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THE NEW BAPTIST COVENANT

Recently I had the privilege of attending the New Baptist Covenant meeting in Atlanta. Former President Jimmy Carter invited us to this gathering saying, "For too long racial, theological, and geographical barriers have separated our Baptist family and diminished our witness to the world God loves. Your work with the New Baptist Covenant will change that. We will usher in a new age of shared ministries and fellowship." Among those I met in the group were National Baptists, Progressive Baptists, Cooperative Baptists and American Baptists.

The goal of the summit is to create Voices of the Covenant by involving churches in Action, and Reconciliation, which will produce Transformation in communities. The channel for this transformation is through Covenants of Action. These Covenants of Action involve multiple congregations across racial lines who seek to make a difference in a city. Building on Luke 4:18-19, the Covenants begin "The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us because he has anointed us to bring good news to the poor, he has sent me to proclaim release to the captives by: then the congregations list some specific action they are undertaking to release those who are captives.

A handful of cities including Birmingham, Dallas, and St. Louis have Covenants of Action in place. The issues they feel called to address are wide ranging including Backpack programs, Community Service projects, and Payday lending. The key is developing relationships across lines in the Baptist family. The group from St. Louis told of how their established covenant relationship opened them up to deeper connection and dialog as things happened in nearby Ferguson, Mo. And, as Ebola patient Thomas Duncan came to Dallas where he later died, the covenant partners there had already built relationships which then allowed them to minister to the Duncan family.

I have been in touch with another local Baptist pastor inviting him to dream along with me about what a Covenant of Action might look like here in Hickory. Representatives from the New Baptist Covenant and CBF will gladly work with us on making this a reality. I am excited by the prospect of this.

Over two days I heard multiple presentations dealing with justice and how we as Baptists can work together to be a part of transformation. Here are some quotes. "We must be stewards of the broken heart which means we must open ourselves to someone else's pain. Transformation happens when pain meets Christ. Living in survival mode does not bring out the best in any of us." Presenters included Raphael Warnock from Ebenezer Baptist in Atlanta, Amy Butler from Riverside Church in NYC, Luis Cortes from Esperanza, and Mark Bosket from Wake Forest.

I am also excited to see our Afterschool ministry continue to flourish. We voted to re-open our Preschool in 2015. The Preschool Committee has found two experienced ladies who are joining us in this effort. During Lent, I am encouraging each of us to read the New Testament. CBF has partnered with a group called Faith Comes by Hearing which distributes the Bible in over 850 languages around the world. By special arrangement with CBF, FCH will send us CDs with the NT on it. FCH also has an app which can be loaded onto phones. In 28 minutes a day you can hear the NT in 40 days. We will have CDs to distribute to our members and in the community. I am ordering CDs in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Japanese. If you have other requests please let me know. I'll See You and a Friend Sunday! My Super Bowl Prediction Sea 31 NE 28.

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Welcome New Member . . .

Holly Sosebee



Youth Yak

by Wil Worley

Sunday Night Live! Kicks off this Sunday night with our annual Super Commercial Viewing Extravaganza Bowl Party!! We will meet at the Turner's house 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Everyone bring your favorite snack!

Attention Singers: Youth Ensemble practice begins anew this Sunday from 5 pm to 5:30 pm!

I need to know how many would be interested in going skiing sometime this month. Text me 781-9008.

Looking ahead to Summer. Trying to pin down a date for Youth Camp. Need to know everyone's availability, let me know the dates your not going to be in town. I want to maximize the chance for everyone to participate.

If you haven't been here on Wednesday nights, we just finished a study on Prayer by Francis Chan. Come on out and see what we study next!!

Wil

Jimmy Rogers

Youth Ensemble

Resumes this Sunday @ 5:00



Sunday, February 15 @ 11:00 am Service, we have a guest musician. **Gustavo Antoniacomi**, is a 17 yr old Cellist from Brazil. Missionary Sandy Simmons taught Gustavo cello and helped lead him to the Lord. He is in the States interviewing with local Universities hoping to study music. He will be playing 3 times in our morning worship. YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS hearing and seeing this young man.



Sunday, February 15 @ 11:00

Furman Singers from Furman University

in CONCERT
Viewmont BC
Monday, Mar. 9
7:00 pm

FURMAN SINGERS, Founded in 1946, is one of the premier collegiate ensembles in America. The group tours across the United States and Europe.

We need homes to help house 85 singers following the concert. You would provide them breakfast on Tuesday and bring them back to the church.

PLEASE sign up if you could take 2, 4, 6 of these young college students for that evening. Call the church office or Jimmy!

In the Hospital (at this writing)

Bill Teague

As You Pray, Remember

Jay Robison and family in the death of Jay's aunt of Wisconsin

Micki Robison and family in the death of Micki's great aunt, Geneva Martin.

