

Half Notes and Whole Rests

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed, and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life – that life was realed.

1 John 1:1-2a (HCSB)

“Oh, the weather outside is frightful (*just a little muggy, actually*) but the fire is so delightful (*yeah, if you like sweating!*) and since we’ve no place to go (*have you seen my schedule?*), let it snow, let it snow, let it snow (*not around this boy!*).” Some people think it’s way too early to be thinking about Christmas, but I’m not talking about shopping or planning parties or travel. I’m talking about our Christmas musical, *Journey of Faith*, which will be presented on two nights: Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7pm and Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6pm. It calls for a small drama, adult choir, and even a children’s or youth choir for three songs. We will need to create a choir of young voices – basically 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade – for this production. Please see me if your child is interested.

Our journey in 2011 is not so different from other journeys of faith we read about in the Bible. After more than 400 years of slavery, the people God had chosen as His own walked out of Egypt to claim God’s promise to them. After 400 years of divine silence, the heavens over the fields of Judea suddenly burst forth with thousands of angels singing Glory to God as the promised Messiah was born. Fifty days after Jesus’ death on a cross, His followers gathered in a room in Jerusalem. The promise of a Helper was delivered as the Holy Spirit touched each person there with holy fire.

This musical tells the story of people just like us who placed their trust in the true promises of God, not the empty promises of men.

Please pray about your role in this production. In addition to singing, there will also be opportunities to help with narration, costumes, sets, and more. Help us to spread the News of Hope for Camden County through this outreach ministry. You will be blessed, and that’s not just *my* promise. We join with the apostle John when he wrote, “We share this with you now, so that our joy – and yours – may be complete” (1 John 1:4).

*Bro. Mike Z.*

**Vital Signs**

BUDGET	SEPTEMBER	YR TO DATE	
Requirements	\$37,166.68	\$325,208.45	
Budget Offering	\$33,742.00	\$309,802.52	(- \$15,405.93)
Kingdom Building	\$ 500.00	\$ 61,584.60	
State Missions	\$ 215.00	\$ 215.00	



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**By Statement**

David Dean  
Veighn Dangerfield IV  
Joshua Ellerson

**By Letter**

Brandee Dean  
Ryan & Nita Wagoner  
Valerie O’Neal  
Keith Beaty  
Justin & Buffy Hardin  
Bailey Hardin  
Andrew & Arael Pierce

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Steve W. Kegley, Pastor  
Roland Norris, Associate Pastor  
Mike Zimmerli, Music Director  
David J. Lundin, Pastor Emeritus  
Mike & Becky Stonecypher, Missionaries to Nigeria

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To worship Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, by sharing His Word with the lost, training disciples to minister to others, while maintaining fellowship within the body of Christ.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Activities for October**

- SUNDAY - October 2**  
8:30 am Men’s Prayer Group/Chapel  
8:45 am Praise Team/Soloist  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Church in Worship/Lil’K  
11:00 am KIDMO/Children’s Church  
**FBC Sunday Night Summit**  
4:30 pm AWANA & DiscipleLife Classes  
5:30 pm Family Supper  
6:30 pm Worship Service & AWANA  
7:00 pm Children Join Worship Service  
7:30 pm Youth Drama
- MONDAY - October 3**  
9:00 am Prayer Group  
10:00 am Silver Saints Choir  
6:00 pm Handbells & Middle School Praise Band  
7:00 pm TWB Rehearsal
- TUESDAY - October 4**  
9:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study  
6:00 pm Ladies’ Bible Study
- WEDNESDAY - October 5**  
5:30 pm Prayer Group  
6:15 pm James Gang/Mary’s Heart  
6:30 pm Adult Power Hour/Youth Engage Night  
6:30 pm Worship Choir  
7:30 pm Youth Council
- THURSDAY - October 6**  
8:00 am Sr. Adults Depart for Fall Mission Trip
- SUNDAY - October 9**  
8:30 am Men’s Prayer Group  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Church in Worship/Lil’K  
11:00 am Children’s Church/KIDMO  
4:30 pm Discipleship Classes  
5:30 pm PPN  
6:30 pm Worship Service  
7:30 pm Youth Drama
- MONDAY - October 10**  
9:00 am Prayer Group  
10:00 am Silver Saints Choir  
6:00 pm Handbells/Middle School Praise Band  
7:30 pm TWB Rehearsal
- TUESDAY - October 11**  
9:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study  
6:00 pm Ladies’ Bible Study  
7:00 pm Finance Committee
- WEDNESDAY - October 12**  
Regular Wednesday Schedule
- THURSDAY - October 13**  
7:00 pm Deacons’ Meeting

