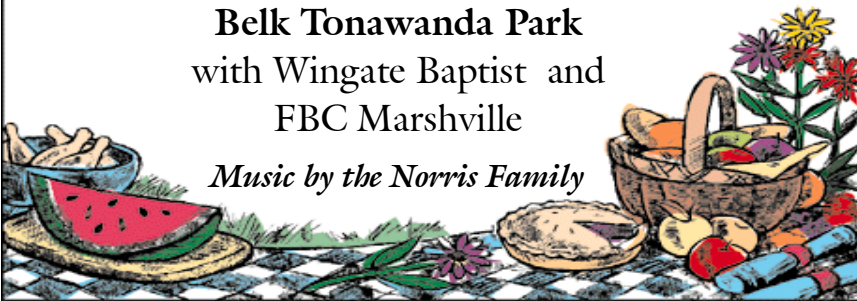


Annual Summer Picnic

Wednesday, September 2
Belk Tonawanda Park
with Wingate Baptist and
FBC Marshville

Music by the Norris Family



Alarm System Installed ...

The security alarm system is now installed and activated. If you need to get into the buildings after office hours, you must call and inform the church office first. If you come into the buildings (all doors) without a code, the alarm will go off.

Book Drive

The weekday Preschool is in need of gently used or new children's books. Preschool is in the process of building classroom libraries to foster a love for reading with the youngsters. Your continued support of the preschool is greatly appreciated and vital to the growth and success of this program. The books will be collected through August and can be placed in the Gathering Area.

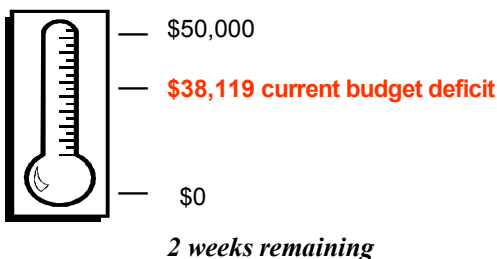
Books Needed:

- Picture books
- Nonfiction children's books
- Children's poetry books
- Children's audio books
- Multicultural books

Books Not Needed:

- Damaged books
- Magazines
- Comic books
- "Kid's Meal" books

Deficit Reduction Project through August 16



Baptism:

A Road Map for Young Disciples

A seven-week experience for children ages 8-12
taught by Dr. John Hewett

Wednesday afternoons, 4:30—5:30 beginning September 16

- Call the church office to register -

This Week at FBC

Sunday, August 23

9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
 9:15 AM Prayer Room Open (Room 305)
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Preschool Extended Session
 11:00 AM Service of Worship
 12:00 PM Shepherd's Flock Class Lunch in Gym
 6:00 PM Messy Marvin Party

Monday, August 24

6:30 PM TOPS

Tuesday, August 25

9:30 AM Craft Club

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 PM Capital Projects Committee
Choir Room



All Youth are invited to the annual
"Messy Marvin" Party
 Sunday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m. on the church lawn
FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

Help With Lawn Care ...

Volunteers are needed to help with church lawn care next week (week of August 24). To volunteer, contact Marhsa in the church office.

Thanks to Joel Myers, Ray Sowder, Jim Stubbs and Malcolm Holloway who provided lawn care last week.



Raffle Tickets
for a quilt named "Summer Sunshine"
are now available from members
of the Craft Club
Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5
Proceeds will benefit the
Fall Bazaar

Cook Books

A box of cook books that we had published for our 150th anniversary celebration has been found. They are available in the church office for \$10 each. However, no dividers are available.

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call August 21-28
Sara Spahr Stubbs—704-291-2204

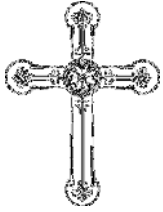
MissionsFirst

- The LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING for August will be given to **Restoration House**, a local residential program whose purpose is to reach out to lost and broken people. Their immediate focus is the homeless, men and women who have been released from the prisons, jails and are coming off the streets. They seek to provide them an environment conducive to building and discipling them for God.
- As the days of summer draw to a close, many Union County families will become anxious about the school supplies they will need (and cannot afford) when they return to school. In partnership with the Union County Department of Social Services, we will again try to alleviate some of this anxiety. Please take a **book bag** from the **MISSION TREE** (in the Gathering Area) and fill it with needed school supplies (a listing of supplies is included in each bag — adding a school uniform is optional). Bags can be individual, group or class projects.

