



The Courier

A Message from our Pastor...

May 2011

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Sunday, May 8

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WHERE ARE WE?

It's Wednesday morning, and I am running just a few minutes late. Wednesday mornings are Career Net mornings, so I usually try to arrive close to 8 AM in order to insure that the coffee is ready and the Fellowship Hall is warm (or cool) by the time people start arriving. On this particular Wednesday morning, it is more like 8:06 when I pull in the parking lot. So when I arrive, I immediately kick into high speed trying to get caught up. I am setting up my computer to take notes during the meeting and it beeps that I have an email. I quickly read it and discover it is from a local staffing agency wanting information about a Professionals on Display event the Career Net group is planning for June. The email concludes with a note to the church, "Your dedication to helping the unemployed is wonderful. I know many have benefited from your efforts." That's nice, I think. Time to go brew the coffee.

The speaker for this Career Net meeting is Barbara Massey, Vice-President of Workforce Development at the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce. She does a great presentation, talking about what local employers are looking for in potential employees and sharing some resources that jobseekers should know about. When the meeting is over, I go to shake her hand and tell her what a great presentation she gave. She says, "This is such an important ministry that your church is providing. I am glad you are doing it." That's nice, I think. But there is someone else waiting to talk to her, so I move on.

Behind Barbara is a gentleman from the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. He has come to the meeting this morning to check out what the Career Net is and how the group functions. I shake his hand and tell him thank you for coming. He gives me his card and says that he would like to pass on information about Career Net to folks that he is working with. He thinks that they could really benefit from a ministry like Career Net. That would be great, I tell him. I take his card and thank him for coming.

Standing next to him is a gentleman who has come to Career Net for the first time on this particular morning. He expresses interest in finding out more about the Professionals on Display event in January. Before he leaves, he says, "Thanks for doing this. I am so glad I found out about this group." You are welcome, I say. As he walks out, I think, that's a nice thing to say.

I lock the doors, turn off the lights, and come down to my office and, for the first time, I sit and slow down my brain enough to take in the morning. My computer fires back up and there is that email that started the day. As I read it again, I think about Barbara, the gentleman from Vocational Rehab, and the first time guest. Four times in the span of 2 hours, our church has been thanked for providing a home for a ministry for the unemployed. We have been thanked by those who are looking for jobs, those helping the jobseekers, and those doing the hiring. Sitting at my desk, taking all this in, God puts all the pieces together in my head. Unemployment has become one of if not the greatest societal problem in America today. Every newscaster and politician can't go a single speech without discussing it. And First Baptist Church of Elon is sitting right in the middle of it, being the presence of Christ and sharing a message of hope and faith. "Let your light shine before others," Christ said, "so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Our address may be 621 E. Haggard Avenue in Elon, NC, but that doesn't tell the full story of where we are.

God is calling us to be a church that is compassionate, serving, and accepting. God is calling us to minister in ways that honest, loving, respectful, and faithful.

Mark

Ministry Team News

Children's Team



VBS is almost here!!! The month of May will be early registration month. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for registration slips and other information about VBS. Our VBS dates are June 19-June 23. We will begin at 5:30 with a snack supper followed by VBS activities from 6:00 until 8:30. We encourage you to invite your family members (grandchildren and great-grandchildren), neighbors, and friends. We will have a preschool class for children ages 4 and 5 (talk to staff if you have an older 3 year old you want to register) and crews for children who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade. Our goal is to have an average attendance of 50 children each night. Help us reach our goal by inviting everyone!!! Again this year—The **FIRST 25 families** to register for VBS will receive a free CD containing this year's music. Registration will begin May 1—so get your information ready!!!

During the month of May, we will be asking for food donations for the snack suppers.

Family Team

Book Discussion Group

May 19th
7:00 pm
Barnes and Noble Café



“Unfinished Desires: A Novel ”
by Gail Godwin.

New College Ministry Team for the Fall of 2011

We need three to four individuals who would like to be involved and work with college age students.
To volunteer contact Linda Barefoot.



Formations Team

Thank you to all who participated in and led Klesis small groups. We look forward to hearing your feedback about the experience.

Looking ahead, we will be presenting the movie series, “The Chronicles of Narnia” throughout the summer.
More details to come!

Congratulations to the Children's wing; who once again raised the most money in the Sunday school Debt Free in 13 change campaign.



Missions Team

Homeless Shelter – Responsible for the meal for the Homeless Shelter for Wednesday, May 4: Jeff & Sharon Brenner, Tammie Ferguson, Susan Reinheimer, John & Colleen Russell.

The church gave a \$200 donation to the Tornado Relief in Selma, NC.



At the General Assembly in Asheville, the CBFNC Coordinating Council announced that it would offer a challenge gift for the CBF Offering for Global Missions. During the time between the 2011 CBFNC General Assembly in Asheville and the 2011 CBF General Assembly in Tampa, Florida, all gifts from North Carolina will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000. Please give. Your gifts enable them to minister in the name of Christ to people whom most of us don't even know exist. Envelopes will be in the foyer!

Missions Team Continued . . .

R.A. Victory Junction Gang Mission Project

Once again, R.A.'s will be collecting items for the Victory Junction Gang Camp Summer Programs. Please donate the following items:

- Gift Cards from Home Depot, Lowe's Office Depot, Hobby Lobby, Michael's, Wal-Mart, Target, CVS
- S, M, L latex free, powder free exam gloves
- Chap Stick
- Travel size Hand Sanitizer
- Deodorant
- Adult & Children's toothbrushes
- Coffee supplies including coffee stirrers, Equal & Splenda
- Paper Plates, Paper Cups, Paper Towels & Napkins
- 10 oz. Coffee Cups
- 8x10 Black Picture Frames
- Binder Clips, L, M, & S
- Standard Staples
- Paper Clips-Large & Small
- Standard 8½ x11 white printer/copy paper
- 55 Gallon Commercial Trash Bags
- Plain White T-Shirts in all sizes
- Hot Glue Sticks

Donations will be received until June 5.
Collection boxes will be outside the R.A. Room.

R.A. First Baptist Grand Prix and Formula 6 Race

The First Baptist Royal Ambassador Grand Prix Pinewood Car Race and Formula 6 Race are scheduled for Sunday, May 22.

Weigh-in is at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Racing begins at 4:30 pm.



The R.A.'s Ugly Tie Contest raised \$106 for the Capital Campaign Debt Free in 13.



MAY 13-14

RELAY FOR LIFE

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Senior Adult Breakfast - Tuesday, May 3 8:30 am Ramada Inn

Circle of Friends - Wednesday, May 4 9:30 am (Possible lunch afterwards)

Senior Money Matters

Tuesday, May 10 11:00 am - 1:30 pm (\$3 for lunch)

Menu - BBQ, Slaw, Chips, Peach Pie, and Drink

Tuesday, May 17 11:00 am - 1:30 pm (Lunch is Free)

Menu - Salad and Sandwiches, Chips, Cookies, Drink
(Part of our Quarterly Senior Adult Luncheons)



F & F Trip to Abingdon, VA - Barter Theater - Thursday, May 12 - Friday, May 13

Relay for Life - Friday, May 13 - Saturday, May 14

Graduate's Sunday - May 15

Birthday Luncheon - Wednesday, May 18 12:30 pm Ramada

Children's Program, Youth Day at Cici's, Pinewood Derby - Sunday, May 22

Bingo at Blakey Hall - Saturday, May 28 2:00 pm (Faith Class Helpers)

Youth Car Wash/Peanut Sale - Mid Carolina Bank Saturday, May 28 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Women's Day: "God, Me, and a Cup of Tea"



Saturday, May 7, 2011
10-11:30 AM

Dee Melnyk will be speaking on "The Anatomy of Hope"

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend, including children and youth.

Please invite your friends, family & neighbors to this extraordinary time of fellowship.

Sign up in your Sunday school class or in the vestibule.



"I want to express my gratitude to each person who had a part in the musical."
Margaret

MUSIC NOTES

...It is Monday, April 18, the day after one of the most moving Easter presentations I have had the privilege of directing took place. The music and the drama scenes came together to remind us vividly of just what Jesus did to give us eternal life. It was truly a blessing to be the director of "Because He Lives". The drama and costuming was superbly led by Cathy Johnson, Kay McCloskey, Linda Morris and Amy Harrison. The Worship Choir and musicians were at their best and I hope that this presentation touched your life this Easter. I want to express my gratitude to each person who had a part in the musical.

...The M & M's End of the Year program and Mission awards will be Sunday, May 22 during the AM Service. Those involved have received rehearsal schedules. Please be sure your child is here at all rehearsals if possible.

Gifts & Memorials

The church appreciates the following gifts...

Building Fund:
 Anne Uzzell In honor of our Church Families, May Birthdays & Anniversaries. In memory of Eva Jennings' sister, Janie Brown's brother-in-law, Jeff Prichard's uncle.
 M/M Tom Kerr In memory of Eb Hill & Jessie Roberts.

Mother's Day Offering:
 Anne Uzzell In memory of Jud's & Anne's Mothers.

Music Fund:
 Amy Nix In memory of Jerri Davis.


Regular Fund:
 Home Makers Club In memory of Jessie Roberts.
 M/M David Kilpatrick In memory of Jessie Roberts.
 FBC, Elon In memory of Eva Jennings' sister, in lieu of flowers.
 M/M S. Fulton In memory of Jessie Roberts.
 Dr. B's Staff In memory of Jessie Roberts.

Youth Fund:
 Sue Harris In memory of Ruth Brooks.

CARD of THANKS

We, the family of Jessie Roberts, would like to thank you for your prayers, thoughts, cards, food, donations to the church and love extended to us during the recent "home coming" of our mama! You are a wonderful and caring church! Blessings to each of you and again, many thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness. God Bless!

Carla, Chris, Cam Casey and Candy



Youth News

Just a thought...

For many of you, April 1 is a day set for pranks and having fun with friends and family. But for true sports fans, April 1 means one thing - opening day for the Major League Baseball season. As many of you know, I love baseball and I cheer hard for the team I have followed since I was young - the Atlanta Braves. So as opening day was approaching, I was getting my Braves hat ready and looking forward to watching the first pitch of this new season.

Another person who was anxiously looking forward to the baseball season was a man by the name of Bryan Stow. Before opening day this season, he was respectfully unknown to the world. You can not find Bryan's name on any Major League roster, but his name became well known after opening day. As hard as I cheer for the Braves, Bryan was a lifetime San Francisco Giants fan. So much so, that when the opening day game for the Giants was being played in Los Angeles against the Dodgers, he purchased tickets with some friends and they headed to the game. Wearing his favorite Giants gear, Bryan enjoyed the opening game at Dodger stadium despite the Giants 2 to 1 loss to the Dodgers. On his way exiting the game walking through the parking lot at Dodger stadium, two unknown assailants threw an object hitting Bryan in the back of the head and basically knocking him out and he quickly fell to the ground hitting his head on the way down and then experiencing further beatings by some Dodger fans.

The two assailants in this gruesome attack are still unknown, and Bryan is struggling for his life, in and out of medically induced coma, while doctors try to determine what level of brain damage Bryan experienced. Bryan is a father of two children, and loved by family and friends. Unfortunately, those two individuals who attacked him did not see Bryan as a father, a son, or a passionate baseball fan. Instead, they focused on the difference of the "other team" jersey and hat that he wore and acted out of this difference with hate and malice.

I ask you today to pray for Bryan Stow and his family as they go through this painful ordeal. I ask that you pray that the two assailants realize their wrong and step up and take responsibility. I also ask that instead of putting differences in front of us and dividing us from others, that we focus on the common ground - whether it being passion for a sport like baseball - or at least being creations of God. Differences divide, Christ and love bring us together. What differences do you need to overlook to draw closer to others? I know I have a few.

David


Upcoming Youth Ministries...

Summer Intensity

Study...

And the Winner is...
STAR WARS!

Keep your eye out for 6 Intensity "sessions" coming this summer!



Jesse Allison - May 5
Daniel Coble - May 28
Zachary McCormick - May 30

May Youth Ministries

Emerge!
Sunday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
9:45 am


Consuming Fire!
Sunday, May 1, 15, 22
5:30 pm

Youth Guy's Overnight Trip
Friday, May 6 - Saturday, May 7
More details coming soon!

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8
(No Evening Activities)

Task Force: Relay for Life
Friday, May 13 - Saturday, May 14
Register with David or Paula ASAP!

Graduate's Sunday
May 15



Continued on next column...

