



The Link

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The Bible, God's Word



Be doers of the
Word and not
hearers only...
James 1:22

The Bible is a unique collection of 66 books written by 40-plus men over a span of about 1,500 years. It's writers include farmers, fishermen, political leaders, philosophers, theologians, and even a medical doctor. Their languages were Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. But even with such diverse writers, the Bible fits together as one unified book.

More than 2,600 times in the Old Testament alone, the writers claimed to be speaking not their words, but God's words. One New Testament passage

makes it plain that God has communicated to us in words that we could never discover for ourselves or even imagine. God has revealed His very thoughts through His Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 2:9-13).

The Bible is the Word of God. God has spoken to us and continues to speak as we open the pages of His Word. Anytime you need a word from God all you need to do is open the Bible and read. Yet the truth be known the Bible is the most neglected book in all the world. Yes, I know

that it is the best seller of all time. It also lines our book shelves and sits upon our coffee tables and is carried to church every Sunday. But what difference does it make in our living and in our trusting?

In Times like these we need a word from God, and if you are going to survive these times you better find yourself in God's Word. Pick it up, open it, read it, God will speak and most likely it will be just what you needed to hear.

Pastor Ricky

Prison Ministry News

I would like to thank my church family for your prayers and support of Lincoln County Prison Ministries. You have helped my family and encouraged us more than you will ever know. I have been blessed to be a part of the church here at River View. I would like to say a special thank you to all those who got-up in the wee hours of the morning to make biscuits for the prison ministry to

sell at the Apple Festival. Your work was not in vain. In spite of the wet weather, we sold nearly two hundred and fifty biscuits! Praise the Lord!! I know that God has used you and will continue to use you for His glory. What you may not know is that this is our biggest fund raiser. The proceeds that we received from the Apple Festival will help us in preparing for our Christmas needs, like

cards for the men to send to their families, Bibles, supplying items we need for the Christmas treat bags, and other operating expenses. God has always been faithful, but without this fund raiser it would be very difficult to supply any of these things.

Thank you so much for your help.

Danny Martin

OUTREACH MINISTRY

DIVORCECARE FOR ADULTS AND KIDS



DivorceCare sessions are underway at RVBC on **Monday nights from 5:45 until 7:30 p.m.** through **December 7, 2009** in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for the activity book is **\$15.00** and children may attend future sessions as many times as they would like. Childcare is available (for children under five), as well as scholarships. *DivorceCare* for adults sessions are being held 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 join the current sessions at any time and make up any sessions missed the next time they are offered. Session titles and corresponding dates can be found at: www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org/DivorceCare.html. It's hard to know how to help someone whose family is experiencing separation or divorce. If you know someone, please **"reach out"** and pass along this information.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT SET FOR NOVEMBER

"Surviving the Holidays" - Help for the divorced and separated during the holidays.



Separation or divorce during the holidays can be a lonely, stressful and depressing time. But there's hope! RVBC is sponsoring an encouraging seminar to help folks discover how to enjoy the holidays again. This is a **FREE** event open to everyone. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served and a *"DivorceCare Survival Guide"* will be available for purchase at \$4 each. Child care will be available for ages birth to 5th grade. For more information or to register, please contact **Kim Fisher**.



NOTE: If you would be willing to provide a dessert of your choice for this community event or to help with child care, there will be a sign-up sheet available in the hallway. Thanks so much for your consideration.

In His Service,
Kim Fisher, Ministry Leader/Facilitator
(704) 740-9667 or kfishernc@yahoo.com

Homecoming Day 2009

This year Homecoming Day is October 11th Sunday school 9:45 Worship will be at 11:AM. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Brent Barker, direc-

tor of Missions in Rowan Southern Baptist Association. We look forward to a great day of worship, fellowship and great food. We encourage each of

you to invite family, friends and others you meet to help us fill God's house as we celebrate together.

The Prayer And Meditation Garden

Thank you for your patience. We are now ready to proceed with the walk way through the garden.

We have chosen the brick. Each brick is 4x8 Inches and 2 1/4 inch thick.. A brick can be engraved up to 3 lines and 21 characters per line. The cost is \$50.00 for each brick. This includes the engraving and instal-

lation.

