

# THE LINK

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## Press On



During World War I, the American 308th regiment was surrounded by enemy forces and under severe mortar and machine gunfire. Casualties were heavy and supplies were short. The unbearable situation intensified when American artillery began shelling the sector where the 308th had dug in. The only communication was by carrier pigeon. In desperation, a sergeant released the last bird with a note pleading for the Americans to hold their fire.

As soon as the pigeon lifted off, a stray bullet grazed the side of his head and tore out his left eye. Then a piece of shrapnel hit his chest, shatter-

ing his breastbone. But his homing instinct was strong and he struggled onward. Somewhere in the flight another piece of shrapnel tore off his left leg, leaving the message canister dangling from torn ligaments. The pigeon made it to his loft however, and the order went out immediately to stop shelling. The 308th survived.

In Philippians 3:14 the Apostle Paul said, "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." There is no call like the upward call. To share in the call of God with Jesus Christ is the greatest privilege of life. There is no one like

Jesus. To know Him, to serve Him, to be identified with Him, is the highest honor we can know. Anything where He is concerned is worth the press!

Never forget it is He who has called you. Your service may be directed toward those who do not appreciate what you do. It is not them that you serve or seek to please. Press On! Let nothing rob you of the joy in the Lord or the prize that awaits the faithful. The call of God is truly worth the press.

Pastor Ricky

## Preserving A Little History Of Our Church

The House & Grounds Committee has been working toward installing a drinking fountain near the Impact Zone. The fountain will be some type of stone or brick column. It is coming together and we plan to put the names of the 21 charter members on it. We have been given

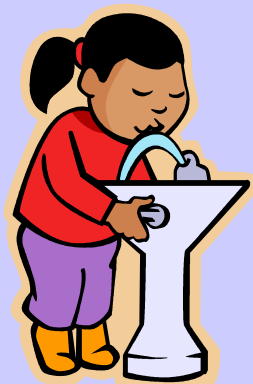
money from our dear Mary Ramsey and her Niece Karen and her cousin Harriett. Mary's mother, Nora Huss, was a charter member.

Also, we are looking at bringing a stone from the original church site across the river to the old church

site across the road. The dates of the Church's History will be placed on the stone.

Please let us know if you would like to help in any way to accomplish this.

Thank You, Peggy Coffey



## Prayer and Meditation Garden

The gate has been installed and also the fountain for the garden. Monies for the gate were given in memory of Kate Cooke and the fountain in memory of Kermit Caldwell, Jr. and Anna Rose Ivey.

Money for a bench was given in memory of Leroy and Maude Johnson.

A Plaque will be placed in the garden at these items to express in whose memory these items were donated.

Other monies were given which covered the landscaping, plants and other expenses of beautifying and making it a quiet and



lovely place to pray and meditate. The names of those remembered or honored will be placed in the garden or under the covered walkway near the garden.

A pathway or walkway though the garden is being planned. If you have any suggestions about how it should look, we welcome them.

Thank you to those who have given time or money for the garden. My desire is that the garden will give praise, and glory to our Lord Jesus.

Thank you Church Family for allowing Vickie and me to do this project.

Peggy Coffey

## CD's of Sunday Worship Services

CD's of Sunday worship services are available for Free!

All you need to do is pick one or more up from the blue tray's on the table outside the office and on the table underneath the mailboxes.

Pick up and take one for yourself, give to relatives, shut-ins, the lost or others who will listen to them.

The CD's are distributed by the church to anyone who wants them.

They do not have to be returned to the church.

They are free to give or to keep.





## Sunday School Picnic

The Picnic is scheduled for August 22nd at 4 p.m. at Betty Ross Park Shelter. We will be serving Hot Dogs with all the trimmings.

Some of the activities will include softball, volley ball horse shoes and more.



We hope to see you there!  
Robin Coffey



River View Baptist Church will be offering *DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K)* sessions each Monday night, beginning September 14, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for materials is \$15.00 and children may attend future sessions as many times as they would like them to at no additional cost. Childcare is available (for children under five), as well as scholarships. *DivorceCare* for adults also is being offered on the same day and time and is designed to run in conjunction with *DC4K* in order to foster open communication and to bring healing to the entire family. You may obtain additional information about the adult fall sessions and/or pre-register by going to: <http://www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org/divorcecare.html>.

