



“Friendship Trek”

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching. Please call now to volunteer your help. (Operators are standing by: Jennifer Kitts, 538-9295, or the church office, 458-5134.) We need leaders for crafts, music, Bible Story time, snack suppers, and more!

We need you!

VBS happens July 7th - 11th from 5:30 - 8:00pm. Make plans now to bring your children and invite others to participate in this week of fun and excitement!

This is a great opportunity to minister to our children and to reach out to the community, teaching them about God's love. So grab your gear and join us on an amazing hike through the Bible to meet Jesus, our Forever Friend.



Transformation!



If you have not had the opportunity to see (and admire) our new playground, please make it a point to do so. We all know our playground area was sorely in need of a major overhaul. Saturday that is exactly what happened. Including the ladies who made and served lunch (and other goodies), over twenty people came together to re-create a beautiful, functional playground for our children. A wooden privacy fence was erected, swing sets shifted and new swings installed, mulch spread under the swings for safety – complete with borders to contain the mulch and separate the new soil that was spread and new sod that was laid.

Our work is not yet completed, but the difference is amazing! In addition to the beautiful results of our work, the fellowship of working together was delightful. It was like having church – right there in the midst of the dirt and sweat and tired muscles. At the center of it all was joy and laughter, excitement, a community working together for a common goal and purpose. Our love for God and for our children was certainly at the heart of our labor. Thanks to everyone who helped, and thanks be to God.



“Field Day” Fun!

The Children's Committee organized a “Field Day” for our children that took place Saturday afternoon.

Events included relay races, Frisbee throw, egg toss, hoola-hoop contest, an obstacle course, and yes, the dreaded balloons filled with shaving cream. Root beer floats added the perfect treat to a fun-filled afternoon. Thanks to everyone who helped organize and host this special event.



Hey YOUth!

It's time for Sonfest at Carowinds! The fun happens Saturday, June 14th. Following free time at the amusement park, several groups of Christian artists will perform, including one of the biggest groups in the world of Contemporary Christian Music - Third Day. Switchfoot, Hawk Nelson, Red, Runkidrun are also scheduled to perform. Mark Stewart from Audio Adrenaline will be the Special Guest Speaker.

The cost is \$43 per ticket, plus lunch and spending money while at the park. Permission Slips and ticket money (\$43) need to be in by Wed, June 3rd so we can reserve seats. Invite your friends and join us for a fun day!



STEWARDSHIP FINANCE UPDATE

(As of April 30, 2008)

WHERE DO WE STAND?



Budget needs year to date	\$87,447.68
Receipts year to date	\$79,757.30
Compared to budget	(\$7,690.38)
Unrestricted cash on hand	\$12,746.56
Monthly budget	\$21,861.92

Our membership and friends have been faithful in their giving so far this year with March being the best month ever on record! April gifts were \$18,632.60 and with one Sunday left in May, receipts so far are \$15,646.33 this month. Thank you and please continue to tithe and give as generously as you possibly can!

Camper Fund Raiser: As of May 18th, 551 tickets have been sold equally \$11,020.00



Members, friends and business's are working hard this week to make this fund raiser as successful as possible and the drawing will be held at 1PM this Saturday, May 24th at Rex and Son's on College Blvd. in Wilmington. Some lucky person is going to win a beautiful camper donated to our church by Rex and Son's and the church will benefit with funds raised. The winner and final receipts will be announced in the church bulletin and next months Lighthouse. Thanks to all who helped and had fun with this campaign.

Tax Stimulus Check: Most of church council have pledged to give their checks, over and above their tithe, to the general fund to help our church catch up its budget. Please consider joining them if you can and God bless all for their generosity.



The Pastor Search Committee is at work seeking God's Will for the next pastor of FBCCB. *Please do your part by making the church as attractive as possible in every way that you can by praying, tithing, serving, bring someone to Sunday School, Worship and to Wednesday night bible study.*

Thank you for being a generous and loving congregation.

Stewardship Finance Committee

