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Jesus reassured his disciples before his death that the losses to come were not the last word: "Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." (John 14: 1-4)

In this season of change, may these promises take root in our hearts. No matter what losses or changes we face, Jesus is with us and has gone before us, preparing the way. Even in the endings, even in the letting go, we will find blessing in him.

With October's Blessings,
Alicia



VOLUNTEER NEEDS

URGENT!

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery rotation for the 11:00 service has recently narrowed down to 4 volunteers, which is just one nursery worker per Sunday. We **REALLY** need to add some volunteers to our rotation. **EVERYONE PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HELPING OUT WITH OUR NURSERY MINISTRY!!!!!!** If you would be willing to help, please contact Tammy Dew (350-6747) or the church office.



Welcome Team Volunteers

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.



Martha's Kitchen Food Lion Pick Up

We need additional volunteers to join our Martha's Kitchen food pick-up teams. Teams are responsible for picking up the donated food from the store and delivering it to the church and putting it away in the freezers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Church Office (458-5134).



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



BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE

(As of 8-31-15)



Members: Treasurer: Jim Wind, Tammy Dew, Jerry Johnson, Donna Mitchell, Jane Walker.

WHERE DO WE STAND

1. Monthly Budget \$24,027. YTD Budget \$192,219.
2. August 2015 general fund offerings: \$23,737. August offerings were under budget by 1.22%. We are behind \$32,705 for the YTD through August, compared to \$32,415 at the end of July. In order to meet budget, offerings must be \$32,204 per month for the remainder of 2015.
3. YTD Expenditures as of August 2015: Total Expenditures: \$162,278; YTD Budget \$192,219.
4. Year to Date general fund offerings: \$159,514. Year to date offerings were 80% of YTD budget, which is the same ratio as July.
5. Unrestricted cash on hand as of August 31, 2015 was \$57,908 (Compared to \$54,908 for July).
6. Designated fund offerings for August were very generous: \$14,762. \$10,000 was a designated offering to the Martha's Kitchen offering. YTD Designated offerings: \$28,220.
7. Account 1039 Martha's Kitchen has \$67,341 designated cash available.
8. Account 5115 CBFNC Mission Resource Plan (our church 10% tithe) paid for August.
9. Account 5400 Electricity expense through August was \$8,137. This is very close to the budgeted amount of \$8,000 through August.

Committee Chairs should be receiving a budget request form in the mail in the upcoming days, if you haven't already. If you need assistance filling this out, you can contact Debbie or me. Remember, a living, New Testament church focuses on ministry and outreach to others, and operates in faith and in stewardship.

I want to share a resource with our church family. All I ask if you recover cash from this site, that you share it with the church. The website is www.unclaimed.org. This resource links to all the State Treasury departments across the US. When you click on a state, you will be brought to that state's treasury department. You may need to look a little bit, but there will be a link about unclaimed property. Type in your last name (maiden name, too, for you ladies), or your business name (past or current) and search for an address match. If you find a match, you follow the direction for that particular state to file a claim. It can usually be done through the web site, or you can claim it through the mail if you are more comfortable with that. If you have lived in another state, be sure to look there too. I know we all have unclaimed blessings all over our lives, beyond the financial. The Budget and Finance committee prays that you and your family claim ALL your blessings through God's Son, Jesus Christ!



FALL FESTIVAL AND TRUNK-OR-TREAT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST, 5P-7P

Come help us celebrate FALL with God's beloved children in our congregation and neighborhood! We are planning to have a simple hot dog supper, a bouncy pirate ship (!!), face painting, and TRUNK OR TREAT for the kiddos. We will be recruiting volunteers to help bless our children and especially people to bring and decorate their cars for TRUNK OR TREAT. Keep an eye and ear out for details to come and please be praying for how God will use you as we reach out to show God's love to the littlest of these!

We need contributions of candy for the Fall Festival, deadline Sunday, October 25th. If you would like to donate, please bring your bags of candy to the church office. Thank you



Children's Chat



In October, November, and December, we will incorporate a time for "Children's Chat" during the 11 o'clock service, beginning October 11th. Children preschool-5th grade will be invited to come forward for a special, brief devotional designed just for them. After the devotional, children K-3rd grades will head over to the Ark for Children's Church led by Molly Painter. We all look forward to learning together with our children and making sure that they know how welcome and loved they are here at First Baptist!



Our Young Adults

If you are college age(ish) and would like to join us, please contact Melinda Latta!!! Thanks to this great group for helping at VBS!!! We are so proud of you!!!



Riptide Believers Youth Meeting Dates

Tuesday, Oct. 6 – 5:30 – 7 pm; Sunday, Oct 11 – 5:30 – 7 pm; Tuesday, October 20 – 5:30 – 7 pm; Sunday, Oct 25 – Defy Gravity – times will be announced soon. Keep an eye on the bulletin!!!! All youth are invited!! Questions? Please call Dara Newberry (262-1137)



Cub Scouts

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



First Baptist Church of Carolina Beach would like to thank Tommy & Dianne Tucker in their generous gift of mulch to our Church. Also thanks to Eddie & Joy Coats for the installation of the mulch. The secret of life is that all we have and are is a gift of grace to be shared!



Dara and I would like to take a moment to personally thank each and every individual that participated in the 2015 "Heart of Hope" Run/Walk.

Due to your obedience we are able to write (2) \$3,000.00 checks to feed the children of less than desirable circumstances right where we live. The Run/Walk for 2015 surpassed what we were able to give in 2014 by \$2,000.00! We will continue to have "Donation Stations" in place around the island for hats, gloves, and scarfs. Let's keep these little ones warm this fall. If you have any questions please feel free to ask. 100% of what we raise benefits the children on Pleasure Island, 100%!

God bless you all and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Molly Painter & Dara Newberry