*DC4K* meets for 13 weeks and is a biblically-based, Christ-centered ministry tool designed to bring healing to children of divorce. It points them to God and introduces them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Through the use of DVD dramas, music, puppets, stories, fun games and activities, children learn to process the breakup of their once-intact family. *DC4K* is designed to give children the tools to develop healthier relationships within their own families and to give each child of divorce *hope* for the future.

Each session is free standing, so any sessions missed may be taken at a later date when the sessions are offered again. Below are the weekly topics and corresponding session dates:

Session 1 - <i>What's Happening to My Family?</i> .....	Sept. 14, 2009
Session 2 - <i>God Loves Children in All Kinds of Families</i> ...	Sept. 21, 2009
Session 3 - <i>Facing My Anger</i> .....	Sept. 28, 2009
Session 4 - <i>Journey from Anger to Sadness</i> .....	Oct. 5, 2009
Session 5 - <i>I Am Not Alone</i> .....	Oct. 12, 2009
Session 6 - <i>God's Plan for Me</i> .....	Oct. 19, 2009
Session 7 - <i>Developing New Relationships</i> .....	Oct. 26, 2009
Session 8 - <i>Developing Money Smarts</i> .....	Nov. 2, 2009
Session 9 - <i>It's Not My Fault</i> .....	Nov. 9, 2009
Session 10 - <i>Telling My Parents How I Feel</i> .....	Nov. 16, 2009
Session 11 - <i>Forgiveness</i> .....	Nov. 23, 2009
Session 12 - <i>Loving My Parents</i> .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Session 13 - <i>Moving On: Growing UP and Closer to God</i> .....	Dec. 7, 2009

It's hard to know how to help someone whose family is experiencing separation or divorce. If you know someone, please pass along this information. For questions or additional information, or to pre-register, please contact Kim Fisher by calling (704) 740-9667. You may also pre-register at: <http://www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org/DivorceCareforKids.html>.

The current *DivorceCare* for adult's session continues each Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Women's II Sunday School class and will end on September 2, 2009. As mentioned above, adult sessions will begin again on Monday, September 14, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Fall session titles and corresponding dates are available online as well. If you or someone you know would like to join our current group, please call (704) 740-9667.

*"To comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor." (Isaiah 61:2-3).*

**DIVORCE** *Care*<sup>SM</sup>



## July Recap

July literally started with a big bang as we celebrated the fourth of July. The church grounds were bustling with an enormous crowd of people as we celebrated our nation. The kids enjoyed the big slide and various relay races, while the adults pitched horseshoes and sat around enjoying good conversation. No doubt most of us put on a few pounds with all the food, ice cream and drinks. It was a wonderful day and opportunity to show case River View. Thank you, Robin Coffey and all who helped to make this a great day.

July has also been busy with many of us taking family vacation. The empty spots in worship is a sign

that the mountains, and beaches, and other points of interest are benefiting. I trust everyone had a great and restful time.

As I sit to write these thoughts the college age group has headed off to perform a week of mission service. Most of what they will do will be physical labor, so pray that they will be safe and fruitful. Also this Wednesday the 29th will begin the second Carolina Evangelism Conference. There will be great singing and preaching and hopefully the reviving of many.

July also gave opportunity to donate to the Christian Ministry. We collected a number of Food items and in particular soap and

toothpaste. Thank you for giving. We also had a visit from the Baptist Children's Home of N.C. Charles Stovall and a group of boys from the Mills Home in Thomasville shared in our morning service on the 26th. It is always uplifting when they come and we can witness what God is doing. The Baptist Children's Home will also be our VBS, which begins Sunday August 2, Mission focus.

Until next time may God bless you and please remember that River View needs you!

Pastor Ricky

## Happy Hearts

We are going to eat at 36th Street Bakery on August 11th. The bus will leave the church at 11:30 a.m. After lunch we will go to Carillon and visit friends, tour the home and sit in on an alzheimers and dementia class. We will also have dessert at Carillon. Peggy Dellinger

## Women's Beach Retreat

Women's Beach Retreat: Fellowship and Fund with Marlo Francis of "Dreamed for Me" Ministries.

October 15-17th

Cost: \$50.00

Seek Kelly Wilson to make payments.

If money is an issue, please see Kelly Wilson about a scholarship.

