Congratulations Graduates!

**Fairmont High School Class of 2014**
Zach Caudle
Miranda Hill

**Lumberton High School Class of 2014**
Jerrad Babson
Logan Frederick
Antonio Massol

**East Carolina University**
Tyler Victoria Phelps, B.S.
Business Administration, Concentration in Finance
Neil Chance, B.S.
Construction Management, Minor in Business

**East Carolina University College of Nursing**
Garrett Straughn, M.S.
Nurse Anesthesia

**Florida State University**
Daniel Cook, M.S.
Risk Management & Insurance

**George Washington University School of Law**
James Robert Rust, J. D.

**Institute for Clinical Social Work, Chicago, IL**
Kandice Hyatt van Beerschoten, Ph.D.

**North Carolina State University**
Justin Milstein, B.S.
Plant and Soil Science, Concentration in Soil Science

**University of Georgia School of Law**
Samuel Emerson Britt, III, J. D.

**University of North Carolina at Wilmington**
David Andrew Butler, B.A.
Psychology, Minor in Criminology

**Wake Forest University**
Evander Michael Britt, B.S.
Biology, Minor in Chemistry

**Marshals**
Rachal Arokiasamy
Austin Branch
Megan Elks
Raleigh Forrest

Jack Frederick
Anthony Wall
Casey Williamson

Our graduates will be honored at a combined service of worship on June 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary.

**FBC Lincolnton Youth Choirs**
will be in concert on **May 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**
First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Church offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014 in observance of Memorial Day.

**Vacation Bible School is June 16-19!**

5:30-8:00 p.m. (Supper served nightly)
For preschoolers (must turn 4 by August 31, 2014) through 6th grade. Pre-registration is open now.
Volunteer Needs: Teachers (Bible, Mission, Crafts, Games/Snacks), Assistants, Guides, Registration, Kitchen Team. Contact the church office (739-4336) or Erin Collier (erincollier@fbclumbertonnc.org) to volunteer.

“Have U Herd?” —An Adult Bible School Class based on the same curriculum and led by Dr. David Elks will be offered nightly.

**Family Night Supper Menus June 2014**

June 4 — Lasagna, Sting Beans, Texas Toast, Salad, Sugar-free Chocolate Cake
June 11 — Baked Potato Bar with trimmings, Sugar-free Strawberry Cake
June 18 — Vacation Bible School
June 25 — Spaghetti, Flat Pole Beans, Texas Toast, Salad, Sugar-free Cheesecake
I am looking forward to the weekend. I am going with the Youth to Asheville this weekend for the Mission/Rafting trip. I will acknowledge that I am excited about my first rafting trip on Sunday but I am also looking forward to spending Saturday at the Veteran’s Restoration Quarters (VRQ). The VRQ partners with the Asheville/Buncombe County Christian Ministries to create a principle-based environment and comprehensive residential program that addresses every area of restoration in the life of a homeless veteran. The center works to provide each man with stability, personal skill building, educational and training opportunities leading to employment and housing along with the restoration of personal dignity, faith and strength.

I am impressed with this mission statement, especially in light of the Conversation on Charity and Justice we held this past Sunday. As we talked, we acknowledged Jesus’ counsel that we will always have the poor among us and thus, we must continue to fund charitable ministries, but we also agreed that a just way of life in which people are able and inspired to use their abilities to improve their lives is a divine mandate. We are commanded to “do justice” in Micah 6:8 and while this includes charitable giving it also involves empowering others to use their God-given abilities to make a good life for themselves (i.e. the VRQ statement) and insuring equal and fair opportunity for everyone.

Our conversation on Sunday was a tiny step. To accomplish anything of value, one must first have a clear destination in mind and an accurate view of the challenge ahead. I think a fair summation of our conversation is that we want to be good stewards of the resources we have and we want to be a part of making life better for our community and world. We want to go beyond putting charitable band aids on systemic social ills. We respect the complexity of the problem but we have greater faith in the spirit of Christ within us as individuals and as a family of faith. We may not be able to “do justice” for all, but if we can for the person(s) in front of us, we will have done what is good and what the Lord requires of us.

Peace,
David

In less than a month, we will kick off our 2014 Vacation Bible School! I am excited about this year’s theme: Have U Herd? The theme centers around the image of Jesus as our shepherd, and the lessons will look at stories where Jesus exhibits the characteristics of a shepherd (someone who leads, loves, cares, and provides). I am excited for the children to explore these concepts together at VBS!

Of course, Vacation Bible School doesn’t happen without the help of many, many individuals! There are ways that people of all ages and abilities can contribute to this children’s program…

1.) Volunteer! Needs include assistants/guides, registration workers, and kitchen help. Please contact me if you would like to be part of this year’s VBS!

2.) Decorate! There are several decorative projects to be completed before VBS starts, and we are planning to put up most (if not all) decorations on Friday, June 13. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kristy Campbell.

3.) Invite friends! Have a friend or neighbor with children in that age group (ages 4-6th grade)? Invite them to join us! Children can be registered online or via a paper sign-up form (available in the office).

4.) Pray! Above all, please keep the children and the volunteers in your prayers as we prepare for this week of ministry.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging our children as they grow in their faith!

Erin

Baptist Women’s Luncheon

June 2, 2014 at 11:45 a.m.
Activity Building

Our speaker will be Jan Tedder from the Robeson County Church & Community Center Home Store. We will collect Beach Trip items for Odom Home residents including: beach towels, sunscreen, beach bags, flip flops, and sunglasses.

