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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 call the Church Office (458-5134), Frances Ray, frances_ray@charter.net) or fill out a Prayer card from the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

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.

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409 North Lake Park Boulevard
Carolina Beach, North Carolina 28428**



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.



Needs for the Help Center

The Federal Point Help Center is in need of the following items: Peanut butter, soup, canned fruit and canned meat or any other canned or dry goods, and toiletries. Please place your items on the table in the sanctuary.



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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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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Uncomfortable

Honestly, I don't like to be uncomfortable. I bet that you don't either. We live in a culture of convenience and comfort. We don't like being too cold or too hot. We don't like being sick. We don't like being inconvenienced. We don't like engaging in uncomfortable conversations. We don't like having to do someone else's work. We don't like having to go too much out of our way for anything. Perhaps that's why I've never been comfortable with passages like: **John 15:20**: “If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also” or **James 1:2**: “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds” or **Romans 5:3**: “we also rejoice in our sufferings” or **John 16:33**: “In this world you will have trouble. . .” Rejoice over my suffering – what???

This week, two things have given me a new (or maybe renewed) perspective on how God often works in our lives – especially through hardships. First, throughout the week, I've been receiving interesting and inspiring reports from our mission team in New York. Second, this week's lesson in our **God Provides** Bible study reminded me one of God's greatest promises about hope (Jer. 29:11). Some of you will probably hear this story when the mission team gives its report, but I still want to share it with all of you. Our mission team drove in a cramped van thirteen hours to get to Jamaica, New York. Their lodging consists of truck trailers that have been converted into bunk houses. Because of the cold weather, there is no running water in the bathroom. Because some of the heaters were broken, the bunk trailers stayed cold. In fact, their lodging was so cold and uncomfortable that, during their free time, they sought refuge and warmth in the closest establishment, which happened to be a bar. While there, they began to explain to their waitress why they were there (in New York, and in the bar). The conversation naturally transitioned to Christ, and soon they had led this young lady to a personal relationship with Jesus. One of the team members put the pieces together. Had they not been cold, they wouldn't have gone into the bar. Had they not gone into the bar, they wouldn't have had the conversation with the waitress. Had they not had the conversation with the waitress, she may have never heard the Gospel and been saved. So, amazingly, God worked out their uncomfortable situation for good. Then, believe it or not, when they got back to their trailer, a new heater had been added and the bunk house was toasty warm.

Perhaps that's exactly what God meant for us to understand when He gave us Bible verses like: **Romans 8:28**: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” and **Jeremiah 29:11**: “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’” and **2 Corinthians 4:17**: “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”

So the next time you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, look around for what God may be doing. It just may be an opportunity for you to share your faith or to see just how great and purposeful God is. Thank you Mission Team. Remember: Jesus Loves You And So Do I! Pastor Jimmy

FEBRUARY

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Angie Leary

3 – Angie Qureshi & Dianne Wind

10 – Melissa Story & Dawn Betz

17 – Jennifer Brown

24 – Peggy Creech & Angie Leary

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Jennie Gaskell

3 – Liz Burge

10- Jeff & Jennie Gaskell

17 – Leslie Houston & Barbara Bigley

24 – Dianne Tucker & Jane Walker



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

3- Kelli Vanscoy

10 – Melinda Latta

17 – Angie Qureshi & Lenita Griffin

24 – NEED VOLUNTEERS

11:00 am Service

3 – Drew & Leslie Houston

10 – Debra Benoy

17 – David & Veronica Basydlo

24 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell



WELCOME TEAM

8:30 am Service

3 - Ben & Beth Yarborough

10 – Youth Group

17 – Peggy Creech & Matt Treppel

24 – Larry Pridgen & George Pinkston

Sunday School

3 – Drew Houston

10 – Tommy Tucker

17 – Brian Dew

24 – Leslie Houston

11:00 am Service

3 – Inez Malloch & Carolyn Mahon

10 – Margie Underwood & Bernie Mitchell

17 – Polly Hodges & John Lloyd

24 – Shirley James & Bill Zieska



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 - 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.



TELLERS

Connie Lowe & Nyllia Mann



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.



February Anniversaries

February 1 – Jeff and Debbie Rachel

February 12 – Jim and Jennifer Kitts

February 14 – Ben and Beth Yarborough

February 15 – Dan and Lenita Griffin

February 20 – David and Sheila Long



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, February 17th.



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. Please join us on February 11th at 1 pm in the Bost Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.

Bible Readers Celebration Lunch

As promised, we would like to recognize and reward everyone who read through the whole Bible during 2012 by hosting a catered lunch on Sunday, February 24 at 12:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. If you read the whole Bible in 2012 and would like to join us for this celebration luncheon, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the stairwell or contact the church office.

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 February *The Timothy Award For Excellent Service* goes to Tammy Dew and Bill Zieska. **“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.



Office News & Deadlines

By Debbie



Deadline for the **March Newsletter is Feb. 15th.**

Please email your articles by the deadline.

Please do not leave receipts or anything in the mailbox for me, I am not being told that something is in there and the mailman is taking whatever is in there. Please call me and we can make some arrangements. Thank you

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. The next opportunity to serve will be Saturday, February 23rd at 10 am.

Be More.....Women's Study Group

Our Be More Bible Study class will begin on Monday, February 18th at 6:30 pm in the Bost Fellowship Hall. Ladies come and join us as we find our “Boundaries” by Henry Cloud and John Townsend. This is a 9 week course, concluding on April 22nd. If you are interested in this study please call Shirley and let her know by Wednesday, February 6th so we may order your materials for this study. For more information you can contact Shirley James

Baptist Men's Breakfast



We have breakfast, fellowship, a devotion, and set up mission projects to do in the community. All men are welcome to join us. **Sunday, February 10 at 7 am.** Please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in hallway.