



Needs for the Help Center

The Federal Point Help Center is in need of the following items: Pasta sauce, dried milk powder, macaroni & cheese, soup, jelly or any other canned or dry goods are gratefully accepted. Please place your items on the table in the sanctuary.



Martha's Kitchen Every Tuesday, 6 – 7 PM

Everyone is invited to participate in our weekly ministry of offering a warm, free meal to members of our community. You can help by just coming out on Tuesdays at 6 pm to pitch in wherever needed, interact with our guests, join a team or put together a new team, or donating supplies. Contact Bob Hodge (458-4302) for info.

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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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.



Office News

By Debbie

Deadline for the April Newsletter is March 19th.
Email or fax your items.



Do You Facebook?? Come and Join us!!



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!!

Become a FAN of Category Five...

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

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The Lighthouse

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“In the heart of the community with the community at heart”

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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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Putting the Focus on Christ . . . In Our Personal Lives

I don't know about you, but I, personally, have been experiencing somewhat of a revival as we have engaged in the charge to **PUT THE FOCUS ON CHRIST**. Many of you have shared with me how our sermon series aimed at getting to know Jesus better has given you a new excitement about your relationship with Christ. Each Sunday during worship we will continue to focus on Jesus' story, ministry, and teachings. I'm convinced that, the more we know about Jesus' life, the more it will endear Him to us, and consequently, the more it will enable us to develop and deepen our relationship with Him. Over the next few months, in our newsletter, we're going to breakdown some of the practical ways we can actually focus on Christ in the various aspects of our lives – personal, families, church, community, and world. So, first, how can we put the focus on Christ *in our personal lives*?

The absolute first step is to make sure that you have entered into a personal and intimate relationship with Him. Have you accepted His gift of grace and invited Him, in faith, to be your Savior?

Second, make sure that you have accepted Jesus' invitation to be His disciple. This involves more than belief; it involves purposeful and sometimes sacrificial commitment. Have you consciously chosen to make Jesus the Lord (or manager) of your life? Are you submitting your life to Jesus' authority, will, beliefs, commands, priorities, example, and agenda?

Third, make sure that you have committed yourself to learning, knowing, obeying, and following (living by) Jesus' commands and teachings as revealed in the Bible. Jesus made it clear that there is a direct correlation between our love and our obedience; He taught: *“If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching”* (Jn 14:23-24). Prayerfully seek to make choices, decisions, commitments, words, and activities that are consistent with and that honor Jesus' character, purposes, and commands.

Fourth, make it a habit to dedicate your days and activities to Jesus. The Apostle Paul suggested: *“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”* (Col 3:17).

Fifth, invest in your friendship with Jesus. Do the same things that you would do to build a better relationship with any person. Share your life stories together. Get to know each other better. You can learn more about Jesus' life by reading the Bible (particularly the four Gospels). Communicate often (the more the better). Pray continually. Spend quality time together. Actively do things to show Him your love. Look for ways to build Him up.

The more we learn to focus on Christ in our personal lives, the closer we will grow in our relationship with Him. But more than that, the more fulfilled in life we will be. Plus, the more we focus on Christ, the more useful to God we will be, for other people will see Jesus in us and will be drawn to Him.



NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Beverly Setzer

- 4 – Beverly Setzer & Dawn Betz
- 11 – Shelia Marshall & Jennifer Brown
- 18 – Melissa Story & DeWayne Guy
- 25 – Larry & Vickie Pridgen

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Jane Walker

- 4 – Jane Walker & Inez Malloch
- 11 – Rich & Becky Abeling
- 18 – Jim & Jennifer Kitts
- 25 – Roxanna, Miki & Mandy Barker



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

- 4 – Larry & Vickie Pridgen
- 11 – Melinda Latta
- 18 – Angie Qureshi
- 25 – Trae & Beverly Setzer

11:00 am Service

- 4 – Drew & Leslie Houston
- 11 – Roxanna Barker & Beverly Lovingood
- 18 – David & Veronica Basydlo
- 25 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell



WELCOME TEAM

8:30 am Service

- 4 – Ralph Guy & Mike Sanford
- 11 – George Pinkston & Bobby Isgett
- 18 – Larry Pridgen & David Longnecker
- 25 – Kari Bergman & Aris Axelgard

Sunday School

- 4 – Sue Williamson
- 11 – Marie Underwood
- 18 – Reggie Barnes
- 24 – Donna Mitchell

11:00 am Service

- 4 – Glenda Hurley & Barbara Bigley
- 11 – Jo Campbell & Lucy Bradsher
- 18 – Youth Group
- 25 – Bill Zieska & Shirley James



DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Lee Latta, Melinda Latta, Brian Dew,
& Shirley James



TELLERS

Connie Lowe & Nyllia Mann



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



Welcome Team

We would like to extend the opportunity for additional people to serve as Greeters, Ushers, and Contacters. If you would like to be a part of the rotation on Sundays, please contact the church office.



March 16 – Jim and Dianne Wind
March 25 – Richard and Lucy Bradsher



If you have a prayer request please call the Church Office (458-5134), or Frances Ray (458-8184) or fill out a Prayer card from the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL "GET TOGETHER"

The Sunday school classes meet at a restaurant and have dinner together. It is on the third Sunday night at 6 pm. We always have a good time fellowshiping. Come join us.



Wednesday Adult Bible Study

We will begin on March 14th with our Adult Bible Study. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Baptist Men's Breakfast & Projects



The Baptist Men Group meets the first Saturday of each month at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. We have breakfast, fellowship, devotion, and set up mission projects to do in the community. All men are welcome to join us. The next breakfast & meeting is Saturday, March 3.

The Baptist Men group would like to make itself available for service projects for our church members and community. If you have a need, or know someone with a need, contact Richard Bradsher.



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. The next meeting is Monday, February 13 at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Be More... Bible Study

Starting on Monday, March 12th at 7 pm, Bost Fellowship Hall. Our new study will be Ann Graham Lotx, "Magnificent Obsession". Call Marlies Treppel for info.

Prayer Time

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



Marriage Retreat

The church will be facilitating a marriage retreat entitled The Art of Marriage on Friday and Saturday, March 16-17. The retreat will offer 6 one-hour sessions that include video lessons taught by leading Christian experts on marriage and family, as well as couple assignments. The schedule will be as follows:

Friday, March 16

Session 1 - 7-8 pm

Love Happens (purpose of marriage)

Session 2 - 8:15-9:15 pm

Love Fades (drift to isolation)

Saturday, March 17

Session 3 - 8:30-9:30 am

Love Dances (roles)

Session 4 - 9:45-10:45 am

Love Interrupted (communication)

Session 5 - 11 am-12 pm

Love Sizzles (romance and sex)

12:00-1:30 - Lunch (on own);

Session 6 - 1:30-2:30 pm

Love Always (legacy).



The only cost is \$35 per couple for the workbook. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 2. Go to www.familylife.com for more information.

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.

The Timothy Award



For the month of March, *The Timothy Award For Excellent Service* goes to Brian Dew and Jeannie Arnold. "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.

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).