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Paul encouraged: "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love" (Rom 12:10). John challenged: "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (1 Jn 3:18).

Fifth, we put the focus on Christ in our church by doing our part in the Body of Christ by serving one another. Paul painted the picture: "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (Rom 12:4-5). Further, he taught: "From [Christ the Head] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Eph 4:15-16). Therefore, let us "Serve one another in love" (Gal 5:13).

And finally, we put the focus on Christ in our church by doing His work. Jesus made it clear that He came to "seek and to save what was lost" (Lk 19:10) and to teach and preach about, and invite people to enter, the Kingdom of God. Then before ascending into Heaven, Jesus charged: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20). As Jesus' followers, we have been commissioned with the ongoing task of building up God's Kingdom by introducing people to, and teaching them about, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Heb 12:2). Let us put the focus on Christ . . . IN OUR CHURCH! Always remember: Jesus Loves You and So Do I!

Pastor Jimmy



## SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

On Wednesday, May 16, we will hop on the bus and head to Southport by way of the ferry! Let's meet at 10:45 a.m. and aim to catch the 11:30 a.m. ferry. We'll lunch in Southport, shop a bit and head home. If Roger is willing, we'll stop at Holden's Farm and load up on fresh veggies! Bring a few extra dollars to pay for the ferry (still \$5) and gas. Sign up and hop aboard!!



### LOOKING AHEAD...

We are looking into a luncheon cruise on the Henrietta for June. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch and a 1-1/2 hour tour of the river. We'll have the details next month.

### ALSO....

There is another Christian movie, "Octoberbaby", out. When we can secure a copy, the showing will be announced in the church bulletin.

Your Senior Committee

## BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE

(As of 3-31-12)



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. March 2012 general fund offerings \$21,246.
3. 2012 YTD general fund budget \$278,236.
4. Offerings compared to budget to date are \$1,940 under budgeted amount.
5. Unrestricted cash on hand as of March 31 was \$43,024.

Our general fund offerings were below the monthly budgeted amount by \$1,940. We are \$3,993 under budgeted amount through March. Please note that we spent \$2,123 more than we received in general fund offering for the month. We have spent \$168 less than we have received through the three months ending March 31, 2012. We collected \$1,368 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.

### Wednesday Bible Study



We will continue our study on spiritual warfare, *The Invisible War*, by Chip Ingram at both 2 pm and 6 pm each Wednesday through May 9. On Wednesday, May 16, at both 2 pm and 6 pm, we will begin a new study entitled *Distortions*, by Pete Wilson. This study focuses on how our adversary has distorted our interpretations of reality . . . ourselves, our world, our God, our desire, our destination, and our relationships. It offers a conversation intended to remove the veil that so discreetly shrouds what is real - what God intended us to see and feel. This will be a 6-week study. Though not required, the study will be enhanced by reading/working through the companion workbook (\$9 - financial assistance available). To sign up, to order a workbook, or to get more information, contact Pastor Jimmy

### 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).

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## The Timothy Award



For the month of March, *The Timothy Award For Excellent Service* goes to Beverly Setzer and Lona Thompson.

**“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.

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## Sunday School Picnic



Everyone get geared up for our annual Sunday School Picnic. This year we will meet at our church shelter from 3 - 7 pm on Saturday, June 16. We will have barbeque chicken this year, our chef will be Ray Griffin again. All are invited; more details will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

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## ZUMBA Class



Beginning Thursday, May 10, Alicia Porterfield will be leading a ladies' ZUMBA class at our church on Thursdays at 6 pm.

The cost is \$5 per class. For more information, contact Peggy Creech or the church office.

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## MARTHA'S KITCHEN BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday evening from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm (just before the Martha's Kitchen meal is served), Tom Campbell will lead a Bible discussion group for all who wish to attend. It's held in the church Sanctuary. The topics chosen for discussion are based on applying our understanding of God and the Bible to everyday life. All are welcome to join the Bible discussion, but you must be at the church door at 5:30 pm.



## The Art of Marriage Seminar

The church would like to make a small group/personal version of *The Art of Marriage* seminar available to any couples/groups that are interested in going through the study. Contact the pastor for more information.

