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Baptist Church



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From the Pastor's Desk:

What DO Baptists Believe?

Part V: The Church, Baptism, and The Lord's Supper

What Baptists generally hold concerning the church, baptism, and the Lord's Supper is likely more familiar than other matters of doctrine. We understand that the church is made up of the "ekklesia," or "called out ones"—an assembly of believers. For Baptists, the church is at once the local body of believers who have made professions of faith in Jesus Christ and who have been baptized, and the universal church similarly constituted. Baptists believe that the local church is autonomous, answering to no higher organizational authority such as a local, state, or national association or convention. The local church is free to develop its own governing documents, and select ministers, deacons, and ministry leaders. It adopts its own programs and ministries, and is free to collaborate with other bodies of believers to achieve common goals.

Baptists do not baptize infants since we believe in a "regenerated" church membership, that is, membership made up of persons who have been moved by the Holy Spirit to publicly proclaim their belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and lord. Many Baptist congregations do, however, conduct parent-child dedication services involving newborn children. This should be seen as the dedication of the parents to the rearing of their child in a Christian context rather than as baptism of the child, per se. Baptists consider baptism as an ordinance of the church rather than a "sacrament," that is having a "saving" effect. Baptist congregations baptize by immersion since that is the meaning of the word in Greek (*baptizo*) from which our English word derives and is consistent with New Testament era practice.

The Lord's Supper is another ordinance observed by Baptists. Again, absent any saving effect, it is a two fold recognition of Christ's work of redemption in the life of the believer--first, as "remembrance," and second, as "thanksgiving." At Rivermont, our prayer over the bread is a "remembrance" prayer, and our prayer over the cup is a "thanksgiving" prayer. Baptist churches decide independently on the frequency of Lord's Supper observance, some monthly (as we do) and some quarterly. In any case, it is a celebration of the Lord's atoning work of salvation for the believer. The use of cubed, sliced white bread or wafers or unleavened Communion Bread is a local church option as is the use of watered wine or grape juice.

Next issue: *Stewardship, Evangelism, and Education*

For further discussion of what Baptists believe, please refer to relevant sections of *The Baptist Faith and Message*.

Church Picnic and Pool Party @ Eagle Eyrie

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th—5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



THE PICNIC WILL BE AT THE PAVILION
AT 5 PM.

THE POOL WILL OPEN FROM 6-8 PM.
(Yes, lifeguards will be on duty!)

HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS AND DRINKS WILL
BE PROVIDED.

Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family before Aug. 8 After 8/8: \$5/\$15

SIGN YOUR FAMILY UP & PLAN TO BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT!

Please sign my family up for the Church Picnic

Name(s): _____

I have attached: \$ _____

I will bring: _____

Klothes 4 Kids

a back to school clothing ministry sponsored by
The Churches and Women's Groups of the Lynchburg Baptist Association

RABC is Collecting: Girls size 10, new clothing

Tops (10/12 medium), no sleeveless **Jeans** (10), no shorts, skirts, or dresses

Socks (Large), low-rise preferred **Underwear** (10)

Volunteers will be needed for the following: to schedule appointments (August 10, 11 and 12);
to sort clothes (August 16); to assist customers at the sale (August 19-21); and to make appointment
reminder calls (August 18 & 19)

To volunteer, call the LBA office (832-0455 or 238-6322)

MUSIC CAMP '10

PRESENTATION



Sunday, July 19—7 p.m.

Greetings from Music Camp

Greetings from this year's Music Camp. At the time of this writing, we have completed the first day with the children. They are so talented, and very well behaved this year! You'll enjoy witnessing their presentation of the musical Under God's Sea in 3D this Sunday night.

This year's enrollment is a tie for the second best enrollment. Here are the numbers:

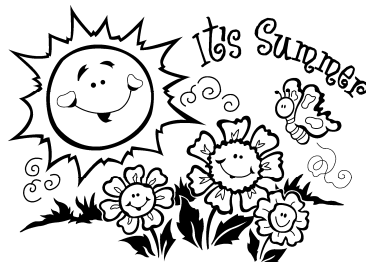
◀Children Enrolled 88

◀Camp Workers 42

Total Enrollment: 130

Once again, Lynchburg continues to show strong interest in participating in our camp. Out of the 88 children enrolled, only 20 are active members of our congregation. That means that 80% of the enrollment is from the Lynchburg community, and other places around the state, and our country. So many new faces really lift our spirits and fill us with joy as we serve in this ministry.

DON'T MISS THE PERFORMANCE THIS SUNDAY!



A Summer Rest in August

Many of our Music groups will be taking a break during the month of August.

—The choir will be off beginning July 28th. Rehearsals will resume on August 25th.

—The Praise Teams and orchestra will not sing or rehearse in August. They will resume in September.

