementary. A list of needed food items can be found on the church website. Please place donations in the Gathering Area. Contact Carol Tyson to help.
- **Loaves & Fishes** is requesting contributions of all types of canned fruits for October. Place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area.

Thank you for helping!

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 2

- 8:00 AM Board of Deacons
- 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Preschool Extended Session
- 10:45 AM Service of Worship
- 12:00 PM College Class Lunch/Bible Study
- 3:00 PM Children Worship & Wonder Team
- 7:00 PM Chancel Ringers

Monday, October 3

- 6:00 PM Accidental Art Class
- 6:00 PM Faith & Fitness Group at Parks Williams Field
- 6:30 PM TOPS
- 7:00 PM Board of Christian Education
Board of Missions

Tuesday, October 4

- 9:30 AM Crafters on Mission

Wednesday, October 5

- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
Buffet: Chef salad bar, bread, dessert
- 6:15 PM Child Care
Children's Choir
Adult Bible Study
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 6

- 7:00 PM Faith and Fiction Book Club in Church Parlor

“Sully” Sullenberger and Billy Graham ...

Join **Young-at-Heart** members as they tour the “newly renovated” Billy Graham Library and the Carolinas Aviation Museum (including the US Airways plane piloted by “Sully” Sullenberger that is now known as “Miracle on the Hudson”) — **Thursday, October 13.**

Leave from the church at 9:30 a.m., with lunch “on your own” at the Billy Graham Library. Cost: \$9.00 (payable at the Aviation Museum). Please call the church office by October 8 to reserve your spot. Contact Richard Poindexter or Paul Sims to help with transportation. For more information, visit:

billygrahamlibrary.org
carolinasaviation.org



Monday, October 31, 5:30 p.m.
Church Parking Lot

Need:

- volunteers to decorate their trunk & provide candy (decorating your trunk is optional!)
- volunteers to help throughout the event
- lots and lots of donated candy

By the Numbers ...

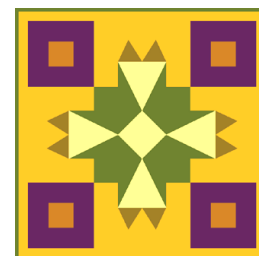
Sunday, September 25, 2011

Bible Fellowship Attendance.....	89
Worship Attendance.....	136
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 9,853
Budget Receipts	\$11,562
Budget Requirements to Date	\$39,412
Budget Receipts to Date	\$32,229

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call October 1-8

Sara Spahr Stubbs — 704-219-0076



QUILTING RETREAT

Friday & Saturday, October 21 & 22
Multipurpose Room — led by Kiki Myers
Open to beginners and experienced quilters
Space is limited — call or email the church to make reservations



The Worship of God

October 2 - 10:45 am
Service of Holy Communion

Anthems by the Chancel Choir

"You Are Holy" by John Helgen
"O Bread of Life from Heaven" by J. S. Bach

Children Worship & Wonder by Gene Derryberry

"The Ten Best Ways to Live"

Sermon by Gene Derryberry

"Our God Is An Awesome God"

Scripture: Exodus 20; Psalm 19

*Audio CDs of our worship services are available in the church office.
Audio recordings of sermons are available at
www.monroefirstbaptist.org*

Committees

Bible Fellowship Greeters:

Men's Bible Class

Church Office Volunteer:

Paula Lee

Security:

Gathering Area - J. T. Nance

Narthex - R. V. Lee

Ushers:

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

Thomas, Frances Vaughan

Offertory:

Joe Litaker, Larry and Vickie Tuggle,

Lynda Looney

Preschool Extended Session:

Robin Haas, Eleanor O'Neill

Money Counters:

Frances Vaughan, Ray Sowder

Wednesday Night Helpers (October 5):

Diane Whitley, Annette Kilby, Pat Turner,

Ken Thomas

Monroe Art Walk ...

October 14-15

The many "artists" of First Baptist Church are invited to display their work for the Art Walk in October. Art can include paintings, pottery, wood crafts, textile art (quilts, cross-stitch, knitting, crochet, etc.), floral art, and photography. The art will be displayed in the sanctuary much like for the Art Walk this past spring. Artwork can be brought to the church beginning Wednesday, October 12. If you have questions, please contact either Patti Duncan or Ruby Coffey.

FBC

Mission Minded Youth

October 1

Turning Point Fun Childcare

October 9

Heaven's Own Pet Rescue

October 16

Lunch at Community Shelter

October 22

Fall Festival for Turning Point

Thank you ...