BUILDING the KINGDOM of GOD TOGETHER

October 2012

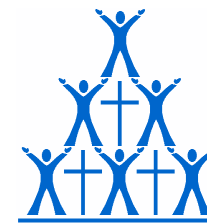


**THE MESSENGER**

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**Sunday, October 2, 2011**  
**Chest of Joash Offerings**

for  
**FUTURE EXPANSION**  
Of  
**BUILDINGS AND MINISTRIES**



Faithful Giving...  
Kingdom Building

*Pray about what God would have you give!*

**HOMECOMING**

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Homecoming Celebration

Mike & Becky Stonecypher and the Akins

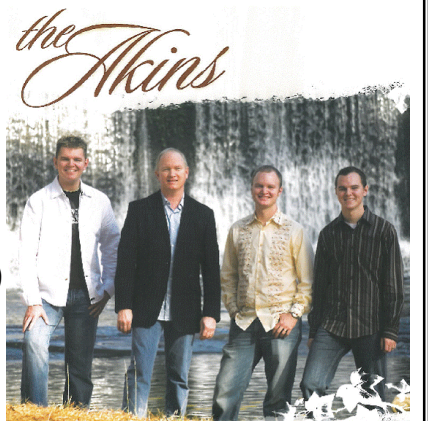
12:00 Covered Dish Dinner

Followed by

*The Akins*

In Concert

(A Love Offering will be received.)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR:**

**FOCUS 2011**

**GOD'S PEOPLE, SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE, SERVING GOD'S PURPOSE!**  
Psalm 20:4 (HCSV)

**HOMECOMING 2011 —OCTOBER 16**

We will celebrate our 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of existence as a church on **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, with a wonderful day of festivities. **First**, we will begin with our Sunday School hour at **9:15 a.m.** Then at **10:30 a.m.**, we will enjoy **The Akin Family** sharing special music during the song service followed by some other special guests. Our own **Southern Baptist missionaries—Mike and Becky Stonecypher** will be with us to share the gospel and tell us of their work in Nigeria. It will be a great hour of rejoicing and praise for the blessings of our great God.

**THEN!!!** - We will do what Baptist do well—enjoy **HOMECOMING Dinner-on-the-Grounds**. You will not want to miss this culinary extravaganza. Another words—**the best eatin' you have ever et!** Bring your meat dishes, veggies, casseroles and desserts. Bring enough of several dishes for your family and a couple of guests. **It will be scrumpdillyicious!**


**THEN!!!!** - At **1:30 p.m.**, we will move back into the Worship Center for a great time of gospel music by **The Akins!** This wonderful family will bring us a couple of hours of music that will bless your heart. The Gospel Music industry has awarded **The Akins** the **Song of the Year Award** in **2010** for their hit, "**I Want My Stage to be an Altar.**" Invite your neighbors and friends from other churches to come to this great Sunday afternoon event. We will receive a **LOVE OFFERING** for **The Akins**, so please plan to **give generously** to their ministry.

**ALSO:** Please note the information on the front of **The Messenger** that tells about **Chest of Joash**, read my enclosed letter, and ask God what He would have you give.

