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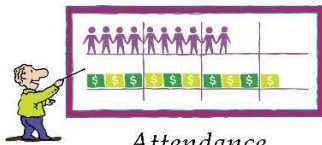
Nov 20 – 26 Pastor Jack Lee
Nov 27 – Dec 3 Pastor Rick Carter
Dec 4 – 10 Pastor Chad Whitley
Dec 11 – 17 Pastor Jack Lee
Dec 18 – 24 Pastor Rick Carter
Dec 25 – 31 Pastor Chad Whitley

Phone Numbers:

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Pastor Chad Whitley: (919) 412-3541



Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Attendance

Average Sunday School Attendance
October 2011.....176

Average 10:45 a.m. Worship Attendance
October 2011222

Average Son-Rise Worship Attendance
October 2011.....50

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 26 & 27 FOR CHRISTMAS!!

Tuesday Teller Teams

Dec 6 Ann Wilson & Mollie Smith
Dec 13 Jan McRoy & Peggy Oakley
Dec 20 Olivia Keel & Dot Tingen
Dec 28 Edna Bullard & Golda Weathers

Sanctuary Flowers

Dec 4 Open
Dec 11 Johnny & Charles Maidon
Dec 18 Open
Dec 25 Open

Deacon of the Week

Dec 3 Louise Upchurch 772-0138
Dec 10 Maurice Lindsay 552-9539
Dec 17 Bo Black 552-2238
Dec 24 Terry McCauley 577-6689
Dec 31 Martha Smith 417-6050

Wednesday Night Suppers

Dec 7 Frazier Class & Stapleton Class
Dec 14 Vaughan Class & Peace Class
Dec 21 **Supper Cancelled**
Dec 28 **Supper Cancelled**



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You will find out more information about Upcoming Events, Newsletters, Calendars, Minister-on-Call After Hours, Church History...come on...check us out!!!

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Ministerial Staff

Rev. Jack Lee, Senior Pastor
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Mother's Morning Out

Carla Babb, Director MMO Office Number 552-1702

Loving. Growing. Serving...in Christ.
November 22, 2011



Children's Choir Musical "**Meet Me at the Manger**" to be presented on Sunday morning, December 4 at the 10:45 service

Christmas Choir Musical "**Hope Is Born, Emmanuel**" to be presented on Sunday morning, December 18 at 10:45 (only one morning service on this day) and again that evening at 5:00



Do not give up. Do not take your eyes away from God. Stay focused on our responsibility to share the Good News.

Greetings,

Last week I was able to attend our annual NC Baptist Convention in Greensboro, and it was well worth the time. The Pastor's Conference started off on Sunday night with great preaching and music, and it continued throughout Monday. Dr. John Bisagno (pastor emeritus FBC Houston, TX) delivered a powerful sermon aimed at helping pastor's maintain clarity on serving God with godlike characteristics. Then another challenge came from Pastor Clayton King to do what is right in God's eyes and not to follow the worldly examples of leadership.

Then on Monday night the convention started, and I must say, this year was a great year to hear about God working throughout NC. The mission's breakfast on Tuesday morning was wonderful since we heard from work taking place in New York City and India.

I was equally impressed with what NC churches are doing through missions: locally, nationally, and globally. The Good News is being shared and lives are changing because of the Holy Spirit. From NC to Toronto to New York City to India, churches are being planted, the Gospel is preached, human needs are being met, and lives are being transformed...all because you care.

Through the Cooperative Program (the greatest idea ever) NC Baptist's are able to maximize resources to make the biggest impact possible. Each and every dollar contributed is used with great care so that the Good News is proclaimed throughout the world. You may not set foot on foreign soil, but you are making an impact on missions by giving your tithe/offerings and through your prayers. Do not give up. Do not take your eyes away from God. Stay focused on our responsibility to share the Good News.

