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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!!

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

**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

**Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request please email/call Tom Campbell (tom@beachpc.com), the Church Office (458-5134), or fill out a Prayer card from the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

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**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.

**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 and help out. Contact Bob Hodge (458-4302) for info.



**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 at 910-233-5155.



**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.

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# The Lighthouse

A Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Carolina Beach

*Putting the Focus on Christ . . . in our personal lives,  
in our families, in our church, in our community, in our world!*

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Roger Sands  
Custodian

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Jeannie Arnold  
Brian Dew

Jennie Gaskell  
DeWayne Guy

Leslie Houston  
Shirley James

George Pinkston, Chairman  
Julie Pinkston

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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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## UNITE

One of the **GREATEST** things about being Baptist is congregational government. Each and every one who wants to participate gets a say and a vote. One of the **WORST** things about being Baptist is congregational government. Each and everyone who wants to participate gets a say and a vote. Any time there's a vote on something – big or small – there's a good chance that there will be differing opinions AND differing votes. Any time discussion precedes a vote, it becomes evident who is going to vote how. The rule of democratic, congregational government is that the majority vote wins. Unfortunately, that same language implies that the lesser vote loses. This situation offers much potential for division. Reflecting on our Called Church Conference on March 24, I have some thoughts that I would like to share. Although our differing opinions have the potential to divide us, let me remind you that **WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM!** Though we all may not fully agree on how to prioritize the needs, all the concerns expressed were valid and based on love for the church. Yes, the music ministry of the church is very important; experienced, talented, passionate leadership can greatly enhance our worship experiences. Yes, our church's money situation – being so far behind budget already – is a grave concern that needs to be addressed. Yes, financially meeting ANY budget and accomplishing ANY ministry goal requires great **FAITH**, sacrificial **COMMITMENT**, and diligent **STEWARDSHIP**. Yes, our church would benefit from hiring someone to lead our children's ministry. Yes, we have many talented and spiritually-gifted people who are volunteering (and who can volunteer) for ALL the different ministries of the church. All of you are **RIGHT!** The majority present at the meeting voted to go ahead and hire Amanda Hunter as our music director. Whether you agreed with the vote or not, now is the time to **UNITE** and move forward. If the vote came out your way – **Don't Gloat!** If the vote did not come out your way – **Don't Sulk!** Let me apply a few of the Apostle Paul's appeals for unity: *"Let there be real harmony so there won't be divisions in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, UNITED in thought and purpose" (1 Cor. 1:10, NLT).* *"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3, NIV).* *"Let's agree to use all our energy in getting along with each other. Help others with encouraging words; don't drag them down by finding fault" (Rom. 14:19, Msg).* We are the Family of God. We are the Body of Christ. During this potentially divisive time, our love for and commitment to Christ and our love for and commitment to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ should be our uniting bond. *"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" (Philip. 2:1-5).* **UNITE IN CHRIST!** Always remember: **Jesus Loves You and So Do I! Pastor Jimmy**



## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### 8:30 am Service

Hostess: Angie Qureshi

- 7 – Dawn Betz & Angie Qureshi
- 14 – Jennifer Brown & Marlies Treppel
- 21 – Peggy Creech & Dianne Wind
- 28 – Angie Leary Debbie Morris

### 11:00 am Service

Hostess:

- 7 – Barbara Bigley & Jane Walker
- 14 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
- 21 – Leslie Houston & Dianne Tucker
- 28 – Roxanna Barker & Liz Burge



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### 8:30 am Service

- 7 – Kelli Vanscoy
- 14 – Melinda Latta
- 21 – Angie Qureshi & Lenita Griffin
- 28 – Melissa Story

### 11:00 am Service

- 7- Drew & Leslie Houston
- 14 – NEED VOLUNTEERS
- 21 – David & Veronica Basydlo
- 28 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell



## WELCOME TEAM

### 8:30 am Service

- 7 – Ben & Beth Yarborough
- 14 – Peggy Creech & Matt Treppel
- 21 – Larry Pridgen & George Pinkston
- 28 – Brian Dew & Kari Bergman

### Sunday School

- 7 – Marie Underwood
- 14 – Reggie Barnes
- 21 – Leslie Houston
- 28 – Tommy Tucker

### 11:00 am Service

- 7 – Polly Hodges & John Lloyd
- 14 – Shirley James & Bill Zieska
- 21 – Glenda Hurley & Lucy Bradsher
- 28 – Jo Campbell & Barbara Bigley



## DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Brian Dew, Jennie Gaskell, Leslie Houston, Shirley James and George Pinkston.



## 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



### **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.



### **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.



### **Nursery**

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



### **Children's Church**

Following the time of offering during both worship services, all children in K – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### **Welcome Team**

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.



### **Prayer Time**

Everyone is encouraged to join the pastor every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am in the church library to pray for our church and community.



## Called Conference

On Sunday, March 24 the church met in a called church conference to discuss and vote on the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Amanda Hunter as our part-time Music Director. After much discussion, the church voted 37 to 21 to move forward and hire Ms. Hunter. She will begin service in two to three weeks.



## Quarterly Church Conference

All church members are encouraged to participate in our Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall. Among other business, we will be voting on new deacons. Please mark the date and plan on attending and participating in this important meeting.



## Deacon Ordination Service

We are tentatively planning a Deacon Ordination Service for a combined worship service at 11 am on Sunday, April 28. Please mark the date and plan on attending to affirm and support our newest deacons.

## Deacon Workshop

All active deacons are invited to and encouraged to participate in a Deacons' Workshop on Saturday, April 20 at 9 am. Contact George Pinkston for more information.



## April Anniversaries

April 3 – Chuck and Jeannie Ray  
April 4 – Will and Marjorie Colman  
April 9 – Sam and Cathy Prosser  
April 17 – Drew and Leslie Houston  
April 18 – Reed and Delores Bartley



## CHURCH "GET TOGETHER"

On the third Sunday nights 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 is Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Baptist Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us for our Baptist Men's meetings to enjoy a delicious breakfast, great fellowship, and plan mission projects. Meetings will be at 7 am on Sundays, April 14, June 9, August 11, October 13, and November 10.



## Welcome Our New Members

Everyone be sure to meet and get to know all our new members. The following people have recently joined our church family: Eddie Coats and Joy Mayo.



## 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.

Sixteen members of the Vera Harris Circle met on March 11. Plans were made for the upcoming Spring Fling on April 13, with Rev. Alicia Porterfield as our guest speaker. Mary Lou, Etha, and Lori will prepare the goody bags for the Meals on Wheels in March.

Jennifer presented an interesting missions program and Jean served delicious refreshments.

Our next meeting will be April 8 at 1 p.m. Marj Colman will bring the program with Linda Sands acting as hostess. Be sure to come.



## WMU Annual Spring Fling

Saturday, April 13, at noon.

We will have a Salad Luncheon with

Alicia Porterfield as our Guest Speaker.

All women are invited to come! Sign up on our sign up sheet on the bulletin board! Great Fellowship and we all know what a fantastic speaker Alicia is!!



## Bible Challenge

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a Read-the-Bible-through-in-a-Year challenge throughout 2013. Each month, we will print a daily Bible reading plan in the newsletter. Copies of the annual reading plan are also in the church foyer.

## Devotions Challenge

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a common one-year devotional book entitled *Jesus Calling* throughout 2013. Contact the church office to order the devotional book (\$9). The book offers a focal Scripture passage and a brief devotional thought for each day of the year.



## The Timothy Award

For the month of April *The Timothy Award For Excellent Service* goes to Sue Williamson and Gail Longnecker. "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.