



### Needs for the Help Center

The Federal Point Help Center is in need of the following items: Pasta sauce, dried milk powder, macaroni & cheese, soup, jelly or any other canned or dry goods are gratefully accepted. Please place your items on the table by the bulletin board.



### Martha's Kitchen Every Tuesday, 6 – 7 PM

Everyone is invited to participate in our weekly ministry of offering a warm, free meal to members of our community. You can help by just coming out on Tuesdays at 6 pm to pitch in wherever needed, interact with our guests, join a team or put together a new team, or donating supplies. Contact Bob Hodge (458-4302) for info.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm FBCCB hosts the "Only Today" group of AA, which follows the Speaker Meeting format and is open to all.



### 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.

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### Mentoring Men for the Master

Every Tuesday at 6:45 pm in the Library. All men are invited to participate in this ministry that aims to support, encourage, and challenge men in their endeavors to live out godly lives and healthy relationships.



### Office News

By Debbie

Deadline for the February Newsletter is January 16<sup>th</sup>. Email or fax your items. The Office will be closed on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Do You Facebook??  
Come and Join us!!**



When on Facebook go to First Baptist Church of Carolina Beach and become our friend...See what everyone is talking about, get the latest on day to day happenings at our church!!

### Become a FAN of Category Five...

We have a page that we post all pictures, events and activities!!!

**PRESORTED STANDARD  
U. S. POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT NO. 3  
Carolina Beach, NC 28428**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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# The Lighthouse

A Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Carolina Beach

*“In the heart of the community with the community at heart”*

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## Church Staff

Dr. Jimmy Brown  
Pastor

Debbie Buckingham  
Administrative Assistant

Trae Setzer  
Interim Music Director

Betty Rowe  
Pianist

Roger Sands  
Custodian

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## Deacons

Marjorie Colman  
Brian Dew  
Jennie Gaskell  
Drew Houston  
Leslie Houston  
Shirley James  
Lee Latta  
Melinda Latta  
Shelia Marshall  
George Pinkston  
Larry Pridgen  
Mergie Underwood

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## Mission Statement

*“First Baptist Church is committed to building a bridge to the community through outreach, education, spiritual and personal development. This is our mission.”*

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## Help Us Help You

I know there were some inappropriate parts to it, but I really enjoyed and was inspired by the movie, *Jerry McGuire*. In it, a struggling sports agent is left with only one athlete to represent. One memorable scene involved Jerry trying to encourage his client to work on his attitude and people-skills. He pleaded: “Help me help you! Help me help you!” I think we can apply this concept to our spiritual growth and development. I am convinced that we sometimes take our spiritual growth for granted. We expect God to do all the work in our lives. Yet, the Bible makes it clear that we are to work with God in the sanctification process. At least 8 times in the New Testament we are told to “make every effort” in becoming like Jesus. I’m NOT talking about working for salvation. We’re saved by grace, not works. But we can actively cooperate with the Holy Spirit and accelerate our spiritual development. God has given us 5 purposes that, if followed, will glorify God, achieve His will, and help us to grow. We are commanded to worship God, to fellowship (and live in community) with other believers, to engage in discipleship, to use our abilities and interests to serve others, and to reach out to others with the love of Christ. I assure you that our church is committed to offering ministries, programs, and events that will help you get involved in those five God-given purposes. Participate in our weekly worship services. Come to our weekly prayer time. Commit yourself to participating in the 2012 Devotions and Bible Challenges. Participate in our fifth-Sunday fellowship luncheons. Join a Sunday School class. Get involved in a small group and/or the Be More Women’s group and/or the Mentoring Men group. Come to the Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study. Make sure that your children and teenagers are involved with Sunday School classes, Category 5, TeamKid, Children’s Church, and activities and trips. Participate in the Seniors activities. Get involved in serving by working with: the nursery, the children, the youth, committees, greeters, ushers, contacters, the Choir, CrossRoads, Deacons, small groups, etc. Commit yourself to getting involved with missions groups and projects: Woman’s Missionary Union, Baptist Men, Martha’s Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, Joy of a Child, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Help Center, etc. Spiritual growth is not automatic. It takes an intentional commitment. You must want to grow, decide to grow, make an effort to grow, and persist in growing. Spiritual development always begins with a decision. Just like the first disciples, we each must decide to follow Jesus. Nothing shapes your life more than the commitments you choose to make. Your commitments can develop you or they can destroy you, but either way, they will define you. FBCCB is committed to helping you grow in your faith. The more involved you will be in the life of the church, the faster you will grow. As we begin a new year, let me challenge you to make your faith and your relationship with Christ an even higher priority in your life. With that said: **HELP US HELP YOU! GET INVOLVED!** Always remember: God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jimmy



## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### 8:30 am Combined Service

Hostess: Vickie Pridgen

- 1 – DeWayne Guy & Jennifer Brown
- 8 – Shelia Marshall & Carol Cox
- 15 – Beverly Setzer & Melissa Story
- 22 – Vickie & Larry Pridgen

### 11:00 am Combined Service

- 1 – Becky & Rich Abeling
- 8 – Barbara Bigley & Dee Lloyd
- 15 – Jim & Jennifer Kitts
- 22 – Roxanna, Miki & Mandy Barker
- 29- Dawn Betz, Angie Leary, Jane Walker, Inez Malloch