Blessings,
Jack



Harold Cotton for the Building Fund by Homer & Cindy Rowland

Mary K. and Elizabeth Collins for the Cemetery Fund by Harvey & Mollie Smith

Nancy Lee Lilly for the Building Fund by Charlie & Deborah Upchurch, Jay & Tammy Adcock, Wayne & Dot Tingen

Rowland Dutton for the Building Fund by Gregg & Vicki Danford, Jay & Tammy Adcock, Wayne & Dot Tingen, Roy & Doris Morton

Margie Bunce Edwards for the Building Fund by Roy & Doris Morton



Louise Upchurch's 80th Birthday for the Building Fund by Cliff & Jan McRoy, Lou Jean Peace, Dewey & Shirley Rowland, Louis & Anna Langdon, Helen Walton, Roy & Doris Morton, Edie Holleman

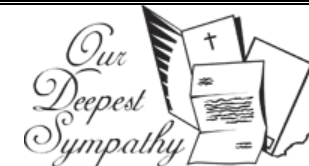
Angela Gregory's Birthday, November 12, for the Building Fund by (Diddy & Mama) Peggy Oakley

Roy Morton for the Building Fund by Lou Jean Peace

Kathryn Milton for the Building Fund by Ellen S. Austin

Homer & Cindy Rowland's 65th Wedding Anniversary for the Building Fund by Jack & Joan Searcy

Everett and Paulette Hackney for the Building Fund by Betty H. Griffin



*Donna Bunce in the death of her aunt
*Tony and Amy Page in the death of Amy's father
*Holly and Mark Searcy in the death of their grandson and Jack and Joan Searcy in the death of their great-grandson, Mason
*Randy and Ela Perry & family in the death of Ela's brother-in-law, Bob Dockstader



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the cards, calls, prayers and the many kind words of support and encouragement during the loss of my mom. Your love and support during this time has been greatly appreciated.
Love,
Claude and Leslie Moon and girls

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the visits, food and cards during my recent recovery from surgery.
Love,
Annette Turbyfill

Dear Church Family,
I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to my church family for your prayers, food, thoughts and every expression of kindness shown my family and me during the sickness of both Jonathan and Jacob. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.
Love,
Jean Randall

We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, visits, food and gifts. But, especially for all the prayers. We are so blessed to be in such a wonderful and loving church. Thank you all for everything and continue to pray for Jacob.
Love,
Jay, Teresa, Jacob, Sara & Courtney Randall



Chad's heap o' stuff

What up, my peeps? That's right—it's time once again for your favorite column, CHAD'S HEAP O' STUFF!

Bullets!

December 2-4...Mission Trip to Boone...we'll be sharing the gospel with some folks at a hospitality house and purchasing/sorting some gifts for some children whose parents are incarcerated...this will be a wonderful trip that you won't want to miss...

December 11...Christmas party at Raynor residence...

December 25...Christmas...I can't believe it's already here...

February 5...Youth Superbowl Party at Paul and Kristi Brown's house...

February 24-26...Ski Trip at Winterplace, WV...

Thanks to everyone who came out, made cakes, and gave donations at our Taco Bar and Cake Auction. We raised almost \$2,800! You are a very generous church, and we are blessed to be involved in ministry here.

Love you guys!
Chad



The children are getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas! This is such an exciting time of the year! Making gifts for loved ones, listening to Christmas music, and hearing and telling the wonderful Christmas story!

We invite you to come share with us as we worship our King Jesus on Friday, December 16 @ 10:30 in the Family Life Center!

Remember our families in prayer!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas!

Blessings!
Carla



“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.”

Luke 2:1

And it came to pass;

About that time;

In Those days;

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

It's time to celebrate Christmas. The stores are already decorated for the season. Even some homes are already exhibiting Christmas décor. I even saw Christmas trees for sale at a Food Lion on November 18. So whether we think its too early or not, the celebration of Christmas is beginning.

Luke 2 is that beautiful writing and description of the coming of the Christ-child. At just the right time...the appointed time...God's purpose and plan of salvation was to become reality to mankind. It was God's time...no matter what else was taking place.

Isn't that how life is. We may experience unique or even ordinary things in life

- our daughter may have a baby
- our parent may need to go to a rehab facility
- our job may become even more demanding
- a loved one in our family may die
- a trip may be planned to visit family

Yet often in the middle of experiencing common things in life---some expected, some not; some good, some not; we will often be able to see the very presence and handiwork of God...“And about that time”...! December and Christmas gives us the opportunity to realize the love that God has for us.

We celebrate the birth of the Christ child

We recognize the hope that comes to us by faith in Christ

We rejoice in knowing that no matter what the season it is for us, God is very much present “in those days”.

Have a great December...enjoy and relish the days ahead and the opportunity of experiencing God in all that we encounter.



“**Meet Me at the Manger**” is the title of our children's Choir Christmas musical, to be presented on Sunday morning, **December 4** at the 10:45 service. Sherry Smith, our Children's Choir coordinator, all of our choir leaders, the children involved along with their parents are working to make this a beautiful expression of musical worship. I hope that you will make every effort to be present for this unique musical.

