



To Our First Baptist Church Family and Friends: I have been immeasurably blessed by the love, concern, and support shown to Diane and me during my recent hospitalization and recovery from surgery. The prayers, meals, visits, cards, and calls have had a great bearing on my continuing recovery and I know that the many prayers that were offered for me made the difference. Praise be to God for our wonderful church and to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, for building His church. God bless each one of you.
In Christian love, Jerry Johnson

BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE

(As of 10-31-15)



Members: Treasurer: Jim Wind, Tammy Dew, Jerry Johnson, Donna Mitchell, Jane Walker.

WHERE DO WE STAND

1. Monthly Budget \$24,027. YTD Budget \$240,274.
2. October 2015 general fund offerings: \$16,389. October offerings were under budget by 46.6%. We are behind \$35,578 for the YTD through October. In order to meet budget, offerings must be \$41,817 per month for the November and December of 2015.
3. YTD Expenditures as of October 2015: Total Expenditures: \$236,291; YTD Budget \$240,274.
4. Year to Date general fund offerings: \$ 204,696. Year to date offerings are 83% of YTD budget.
5. Unrestricted cash on hand as of October 31, 2015 was \$64,676 (Compared to \$65,664 for September).
6. Designated fund offerings for October were \$1,358. YTD Designated offerings: \$30,558.
7. Account 1039 Martha's Kitchen has \$64,766 designated cash available.
8. Account 5115 CBFNC Mission Resource Plan (our church 10% tithe) paid for October.
9. Account 5400 Electricity expense through October was \$9,866 vs. budget YTD of \$10,000.

The Budget and Finance committee has developed a budget for presentation. Thanks to all committee chairs for their thoughtful requests.

Please be prayerful for the financial future of each other. Together we grow and prosper, and live out the plans that God has for each and every one of us.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. - Romans 13.8 (NIV)



CHURCH "GET TOGETHER"

On the third Sunday night of each month at 6 pm, members and friends of the church are invited to meet at Rucker Johns Restaurant for a time of fellowship and meal. Our next Get Together will be Sunday, December 20.

MISSIONS AND MORE



Ladies of All Ages – Come Join the WMU

All women are invited to come out to the church on the second Monday of each month to join the Vera Harris Circle of the WMU as it focuses on missions education and prayer and plans missions projects in our community.

WMU NEWS.....

On November 9, eleven members of the Vera Harris Circle met. After much discussion, it was decided to continue with the Annual Hot Dog Supper preceding the Christmas parade. The time will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 4. We also decided to contribute to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice again. This time we will be providing paper plates, cups, utensils, water, sodas, and snack articles. This is always needed for the food that other groups bring in. We continue to support the Help Center, this time with canned fruit which is always needed.

For our next meeting we will have our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Jack Mackerels. Please note that this will be on Wednesday, December 16, instead of our usual Monday meeting time. We are taking advantage of the 40% off at Jack Mackerels on Wednesdays!

Hope to see everyone there!

Margie Underwood, WMU Director



Baptist Men



For more information, or mission projects, please contact Ben Yarborough, (398-8023).



Meals on Wheels



On the 4th Saturday of each month, our Missions Committee has a team that prepares and delivers meals in the community for the Meals on Wheels program. If you are interested in learning more about how this ministry works or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Lori Griffin (798-5857). We now have volunteers to make desserts. Thanks to all our Meals on Wheels volunteers! We couldn't do this without you! The next opportunity to serve will be Saturday, December 26th at 10 am.



Needs for the Help Center

The Federal Point Help Center is in need of the following items: Canned meat, jelly, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, or any other canned or dry goods (not out of date), and toiletries. Please place your items on the table in the sanctuary.



Martha's Kitchen

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 – 7 PM

Everyone is invited to participate in our weekly ministry of offering warm, free meals to members of our community. We really need additional teams to form.

Contact Bob Hodge (458-4302) for info.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS



URGENT! Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery rotation for the 11:00 service has recently narrowed down to 4 volunteers, which is just one nursery worker per Sunday. We **REALLY** need to add some volunteers to our rotation.

EVERYONE PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HELPING OUT WITH OUR NURSERY MINISTRY!!!!!!

If you would be willing to help, please contact Tammy Dew (350-6747) or the church office.



Welcome Team Volunteers

We would like to extend the opportunity for additional people to serve as Greeters & Ushers. If you would like to be a part of the rotation on Sundays, please contact the church office.

Martha's Kitchen Food Lion Pick Up

We need additional volunteers to join our Martha's Kitchen food pick-up teams. Teams are responsible for picking up the donated food from the store and delivering it to the church and putting it away in the freezers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Church Office (458-5134).



Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed

The church needs volunteers to help with Audio/Visual elements during the worship services and musical rehearsals. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact the church office

Wednesday Night Bible Study

We will be taking a break from Bible Study during the month of December. We will start back up again on Wednesday, January 6th.



Cub Scouts

Each Monday night, our church hosts Cub Scout Pack #230 at 7 pm in the Education Building.



Our Young Adults

If you are college age(ish) and would like to join us, please contact Melinda Latta!!!

Riptide Believers Youth

All youth are invited!! Questions? Please call Dara Newberry (262-1137)



Merry Christmas From the Staff

Pastor Alicia



Susie

Greg

Betty

Debbie

