

 **First Baptist Church**  
117 South Main Street  
Clover, SC 29710  
*Return Service Requested*

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Clover, SC 29710  
Permit #12



# THE VISITOR

First Baptist Church, Clover, SC

Phone 222-3216

Web site: [www.firstbaptistclover.org](http://www.firstbaptistclover.org)

**Rev. David J. Stanford**  
Senior Pastor

**Rev. Kevin Witt**  
Min. of Education,  
Discipleship & Evangelism

**Rev. Mike Stafford**  
Minister to Students

## Sunday Worship Service Times

- 8:30 Traditional Worship in  
the Sanctuary**
- 9:45 Sunday School**
- 11:00 Blended Worship in  
the Sanctuary**
- 6:00 Evening Worship**

## STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT 7/25/10

### ATTENDANCE

Sunday School Attendance.....	269
8:30 a.m. Worship Service .....	120
11:00 a.m. Worship Service .....	179
Worship Kidstyle .....	11
The Bridge.....	71
Evening Events.....	75

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Designated Offerings:	
Building Fund.....	949.00
The Bridge.....	634.79
Expense Reimbursements .....	1,068.27
Preschool Memorial.....	25.00

Tithes for the Week .....	19,380.02
Weekly Budget .....	20,613.00

Year to Date Tithes Paid.....	593,605.20
Year to Date Expenses Paid.....	521,250.79
Year to Date Budget .....	618,205.00

**I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**  
**Gal. 2:20 (NKJV)**

## BUILDING FUND REPORT



Cost of Bldg. Renovation	\$1,629,100.80
Receipts to Date	926,007.96
Building Loan Amount	\$1,329,560.50
Paid to Principal	643,680.34
Paid to Interest	242,701.07
Loan Balance Owed	\$ 985,781.36
Building Fund on Hand	\$39,626.55

## MEMORIALS

Contributions to the Building Fund have been received in memory of the following:  
Richard Stafford      Grace Bennett  
Sam Long

A contribution to the Preschool Department has been received in memory of the following:  
Richard Stafford

VOLUME 53

July 28, 2010

NO. 30

## Weekly Activities

### Thursday, July 29, 2010

3:30 Search Committee Meeting

### Friday, July 30, 2010

10:00pm-2:00am CNC –  
Bowling Tournament

### Sunday, August 1, 2010

8:30 **Worship**  
9:45 Sunday School  
10:30 **The Bridge** – High School  
11:00 Worship Kidstyle  
11:00 **Worship** – Baptism in  
Sanctuary  
6:00 **Evening Worship**  
6:00 SNAC Disc Golf

### Monday, August 2, 2010

3:00 Delilah's Prayer Group  
7:00 Bethlehem Committee  
meeting in Conference Rm.

### Tuesday, August 3, 2010

6:30 Ministry of Visitation  
7:00 Worship Committee meeting

### Wednesday, August 4, 2010

4:30 Kids' Club Ray's Splash  
Planet  
6:30 **POWERHOUSE** in the  
Sanctuary  
6:30-7:30 Praise Team  
7:30-8:30 Chancel Choir  
Rehearsal

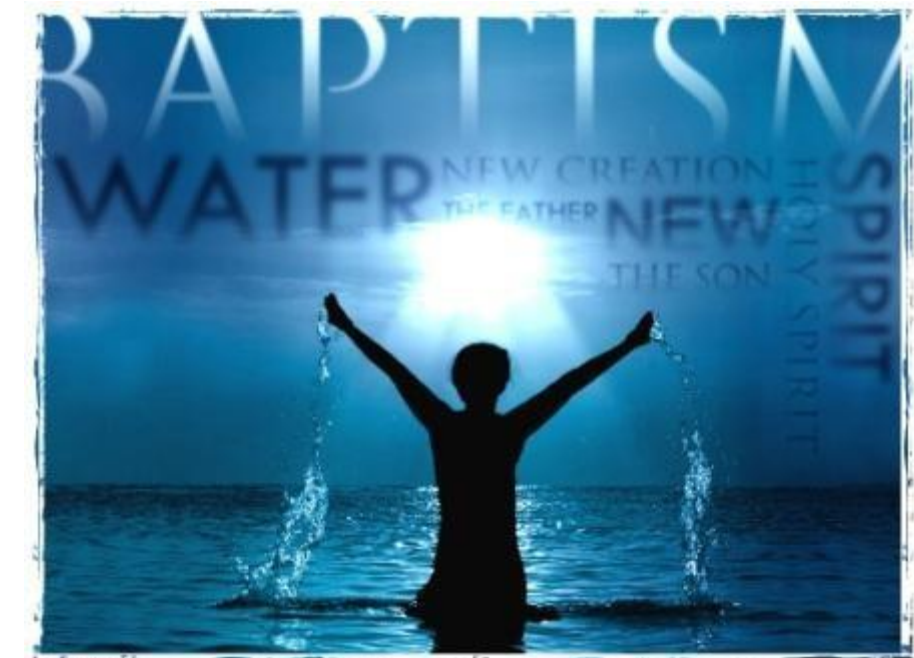
### Thursday, August 5, 2010

7:00 TNT Photo Scavenger Hunt

### Saturday, August 7, 2010

8:00am – 8:00 pm SNAC Deep  
Creek Tubing Trip

## Sunday, August 1



**11:00 Worship service  
in the Sanctuary**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

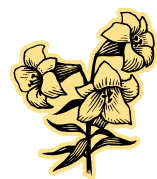
Aug 1 James Hurst  
Carolyn Holliday  
Angela Mount  
Thongsa Satrakoune  
Xone Satrakoune  
Ernie Stevenson  
Forest (Jr.) Parker  
2 Tina Davis  
Richard Stuckey  
Marybeth Lemrick  
Richard Vinson  
3 William Walker  
Joshua Killough  
Lee McCormick  
4 Tom Miller  
Lynn Sutton  
Kenny Baldwin  
Janice Thomas  
Brennan Cain  
5 Colt Hunter  
Dick Rasnick  
Lewis Stowe  
6 Sandra Rogers  
Nancy Lester  
Darlene Blair  
Chris Ferguson  
Molly Lenrick  
7 Jessica Stewart  
Rita Rasnick

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

Aug 2 Rev. & Mrs. Kevin Witt  
3 Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Sadler  
4 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kimble  
6 Rev. & Mrs. Billy Hurst  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Lynch  
7 Mr. & Mrs. Brett Lark

## FEATURED HOMEBOUND

Mary Robinson  
C/o Morningside  
1830 W. Main Street  
Rock Hill, SC 29732 803-324-2224



### Grave Lots

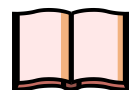
Have you been meaning to purchase grave lots and for some reason, you've just let it pass by? Well, you have the opportunity again now. There are 16 grave lots available at Lakeview Memory Gardens for members of First Baptist to purchase. These lots are available to church members at a cost of \$289 per lot rather than at the cost of \$1,585 for non-members. If you are interested, call and speak with Donna at Lakeview (684-3440).



Our loving Christian sympathy is extended to Nancy Long in the death of her brother.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Charlie Brown – Courtland Terrace  
Ruby Duncan - Unihealth, Rock Hill



### From the Pastor's Desk

Last Sunday I referenced several books that I highly recommend for your reading. The first was *For Women Only*, subtitled "What you need to know about the inner lives of men," by Shaunti Feldhahn. This book is greatly informative for women to learn how men think and why they do certain things. It is well worth your reading. Shaunti and her husband, Jeff Feldhahn published a sequel entitled *For Men Only*, subtitled "A straightforward guide to the inner lives of women." Both are published by Multnomah Books and are available at Christian bookstores. There is a copy of *For Men Only* in our church library. Sunday evening I read an excerpt from *90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper. This book is Don's testimony of what he experienced during a ninety minute interval in which he was clinically dead as a result of an automobile accident. He tells what he saw and heard in heaven, and then how he was resuscitated and eventually recovered enough to tell of his experiences. Copies of Don's book are available in our church library.

Perhaps you noted in the *Baptist Courier* that Rev. Hovie Revis passed away on July 6 at 85 years of age. Hovie was pastor at First Baptist of Clover from April 1982 to August 1983. Although his pastorate here was brief, he left a lasting and very positive impact on our church.

Let's be praying daily for Knox and Gene Bennett on mission this week in Windber, Pa. Also be praying for the witness being borne at the Girls National Softball Tournament in Rock Hill. Our York Baptist Association is one of the sponsors. Many people from our Association are involved in ministering to the girls, their coaches and families, and the umpires. Pray also for Charles Poore who is now an active duty chaplain with the South Carolina National Guard. After a couple of more weeks of training in the United States, his unit will be deployed to Central Asia. Thank you so much for your prayers for our church, for our staff, and for me.

Your Friend,  
**Dave Stanford**

## Thoughts from our other staff...

Dear Friends,

"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." – John 17:22-23 (NIV).

John 17:22-23 is one of the most remarkable passages in Scripture. It is remarkable because Christ prays that believers will not just be united, but that they will be united in the same way that He and the Father are united – that they will be one. This prayer is even more amazing because Jesus is praying not just for the disciples, not just for the early church, not even for a single church, but for all believers in all places and at all times. Christ prayed that all believers would be characterized by the same unity that exists within the Trinity – that no contradiction or dissent would exist amongst them. Paul echoes this prayer in I Corinthians 1:10 saying, "I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought" (NIV).

But how can all believers be united? How can we be united with believers in China or with believers that lived hundreds of years ago, with believers that we will never meet this side of Heaven? Believers across the ages can be united when they are focused on the mission that Christ has given to each of us and all of us – to bring His truth to a lost world. This fact makes the passage not just remarkable but also remarkably convicting, for Jesus says that it will be this unity that lets the world know His truth. Let us join our Lord in praying that we will be united in vision as a church and united with the Church across the ages in the mission of bringing the gospel to those Jesus came to seek and save.

**Kevin**

Hello Everyone,

### A Word On The Worship Wars

#### Psalm 83 :18

*Let them know that you, whose name is the Lord---- that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.*

It's easy to assume that "our way" is "God's way." If others don't agree with us, then they're obviously less spiritual than we are. In our current day and age, there may be no place that this is more evident than in the issue of worship style.

I may have just touched a sensitive nerve here, but it's worth thinking about. Most of the battles in our current ---- and dreadfully unfortunate ---- worship wars revolve around music, more particularly around music style. Rarely in these skirmishes are we upset over theological issues, the authority of scripture, or the deity of Christ. It's not what we say so much as it is *how* we say it.

Here's a little quiz. Ask yourself ----

- What kind of music does God like?
- What's His preferred order of worship?
- Is He partial to stained glass over theatrical lighting?
- Is He into projected lyrics rather than hardback hymnals?

We chuckle at questions like these, but don't we all get caught up sometimes in worship-related issues that are just as trivial? We disdain the "superficiality" of modern worship songs with no regard for the fresh expression they bring. We dread the "boredom" of classic hymns and forget the theological depth they bring to our understanding. And regardless of which "camp" we support, the use of any musical instrument that's not within our accepted arsenal is seen as suspect in its godliness. We ignore the fact that dozens of musical instruments are listed in scripture.

The truth is, our way is often not God's way. And I'm pretty sure that God's not even concerned with what our way is. In the end, it's not about us anyway. It's about Him. It's not about what we get out of worship ---- it's about what we *give*. It's not about whether our needs are met ---- it's about whether His name is exalted.

**Prayer:** *Most high God, forgive me when I've placed my desires and wants above your name and majesty. What I give in worship really is all about you. In the name of your wonderful son I pray. Amen.*

**Thought For The Day:** God is above any style, any preference, any tradition. ---- Marty Parks ----

Have A Wonderful Week!  
God Bless!  
**Bro. Jerrell**

### NEWS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

- There will be a *Sunday School Celebration Dinner* in honor of all in-service teachers, workers, and directors on Saturday, August 21 at 6:30. Please sign up for this event by calling the church office.
- Sunday School Promotion will be Sunday, September 12, 2010.

### Our Weekly Volunteers

#### TABERNACLE TEAM 8/1/10

Clark & Kim Clatterbuck

#### VAN DRIVER 8/1/10

Joey Bradberry

#### DEACON VISITORS 8/1/10

WC Turner Rex Simon  
Andy Carter John Ludwig  
Ron Barker

#### TELLERS 8/2/10

Cathy Ferrell Cindy Norris



Preschool

#### VOLUNTEERS 8/1/10

8:30 Steve & Cathy  
Ferrell  
11:00 Tim & Vicki  
Boggs; Chris &

6:00 Beth and Layne Stevenson

#### **Children's Church:**

4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Lynn Sutton; Karen  
Goodwin

### A Time of Fellowship



**Thursday, July 29**  
7:30 D.R.O. vs. Baptist 1  
8:30 Baptist 2 vs. Clover Co-Op