

Deep Run News

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Leadership Team

Pastor—Rev. David J. Fishman

Youth Minister—Matthew Hill

Deacon Chairperson—Tim Hardy

Music Director—Megan Saint-Amand

Sunday School Director—Randy Smith

WMU Director—Shelba Hill

Sunday Events

9:30 am—Prayer Time

9:45 am—Sunday School Assembly

11 am—Worship Service

6 pm—Youth Fellowship

Wednesday Events

7:30 pm—Bible Studies

A Few Thoughts...

I mentioned this past Sunday how good it was to see more people coming to Bible Study on Wednesday evenings...it was good to see the fellowship shared afterwards as many lingered and talked. I believe it pleases God to see His children studying together, encouraging one another, and even challenging each other. More good news...we have room for you!

I know how easy it is to get out of the habit of reading and studying God's Word...of not going to church...and even being so busy we feel we

don't have time for those things. But, I also know how vital each is for us to be the person and people God wants us to be. Taking the time to read, study, and worship together is part of being God's family. It's part of equipping us to be more like Jesus. It's part of readying us for the temptation and trials that may come. It's part of enabling us to share the Gospel message effectively with confidence.

We have knowledgeable and gifted teachers who'll eagerly welcome you. Each class will help you understand God's

Word a little better and therefore each class will help you know Him more, serve Him better, and love Him deeper.

There are no costs or prerequisites—all you need is a little time and a desire to make your relationship with our heavenly Father even better than what it is now.

Remember, each class starts at 7:30 pm every Wednesday and we're usually finished by 8:30 pm...looking forward to seeing you!

Serving In His Name,

Pastor Dave & Stacy

Deacon of the Month

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:12—13



Mark & Karen Keene

October 2011

New Deacons!

Congratulations go out to Mark & Karen Keene as well as Steve & Megan Saint-Amand! Mark & Steve have been elected to serve as deacons within our church family for the next three (3) years. I believe we made a couple good choices!



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Mark & Karen

Steve & Megan
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Thanks go out to Curtis & Dannette Harper as well as Bill & Christine Taylor! Thank you for your ministry and service provided our church these past three years as Curtis and Bill served as deacons... your work is appreciated!

Enclosed in this month's *Deep Run News* is our updated Deacon Family Listing. Please note who your deacon is and feel free to contact him or me (Pastor Dave) any time we can be of assistance. It is a joy for us to help, encourage, pray for as well as with you, and serve with you in any way!

The Gift of Life—Blood Drive

Aaron Blizzard and others will be conducting a blood drive on Saturday, October 1st, in our Fellowship Hall. The times are from 10 am through 4 pm.

This is one of Aaron's Eagle Scout projects and one that can certainly make a positive difference in our community and beyond.

If you are able, I encourage you to come by

and donate—that others may be able to live. Thank you in advance for your caring and giving of yourself...it's what Jesus continues to do!



Something to Ponder

DECISIONS CAN TAKE YOU OUT OF GOD'S WILL BUT NEVER OUT OF HIS REACH.

If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself (2 Timothy 2:13)).

In her book, *A Closer Walk*, author Catherine Marshall tells about a great personal struggle she experienced after writing a novel titled *Gloria*. Marshall began the novel in 1969 and then abandoned the project two and a half years later. To her; the shelved manuscript was “like a death in the family.”

In attempting to reconcile her conflicting thoughts and feelings, Marshall spent time at a retreat house in Florida. While there,

she reread a Bible story from Numbers about a time when poisonous snakes filled the Israelite camp. The people recognized the snakes as a punishment for their sin, and cried out in repentance.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live” (Numbers 21:8).

Marshall realized that just as the Israelites took that which had hurt them, lifted it up to God, and were healed, so we each can take our mistakes and sins, lift them to God in prayer, and trust Him to heal us. She writes, “When any one of us has made a wrong (or even doubtful) turning in our lives



No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

through arrogance or lack of trust or impatience or fear— God will show us a way out.” Even when we stray, He knows both where we are and how to get us back on His path.

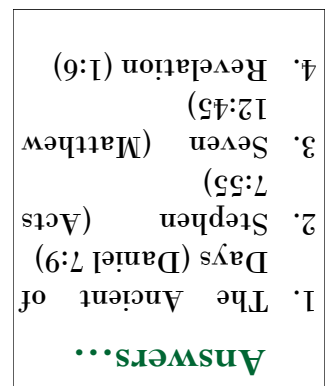
On the Lighter Side...Bible Trivia

Here are some questions to encourage you to think and know God's Word a little better. Hope you enjoy...

1. According to Daniel, this astonishing person had a throne like a fire of flame. Who was he?
2. Who looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw Jesus on the right hand of God?
3. According to Jesus, when an evil spirit returns to a

person, how many companions does it bring with it?

4. What New Testament book says that God has made His people to be a kingdom of priests?



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THE CHURCH
WITH A HEART

Financial FYI...

As promised...our financial bottom line for August 2011:

Contributions—\$13,469.00

Expenses—\$8,801.50

A little more information for you...our Year to Date financial
bottom line:

Contributions—\$121,194.59

Expenses—\$98,147.79

*He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the
Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk
humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8

Shout Outs

Go out to Cara Beth Harrison who was named as...

Fitness Award Winner
Self-Expression Award Winner
2nd Runner-Up for 2012 Distinguished Young Woman of Lenoir County

Go out to Meredith Sutton who was named as...

Fitness Award Winner
Talent Award Winner
Self-Expression Award Winner
Scholastics Award Winner
2012 Distinguished Young Woman of Lenoir County

Go out to Wade Davis who has received his Eagle Scout Award presented at
our church on September 4, 2011.

Congratulations to this young man and these young women who have distinguished themselves and honor God in their lives. We are proud of you and count it a blessing to know you as well as have you part of our Church Family!

