

# 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...

As I write this we are in recovery mode from Hurricane Irene. This is certainly something we are familiar with here in eastern North Carolina. I am thankful that even in the midst of storms (literally and figuratively) God provides His protection and ultimate victory to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

Not many days before Irene, many of us experienced a first...the earthquake that shook most of the east coast. WOW! I've been to a lot of different places

and yet I have never experienced an earthquake. After the initial shock (no pun intended) wore off I remembered Jesus' words...**for nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines, pestilences; and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows** (Matthew 24:7—8).

It only stands to reason...with each passing day we're closer to God's rapture of His children (1 Thessalonians 4:13—18). Neither I nor anyone else knows the day nor the hour which is

why God's warning is for all of us to be ready now. I am and my prayer is you are, too. Unfortunately there are many who are not ready. Because we all know and care for people who are not yet Christian and therefore not ready for the rapture, we must persevere in our prayers, witness, study, worship, and commitment!

Seize the opportunities each day gives you to grow God's kingdom!

Serving In His Name,

*Pastor Dave & Stacy*

## Deacon of the Month

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

**1 Corinthians 15:58**



Randy & Ginny Smith  
September 2011

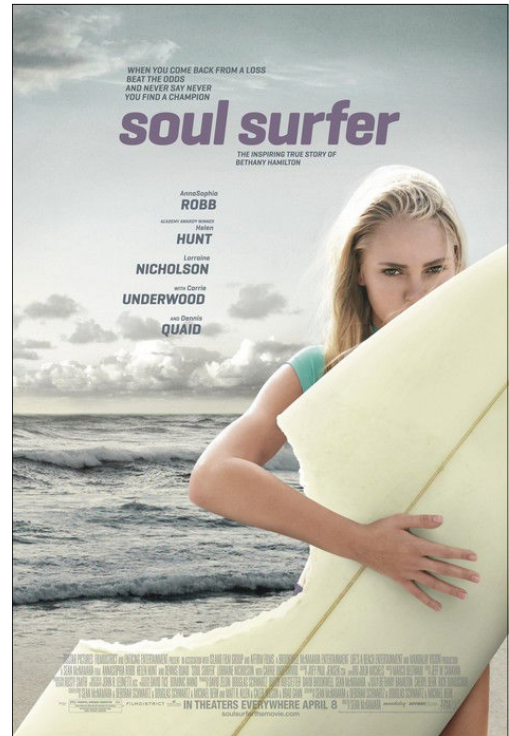
## Dinner and a Movie!

We are set for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm for our Dinner and a Movie Night in Deep Run.

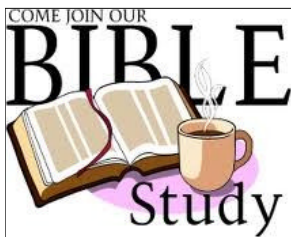
Dinner is potluck...bring your favorite—enough for you and a little extra to share. It's always good! I believe God has blessed us with the best cooks around.

Movie is *Soul Surfer*. It “is the incredible true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again through her sheer determination and unwavering faith.” For all of us who have suffered loss, this remarkable story of a Christian family is inspiring. They demonstrate conviction of their belief in Christ in the face of unimaginable circumstances. Though tested, they never give up and give the glory to God.

This movie will have you crying, laughing, cheering, as well as encouraging your spirit.



## Bible Study Time



Our Bible Studies will be revving back up on September 7<sup>th</sup>...I hope you will take advantage of this special time of study, prayer, and

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fellowship. We have three separate studies:

1. Our Women's Bible Study is entitled *Jesus, The One and Only* by Beth Moore. It is an in-depth look at the life of Jesus...from birth to resurrection.
2. Our Thru the Bible Study has its journey in the book of *Revelation*. All Scripture is worthy of our study, but

this book is a book of promise (Revelation 1:3).

3. Our Men's Bible Study continues as we study the men of Scripture, learning and growing into the men God has called us to be and our families and communities need us to be.

Each study will begin at 7:30 pm this Fall on Wednesday nights. Each will be an hour

well spent. Each will bring us closer to the One who loves us most. Each will help us to know Him more, serve Him better, and love Him deeper!

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)**

## Something to Ponder

**DON'T BE DISCOURAGED: EVERYONE WHO GOT WHERE HE IS, STARTED WHERE HE WAS.**

*Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would increase abundantly (Job 8:7).*

Most American men hear “Montana” and think of two things, a state and a star. Joe Montana is a football great by anybody’s standards. Before his retirement, he led the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl victories. His stats: 16 seasons, 40,551 yards, 3,409 completed passes, 273 touchdowns, and the highest quarterback rating (92.3) of any nonactive passer in history. A town has been named after him. Fellow players and

opponents alike have praised his grace and skill under pressure, and his ability to run a “two-minute drill” and turn it into a winning score.

However, early on few would have given Montana odds at making it big. He grew up in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, in the big shadows of former football greats such as Unitas, Blanda, and Namath. When he got to Notre Dame, he was seventh string. By the time he was a senior, he led his team to a 1979 Cotton Bowl comeback victory, but no NFL team seemed to want him. He got the interest of scouts only two days before the draft and was finally chosen in the third round—82<sup>nd</sup> overall selection—by San Francisco. Once



Even a little acorn can become a mighty oak tree—all it takes is time, growth, & God’s ever present company!

there, he sat on the bench behind the starting quarterback for a season and a half!

Don’t give up. There’s still time on the clock!

## Welcome Our Newest Church Family Members



Jimmy & Helen Alphin  
1072 John Green Smith Road  
Kinston, NC 28504  
(252) 527-3032

Jimmy joined our church family on June 26, 2011



Linda Pollock  
1339 Pine Valley Drive  
New Bern, NC 28562  
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Linda rejoined our church on August 21, 2011

Jimmy and Linda, we are so glad you have chosen to be part of our Church Family. Welcome!

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THE CHURCH  
WITH A HEART

## Financial FYI...

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

Contributions—\$11,111.00

Expenses—\$10,235.71

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

Contributions—\$107,725.59

Expenses—\$89,346.29

*The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God,  
my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my  
salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is wor-  
thy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.*

**Psalm 18:2—3**

## Blessing of the Bags

Yes, it's that time of year where our teachers, administrators, and students are back on the mission field of education in our various schools and universities. All of them need our prayers. All of them need God's protection. All of them can make a positive and eternal difference in the lives of their peers.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> during our morning worship time we will hold our annual "Blessing of the Bags." We invite all our teachers, administrators, and students in every grade and every school to join us at the altar where we will pray for God's anointing over each one as well as the schools they represent.

We do this because we believe in the power of prayer. We believe God desires us to make a positive impact in our world and we believe working together we can accomplish more for God's glory and other's blessing.



<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine  
upon you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>  
The LORD lift up His countenance  
upon you, And give you peace.

**Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)**