

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

Eleven Seniors enjoyed the movie, "Courageous", at the church on March 14. We are looking for more good movies and will do this again!

Seven Seniors attended "Something Wonderful" (a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical) on March 24 at Winter Park Church. It really was "something wonderful"!

COMING UP....

On April 14, Saturday, from 2 – 4 p.m., we will be going to the rededication of the Japanese Garden at the Arboretum. We will observe a formal tea and Japanese musicians. It is free. We'll meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. and transportation will be announced later. A sign-up poster will be in the foyer.

LOOKING AHEAD....

By popular demand, we'll head to Southport in May. Dates and details will be announced later.

Your Senior Committee



BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE

(As of 2-29-12)

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. February 2012 general fund offerings \$20,316.
3. 2012 YTD general fund budget \$278,236.
4. Offerings compared to budget to date are \$2,054 under budgeted amount.
5. Unrestricted cash on hand as of February 29 was \$45,677.



Our general fund offerings were below the monthly budgeted amount by \$2,870. We are \$2,054 under budgeted amount through February. Please note that we spent \$1,763 more than we received in general fund offering for the month. We have spent \$2,290 less than we have received through two months ending February 29, 2012. We collected \$2,295 in designated funds for the month.

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.

LADIES' SPRING FLING -

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!!!



Remember last year when WMU had a wonderful, delicious Spring Fling brunch? WELL, WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN!!! On Saturday, April 21, from 9-11 am. we'll gather again to celebrate being a woman! The speaker will be announced later. There will be sign up posters in both buildings. Please plan to come for great food and fellowship.

Church Softball Team



The church will be sponsoring a Men's Softball Team that will begin playing games in the middle of April. Players can be 16 years or older. If you are interested in playing on the team, contact the pastor ASAP. Games are at the FBC-Wilm. field on Independence Blvd.

ZUMBA Class

We are trying to arrange for Rev. Alicia Porterfield to lead a ladies Zumba class at our church in the near future. If you are interested in participating, contact Peggy Creech or the pastor.



Wednesday Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesdays at 2 pm and/or 6 pm as we study **The Invisible War** by pastor and teacher Chip Ingram. This series will prepare you to do spiritual battle with the enemy of your soul - Satan ... and WIN! Though not required, the study will be enhanced by reading/working through the companion book and study guide (\$20 for both - financial assistance available).

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.

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 Timothy Award



For the month of March, *The Timothy Award For Excellent Service* goes to Shirley James & Julie Pinkston. **“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.

Be More... Bible Study

The Be More Women's Group

All women are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays at 7 pm as we study *Magnificent Obsession* by Ann Graham Lotz. Contact Marlies Treppel for info.

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.

HELP NEEDED – Martha's Kitchen

We are looking for a few more teams to pick up at the Food Lion for food for Martha's Kitchen. The pickup days are Mondays and Fridays. If you are free for a couple of hours on those days and have a few muscles, please contact Margie Underwood (790-5873). A new list of pickup dates will be coming out in May so please let Margie know as soon as possible. You will be rewarded by knowing that you have helped to provide meals for those less fortunate. Thanks.

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.



Easter Fest

April 7th at 11am – 2pm

Annual Easter Fest Celebration

It is that time of the year again the Easter Bunny is on the way to First Baptist Church in Carolina Beach. Please mark your calendars for this fun filled day for all ages. We will have blow-ups, games, food and an egg hunt. Please plan to come and bring all of your friends to this fun filled afternoon.

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.



TeamKid

All children ages 4 through 6th Grade are invited to come out on Wednesdays at 6 pm for a fun-filled hour of fellowship, recreation, Bible Study, and snacks.

TeamKid Volunteers Needed

We need a leader for the 4-6 Grade class, a leader for recreation, and some nursery workers (on Wed.). Contact the pastor if interested.

Children's Church

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.

Children's Church Volunteers Needed

We would like to add more leaders to work with our children at Children's Church during worship services on Sunday mornings. If we can obtain enough leaders, we would like to divide the children into two groups (1-3 Grades and 4-6 Grades) on Sunday mornings. If interested, contact the church office.



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.

Help Needed

We like to provide healthy snacks and drinks for the 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 Vickie Pridgen (612-4187) or Melinda Latta (297-8354). Thank you for your help and support!