Calendar Connection

Sunday, July 18

Gift Card Orders Due Today

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Fellowship in Soul Café
- 10:30 am Bible Study for all ages
- 7:00 pm Music Camp Performance

Monday, July 19

- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 20

- 7:00 pm Lay Ministries Committee
- 7:00 pm Operation Christmas Child

Wednesday, July 21

- 6:45 pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:35 pm Community Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 22

- 6:30 am Promise Keepers
- 10:00 am ELC Chapel
- 7:00 pm CSO Meeting in the Soul Café
- 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- 8:00 pm Step Group Meetings

Friday, July 23

- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

Sunday, July 25

Newsletter Deadline

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Fellowship in Soul Café
- 10:30 am Bible Study for all ages

Monday, July 26

- 9:00 am ELC Training in Soul Café
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 27

- 9:00 am ELC Training in Soul Café
- 7:00 pm Deacons

Wednesday, July 28

- 9:00 am ELC Training in Soul Café
- 5:00 pm Strategy Team Leaders Meeting
- 6:45 pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:35 pm Community Choir Rehearsal

Prayer Connection

Friends to Remember

Jo Brown, 200 Blumont Drive, 24503
Sally Capps, Valley View, 1213 Long
Meadows Drive, 24502

Jennie Flint, and Eleanor "Marie"
Rogers Scott, Medical Care Center, 2200
Landover Place, 24501

Richard Hamilton, The Oaks, 2249
Murrell Road, 24501

Lois Everette, Evelyn Mattox, John
Ferguson, Martha Spigner, Audrey Cary and
Evelyn Wallace, Westminster Canterbury,
501 VES Road, 24503

In Memoriam

Donald Pugh
July 6, 2010

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Ruby Hamilton
July 12, 2010

Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to the
following families:

Richard Pugh in the death of his brother.

Patricia Thomas in the death of her
father.

Daryl Whipkey in the death of his
grandfather.

Thursday, July 29

- 6:30 am Promise Keepers
- 10:00 am ELC Chapel
- 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- 8:00 pm Step Group Meetings

Friday, July 30

- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

Operation Christmas Child Opportunities

Collecting Donations to Fill Boxes

While you are doing early school shopping and the summer toys are going on sale, please get extra items and drop them in the Operation Christmas Child box in the foyer. Whatever would be good to put in a shoebox—crayons, markers, pencils, small coloring books, flip flops, summer shirts and shorts, sidewalk chalk, sunglasses, etc. (No liquids or water guns.)

Packing Party to Wrap Boxes

After we fill up the box, we will have a packing party and see how many shoeboxes we can fill. I already have lots of shoeboxes and wrapping paper.

Trip to the Processing Center

Also we have reservations for a trip to the processing center in Charlotte on December 11. We have room for 15 people to go work from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids must be 13 or over. If you're interested, contact Kelly Deffner (534-9333).

In Appreciation

Please see our "Thank You Board", located on the bulletin board outside the church office, for a note from the John Webb family.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the current quarter have been mailed and you should have received them. Please note that the State Missions envelope in the front of the package is for the State Missions emphasis in September.

Stewardship Connection

Week of June 28-July 4, 2010

Worship Service	125
Bible Study	125
Budget Offerings	\$22,425.97
(Weekly budget needs: \$11,576.96)	
Designated Offerings	\$679.36
Designated Receipts	\$4,687.01
TOTAL	\$27,792.34

Week of July 5-11, 2010

Worship Service	155
Bible Study	149
Budget Offerings	\$3,874.85
(Weekly budget needs: \$11,576.96)	
Designated Offerings	\$278.00
Designated Receipts	\$1,710.90
TOTAL	\$5,863.75

Through June 30, 2010

Actual Budget Receipts	\$251,618.30
Prorated Budget	\$301,001.02
Total Behind	- \$49,382.72
Actual Budget Expenses	\$261,036.89
Act. Bud. Exp. Surplus/Deficit	-\$9,418.59

Last Year's Comparison

Budget Receipts	\$270,610.00
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Bus Account as of 6/30/10

\$40,687.38

2001 Budget

The budget process for 2011 is just around the corner. Committee Chairs, be thinking about your plans for 2011.

Gift Cards Ordered July 18

To raise funds for the Church Bus Account we participate in the Great Lakes Script gift card program. We earn from 2%-15% of the face value of each card you purchase. The percentage earned is shown on your order form, which can be picked up from the magazine display in the foyer or the bus display outside the Soul Café. Orders are placed the third Monday of each month.

Please return your July order with payment to the offering plate on Sunday, July 18 or the ELC office by 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

Sunday Hours

Worship Service	9:00 AM
Fellowship	10:00 AM
Bible Study	10:30 AM

Staff Directory

Tom McCann	<i>Intentional Interim Pastor</i>
tmccann@rabc.us	
Wayne Bulson	<i>Minister of Music</i>
Greta Morris	<i>Early Learning Center Director</i>
Roy Prior	<i>Artist in Residence</i>
Aaron Meng	<i>Interim Youth Minister</i>
Karen Nichols	<i>Ministry Assistant</i>
Shirley Snead	<i>Financial Ministry Assistant</i>
Sharon Bulson	<i>Organist</i>
Doug Everett	<i>Maintenance Supervisor</i>
Jimmy Williamson	<i>Custodial Assistant</i>
Sue Nichols	<i>Wedding Coordinator</i>

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



**All Reminder
articles
are due into
the church office
by Sunday,
July 25**

We are updating our records
**Please Send Us Your
current E-Mail Address**

rabc@rabc.us