Mike Costner and family in the death of Mike's sister, Sandra Harris of Louisburg, NC.

The family of Marcia Lantz Jordan in their time of bereavement.

Thank You From

Chuck & Janice Moore

Brett & Lisa Miller

Henry & Lib Ward

Deposit for 12/31/2014

Budget:	\$ 11,975.00
Non-Budget:	<u>3,683.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 15,658.00

Actual Budget Gifts to Date:	\$ 580,271.03
Actual Budget Exp to Date:	<u>554,042.88</u>
Over to Date:	\$ 14,258.15

Global Missions:	\$ 15,199.74*
*Total Collected for Ingathering:	\$ 4,554.82

PFTT Building Fund

Received to Date:	\$2,252,729.00
Spent to Date:	<u>2,247,669.83</u>
Balance to Date:	\$ 5,059.17

Owe on 1st Citizens Loan:	\$ 597,200.00
(Principal Only)	

Memorials

for Z. W. Brown to TV Ministry.

for Eddie Yount to PFTT.



Lent 2015

"You've Got the Time" a 40 day New Testament program from CBF and Faith Comes by Hearing, an International Bible Distribution Group

It takes 28 minutes a day to listen through the New Testament in 40 days.

We will give out listening CDs at the Ash Wednesday service on February 18th.

According to the Record

Attendance:	1/4	1/11	1/18	1/25
SS Enrollment:	333	334	334	335
SS Attendance:	152	162	136	161
Guests:	10	2	5	1
New Members:	—	—	—	—
Total SS Attendance:	162	164	141	162
<i>Fresh Spirit:</i>	80	72	57	76
Morning Worship:	162	167	156	157

Deposit for 1/4/2015

Budget:	\$ 10,233.00
Non-Budget:	<u>1,381.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 11,614.00

Deposit for 1/11/2015

Budget:	\$ 11,798.00
Non-Budget:	<u>1,273.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 13,071.00

Deposit for 1/18/2015

Budget:	\$ 7,624.70
Non-Budget:	<u>2,455.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 10,079.70

Deposit for 1/25/2015

Budget:	\$ 8,544.00
Non-Budget:	<u>1,605.57</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 10,149.57

Actual Budget Gifts to Date:	\$ 38,199.70
Actual Budget Exp to Date:	<u>30,665.27</u>
Over to Date:	\$ 7,534.43

Global Missions:	470.00
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PFTT Building Fund

Received to Date:	\$2,256,991.57
Spent to Date:	<u>2,247,669.83</u>
Balance to Date:	\$ 9,318.24

Owe on 1 st Citizens Loan	\$ 597,200.00
(Principal only)	

Memorials

for Nadine Greenhill (4 gifts) to Greenhill Endowment.

for Grace Smith to PFTT.

for Marcia Jordan (3 gifts) to PFTT; (2 gifts) to Benevolence Fund.

Honorariums

for the birthdays of: Glenda Bumgarner; Pat Sigmon; and Gayle Stafford to PFTT.



Contribution records for 2014 are available in the reception area near the elevator.

Opportunities for Service

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Sunday, February 1

- 8:30 a.m. Fresh Spirit Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room 107
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Sunday Night Live

Monday, February 2

- 5:30 p.m. Property Committee, Conference Room 107
- 7:00 p.m. Long Range Planning, Library

Tuesday, February 3

- 9:00 a.m. Ministerial Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. WOM 2, Room 141

Wednesday, February 4

- 6:45 a.m. Breakfast for Sr. High Youth
- 4:50 p.m. Fresh Spirit Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m. Supper is Served
- 5:55 p.m. Children's Choirs; Youth Bells
- 6:00 p.m. Grief Share
- 6:15 p.m. Prayer Time
- 6:30-7:15 p.m. Bible Study; Adult Options
Preschool & Children's Mission Life
WOW; Viewmont Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5

- 1:00 p.m. WOM 1, Fellowship Center

Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 7

Monday-Friday

- 3-6:00 p.m. After School Ministry

Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat

- 5:30 p.m. AA

Each Tuesday

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study

Welcoming:

- 2/1: Tim, Caroline, Branden Turner
- 2/8: Jimmy Greenhill

Viewer Response

- 2/1 & 2/8: Sharon Olsen, Nancy Simmons
- 2/15 & 2/22: Kenny Joe Crump, Judy Downs

Ushers for February:

- Bruce Buchanan, Joe Mercer, Bruce Ogle,
Dot Rhyne, Tim Turner, Jenny Weaver

Nursery Volunteers

- February 1:* Early Service: Agnese Barnett
- 11:00 a.m.: Bill, Jeri Barnette
- To volunteer please contact
Liz Amick at 320-9349.
- Volunteers are needed for the services
at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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