**WOW!!!!!!** - **The Sunday Night SUMMITS** are going well and the Church-wide Supper is the best meal in town. If you aren't coming back on Sunday nights for **Sunday Night SUMMITS** then you are missing a real blessing. You don't want to miss out on the timely **Discipleship Classes and AWANA at 4:30 p.m.** followed by **Church-wide Supper at 5:30 p.m.** and then the **SUMMITS at 6:30 p.m.** God is going to change the culture of His people and St. Marys through the power of His Word in these **SUMMITS**.

See you Sunday with your **Bible** in one hand, your **Chest of Joash Offering** in the other and a friend you invited to church by your side!!

*In His Service,  
Bro. Steve*



**Men's Ministry**  
**North Carolina Camp Trip**  
**Oct. 31 thru Nov. 4**  
**Standing Indian Mtn. - Franklin NC**  
Cost is approx. \$40.00  
**8 men are committed at this point and room for more. See Pastor Steve or Bro. Tim Hatch to sign up or for more information. Deadline is October 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011**  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Fish Fry, Hamburgers & Hotdogs (while supplies last!)  
Games & Prizes  
Cake Walk  
Cotton Candy, Popcorn & Snow Cones  
Music and Devotional  
Trunkn' for Treats  
Watch for Sign up Sheets in Sunday School Classes!  
We need everyone to bring a candy & a cake for the Cake Walk!



**FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL**



**CASTING CROWNS CONCERT**  
Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
FBC Jacksonville  
Cost: \$18/person  
(includes ticket & transportation)


**Journey of Faith**  
A Christmas Musical  
With Adult Choir,  
Children's Choir & Drama

It's time to start thinking about Christmas!  
I am!  
- Bro. Mike



**"A.N.D.Y." Club**  
(Ain't Nearly Done Yet)  
Calendar (55 and Better!)  
**"Silver Saints" Choir**  
Mondays at 10:00 AM  
Followed by lunch at Sonny's.  
Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM  
Depart for Sr. Adult Trip  
Thursday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM  
Sr. Adult Covered Dish Dinner

If you are over 55, and like to sing and fellowship, come join us!



**women on Mission**  
Women On Mission Meeting  
**NEW TIME**  
The Women on Mission will meet Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. They will discuss plans for Week of Prayer for International Missions/and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. A light snack will be provided. All ladies of the church are invited to join them. If you need childcare, please call the church office by Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.



**Senior Adults' Fall Trip**  
October 6-10, 2010  
Hiawassee, Georgia  
Georgia Mountain Fair  
Vogel State Park

**IN SYMPATHY**  
Our Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to Ron Ross and family on the loss of his mother and Alan Chester and family on the loss of his father.

**RE M I N D E R**  
Finance Committee  
Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Deacons' Meeting  
Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Quarterly Church Conference  
Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 pm


Southeast Baptist Association  
**Annual Fall Meeting**  
Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Norwich Baptist Church  
Brunswick, GA



**AWANA (2yrs-JV)**  
High School LIT  
Adult DiscipleLife Classes  
**4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Sunday Night Supper  
**5:30-6:20 p.m.**  
Cost: Adults & Youth \$3, Children \$1  
\$12 Family Maximum  
Worship Service & AWANA Continues  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
(Children join worship at 7 pm)  
Youth Drama  
**7:30 p.m.**



Our second mission team has arrived and is ministering in Haiti. Please continue to pray for Karyn Chester, Cathleen Hatch, Bobby Mitchell and Bro. Roland & Mary Norris. Pray for their travel safety home and their ministry to the people of Haiti.



Thank you for all who turned out for our church Work Day. We were able to accomplish a lot of the work that needed to be done.  
Jim Robertson  
& Grounds Committee

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 pm  
The youth will be serving at an Appreciation Banquet for Missions Camden at FBC Kingsland.



**youth COUNCIL**  
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 p.m.



Youth Destination Unknown  
Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Details & Departure Time to Be Announced.