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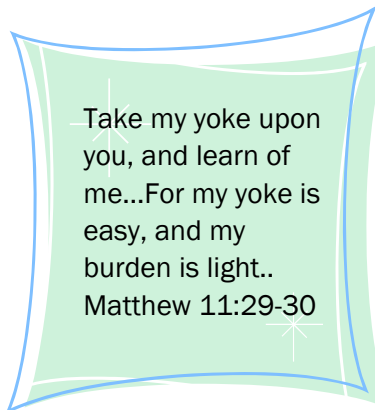
## Lifting The Load



A story is told of a man who was trying to carry a heavy basket. His son seeing him struggle under the weight of the load came and offered to help. The Father grateful for his young son's offer, cut a large stick and placed it through the handle of the basket, making sure the end toward himself was very short, while the one toward the boy was three to four times as long. Each took hold of the end of the stick, and the basket was lifted and easily carried.

The son was bearing the burden with the Father. But he found his work

easy and light because his Father assumed the heavier end of the load. So it is when we live for Jesus Christ. Not only do we have a Savior who cares deeply about us, but we



Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me...For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light..  
Matthew 11:29-30

are apart of the greatest fellowship on earth; the church, the body of Christ. Jesus has promised to be

with us to the very end, to never leave us or forsake us. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are also with us and are there to help us during hard times. We must learn to lean on Jesus and trust our Church family. We must be ready to give a helping hand in order to make someone's burden light, knowing that we may be next in line to bear a heavy burden. Look around you, who needs your help? Go help them!

Pastor Ricky

## To Parents of Our College Students

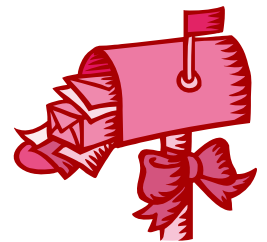
It's that time again for our college students to head back to school. Most students have already left home and have started this new phase of their lives.

Please provide us with their address, birthday and e-mail address. We would like to have this

available so their church family can support and encourage them throughout the year.

Please forward this information to me as soon as possible since we want to start sending notes of love and support to the students.

Kelly Wilson





## Red Springs

The last week of July Kelly Wilson and myself were able to take a group of college students on a short term mission trip to Red Springs, North Carolina.

We were able to work with Larry Osborn and the North Carolina Baptist Men in a community that has been hard hit with unemployment. When we arrived at the Red Springs facility we found the accommodation good, the staff very friendly and plenty of work to be done. The first

two days we worked at several medical clinics cutting the grass, trimming the hedges, picking up limbs and trash. These clinics served many of the lower and no income families in the area. These clinics had been unable to pay anyone to do this work. You can imagine the condition of these yards. The staff at each facility was glad that we came to help and we were able to pray with some of the workers at these clinics.

We worked on two other projects while we were there. We helped repair

the roof of a home of a tornado victim. This was a blessing for us. The young mother was a recovering cancer victim and the family had recently completely lost their house to a tornado. The North Carolina Baptist Men along with local churches agreed to help this family rebuild their house.

We were also able to help make and install benches and locker for the Red Springs high school field houses. Larry was hoping that this project would open the doors in other



schools for the North Carolina Baptist men.

The trip was not without excitement. In the first thirty minutes of the first full day we almost lost our summer intern, Matt. He was busy running a grass trimmer when he was suddenly ambushed by legions of fire ants. Shirt, shoes and socks were flying through the air as Matt worked furiously trying to slap and scrape the ants from his body. I thought about telling him to drop and roll, but I do not think he would have appreci-

ated my advice. It seems a little humorous now, but at the time we were more than a little concerned about Matt, because he had an allergic reaction to the bites. Because we were working at a medic clinic, Matt was able to quickly get medical attention.

It was good to have the ladies working along with us guys because they were very conscience of how the appearance of things could be improved. While we guys where busy working, the ladies thought that our room needed improving. We were very pleased with our new décor.

Over all I was very pleased with how the trip went.

Matt lead us through a Bible study from the book of Job and our discussions were very good.

It is good to see how many of the students that I have had over the pass few years have began to grow to a deeper understanding of the scriptures. Keep them in prayer as they start a new year of education. Pray that they stay on mission every day and everywhere.

By His Grace,  
Danny



## Women's Beach Retreat

We are going to North Myrtle Beach, SC  
October 15-18th

The cost will be \$50.00 per person. All meals included except Saturday night. We will be eating at Coleman's \$20 to \$25.00 will cover any price on the menu. Those who would like to have sodas will need to bring

their own. We will provide coffee, tea, and water.

Classes will start Thursday night @ 7:30 PM. We will be having morning and evening session. Make sure those of you who love to shop bring plenty of money. Your afternoons will be free to do as you would like. Bring your Bible, Pen and

Paper. You will want to take plenty of notes!

A sign up sheet is in the hallway.

If you want to make payments toward the retreat, you can arrange and make them, see Kelly Wilson.

## Missionary Information

Anyone who would like more missionary news can do so by checking out Carol Lamberts email address.