By the Numbers ...

Sunday, August 16, 2009:

Bible Study Attendance	113
Adults.....	94
Youth	3
Children.....	16
Worship Attendance	180
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 12,992
Budget Receipts	\$ 10,513
Budget Requirements to Date	\$649,600
Budget Receipts to Date	\$611,481
Deficit.....	\$ 38,119



The Worship of God

August 23, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT DAY

Gathering Song by Men of the Summer Choir

"We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" by William Miller

Solo by Paul Sims

"A Simple Song" by Leonard Bernstein

Anthem by the Summer Choir

"God Has Called Us" by Robert Hobby

Sermon by John Hewett

"The Dog Days of Faith"

Scripture: II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Stewardship Journey by Jim and Sara Stubbs

The Baptism of Ria Edwards

Audio CDs of our worship services are available in the church office. Audio recordings of sermons are available at www.monroefirstbaptist.org

Faith in Fiction Book Club

begins meeting again on

Thursday, September 3, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Participants are asked to read Ken Follett's book

World Without End

Refreshments and fellowship the discussion

**Members invite you to join them
the first Thursday of each month**

Crisis Assistance Yard Sale

Saturday, August 22 from 7:00 a.m.-noon

Boulevard Specialty Shoppes, 1333 W Roosevelt Boulevard
to raise desperately needed funds to help local families

Donations of gently used clothing, household items, etc.

can be dropped off at their office this week

Volunteers are needed to help with the sale



Coming October 14!

Needed ...

Our Weekday Preschool is in need of a four-drawer filing cabinet with a lock and key. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please contact Larry Tuggle at 704-764-7664.

Committees

Sunday School Greeters:

Then-n-Now Class

Church Office Volunteer:

Kathy Cole

Security:

Narthex - Joel Myers

Gathering Area - Harold Funderburk

Ushers:

Mary Lou Gamble, Don Haver, John Whitley, Harriet Wilson

Offertory:

Tim McBride, Harvey Whitley, David Lee, Sandra Whitley

Preschool Extended Session:

Nursery-Christina Kale

Preschool -David and Brenda Lowery

Money Counters:

Mary Ellen Hopper, Aileen Sowder

First Baptist Family

Please remember the following in prayer:

Russ, Teri and Matt Sharp

Annie Bragg

Betty Brantley at CMC-Union

Emily Livingston

Scott Edwards

Bob Turner

John Ward

Charles Penegar, brother of Max Penegar

Jake Painter, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Painter

Sympathy

To Jim Stubbs and family in the death of his aunt, Lib Steen

Congratulations

To Larry and Ginny Brock on the birth of their granddaughter, Sarah Grace, on August 17. Parents are Russ and Kelly Brock.

Farther Along ...

Things are getting shrill out there. Whether it's the unemployment rate or the heat or the humidity or global warming or health care reform or cap and trade or the deficit, everywhere you turn, people are on edge. Accidentally pull out in front of someone in traffic? Prepare for glares, snarls, and sign language. Speak up at a town hall meeting, and louder voices will shout you down. God help you if you walk out of the house tomorrow morning with the wrong look on your face. Someone with a chip on his shoulder will take offense and let you know about it at the top of his voice.

Some people thrive on conflict and confrontation. (Witness the screaming heads on cable news who line up every evening to get their fifteen minutes of infamy.) A good argument gets their adrenalin pumping. They live for the fight.

I am not one of those people.

My old seminary president, Duke McCall, used to say that, if a duel were imminent and he got to choose the weapons, he preferred boxing gloves at twenty paces. My sentiments exactly.

We need to be careful to keep our dialogue in the house of God markedly different from the screaming diatribes of the world. Here, nothing is unspeakable. Here we give each other the benefit of the doubt. At church we know we're all sinners for whom Christ died, and each of us is perfectly capable, on a regular basis, of being wrong. So, we don't shout each other down when we disagree. We listen patiently with the ears of faith, trusting the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth and safeguard us from all error.

Things are getting shrill out there. Occasionally they get shrill in here, too. But we should be different. Every chance we get, let's exercise the spiritual discipline of turning down the volume, and re-tuning our hearts to hear, and sing, God's praise.

John Hewett

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