

## FINANCIAL REPORT

May 10, 2009

Budget  
Offerings \$ 17,397.15  
Budget Needs  
Per Week \$ 12,616.08  
Budget Needs  
To Date \$239,705.46  
Budget Receipts  
To Date \$245,448.04

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

May 10, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	25
Grades 1 - 2	4
Grades 3 - 4	7
Grades 5 - 6	10
Junior High	5
Senior High	14
Journey as One Class	6
Shuford Class	5
Young Adult Class	26
Ladies Class	7
Ledbetter Class	28
Beam Class	24
Samaritan Class	13
20-30 Something Class	4
Washington Trip	<u>29</u>
	211

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 17, 2009

### BABIES

HELP NEEDED, PLEASE!!

### TODDLERS

Shane and Jennifer Fox

### TWO YEAR OLDS

Joe and Becky Gibbons

### THREE YEAR OLDS

Joey and Angie Greene

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

John and Amy Moore

Please come to the  
Nursery at 10:50 a.m.

## YOUTH NEWS

There are no regular scheduled youth activities on Sunday, May 17, so that the youth can participate in our church wide Spring Fling.

## MUSIC NOTES

### Parents of Children - Grades 1 - 6

The children will present their musical on Sunday evening, May 17, as a part of our Spring Fling. Please have your child in place by 6:00 p.m. Don't forget the sun glasses!

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### CALDWELL COUNTY'S 2009 CELEBRATION OF LIFE

For Senior Citizens  
(age 60 and over)

Friday, May 15  
Caldwell County  
Fairgrounds  
Music, Door Prizes  
and Lunch!

Free event in recognition of National Older Americans Month and in honor of the many contributions of our Senior population.

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING UP JUNE 22!

If you can volunteer to help during VBS, please contact Amy Moore at 244-2975 or Lucy Cook at 292-0282.

## BIRTHDAYS

### May 18

Mrs. Peg Ellis  
Rebecca Smith  
Kate Washburn

### May 19

Scott Martin  
Ann Miller

### May 20

Mrs. Shirley Davis

### May 21

Mrs. Frances Miller  
Gary Smith  
Mrs. Rose Wojciak  
#397 Grace Ridge  
501 Lenoir Rd.  
Morganton 28655

### May 22

Savannah Clapsaddle

### May 23

Jerry Triplett

### May 24

Myra Dickson  
Mrs. Carol Price

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### CHURCH FORUM

Our regular scheduled church forum will be held on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. immediately following our family night supper.

Make your plans now to attend this meeting.

## PASTOR'S NOTES

You can see the world go by in Wal Mart. Sometimes I just pause and wonder about people as they hurry past me on their way to something. I ask questions such as: "What burden is this person carrying?" "What makes this person happy?" "Why would anyone dress like that in private, much less in public?" "What faith lives inside of this person?"

The other day I was watching the parade of humanity. I saw a father and his four/five year old daughter. They were headed down the cereal aisle. The father had on a T-Shirt with a saying that was an offensive sexual statement about women. I thought, "Why would you wear a shirt like that?" Then I thought, "I should go up to him and suggest that he save that shirt and give it to the first teenage boy who comes by their house to date his daughter when she turns 14 or 15." I decided since the father was much younger and much bigger than I that I would let it pass.

We are all giving out messages each day. Sometimes it's on our shirts and bumper stickers. Mostly our messages come from our spoken words. Like arrows released from the bow, our words are sent forth and we can't retrieve them or stop the damage they will inflict.

I send forth many words spoken and written in a week. I'm sometimes reminded of a statement by Charles H. Spurgeon that some preachers should be condemned to listening to their own sermons over and over. Spurgeon said that in such a situation that the preacher would cry out with Cain (see Genesis 4:13) "My punishment is greater than I can bear." When I look back and read or listen to some of my sermons, I feel the pain.

I want my words to be words of healing, hope, and love. I ask forgiveness for words said in haste, anger, and with a thoughtless heart.

In the mornings I attempt to review my actions and words of the previous day. It helps to remember. Will you join me in remembering? We might become more gracious in our speech.

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## LOST AND FOUND

Several items have been found on church property (inside and out) and turned in to the office. If either you or your child has lost sun-glasses, jewelry, coat or even a purse, please check on the 'lost and found' table in the dining room, or with the church office. If these items are not claimed they will be donated or discarded.

## WOM PROJECT

The WOM are planning to ship 3 boxes to our Soldiers that are still away on War Missions.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Crystal Dula at 754-7393 or at [c-dularn@yahoo.com](mailto:c-dularn@yahoo.com).

They are planning on shipping these boxes the middle of May. WOM would love your help in filling these boxes.

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## WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH APPRECIATION SPECIAL GIFTS IN HONOR OF ...

. . . Dr. and Mrs. David and Janice Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Kim Hinton, Mrs. Georgia Alicki and Mrs. Anneal Ledbetter to the Building Fund from Mr. and Mrs. John Dockery.

. . . Mr. David Gray, Mr. Alan Moore, and Mr. Todd Perdue to the Fuel Fund and to the Dental Bus Fund by the Samaritan Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church.

. . . Ms. Kay Reynolds to the Music Fund by the Encores of First Baptist Church.

. . . Mrs. Anneal Ledbetter to the Building Fund by the Anneal Ledbetter Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church.

. . . Mrs. Sharon Barlow to the Dental Bus Fund by Lynn W. Tutterow.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family,

Words alone cannot express my gratitude for the outpouring of love and support I have received during my recent illness. Your prayers, cards, meals and kind wishes truly show what a blessing First Baptist Church is to me and to my family. Thank you so much.

In God's love,  
Kathryn Perdue

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**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**  
**OF OUR CHURCH**

T.V. BROADCAST OF OUR  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
BIBLE STUDY AND  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
THURSDAYS - 8:00 P.M.  
LOCAL UHF CHANNEL 49  
AND CABLE CHANNEL 13

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
34 MAIN STREET, NEW  
LENOIR, NC 28645

TEL. 828 758-8428  
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**FAMILY NIGHT MENU**

Wednesday, May 20

Oven Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  
Peas and Carrots  
Tomato/Cucumber Salad  
Corn Muffins  
Blueberry Cheese Cake  
\*Hamburgers, chips

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
**WELCOME AND BLESSING**

**May 20**  
Hugh Canipe

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
**DINNER TAKE-OUTS**

**May 20**  
Millie Brooks

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**SUNDAY MORNING**  
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**May 17**  
Paul McCurry

**STAFF**

**David B. Smith**  
Senior Minister

**Thomas R. Hinton**  
Minister of Music  
and Youth

**Rebecca K. Lawing**  
Children's Ministry

**Nan R. Benfield**  
Preschool Director

**Rodney Ward**  
Organist

**Elizabeth Icenhour**  
Executive Assistant

**Geneva R. Bradshaw**  
Administrative Assistant

**Paul C. McCurry**  
Maintenance Supervisor

**Terri Clapsaddle**  
Hostess

**Terry Hagy**  
Custodian

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