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Fire has the ability to burn away what is no longer needed so that something new can start growing. A fellow pastor in the Midwest recently explained to me how naturally occurring prairie fires are essential to the health and growth of the landscape. Fire burns away old brush and dead grass so that new growth can receive essential space, light, and nutrients. Fire makes room for a new thing.

In the life of our church, it's time for a *new thing*. After much prayer, hard work, and by the grace of God, we are about to welcome a new pastor to lead our congregation into this next chapter of our life together! It's time to let the fire of the Holy Spirit burn in each of us and through us as a congregation to do away with what does not bless and help us flourish so that what *does* can grow.

At Pentecost, God the Spirit started something new: the church. As we embrace this new season in the life of our church, may the Spirit burn bright in us, allowing us to be a full and faithful part of this new thing God is doing!

Know that I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to have learned and grown alongside you this year! The Spirit has used this time to mold and refine me and you have been so loving and gracious as I have learned along the way. What *sheer joy* it has been to participate in worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship with you! I will be learning from this experience for years to come and thanking God "every time I remember you" (Philippians 1:3).

Love and Prayers,
Alicia



Cub Scouts

Each Monday night, our church hosts Cub Scout Pack #230 at 7 pm in the Education Building.



Riptide Believers Youth

All youth are invited!! Questions?
Please call Dara Newberry (262-1137)

BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE

(As of 3-31-16)



Members: Treasurer: Jim Wind, Jerry Johnson,
Beverly Lovingood, Connie Lowe, Donna Mitchell.

WHERE DO WE STAND

1. Monthly Budget \$23,846. YTD Budget \$71,538.
2. March 2016 general fund offerings \$17,591. YTD offerings \$58,779.
3. March offerings were 64% of March's budget. YTD offerings 78.3% of budget.
4. Unrestricted cash on hand as of March 31, 2016 was \$65,555.
5. Account 5115 CBFNC Mission Resource Plan (our church 10% tithe) paid for March.
6. Designated fund offering for March \$2,321. YTD designated offerings \$6,382. Designated fund balance \$139,129.



Members and friends who have offering envelopes, please use them each week.

This helps make the tellers' jobs much easier and more accurate. Please put your name on the envelope, and mark where you want to apply the funds (General Fund or some other designated account). If you don't use an envelope, a teller needs to create the envelope for you. This takes a lot of time, and is unnecessary. Thanks for your co-operation.



Our Young Adults

If you are college age(ish) and would like to join us, please contact Melinda Latta!!!

Riptide Believers Youth Group
May 15, 2016
SUNDAY 4PM-6PM
DON'T MISS FUN & FELLOWSHIP
WITH FRIENDS
CARDINAL LANES, SHIPYARD

Getting to know our newest member Georgia Morgan!



1. Tell us a bit about yourself.

I was born in Whiteville, NC, in 1940, graduated from high school in 1958, left home, worked for the federal government, married, had 2 children, divorced, moved back to NC for a couple of years so that my kids could meet my side of the family, moved to the Washington, DC area when my daughter graduated from high school, worked in seaports all over the world, including 10 months in Saudi during Desert Storm at the port of Dammam, retired, and moved back to NC to be where people had to love me because they were kin to me. Since my retirement, I have gone to college and earned my bachelor's and my master's degrees. I have never remarried. I am a member of the DAR, the League of Women Voters, Democracy Now, Island Women, and the Pilot Club (charitable organization).

2. Tell us about your family.

I have two unbelievable children - a son born in 1967 and a daughter born in 1971. I have their love and respect and they absolutely have mine. They were ages 6 and 3 when we divorced and they have brought me lots of laughter and very few tears. I am blessed. I have two grandchildren - a girl who is a freshman at Kansas University and a boy who is a 10th grader in high school. My granddaughter concentrates on boys and how she looks. My grandson concentrates on basketball. Basketball runs in our family... My mother, born in 1900, played in high school in Wilmington and I played at Acme-Delco. My son played and later coached a youth team when my grandson was younger. Go Duke!

3. What brought you to Carolina Beach and what drew you to FBC?

While I was working in other countries, the government paid per diem. In Japan and Korea, particularly, the amount paid was significant and I used it to buy a couple of places at Carolina Beach for investment purposes. (I looked at Wrightsville Beach; but it was too expensive.) After I retired, I moved into one of them. I shopped around for a church and found First Baptist to be a good fit for me. I would like to serve by cooking and giving caregivers a break.

4. Eastern or Western NC Barbecue? I definitely prefer eastern barbecue.

Britt's or Wake-n-Bake? I am hooked on Wake and Bake apple fritters but have limited myself to one a month.



Meet Our Newest Deacon for 2016



1. Tell us about your background.

Well, I've been in North Carolina for about 12 years now; I'm a Maryland transplant who just fell in love with this state and more specifically this coastal community. Also, I am in the middle of a career change that has me back in school. I have 4 more semesters to go and I'll have earned my Masters in Social Work. YAY... These are very exciting and challenging times for me.

2. What brought you to FBCCB? What keeps you here?

Lots of prayer. I prayed very earnestly for a home church and in an answer to prayer our Lord led me to FBCCB. What keeps me here is the presence of the Holy Spirit I see in my Christian brothers and sisters; the love they show me and the truth of the gospel of Christ that they live out in their daily walk with the Lord.

3. What are some of your favorite ways to serve here and in our community? What do you like to do for fun?

If I didn't have to be concerned about paying bills I would be a full time volunteer. I love to do volunteer service. Currently, I teach 2 life skills classes at the Salvation Army in Wilmington - but it really doesn't matter so much how I serve. It could be something as simple as sitting and reading to someone who can no longer see or handing out stuffed animals to children cancer patients.

4. Tell us about anticipating serving as a deacon for the first time.

Actually, I am a little intimidated. I get a little anxious whenever I walk through a God-opened door (which is what I consider this to be) because you never how it's going to turn out. Admittedly, I like to know details in advance of making a commitment, and God just doesn't work like that. He is notoriously fuzzy when it comes to details. He never says "Go, everything is going to turn out fine." He just says "Go, I'm coming with you."

5. Share with us one of your favorite Bible verses/passages/people.

There are just so many, but my all-time personal favorite can be found in the book of Jeremiah, 29:11, 13.

"For I know the plans that I have for you "declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come to pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart."