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Westfield Baptist Church will hold its annual Corporate Meeting (rescheduled from April) on Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Corporate officers will be nominated and voted into office.

The Corporate Meeting will be followed by our regularly scheduled business meeting.



Westfield will honor our 2013 Graduates on Sunday, May 26, in our morning worship service.

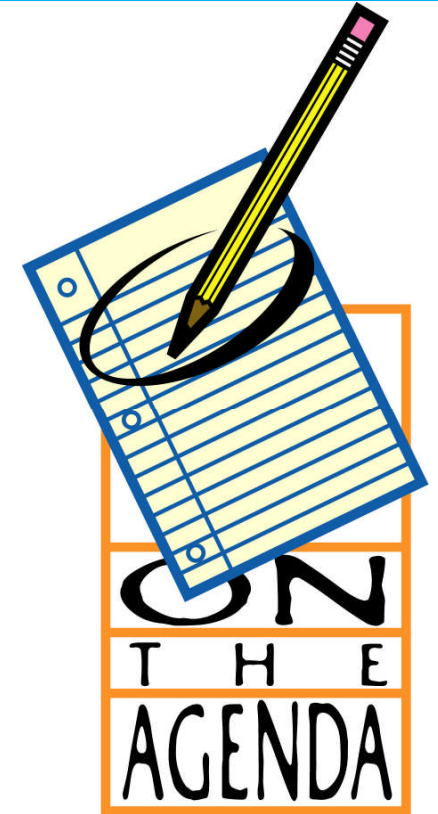
We will be honoring a number of students this year!

From Cape Fear Christian Academy, **Tyler Carpenter** and **Milan Stankovic**; from NC State, **Allison Holbert**; from UNC Chapel Hill, **Thomas Bass** and **Timothy Bass**; from Campbell University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, **Erin Dickert**, **Jonathan Harward**, and **Charles Shaw**; and from Campbell University undergrad, **Jordan Tripp**.

Please join us for worship as we celebrate with these graduates and their families and give them your blessings for the future.

Vision Statement

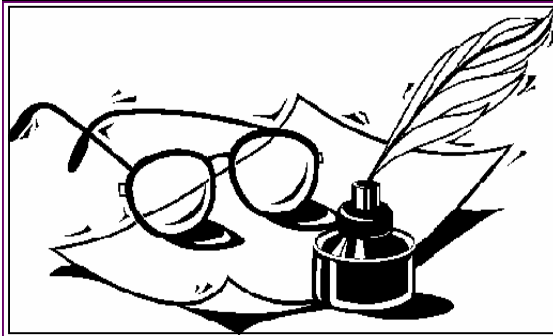
To share Christ with all by leading and nurturing through a Ministry of love, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, worship, praise and proclamation of the Gospel; to seek God's guidance as we respond to needs and serve as missionaries to our community and beyond.



Upcoming Events



- May
 - 4 BCH Workday—Kennedy home
 - 12 Deacons' Meeting
 - 18 Youth Car Wash
 - 19 Business Meeting
 - 27 Memorial Day, Office Closed
 - 29 Last K.I.S.S. Meal until September
- June
 - 1 Youth Yard Sale
 - 9 Deacons' Meeting
 - 16 Business Meeting
 - 17–22 Youth Week at Caswell
 - 26–28 CBF National General Assembly Greensboro, NC



from the Pastor's Pen

I'm sure you've heard the story of the man trapped unexpectedly in his house during a flash-flood. An emergency vehicle driving through the area spotted him on his front porch and an EMS worker shouted to the man come and to get in. The man refused, saying that he did not need help because he trusted in the Lord to provide for him. The water continued to rise. It covered the front steps and came into the house. An emergency motor-boat came by. Someone offered to toss a life-saver to the man, but again he refused, saying that he trusted that God would protect him. The water continued to rise, forcing the man onto the roof of his house. A helicopter swung by and lowered a rope to the stranded man. He waved it away, trusting that the Lord would save him.

The flood finally washed the man away. He found himself dripping wet before the pearly gates of heaven, mad as a hornet. "Lord," he said, "you promised to protect your servants. I trusted in you, and you failed to provide." The Lord responded gently, "I did provide. First I sent an EMS vehicle to your house, then a boat, and finally a helicopter. What more did you want? You refused all my attempts to save you."

On one level, this story is about a man's stubbornness. He refused to accept the help God has sent because it did not meet his expectations. His view of God's provision was narrow-minded and silly. But, on another level, this is a story of the Lord's **perseverance**. Despite this man's stubbornness, the Lord continues to provide opportunities to be rescued, right up to the last.

I am so thankful that the Lord has not given up on me. No matter how far any of us stray, the Lord continues to extend the offer of salvation and eternal life, right up to the last. Like a shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine in search of the one lamb who has gone missing or the woman who lights a lamp and sweeps the house until she finds the coin she lost, the Lord will not give up on us until we have been found, until we have been redeemed, until we are saved.

Thanks be to God!

Adam

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items all year long for Operation Christmas Child, when we will send our gifts and the gospel to children around the world.

In May we are collecting toys for small boys, such as slinkys, matchbox cars, yo-yos, and harmonicas. Remember that many of the children live in war-torn areas, so OCC does not accept toy soldiers or other "weapons of war."