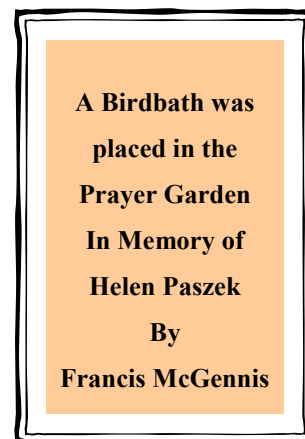
The brick can be engraved with your name, your family name or be in honor or memory of someone, or a Bible verse.

The Prayer and Meditation Garden is funded by gifts designated for this purpose.

You can go online at:

riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org then go to the prayer and meditation garden. There you will find instructions for ordering and paying online.

You can call Peggy Coffey at (704) 735-4812 for information and ordering.



Women’s Beach Retreat

We invite all women to join us for the retreat at North Myrtle Beach, SC October 15th - 18th.

Classes will start Thursday night at 7:30. There will be morning and evening sessions. So bring your Bible, pen and paper. You will want to take plenty of notes.

Your afternoons will be free. If you love to shop, you will need to bring plenty of money.

Cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. This includes all meals except Saturday night. We will be eating at Colman’s. \$20 to \$25 will cover any price on the menu.

Bring your own sodas. We will provide coffee, tea, and water.

Please signup if you want to go. See Kelly Wilson if you want to make payments. You may call her if you need more information, at (980) 241-0959.



Drinking Fountain update

Work has started on the drinking fountain across the road from the Church at the Impact Zone (old Fellowship Hall).

The Drinking Fountain will be on the former location of River View Baptist Church.

As stated in the August Link The foundation will be some type of stone or brick. The foundation is now being laid and the work should be completed soon. The names of the 21 charter members will be placed on it.

We received a donation

from Mary Ramsey for the fountain. At this time we have received a total of \$625.00 toward the project. If you wish to give for this project call Peggy Coffey at 704-735-4812.

Thank you to all who have helped and will help.

September Recap

September signals the close of Summer, the return to school, and the end of the vacation season. Around River View it means the start of a new church year. And that means the installation of new officers, leaders and teachers. Its also the time of Sunday School Promotion and the start-up of the Awana Kids ministry. . We are looking forward to a great year and are so appreciative to every one who is serving in some area of ministry. Thank you for giving your time and we hope this will be a great

year of personal growth.

On Tuesday, September 8th Peggy Dellinger invited the Happy Hearts to her home for hot dogs and chili. I do believe everyone ate their share and enjoyed every bite. What a great time this was and thank you Peggy for all the hard work.

On Sunday evening September 20th River View took an important step in its future as a church. We approved incorporation and adopted our by-laws. It was a wonderful event where a spirit of

unity was truly evident. The service concluded with a time of singing, testimony, and prayer. Thank you to our Constitution and By-laws Committee for their service to our church and to this project.

We also want to welcome Matt Thompson as our full time youth minister. Matt served us this summer as an intern and upon the completion of his summer work our church called him to a full time position.

Pastor Ricky



Can I Borrow \$25?

A Man came home from work late, tired and irritated, to find his 5 year old son waiting for him at the door.

SON: Daddy, may I ask you a question?

DAD: Yeah sure, What it is? Replied the man.

SON: Daddy, how much do you make an hour?

DAD: That's none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing? The man said angrily.

SON: I Just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?

DAD: If you must know, I make \$50 an hour.

SON: Oh, the little boy replied, with his head down.

SON: Daddy, may I please borrow \$25?

The father was furious, "If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I don't work hard everyday for such childish frivolities." The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money? After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think: "Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$25.00 and he really didn't ask for money very often." The man went to the door of the

little boy's room and opened the door. "Are you asleep, son?" He asked.

"No daddy, I'm awake," replied the boy. "I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier" said the man. It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here's the \$25 you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, smiling. "Oh, thank you daddy! He yelled. Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The man saw that the boy already had money and started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

"Why do you want more money if you already have some?" the father grumbled.

"Because I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy replied. "Daddy. I have \$50 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and he begged for his forgiveness. It's just a short reminder to all of you working so hard in life. We should not let time slip through our fingers without having spent some time with those who really matter to us, those close to our hearts. Do remember to share that \$50 worth of your time with someone you love. If we die tomorrow, the family & friends we leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives.