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Unfortunately, I also have to point out that there are still practical needs in the life of the church that must be met. Let me exhort you first, to pay attention and recognize the needs, and second, NOT to hear or read of the needs and just assume that someone else will do it. That may or may not be the case. Please prayerfully consider how **YOU** can help meet some of the needs.

Although most of these are spelled out more thoroughly in the body of this newsletter (as well as in the weekly bulletins), let me bring some specific needs to your attention. We need additional volunteers to: provide childcare in the nursery during church services on Sundays and Wednesdays; teach children during Children's Church; teach 3rd-4th Grade or 7th-9th Grade Sunday School classes; lead or assist 4 to 6 grade TeamKid classes or recreation; help with Children's Choir; be Greeters; help with Audio/Visual elements during church services and rehearsals; host or facilitate small groups; help set up and clean up Wednesday night meals; work on Martha's Kitchen teams (both serving meals and picking up food); help Facilities Committee with work projects around the church; help Meals on Wheels team prepare and/or deliver meals; sing with the choir; sing/play with CrossRoads. Plus, the Nominating Committee and the Church Council are about to begin the process of filling Committee and Deacon positions for next year; so please be prayerful about how you can help with those. So, to relate our current situation to my initial illustration, let me just point out: **THERE ARE A LOT OF DIRTY FEET THAT NEED TO BE WASHED.** There are a lot of practical needs that must be met in the life of the church.

Please take some time to recognize the needs and prayerfully consider how **YOU** can take the initiative to meet those needs. When you do, then you will be following Jesus' example. Let me close by finishing the "foot-washing" story. After washing the disciples' feet, and after pointing out the example that He was setting, Jesus said: ***"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them" (Jn 13:17).*** Be blessed! ***"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does" (Eph 6:7-8).***

Always remember: God Loves You and So do I!

Pastor Jimmy

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## The Timothy Award



For the month of September, ***The Timothy Award For Excellent Service*** goes to Jennie Gaskell and Mike Sanford. ***"Well done, good and faithful servants!" (Mt 25:21).*** Everyone take some time to express your appreciation to these exemplary servants in the church. To nominate someone for ***The Timothy Award***, contact your deacon or the pastor.

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS...



Everything is tentative this month. We are aiming for lunch and a movie at Mayfaire – "The Odd Life of Timothy Green", but we are not sure it will still be at the theater on Friday, September 7.

We'll leave the church at 11:00 a.m. for lunch (to be determined) and the movie at 1:20 p.m. We'll either use the van or carpool. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for updates on the movie. Please sign up on the poster in the hall if you are interested!!

Your Senior Committee

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## BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE

(As of 7-30-12)



Members: Drew Houston, Treasurer; Connie Lowe, Carolyn Mahon; Beverly Setzer, Jane Walker, and Jim Wind.

### WHERE DO WE STAND?

1. Monthly budget \$23,186
2. July 2012 general fund offerings \$36,864.
3. 2012 YTD general fund budget \$278,236.
4. YTD Offerings compared to budget to date are \$17,361 over budgeted amount.
5. Unrestricted cash on hand as of July 30th was \$63,413.

Our general fund offerings were above the monthly budgeted amount by \$13,678 for the month of July. This is a positive sign in light of the last month. We are \$17,361 over budgeted revenue through July. Please note that we have collected \$21,000 more in budgeted funds than we have expensed for the 1st seven months of the year. We collected \$2,292 in designated funds for the month. There are 5 more months left in the budget year, so all committee chairpersons should keep an eye on their budgets.

Please continue to help your church with your tithes and offerings as well as volunteering in any way that you can. God is surely blessing this church and thanks for all that each of you do.

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## 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).

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## 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. Copies will also be available in the church foyer.



It's that time again! We are gearing up now for the Fall Festival! It will be held on Saturday, November 3rd from 11 am to 2 pm. Mark your calendar! We are going to need a host of volunteers and smiling faces to appreciate the success we have enjoyed in years past. You can look forward to good food, games, a pie eating contest, music, hay rides, a bounce house and best of all..... the chance to Dunk a Deacon!

We need people to:

- man game booths and give out prizes
- serve food
- decorate
- provide candy, bottled water and prizes



There is something everyone can do in both big and small ways. It takes a lot of manpower to make something this beneficial to our children, youth and community to run efficiently! We have a mighty team of talent within the walls of FBCCB!!! Please call Kari Bergman and let her know how you can help.



### Children's Choir

The children seem to be enjoying themselves! I know I am! Thank you to everyone that has supported this new program by being there or providing snacks. If you are interested in "just being there" or providing snacks, just let me know. We are keeping it simple, pizza, subs, or sandwiches, nuggets, bagel bites, are a few suggestions. As always I ask that you keep our future leaders in your prayers! Please encourage any and all children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> to come. We meet every Sunday evening at 5 pm. A special thanks to Matt Longnecker for volunteering his Sunday evenings to run the video/audio! Thank you Matt. Call Marcelle Tyler for information.

### Called Church Conference



The church met for a Called Church Conference on Wednesday, August 22. Those present voted to give Tommy Tucker (realtor) and the Church Trustees the authority to receive or decline bids on the property on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue that the church is trying to sell.

### Middle School Girl's Group



Marlies Treppel will be leading a Middle School Girl's Group on the first Fridays of each month. The first meeting will be Friday, September 7 at Marlies' home from 6:30-9:00 pm. Please feed the girls supper before bringing them, but dessert will be provided. For more information and directions, contact Marlies .



### Back to School Bowling Bash

Join us for a Back to School Bowling Bash on Sunday, September 16th from 1 - 3 pm at Cardinal Lanes in Wilmington! All children & youth in 2nd - 12th grades are invited. Transportation from the church will be provided but is limited, so sign up early to have a seat on the van, otherwise we will have carpools for the rest who signed up. We will leave right after church at 12:30 pm. Pizza and the bowling will be provided along with lots of laughter and fellowship with your FBCCB friends.



### Federal Point Help Center

Another entity of our Federal Point Help Center is Operation Student outfitter. They will provide a new outfit of school clothing and shoes for children in need of assistance and attending Carolina Beach Elementary School, grades kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

The parents can complete a form for each of their children listing the child's name, grade, sizes for shirts, pants, shoes, underwear, and socks sizes. The clothes may be picked up at the Help Center, or at the school.

The forms are available at the Help Center, Monday – Friday from 10 am to noon. Families will be contacted when the clothes are available.

### Fall Coed Softball League



CHURCH /SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Our church is trying to put together a coed softball team for the Fall. Games will be on Thursday evenings from

September 15 through November 1, with a tournament on November 3. We need at least 3 women who can consistently be at the games. We will have our first practice on Sunday, September 2 at 3 pm at the field on Dow Rd. If interested, contact the church office ASAP.



## Small Groups



**EVERYONE** in our church family is encouraged to participate in a small group. There will be a few different small group options. Beginning Monday, Sept. 10, Bob Hodge will be leading a study on the Book of Galatians. Beginning Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 11 & 12, Kari Bergman (on Tuesdays at 7 pm) and Pastor Jimmy (on Wednesdays at 2 pm and 6:15 pm) will be leading a study by Francis Chan entitled *Crazy Love*, geared toward helping you dive deeper into God's love. Beginning, Thursday, Sept. 13, Victor Rozumny (on Thursdays at 6:30 pm) will be leading a study by John Piper entitled *When I Don't Desire God: How to Fight for Joy*, geared toward helping you find the joy God wants you to have in Christ. These two studies will be enhanced by optional book (\$11) and/or workbook (\$8). Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the stairway to indicate which group you will be joining and which resources you want to order. Financial assistance is available, so PLEASE don't let money concerns keep you from participating. Also remember the Be More Women's Group (Mondays at 7 pm beginning Oct. 8) and the Mentoring Men's Group (Tuesdays at 6:45 pm). Contact the church office for more information or to volunteer to host/facilitate a group.



Beginning on Wednesday, September 12, we will be offering a Wednesday Night Meal before the children's and adult activities. The Wednesday schedule will be supper from 5:30 to 6:15 pm and TeamKid and the Adult Bible Study from 6:15 to 7 pm. The meals will be catered with an estimated donation of \$6/person or \$15 per family (of 3 or more). Please make plans to join us each Wednesday for fellowship, meal, and study.



## Are you handy?

The Facilities Committee is searching for skilled and semi-skilled persons to assist with current and future facilities projects here at the church. Interested parties can contact Rich Abeling Here are a few of our projects: Ballast installation, Install ceiling tiles, and weather stripping.

## Carolina Beach Island Day



The Third Annual Island Day will be September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-5 pm at the Carolina Beach Lake. We will be setting up booths to represent our church. We need lots of volunteers to set up, to pass out Bibles, tracts, brochures, bottles of water, promotional items (cups, Frisbees, etc.), and cookies, to do face-painting, to lead games, to monitor inflatable slide and bouncy house, to mingle, and to clean up. Contact the pastor (458-5134) to share ideas or to volunteer.

## MARTHA'S KITCHEN BIBLE STUDY



Every Tuesday evening from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm (just before the Martha's Kitchen meal is served), Tom Campbell leads a Bible discussion group for all who wish to attend. It's held in the church Sanctuary. The topics chosen for discussion are based on applying our understanding of God and the Bible to everyday life. All are welcome to join the Bible discussion, but you must be at the church door at 5:30 pm.

## 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 or Richard and Lucy Bradsher. The next opportunity to serve will be Saturday, Sept. 22 at 10 am.

## Deacon Nominations

It is time to begin thinking and praying about whom we will nominate to be deacons for next year. Six of the twelve of our active deacons will complete their two-year terms of service at the end of December and will need to be replaced. Although the position of deacon is one of humble service, the Bible makes it clear that the task of appointing men and women to serve in that position should not be taken lightly. In fact, the Bible lists specific qualifications that should be present in the men and women whom are chosen to serve. Consider the following passages: **Acts 6:3 (NLT)**: "Now look around among yourselves, brothers, and select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will put them in charge of this business" and **1Timothy 3:8-12 (NLT)**: "Deacons must be people who are respected and have integrity.

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They must not be heavy drinkers and must not be greedy for money. They must be committed to the revealed truths of the Christian faith and must live with a clear conscience. Before they are appointed as deacons, they should be given other responsibilities in the church as a test of their character and ability. If they do well, then they may serve as deacons. In the same way, their wives must be respected and must not speak evil of others. They must exercise self-control and be faithful in everything they do. A deacon must be faithful to his wife, and he must manage his children and household well." The church bylaws state: "Eligibility to become a Deacon requires membership for one year before October 31, at least 18 years of age, and demonstrated support of the Church. The individual shall have the scriptural qualifications listed in Acts 6:1-6 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and a willingness to serve. At FBCCB, the deacons assist the pastor in ministering to the families of our church by keeping up with the needs of their assigned families and providing prayer and support to them, participating in the Lord's Supper services, and serving as coordinators for the various ministry teams. The church council has appointed a Deacon Nominating Task Force which will have the responsibility of securing nominations, discerning qualifications, confirming willingness to serve, and presenting nominations to the church for the election process (hopefully some time in November). Enclosed in this newsletter is a sheet listing the names of active church members who have been members for at least one year (as of Oct 31) and who are at least 18 years of age. Please review the list and prayerfully consider members whom you would recommend to the Deacon Nominating Task Force. You can call the church office (458-5134) with your recommendations.

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### Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

Each Monday night our church hosts Boy Scout Troop # 230 at 6:30 pm in the Education Building. For more information on these groups, contact Larry Pridgen.

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### TeamKid

TeamKid will start back on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:15 pm (following the Wednesday Night Meal at 5:30 pm). All children ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for a fun time of fellowship, recreation, and Bible Study.

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### TeamKid Volunteers Needed

We still need to recruit volunteers for the following areas: Wednesday Nursery Volunteer(s), Pre-K/K Assistant, 4-6 Grade Leader and Assistant, Recreation Leader. If you would be willing to help with TeamKid in any way, please contact the pastor ASAP.



Following the time of offering during both worship services, all children in K - 6th Grades are invited to join our children's leaders in the foyer to be led over to the second floor of the Education Building for a special time of worship and activities.

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### Children's Church Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for the 1st Sunday of the month for the 8:30 am service and for the 2nd Sunday of the month for the 11:00 am service. We have all of the necessary materials that you will need. All you have to do is review the material. Please call Angie Qureshi Thank you.



### Category 5

All youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to join us every Sunday afternoon at 5 pm for Category 5. We have great fellowship, fun activities, snacks, and Bible studies. Bring your friends! Contact Melinda Latta for more info.



### Fellowship/Friendship Building

How would you like to invite this group into your home?!!! Category Five would like to meet and spend time with a different family each month and get to know each other outside the church walls! This is your opportunity to learn all about these wonderful young people we are shaping to become our future leaders! Please call Melinda or Leslie to book a Sunday evening from 5 pm till 7 pm.



### Help Needed

We like to provide healthy snacks and drinks for children and youth when they meet. We need your help collecting individually wrapped snacks (cheese nips, snack bars, chips, pretzels, Handi-Snacks Cheese & Cracker dips, Gold Fish, etc.) and drinks (Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Capri-Suns, water, etc.). Anything and everything is appreciated! If you would like to donate snacks or drinks for the children and youth, please bring them to the church office or call Melinda Latta (297-8354). Thank you for your help and support!