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### 8:30 am Service

- 1 – Larry & Vickie Pridgen
- 8 – Melinda Latta
- 15 – Angie Qureshi
- 22 – Trae & Beverly Setzer

### 11:00 am Service

- 1 – Drew & Leslie Houston
- 8 – Roxanna Barker & Beverly Lovingood
- 15 – David & Veronica Basydlo
- 22 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell



## WELCOME TEAM

### 8:30 am Service

- 1 – George Pinkston
- 8 – Sandy Exum
- 15 – Ralph Guy
- 22 – George Pinkston
- 29 -

### Sunday School

- Donna Mitchell
- David Ray
- DeWayne Guy
- Marie Underwood
- Bernie Mitchell

### 11:00 am Service

- 1 – Bernie Mitchell
- 8 – Bill Zieska
- 15 – Joyce Godwin
- 22 – Tommy Tucker
- 29 – Frances Ray



## DEACON OF THE WEEK

- 1 – Shelia Marshall, Margie Underwood
- 8 – Larry Pridgen, Marjorie Colman
- 15 – George Pinkston, Leslie Houston
- 22 – Lee Latta, Leslie Houston
- 29 – Brian Dew



## TELLERS

Connie Lowe & Nyllia Mann



## Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday School



8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship Service

Whichever time or style you prefer, come with hearts prepared to worship. Bring your Bibles and plan to spend time studying and discussing God's Word during the Sunday School hour. We offer classes for all age groups

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## FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCHEON & NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

We will have a New Member Reception during our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon following the combined worship service on Sunday, January 29. We need several people to volunteer to bring pots of soup, and need everyone to bring desserts. Contact Glenda Hurley if you will bring soup. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for an afternoon of great food and fellowship.



## Nobody Sits Alone

To reflect the truth of God's Word that we the church are ONE BODY and ONE FAMILY, during worship services and other church programs and events, please be intentional about sitting with others, especially those who are sitting by themselves.



## Nursery

During our worship service, the church provides a nursery for children 0-5 years old. Located on the first floor of the Education Building just behind the sanctuary.

## Welcome Team



In addition to our good old faithfuls, we would like to extend the opportunity for additional people to serve as Greeters, Ushers, and Contacters. If you would like to be a part of the rotation on Sundays, please contact the church office.



## Name Challenge

To continue with our purposeful efforts to build a strong sense of community and unity in our church, we challenge you to learn the names of the people you sit near in worship services and other church programs and events. Knowing (and using) each other's names will go a long way toward building a sense of family and connection.



January 5 – Ray and Dianne Wilson  
 January 18 – Jerry and Sandy Exum

## SUNDAY SCHOOL “GET TOGETHER”

The Sunday school classes meet at a restaurant and have dinner together. It is on the third Sunday night at 6 pm. We always have a good time fellowshiping. Come join us.



## Wednesday Adult Bible Study

We will begin meeting again on Wed., Jan. 25 at 6 pm. This will consist of a small group for the new **Fresh Encounter: God's Pattern for Revival and Spiritual Awakening** study. Everyone is welcome to join the group.

## Small Group Study



Everyone is encouraged to participate in our next small group study, **Fresh Encounter: God's Pattern for Revival and Spiritual Awakening**. This six-week study will begin during the week following January 15. In addition to our established groups, we would like to start up some new groups as well. Please prayerfully consider hosting, facilitating, or establishing a new group. The participant guide is \$15 (financial assistance available). Deadline to order is Monday, January 9. To sign up for a group, contact the church office or fill out the pink sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the stairway of the sanctuary.

## Baptist Men's Breakfast



The Baptist Men Group meets the first Saturday of each month at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. We have breakfast, fellowship, devotion, and set up mission projects to do in the community. All men are welcome to join us. The next breakfast & meeting is Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. For questions or to recommend a project, call Richard Bradsher.



## 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. The next meeting is Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



## Joy of a Child

Thank you to everyone for helping in our Joy of a Child ministry - volunteering, purchasing gifts, and/or donating money. We helped 12 families and a total of 39 children. During the year, please bring your ladies' dress shoe shoeboxes to the church office to be used for collecting donations. Thank you again!

## Bible Challenge



Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a Read-the-Bible-through-in-a-Year challenge throughout 2012. Each month, we will print a daily Bible reading plan in the newsletter (January reading plan inserted separately). If you plan to participate in the Bible Challenge, please sign your name on the yellow sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the stairway.

## Devotions Challenge

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a common one-year devotional book entitled **God Calling** throughout 2012. Contact the church office to get the devotional book (\$6). The book offers a focal Scripture passage and a brief devotional thought for each day of the year. If you plan to participate in the Devotions Challenge, please sign your name on the green sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the stairway.

## 2012 Offering Envelopes

All members and regular attenders please pick up your 2012 Offering Envelopes from the box in the foyer. If you do not see a set of envelopes with your name on them, but would like to get a set, contact the church office (458-5134). Please start using your new set of envelopes on January 1 and discard your old set of envelopes.



## 2012 Training Day



On Saturday, January 14, throughout the day, the Nominating Committee and the Pastor will be hosting a Training Day to help all of our committees to prepare for a great new year of ministry. If you have agreed to serve on a committee for next year, please mark the date. A training session for the Deacons will also be scheduled for that day. Exact times for each committee's training session will be posted ASAP.