The Breakfast Club
Wednesday, May 18
6:45 am

Family Event: Dinner Out and Games
Friday, May 20
6:30 - 9:00 pm

Children's Program, RA Pinewood Derby, and Cici's Youth Day
Sunday, May 22

Mission Trip Team Meeting
Sunday, May 22
7:00 PM (Youth and Parents)

Car Wash/Peanut Sale Fund-raiser
Saturday, May 28
Time TBA

2011 Louisville Experience
Fund-raising Update...

\$8,601.84
(Funds raised as of April 19)



Ushers/Greeters: Jeff Brenner, NR Franks, Alec French, Kevin Harrington, Mike Harrington, Paul Harris, Dale Harrison, John Jennings, Ronnie Ledbetter, Faye Naylor, Billy Thompson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Children's Church 4 PM Kids Reh. 4 PM Church Council Mtg. 5:45 PM Elon Roundtable Mtg.	2 6:30 PM Joyful Ringers 7 PM Elon Bronze	3 8:30 AM Sr. Adult Breakfast Ramada Inn 10:30 AM "Happy Hearts" to The Oaks	4 8:30-10 AM Career Net 9:30 AM "Circle of Friends" 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh	5	6 12-10 PM Fellowship Hall reserved Youth Guy's Overnight Trip	7 10-11:30 AM Women's Day
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> Children's Church No PM Ministries	9 6:30 PM Joyful Ringers 7 PM Elon Bronze	10 11 AM-1:30 PM Senior Adult Luncheon	11 8:30-10 AM Career Net 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh	12 Fun & Fellowship Trip to Virginia 12 PM Angel Food Order Deadline	13 Relay for Life	14 12-7 PM Fellowship Hall reserved
15 Graduate's Sunday Children's Church 4 PM Deacons' Mtg. 4 PM Kids Reh.	16 Fellowship Hall reserved 5-7:30pm	17 11 AM-1:30 PM Senior Adult Follow up 10 AM "Happy Hearts" Rehearsal	18 6:45 AM Breakfast Club 12:30 PM Sr. Adult Birthday Lunch Ramada Inn 8:30-10 AM Career Net 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh	19 7 PM Book Discussion at Barnes & Noble Café	20 6:30-9 PM Youth Family Event Dinner Out & Games	21 7-9 AM Angel Food Pickup
22 <i>Newsletter Due</i> Youth Day at Cici's 10:55 AM Children's Program 4 PM Pinewood Derby Weigh-in 4:30 Race begins 7 PM Mission Trip Team Mtg.	23	24	25 8:30-10 AM Career Net 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh	26	27	28 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 2 PM Bingo at Blakey Hall TBA-Youth Car Wash Fundraiser Mid Carolina Bank
29 Children's Church No PM Ministries	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	31	Sunday Worship Opportunities: 9:30 AM Deacons' Prayer 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Morning Worship 4:00 PM SHINE! 5:00 PM Fellowship Meal 5:30 PM Consuming Fire! (Youth) Children's Music 5:45 PM Adults 6:15 PM RA's, GA's Mission Friends			

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| 2 nd N.R. Franks | 10 th Kameron McCloskey | 21 st Amy Mofield | 29 th Chip Barnette |
| 3 rd Jeff Brenner | 15 th Tristan Roof | 22 nd Sarah Ferguson | 30 th Paula Harrison |
| 5 th Anne Uzzell | 15 th Kristi Rehrauer | 22 nd Mike Wilburn | 30 th Brady Swing |
| 5 th Jesse Allison | 17 th Fletcher Dameron | 23 rd Doris McCrickard | 30 th Zachary McCormick |
| 5 th Marc Miller | 19 th Wesley Harrington | 23 rd Nathan Lehman | 31 st Lee Hinton |
| 5 th Patrick Roof | 19 th Julia Allison | 26 th Patty Wilburn | |
| 10 th Kevin McCloskey | 20 th Norman Morris | 28 th Daniel Coble | |



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"Senior Money Matters"

Speaker - Rev. Brent Freeland, minister,
financial adviser



Topics include:
Medicare, Inheritance Taxes,
Longevity, Inflation, Taxes

Tuesday, May 10 11am-1:30 pm (cost \$3)

Tuesday, May 17 11 am-1:30 pm (free)

This will be part of our quarterly Senior Adult Luncheon.

Sign up today to participate!
Invite your friends!

2011 Louisville Experience Fund-raising Opportunities...

Sunday, May 22
Youth Day at Cici's Pizza

Saturday, May 28
Car Wash/Peanut Sale at
Mid Carolina Banks

Sunday, June 5
Spaghetti Luncheon



Monday, May 30