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## Primary Voter Guides

Part of Christians being "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13) is exerting our Christian worldview at the polls. Primary elections are coming up on Tuesday, May 8. After sending questionnaires concerning relevant political concerns to all candidates, the North Carolina Family Policy Council has activated its 2012 Primary Election Voter Guide Website ([ncfamily.org](http://ncfamily.org)). It is impartial and nonpartisan and features responses directly from the candidates about where they stand on issues such as: a marriage protection amendment, abortion, adoption, budget and taxes, school choice, sex education, gambling, homosexual rights, religious freedom, embryonic stem cell research, end of life decisions, and more. The easy-to-use website also includes links to the candidates' individual responses, including additional comments and explanations submitted by candidates. Take some time to research the various candidates' views on important issues, pray diligently, and vote according to Christian, godly, biblical values.

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## Youth Mission Week



The youth of the church will be engaging in a Home Mission Week from 9 am to 2 pm on Monday through Thursday, June 25-28. We are currently accepting requests for mission projects (yard work, painting, etc.) for the youth. We need a few project supervisors during that week. We also need families/individuals to provide lunches for the youth each day. To celebrate a week of hard work for the Lord, the youth will head up to Busch Gardens theme park that Friday and Saturday. For more information or to make a project request, contact Melinda Latta or the pastor.

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## 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.

## Youth Sponsored Multi-Family Yard Sales

It's that time of year again! The youth are hosting the multi-family yard sales again this year. To reserve a spot for only \$20 please call Melinda at 910-297-8354. You show up with all your treasures and watch the crowd's role in to purchase all those wonderful things you have to sell!!



The more families we have the larger the crowds and the more successful you are at selling everything! Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 am until 12 noon!

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## Family Night on the Boardwalk

It's that time of year again! We are helping out on June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be face painting and reaching out to the community!! Please Call Melinda 297-8354 if you can help!

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## It's that time of Year Again!!!

June 24<sup>th</sup> thru June 29<sup>th</sup>

With the overwhelming success of last year and the expectation that we will be even bigger this year we need volunteers to help with VBS! Don't miss out on this opportunity to get involved! If you can help, please call Vickie at 910-612-4187.

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## Recycle Easter Eggs Please!!!

Easter Fest was a success and we thank everyone who helped!!! Next year, we expect even more kids so if you would please help us by bringing us those left over plastic eggs we would like to have even more eggs for the kids to hunt! Our goal is a thousand eggs per age group next year and to do that we need more plastic eggs!!! Just drop them off with Melinda or Vickie or the church office! Thanks in Advance for all that you do to help us reach the community!!!



## TeamKid

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

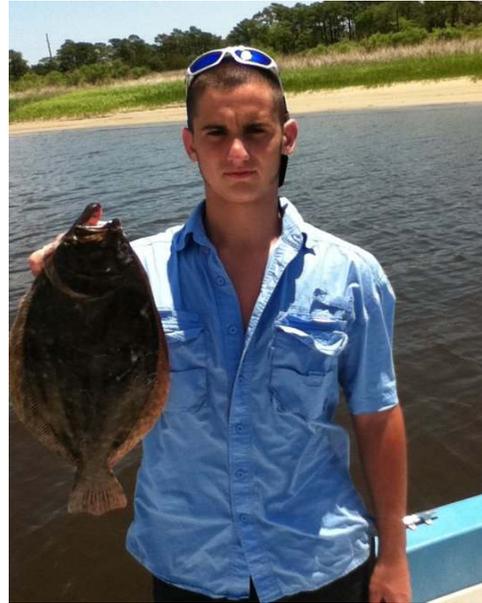


## Help Needed

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!

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct thy paths."  
Proverbs 3:6



## Senior Sunday at FBCCB

On Sunday, June the 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be celebrating a very big milestone in the lives of two of our own – GRADUATION!

Miki Barker - Eugene Ashley High School

Nick Scuzo – Coastal Christian High School

We will have a Combined Worship Service at 11 am for our graduates and their families to be honored and congratulated and loved on by their church family!  
Please come out and help us celebrate a wonderful time in the lives of our very special young adults!

# Easter Fest 2012