Community Memorial Day Service

New Hollywood Cemetery
May 26, 2014
At 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Chip Bass & Rev. Tim Little will participate in leading this service of remembrance.
Bring a lawn chair, if you wish.

Central Baptist Church, Bearden, TN

Youth Choir in Concert (with Stephen Aber)

May 29, 2014 At 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Host homes are needed for 18 people. Please contact the church office if you would like to host.
Preparing for Sunday.

“The Uncontained God”
Acts 17:22-31

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.”

From “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

James C. Fenhagen wrote, “Christian ministry is more than doing good. Ministry is an act of service performed either consciously or unconsciously in the name of Christ.” We are having conversations about the book “Toxic Charity” here at First Baptist and this quote struck me as being applicable to many of the ideas in the book.

Often we find ourselves trying to do something good only to discover we’re making matters worse rather than better. Usually we would like to find a quick solution to a problem rather than really getting to the heart of the matter and making a difference for the Kingdom of Christ.

The portion of Mr. Fenhagen’s quote that struck me most poignantly was “Ministry is an act of service performed either consciously or unconsciously in the name of Christ.” On the surface, I tend to think about the acts of service that need to be done in order to prioritize how time and resources are used. But as I read this quote, I wonder how ministry evolves from an act of service. Then the words of Paul struck me. Though I usually study translations of the scripture other than the King James, when a verse strikes me between the eyes it often does so in “King James” as that’s the way I memorized it as a child. “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 2:5. As we attempt to do ministry, and as we attempt to do good, we discover the mind of Christ. And soon our conscious and unconscious mind are like that of Christ Jesus.

So I would encourage you as you think on charity, and justice, that you would first think on Christ and ponder the words Christ gave us about loving our neighbor and sharing with those in need. As we discover the mind of Christ, we discover the difference between doing good and ministry.

I’m still working on it.

Tim

We are collecting small water bottles and 28oz. cans to be used for Music Day Camp crafts. Please bring these items to the church office. Thank you!

If you ever want to know if the priorities you have match the priorities you believe you have, all you need to do is look at your bank statement and daily planner. Sports (either participatory or as a spectator), academics (school, reading, watching documentaries), work (whether occupational or in the back yard), spiritual pursuits (prayer, service, church), and leisure (vacations, television, fishing, dining out, etc.) are all important to well roundedness. What matters most to you will show up clearly and measurably when you look at the money you spend and what you spend your time on. These things do bleed into each other, but still.

Just something we should all consider. Your church, your friends, your family, and your work are all somewhat in competition for your limited resources. It matters to your God how you choose to allocate what you have been given.

Doug

June 8, 2014
Gather around 4:00, eat around 5:00.
I-95 Side of Luther Britt Park
Bring a side dish and/or dessert and a donation to cover the cost of hamburgers & hot dogs.

For the Record

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Sunday School Attendance—278
Memorial Gifts
The CBF Mission & Ministry Offering
In memory of Billy Harp given by:
Charles & Frances Owings
Craig Industries, Inc.
Robert & Ida Ivey
Jean R. Smith
Bruce, Elizabeth, Bryan & Katie Jobe
Mr. & Mrs. David Phillips
Frances Cameron
The Morning Glories Class, Chestnut St. United Methodist
Jake & Kathy Smith

The Music Memorial Fund
In memory of John Reissner by his family

The General Fund Memorial
In memory of John Reissner by his family
In memory of Evander Britt, Jr.
and in honor of Evander Britt, III given by:
Mary H. Britt

In memory of Walter & Brenda Cox given by:
Mary Louise Blake & Pam Parmele
In memory of Frances & Dewey Blanton by their family
In memory of Henrietta Fox given by:
The Pine Street Bridge Club
In honor of Becky Thompson given by:
Tom & Christine Barker

The Senior Adult Memorial Fund
In memory of Christine Thorndyke given by:
Dr. & Mrs. D. E. Ward
Mayme Tubbs
Frances Cameron
Julia Palmer

Community Assistance
In memory of Christine Thorndyke given by:
Robert & Ida Ivey

The Friends of Jesus Sunday School Class
In memory of Walter & Brenda Cox given by:
Shirley Johnson
In memory of Jerri Lou Walters given by:
Floyd Funeral Home of Fairmont

Youth Memorial/Mission Fund
In memory of Walter & Brenda Cox given by:
Sharon & Cherry Hilburn

Music Day Camp
August 4-8, 2014
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Music, Bible Stories, Crafts, Games, and Mission Projects
For Children in 1st-6th Grade (Completed)
Cost: $55 ($50 if paid by July 3rd)—includes all activities, lunches, snacks and a t-shirt.
Call the church office to sign up!

2014 Softball Schedule
Several of our members are participating in Softball this Summer with Zion Hill Baptist’s Team. Games are at 7:30 on the following dates:

May 27 — vs. Antioch @ Zion Hill
May 29 — vs. Godwin Heights @ Zion Hill
June 2 — vs. Broadridge @ Broadridge
June 5 — vs. Hyde Park @ Zion Hill
June 6 — vs. Hickory Grove @ Zion Hill
June 9 — vs. Butters @ Zion Hill
June 10 — vs. Hyde Park @ Zion Hill
June 13 — vs. Mt. Elim @ Proctorville
June 16 — vs. Godwin Heights @ Zion Hill
June 23 — vs. Dublin @ Zion Hill

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