Carol is our missions leader and she often posts news letters and other information about missionaries.

Check it out at [carol-lambert879@hotmail.com](mailto:carol-lambert879@hotmail.com).

**A special called church conference to be held Sunday Evening, August 30 at 6:00 PM. to consider the two items below.**

**The Deacon's recommend that the church hire Matt Thompson as our full time youth minister at a salary of \$400.00 per week and provide housing in the parsonage.**

**The Nominating Report (included with The Link) will be considered at the August 30 business conference.**

## Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts will meet at Peggy Dellinger's home, 2158 Dale Avenue on September 8th at 4:00PM We always enjoy our special fellowship and worship together. Come for a fun time.

We will be serving Chili and Hot Dogs with all the

trimmings and have plenty of beverages to drink.

Peggy Dellinger





## August Recap

August kicked off with Vacation Bible School. What a wonderful week it was for River View! We had children and young people everywhere with an average attendance of 120 and a high of 129. Our Bible School also collected 401 cans of food for Christian Ministries and Raised close to \$300 .00 for the Baptist Children's Home.

The theme of this years Bible school was Boomerang Express, which was a mission study of the country of Australia. The biblical theme was "It all Comes back to Jesus." All

in all we had a great and productive week. Hopefully in weeks to come we will continue to reap the benefits of this week. Much thanks to Tiffany Peeler, Sheila Gantt and Kelly Wilson, all our wonderful teachers ad support staff who prepared wonderful meals each night. I am truly thankful for people who give of their time sacrificially for others.

Also this month we had a Sunday School Picnic. Something our church as had in the past but not in recent years. We had this picnic at Betty G. Ross

Park here in Lincolnnton. The park was a perfect location and the facility gave opportunity for a number of activities. I believe the children liked playing in the rain the best. We had a great attendance and I believe everyone enjoyed this time together.

Thank you Robin Coffey and others for a great day!

Well that's it for August. I do remind you to be faithful. Please know this River View is your church and you are greatly needed.

Pastor Ricky

## Summer Fun \*\*\*Christmas Fellowship is yet to come\*\*\*

Summer is drawing to a close as Autumn quickly approaches. We've had many fellowship opportunities over the past few months and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make that possible. Whether it was bringing food, organizing games, cooking or just coming to enjoy, I greatly appreciate your help and participation.

There will be many more opportunities for fellowship in the coming

months, but one in particular I would like to tell you about is the Christmas Fellowship. I realize that it seems a bit early to be thinking of Christmas but I would like everyone to put it on their calendars now so you can plan to attend. The date will be Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6:00pm. Our theme this year will be "Christmas Around the World" and each table is going to be decorated to represent a different country. I would

love to have your help... actually I NEED your help! If you would like to sponsor a table to decorate, please let me know so I can sign you up and compile a list of the countries we'll have. There are a few other surprises... but I'll save those for another time. Hope to see you there for lots of food, fun and fellowship.

Robin Coffey

## OUTREACH MINISTRY



By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have concluded the first 13-week cycle of **DivorceCare** for adults at RVBC.

When I first felt God leading me to offer the adult sessions over the summer, I hesitated because I was not sure we would have many participants due to summer vacations, etc. Unfortunately, separation and divorce does not take summer breaks and as a result, God sent 10 individuals, both male and female, to the sessions seeking comfort and healing during one of the most difficult times of their lives.

I give God all the praise, honor and glory for His leading and I especially wanted to take this opportunity to thank my **Church Family** for your support and prayers for this ministry.



A special thank you to **Pastor Brown** for his continual support of this ministry, for his interaction with the group and for stepping in and leading one of the sessions in my absence. Thanks also to **Alison and Pastor Brown** for opening their home during the week of VBS in order for us to hold that week's session.

In addition, I would like to thank the **Women's II class** for allowing us to use their room for our meetings and to **Brittany Jenkins** and **Ann Gohson** for helping with child care during the sessions. I would like to say thanks to **Brittany, Ann, Sheila Gantt, Barbara Dudley** and **Shanna Warren** for volunteering their time to help with the upcoming **DC4K** sessions that begin this month.

Finally, I want to thank **Sonny and Vickie Wise** for their prayers and support, **Christeen Cook** for her outstanding office assistance and a heart-felt thanks to my **Mom and Dad** for taking care of C.J. during **DC4K** training and DC sessions. I love **ALL** of you and could not do it without you!

In His Love,

Kim Fisher

Ministry Leader/Facilitator

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### FALL SESSIONS

**DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) sessions begin Monday night September 14, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall and will meet for 13 weeks. The cost for materials 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 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: [www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org/DivorceCare.html](http://www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org/DivorceCare.html).

**DC4K** session titles and corresponding dates are available online as well as pre-register forms at: [www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org/DivorceCareforKids.html](http://www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org/DivorceCareforKids.html).

*The Lord is close to  
the brokenhearted  
and heals those who  
are crushed in spirit.  
Psalm 34:18*

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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. If you need more information or would like to pre-register, please contact **Kim Fisher** by calling **(704) 740-9667**.