



THE LINK

River View Baptist Church

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Make Certain



His request approved, the Fox News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hangar. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut and shouted, "let's go." The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, "fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the Fires on the hillsides."

"Why?" asked the pilot. "because I'm a photographer for Fox Cable News,"

he responded. "And I need to get some close up shots."

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, "so, what you're telling me, is you're NOT my flight instructor?"

There are some things you just can't afford to be wrong about. Certainly getting into an airplane with an untrained pilot would be one. But one of far more significance would be regarding your eternal destiny. Eternity is forever. And since it is your soul that is at stake there can be no room for doubt.

The Bible declared Jesus Christ as man's only hope for a blessed eternity. He

died for the sins of man and His resurrection claims victory and declares Him to be Savior and Lord. Therefore, He is capable of saving and securing all who come to Him.

Salvation is placing faith in Jesus Christ. Its believing in Him as your Savior and trusting Him with your eternal destiny. Because of His death and resurrection, not only has he satisfied the just demands of His Father, he is the only one who can deliver you from this life to heaven. So make sure He's the pilot sitting in the seat!

Pastor Ricky

Good Friday Communion

On April 12 at 11:00AM our church will be celebrating Easter Sunday. We welcome everyone to come and celebrate Jesus resurrection with

us. You are certain to enjoy the good music and worship.

River view Baptist has a tradition of observing Holy Communion on

Good Friday.

The Communion service will be held Friday, April 10th at 7:00 PM.





Happy Hearts

Seniors get your bowling shoes out! If you are like me they are dusty and may need some polish. Maybe we can cheat and

get a little practice in ahead of the game. Happy Heart are going Bowling on April 14th. As always, we are a hun-

gry group and like to eat out. So, we will meet at the church at 11:00 Am and eat out on the Way to the bowling alley.

Friend Day

Have you invited a friend to come to church with you on Sunday, April 5th at 11:00AM?

You still have the time. Get on the phone, text a message, invite a neighbor or go to Walmart some place where you will meet people. And invite someone to be your friend on Sunday.

Whatever it takes to find a friend, do it today.

Friend Day will be an exciting time. The sanctuary will be filled with people and wonderful worship music and singing will fill the room and Pastor Brown will bring a message from God's Word. Pray that your heart and

your friend's heart will be touched by the Lord.

After, the worship service dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall in honor of your Friend.

Your Friend's life may be changed forever!

Prayer Garden

We hope you have had a chance to visit the garden, maybe even brought your lunch or just came and sat a while. Some have done that and have truly enjoyed it. The goal is to help you feel the presence of the Lord Jesus and spend some time meditating on Him.

We have plans for the future of putting a gate at the lower side, to add a fountain and some type of walk way through the garden.

The Prayer Garden is funded by honorary and memorial gifts designated for the garden.

During the month of March we received two memorial gifts in Memory of Anna Rose Ivey (Rose Marie Beers Mother).

Gifts were received from: The Charles Reynolds Family and from Mrs. Ivey's daughters, Rose Marie Beer Geri Trasattie Barbara Kelly

Diana Freiling

A gift in Memory of Kermit C. Caldwell, Jr., was given by Ann and Kermit Caldwell.

A gift in memory of Louise Moody was given by the Senior Men's Sunday School Class of Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church.

The names of those who were honored and remembered by a gift will be displayed some where in the garden when it is complete.



DIVORCE *Care*



DivorceCare for Kids

**An Outreach Ministry
Offering Help, Hope and
Healing**

DC4K (*DivorceCare for Kids*) is a biblically based, **Christ-centered** ministry tool designed to bring healing to children of divorce between the ages of 5 and 12. For 13 weeks, children become involved in a fun, caring group that helps children to learn that **God's** love can strengthen them and help them turn their sadness to hope and their anger to joy. **DC4K** is designed to run concurrently with the

adult **DivorceCare** ministry. Both ministries are exciting outreach tools which can enable current church members to share how the love of **Jesus** can heal the hurting and the brokenhearted. Children and adults of divorce are brought into the loving arms of a church family to feel **God's** love surrounding them by pointing them to **God** and introducing them to a relationship with **Jesus Christ**. If you have experienced divorce first-hand either as a child or as an adult, please pray and seek what **God** would have you to do regarding

this ministry opportunity. If you would like to learn more about becoming a part of the "**DivorceCare/DC4K Ministry Team**," please see Kim Fisher or call (704) 740-9667. For more information about these ministries, log on to www.divorcecare.com and www.dc4k.com. Check your bulletin for an upcoming "**Lunch and Learn DC4K Training Session**" being offered next month for those interested in assisting with this exciting ministry opportunity!

Children's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The date is Saturday, April 11th from 10AM to 12 PM.

All children from 0 years through grade 6 are invited to come. There will be lot's of fun for the children. .

Activities include an Easter egg hunt, they will be making crafts, drawing for prize baskets and have some good things to eat.

The children will again hear the Easter story of Jesus empty grave

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ALIVE!





March Recap

To God be the glory great things He has done! March has been a very good month and we have experienced some tremendous blessings. On the very first Sunday we kicked off our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and week of prayer for North American Missions. Even though that evening we were hit with the biggest snow fall for quite some time, we were still able to have our prayer service. Many of you came in the midst of snow threat and helped us pray for a number of our missionaries. By the way, our mission goal is \$2,500.00. Please give to help us reach this goal.

On the first weekend, Danny and Sherri Martin invited Bob and Phyllis Foy to come and lead us in a marriage refinement

retreat. We had a wonderful time together and I believe everyone who attended had their marriages strengthened. We did laugh a lot!

On Sunday the 8th, we celebrated the ordinance of baptism. We rejoice with those who made their faith public by following the Lord in believers baptism. They were: Merle Lancaster, Cole Shepard, Alec Johnson, Addison Johnson, and Caleb Johnson.

On March 12th and 13th the Bailey Smith real evangelism Conference was held at Indian Trail Baptist. What a wonderful time of blessing and refreshment for me personally. There is nothing like good singing and preaching to encourage a hungry heart. I do believe that everyone from River View who attended

enjoyed this conference greatly.

Then on the weekend of the 20th and 21st, several of the men attended the N. C. Missions Conference at Hickory Grove Baptist. These men were introduced to a number of mission concerns and opportunities where we all can be involved in doing missions.

As I close out these comments, we do want to express our sympathy to the families of Louise Moody and Mildred Baird. Both of these dear ladies were life members of this church. We will certainly miss them.

Pastor Ricky

New Addition To The Library

Title: Let Shofar Blow
Author: Francine Rivers