Dear Congregation:

Our deepest appreciation for your gift to help our missions effort in Malawi. Your monetary donation will be used to purchase food for our brothers and sisters. Blessings to First Baptist and all that you are and do.

— John Danford and

New Song Christian Fellowship

Faith and Fiction Book Club

meets Thursday, October 6

7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor

Participants will review and discuss

John Hart's book, *The Last Child*

First Baptist Family

Please remember the following in prayer:

Delana Helms

Gerald Helms

Nell Helms

Mike Knight

Emily Massey

Rebecca Mills

Kiki Myers

Martha Barrett, sister of Jane Austin

Wert Carte, friend of Denise Hopper

Gavin Jones, great-nephew of Richard and

Emily Massey

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 the family of Jim Moncrief in his death

From our Associate Minister ...

This past January, I completed my first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at CMC-Mercy Hospital in Charlotte. A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to begin my second unit of CPE, also meeting at CMC-Mercy. My class will run through the end of March, and by that time I will complete over 100 hours of education time with my peer group in class each Thursday afternoon. I will complete at least 300 hours of clinical work, seeing patients as a chaplain intern at both CMC-Mercy and CMC-Randolph (Behavioral Health) each week as well as counting some of the hours I spend doing pastoral care work in our congregation.

I will be studying a variety of topics with my peer group each week as well as setting my own learning goals for individual study. I will learn more about spirituality, addiction, behavioral health issues, group leadership, family systems theory, patient care, community resources, and pastoral skills as I work through this unit. If there is a way I can be a resource for you in any of these areas, I am happy to be available to you for these and any pastoral needs that you might have. I experienced your congregational interest in the work of my last unit, and I wanted you to know that I am delving into the world of CPE again. I hope these educational experiences will help me grow in my abilities as a pastor, and I am glad to have another opportunity to study in this model.

— Sara Spahr Stubbs



You are invited to become a part of the new

First Baptist Church Faith & Fitness Group

which will meet Mondays through November 21 (except October 31)
from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Parks Williams Athletic Complex
(old Union County Fairgrounds on Williams Road)

The group will walk or run on the half-mile trail
from 6:00-6:45 and then participate in a fifteen minute Bible Devotional

For additional information, contact Tim McBride

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

October Anniversaries and Birthdays

The following members of our church family are observing anniversaries and birthdays in October. For additions or corrections, please contact the church office.

Anniversaries:

14 - Artie and Gail Melton
20 - Carol and Sylvia Baker
22 - Ron and Debbie Reed

16 - Bernice Chaney
17 - Nina Hedgepath
18 - Sid Handsel
19 - Cole Caskey, Bryan Tarlton,
Bob Thompson
20 - Tony Lilley
24 - Clint Caskey, Chris Gross
27 - Gene Cook
28 - Hannah Echols, Lauren Echols,
Norma Sledge, David Small,
Ann Wild
29 - Tommy Nash
31 - Tara Jo Helms

Birthdays:

2 - Jane Benton
5 - Kristen Marossy
6 - Gerald Myers
7 - Leona Funderburk, Ron Sumrow,
Johnny Taylor, James Turner
10 - Saundra Whitley
12 - Martha Melton
13 - Demian Sarvey
15 - Boyce Duncan, Lynda Looney,
Joy Shute



Saturday, November 5 Multipurpose Room

Mark this date on your calendar! There are many ways you can help. All proceeds will be given to **Crisis Assistance Ministry**.

- ▶ provide cooked/chopped chickens for the casseroles signups available on Sundays and Wednesdays
- ▶ volunteer to help with the casserole/food workshops
- ▶ donate crafts
- ▶ donate jars/lids for chow chow
- ▶ donate home-baked goods
 - can include cakes, pies, cookies, candies, breads, snack mixes, casseroles, home-canned vegetables and pickles, etc.
- ▶ volunteer to help with setup and cleanup
- ▶ volunteer to help during the Bazaar
- ▶ help spread the word about this year's Bazaar

OPERATION WARM HEARTS

Operation Warm Hearts is a ministry that provides new or gently used coats (for children and adults) and new blankets to needy Union County residents. The coats and blankets are distributed through Turning Point, Operation ReachOut, and the Union County Community Shelter. A bin will be in the Gathering Area for donations.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Monroe

invites you to the Centennial Celebration
of their church building on
Saturday, October 8, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

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