We still need many more **combs and hair-brushes** (the items from April). We need additional toothbrushes as well. Please bring your items to worship and leave them in the breezeway.

Thanks for your **gifts** and your **prayers** for these children.



through April 28, 2013

Budget Requirements	\$65,754
General Fund Offerings	51,148
Difference	\$14,606

Baptist Men Workdays

- May 4** BCH Kennedy Home
- June 8** VBS Prep Day
- July 13** Flex Day
- Aug 10** Flex Day
- Sept 7 or 14** BCH Service Day
- Oct 12** Community Work Day
- Nov 2** Homecoming Cleanup Day
- Nov 30** Christmas Decorating

We will schedule other service days as needed. Call the church office, Joe Carr, or Jimmy Marks to request assistance.



Evelene Gardner
Harnett Woods
604 Lucas Road
Room 217

O.W. "Bill" Godwin, Jr.
1505 Lakeshore Drive, Dunn
892-7347

Mary Frances Gordon
Senior Citizens Village
Room 115

THIS MONTH USHERS

- *Violet Jackson
- Pearce Baker
- Betty Bass
- Steve Cooney
- Jimmy Marks
- Charles Wilkes

Deacon of the Week

- May 5 Abe Elmore, 910-892-6661
- May 12 Angela Godwin, 910-892-8860
- May 19 Brinson Hunter, 910-892-0376
- May 26 Susan Murray, 910-892-3729

CHILDREN'S



- May 5**
Betty Bass
- May 12**
Adam English
- May 19**
Joe Carr
- May 26**
Teresa McLemore

Sermon



- May 5 Ethel/Wilbur Durham, 892-3544
- May 12 Debbie Luke, 252-599-6997
- May 19 Midge/Charlie Carpenter
- May 26 Kim & Trent Carpenter



NURSERY WORKERS

- May 5**
Bebe Melvin
- May 12**
Carolyn Hair
- May 19**
Kim Carpenter
- May 26**
Betty Bass



Preschool Staff

Sunday School Teachers

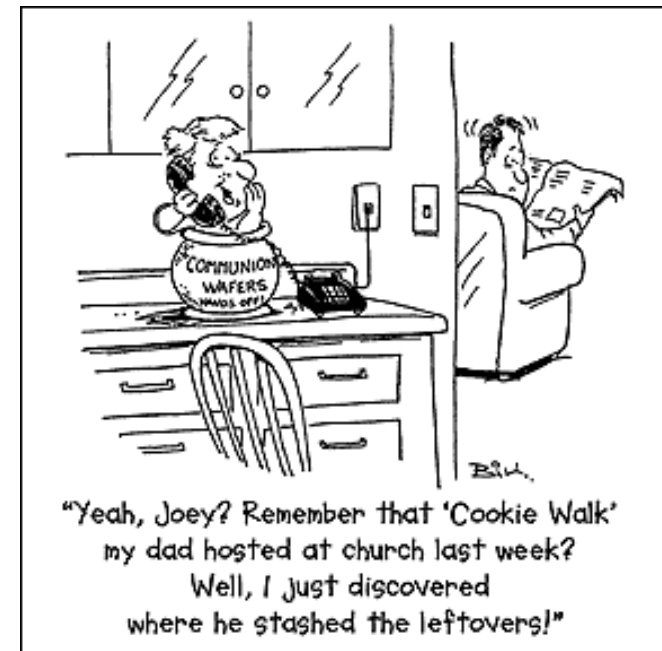
- May 5**
Lutie Murphy
- May 12**
Betty Bass
- May 19**
Sylvia Campbell
- May 26**
Bebe Melvin



Thanks to all who made Operation Inasmuch a great weekend! We appreciate all the hard work and planning from our Mission Committee, and all those who helped out with this month's work.

Whether it was baking cookies, delivering them, carrying gifts to hospitalized children, putting together hygiene kits for Beacon Rescue Mission, building a wheelchair ramp, cleaning the Village Apartments, or cleaning the Dunn-Erwin Walking Trail, you helped make a difference in our community.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9



"Yeah, Joey? Remember that 'Cookie Walk' my dad hosted at church last week? Well, I just discovered where he stashed the leftovers!"



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& Birthdays
Anniversaries

May

- 1 Patti Parham
- 2 Charlie Carpenter
- 15 John Ballard
- 17 Peggy Alphin
- 17 Lucy Simpson
- 18 Mary Alice Campbell
- 22 Daniel Brewington
- 24 Jordan Tripp
- 25 Kristen Hair
- 26 Charlie & Midge
Carpenter
- 27 Lutie Murphy
- 29 Jewel Allen
James Holt
- 30 Joel & Amy Plavec

2013
May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 	2	3	4
5	6	7 <p>Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.</p>	8 	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day Deacons Meeting <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	13	14 <p>Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.</p>	15 	16	17	18
19 Annual Corporate Meeting & Business Mtg 6:30 p.m.	20 	21 <p>Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.</p>	22 	23	24	25
26 	27 <p>MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed</p>	28 <p>Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.</p>	29 Last Kiss Meal until September	30	31	CBF of NC Christian Education Workshop
Sunday Schedule 9:15 a.m. Bible Study for all ages 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship			Wednesday Schedule 5:45 p.m. Keep It Simple Supper 6:30 p.m. Discipleship for all ages 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice			