

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Beverly Simons - Moderator
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Judy Hartman - Fellowship Coordinator
Sheila Griffin - Worship
Susan Belding - Missions
Peter Achilles - Treasurer
David Belding - Financial Secretary
Nancy Robbins - Church Clerk

OUR SCHEDULE

Neighborhood Saturday Lunch Ministry - 11:45am – 12:15pm
Worship - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Sunday, 11:00 – 11:30 am
Bible Study - Sunday, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Prayer Time – Wednesday, 5:00 pm

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JULY

2018

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10am Pastor Bill	2 Phil/Morgan (Achilles) Ewert Anniversary	3	4 Prayer Time 5:00 pm Nancy Robbins Birthday	5	6	7 Lunch 11:45am
8 Worship 10am Dr. Streeter Marlyn Stanton Birthday	9	10	11 Prayer Time 5:00 pm	12	13	14 Lunch 11:45am
15 Worship 10am Pastor Bill	16	17 Jim Foster Birthday	18 Prayer Time 5:00 pm	19	20	21 Lunch 11:45am Ed MacDonald Birthday
22 Worship 10am Rev. Granger David Belding Birthday	23	24	25 Prayer Time 5:00 pm	26	27	28 Lunch 11:45am
29 Worship 10am Rev. Granger	30 Doug Freier Birthday	31 Callianne Robbins Birthday				

Pastor's Page:

Summer is here, a time when the pace of life is a little slower. We now have a little more time to think and reflect on what we read. So make yourself a cup of coffee, tea or a nice iced drink, find a cozy place to be comfortable, read these quotes and spend some time thinking about what the author is trying to communicate to you and what change they encourage in your heart, your life, or your church.

One beautiful heart is better than a hundred beautiful faces.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. Helen Keller

There are three C's in life -- Choices, Chances, and Changes

You must make a choice to take a chance or your life will never change.

The closer we are to the Shepherd, the safer we are from the wolves. Jarred Wilson

We are not called to be like other Christians; we are called to be like CHRIST.

I didn't incorporate God into my life. I gave God my life.

Science says that we need at least 4 basic elements to survive:

1-Water

2- Air

3-Food

4-Light

Look what the Bible tells us about Jesus:

1- I am the living water.

2- I am the breath of life.

3- I am the bread of life.

4- I am the light of the world.

Hallelujah! Science is right, we need Jesus to live.

Enjoy your special days of summer relaxing, spending time with family, perhaps taking a vacation, being in awe of the beautiful sunsets, and setting time aside for God to speak to you. God has much to say to us if we give Him the chance to speak to us. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) Make the most of the warm, lazy days of summer attempting to do everything you have on your summer "To Do List." The snow will be back before we know it, and then it will be too late.

Pastor Phyllis

Report from the Financial Secretary

It was wonderful to see our church filled to the brim this past Sunday as people from all over gathered to celebrate the life of our dear Clair Schaffner. And it was particularly fitting that the celebration be held at First Baptist, the church into which he poured so much of his love and life.

One of my early memories of Clair was during a visit to the hospital. He was recovering from an extraordinary heart operation that entailed using lasers to shoot holes in the heart tissue to stimulate regeneration of the muscle. I recall the cheerful, animated excitement with which he described the operation and showed us the brilliantly colored images of his heart. He took particular interest in reaching out to our eldest daughter, Juliana and engaging her young curiosity. As I look back, there was so much of Clair in this visit; his welcoming smiles, the sound of his gentle and kind voice, the infectious and eager excitement with which he shared his story, the attention and love he showed particularly to children.

It is fitting that this is a story about the heart for, as the medical images showed, Clair had an unusually large and colorful heart. I'd like to think that all those little holes they made in his heart served to better let his inner light shine through, for it is certain that he had God's light deep in his heart.

*As water reflects the face,
so one's life reflects the heart. Proverbs 27:19*

*Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God. Matthew 5:8*

Attendance

June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
45	35	35	39

Pledging

Pledge collections through June 24 totaled \$36,243. This amounted to \$7,240 more than the expected pledging of \$29,003. Our plate collections for the year so far are a healthy \$4198. As financial secretary, it is wonderful to feel the sense of solid support and confidence that our congregation's extraordinary generosity engenders. Thank you.

Dave Belding
Financial Secretary

Recipe for Rhubarb Salad

At the popular Mother's/Father's Day luncheon held mid-way between the two respective celebrations in May and June, many gathered as families and friends to share love, laughs, memories and of course favorite foods, too! With ruby-red rhubarb exploding in our spring garden, I turned to my mother-in-law's Mennonite cookbook for a refreshing recipe using our early harvest in a brand-new way for us. Several people asked me to print the ingredients for the cold salad in the newsletter. I hope others will share their delightful recipes over the summer!

Rhubarb Salad (Serves 8)

Cook together:

- 3 cups finely cut rhubarb
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup water

Add:

- 2 three-oz. packages of strawberry gelatin. (*I used 1 peach and 1 pineapple Jello.*)
- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- 2 ¼ cups water
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ cup chopped nuts. (*I used thinly sliced almonds.*)

Chill until firm.

Happy cooking!

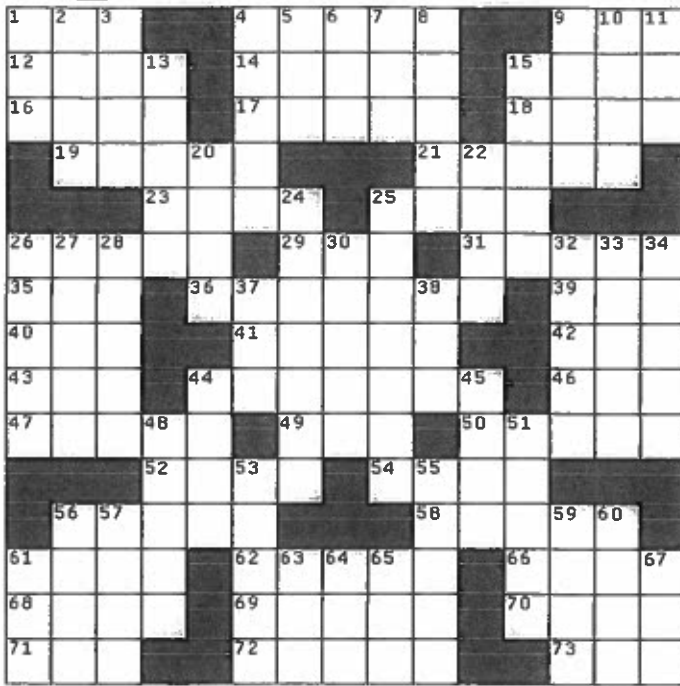
Susan Belding

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Haley Ann Simons, daughter of David and Teri Simons, and granddaughter of Beverly and the late Basil Simons, was named Valedictorian of the Class of 2018 at Central Davidson High School in Lexington, North Carolina. Haley will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Norma Withiam has a slight change in her address. It is now 318 Bella Vista Drive. Her phone number is 607-375-6666.

Solve



DOWN

- 1 Large computer co.
- 2 Require
- 3 A Roman emperor
- 4 Computer phone
- 5 Flightless bird
- 6 X
- 7 Grow older
- 8 Cowboy rope
- 9 KJV pronoun
- 10 Healthy
- 11 IOU part
- 13 Slang term for man
- 15 Where Jesus died
- 20 Golden ___ (Israelite idol)
- 22 Son of Seth
- 24 Metallic sulfide minerals
- 25 First Christian martyr
- 26 Melts together
- 27 Japanese city
- 28 Hard to pass

- through a needle?
- 30 Vacant
- 32 ___ Rica
- 33 Sacrificial table
- 34 Pay up
- 37 Expression of surprise
- 38 Caviar
- 44 Wound
- 45 Journalist's question
- 48 Struck (KJV)
- 51 Musical composition
- 53 Peter's other name
- 55 Painter Richard
- 56 Baseball team
- 57 Book after Gospels
- 59 Loch ___ monster
- 60 Gawk
- 61 Part of a week
- 63 Boxer Muhammad
- 64 Veto
- 65 Adam and ___
- 67 Imbue

ACROSS

- 1 No room for them in the ___
- 4 Iron, for example
- 9 Pair
- 12 Steak
- 14 I am the Alpha and the ___
- 15 Chomp
- 16 Meager
- 17 Sand hills
- 18 Persona
- 19 "___ et decorum est..."
- 21 Asian capital
- 23 Thy word is a ___ unto my feet
- 25 Male children
- 26 Central
- 29 Still
- 31 Award
- 35 North American nation
- 36 Food producers
- 39 Bullfight cheer
- 40 Surface to air missile
- 41 Large zoo

- animals
- 42 Short-term memory
- 43 Stretch to make do
- 44 First book of NT
- 46 Thai
- 47 Chip dip
- 49 Hurricane center
- 50 Biblical seat of emotions
- 52 Fail
- 54 Nifty
- 56 Mother-in-law of Ruth
- 58 Smarted
- 61 Dictionary (abbr.)
- 62 Impressionist painter
- 66 Deceased
- 68 Wager
- 69 Popeye's girlfriend
- 70 Catch sight of (KJV)
- 71 Affirmation
- 72 Vetoes
- 73 Visualize