“**Hope Is Born, Emmanuel**” is the name of the choral musical that our Christmas Choir will present. Sunday morning, **December 18 at 10:45** (only one morning service on this day) **and again that evening at 5:00** are the presentation times. The evening service allows for many family members, neighbors or other church members to attend and not miss the morning service at their church. Invite others to come and be a part of this exciting musical event. Both familiar Christmas songs as well as newer selections will be presented by our 45 member Christmas Choir. Join us for a musical Christmas celebration.

Caroling to our Homebound is a worthy and meaningful event offered by our Church. On Wednesday evening, December 21, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 with 10 teams going to about 20 different locations to sing carols, share the Christmas story, and have fellowship with many of our homebound members. Come join us for this Christmas activity of helping to share Christ with our members who can no longer attend church regularly.

Upcoming Worship:

December 18 – No 8:30 service

December 24 – No Christmas Eve service

December 25 – One worship service – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Financial Summary			
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS.....	\$ 59,518.69	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS.....	604,343.52
October Actual Budget Receipts.....	41,507.60	YTD Actual Budget Receipts.....	416,602.22
October Actual Budget Expenses.....	-43,302.47	YTD Actual Budget Expenses.....	-433,401.27*
October RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....	-1,794.87	YTD RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....	-16,799.05*
*Includes Debt Retirement Expense			
FLC LOAN BALANCE AS OF October 31, 2011.....		\$2,139,369.94	

Special Called Church Conference October 30 Summary

The GA's, with deacon approval, request church approval to sell handmade Christmas ornaments and snowmen at a church-wide Operation Christmas Child "shoe box packing party" (date to be announced). Money collected will go toward the shipping cost of the boxes. The price of the ornaments and snowmen will range from \$4 to \$10; the cost to ship one box is \$7. This recommendation will be voted on in a special called conference on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. **Motion Carried.**

The **Church Council** recommends that the first ten members of PGBC to sign up as messengers shall constitute our slate of ten messengers to the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro, November 2011. **Motion Carried.**

November 13 Church Conference Summary:

The Softball Commission, with the blessing of the Deacons, would like to have a Gospel/Bluegrass Festival on the softball field on **April 28, 2012**. An admission fee of \$5 will be charged per adult and concessions will be sold, with all proceeds going into the softball line item. **Motion Carried**


The Stewardship Committee is requesting to add a line item for Bereavement and add an amount of \$500 to this line item. **Motion Carried**

The Upward Committee requests approval to purchase a portable PA system for use at Upward events. The purchase price will not exceed \$750. Funds will come from Budget line item #8538 Upward Registration/Receipts. **Motion Carried**

The Church Council recommends the discontinuation of the monthly newsletter. They recommend an extended version of the weekly Happenings. The Treasurer's Report, Monthly Calendar & Birthday List will be made available monthly for pickup in the vestibule. **Motion Carried**

**December Church Conference
Sunday, December 11 at 7 p.m.**




**CHURCH LIBRARY
News**

Thank you to *Helen Walton* for donating the following books this month:
The Mercy by Beverly Lewis in honor of her daughter, Martha W. Daniels


**Address
Changes**

If your phone number or address **has changed** or is listed incorrectly in the Church Directory, please call Kathryn in the Church Office at 552-4634 to make the necessary changes. Thank you!!

Daniel Savage (919) 271-9504 (only the area code is different)

Bill & Lisa Pullen (change home number) **557-8003**
 Bill – cell – 291-7301 (add)
 Lisa – cell – 649-1846 (add)

Joel Smith (change address & phone number)
**200 Woodcroft Parkway
 Durham, NC 27713
 436-5048**

Ed and Pam Tutor
Remove home number and add Pam's cell 324-2206

Connie Brewer (change phone number) **604-0580**

Connie and Jan Austin (change address & phone number)
**6313 Rock Service Station Road
 Raleigh, NC 27603
 772-6748**

Amy Hinnant (change address)
**6748 Fawn Hoof Trail
 Holly Springs, NC 27540**

Remove Jesse & Mary Hayes (moved membership)

Paul and Donna Kaczynski (new address)
**8828 Walter Myatt Road
 Willow Springs, NC 27592**

Remove from Inactive/Non-Resident Member Section:
**Lynton Burhcette
 Celia Gomez
 Caryle Rowland**