



Deacon of the Month for March

This month's deacon is Bill Whiteman, who grew up in Chowan County, NC. Now, he and his wife, Jeannette, and their three children and six grandchildren are proud to call Lee County home. Bill has attended FBC since 1978, and has held many positions in the church. His former job in Accounting/Personnel at Weyerhaeuser has helped him as he presently serves on the Personnel Committee at First Baptist, and has been instrumental in the recent hiring of staff. When asked what his favorite thing about FBC is, he replied, "Not being complacent—willing to try new programs, ideas, and keeping God at the center of each new project." In the future, he sees FBC even more involved in local opportunities. Bill's favorite verse is John 3:16, and because of God's gift of salvation, he is daily trying to seek God's will and not his for his life. As a deacon, he has enjoyed being around and working with other Christian men and women at FBC. Thank you, Bill, for your service to the Lord through this ministry! We at FBC appreciate all you do!

*Sunday, March 7  
Special Ministries Sunday*

*During both worship services this Sunday, we will recognize and celebrate our Special Ministries program. Dr. Jeff Clark will preach. Our Love Classes will participate during both worship services. This is one of the highlights of our church year, and we look forward to a great day.*

**Discipleship Training  
Islam 101**

Beginning this Sunday night, March 7, Rob Bowers, a Judge Advocate General (JAG) with the US Army will begin the study **Islam 101**. He will explore the background and fundamentals of Islam beginning with the 15<sup>th</sup> century to the present conflict with the Sunni and Shiite and our current conflict in the Middle East.

Rob and Andrea are members of the Immanuel Class and presented this most informative program to their class earlier.



*A warm welcome is extended to our new member who joined the First Baptist family on Sunday, February 28, on profession of faith, for baptism.*

**Kaitlyn Wiltshire, 103 W. Harrington Ave., Broadway, NC 27505, 258-5735**

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Donald and Mary Beth Wiltshire, and has two younger sisters, Anna Grace, and Sarah. She attends Broadway Elementary School and is active in different activities at FBC.

## *Reflections*

When I have made the decision to try and lose weight, it is very important for me to avoid passing my favorite bakery. One day, I accidentally drove by the bakery, and as I approached, even with the windows closed I could smell the fresh bread and the distinctive odor of fresh donuts. You know what I am talking about! I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, “Lord, it’s up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery.”

And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was!

When it comes to temptation, we are really quite hard on ourselves. What is it about us that causes us to place ourselves in “tough-spots” over and over again? We want to do better—we certainly know better! So why does it happen again and again? The Apostle Paul has an interesting take on this condition—he says that the problem is our old nature. We do it because that is what our old nature wants to do! So here is the dilemma—Jesus came so that we might have abundant life (which includes victory over temptation and sin)—our old self is satisfied with things as they are (which includes giving in to sin and temptation) and living a defeated life. So which should we choose? The answer seems obvious, doesn’t it? Let’s choose Life!

My verse for the week is: “No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it” (I Corinthians 10:13).

Blessings, Jeff

## **FLC News**

I thought you might enjoy seeing how Sanford Jobseekers is being used in our church: (used by permission)

Hi Cindy, this is \_\_\_\_\_. I just wanted to let you know that I took the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift job that was offered to me this past December. The pay was far from what I was used to, but it was a job. The work was tough, but I stuck with it. I went there with an open mind, hoping a position would open up in my field. I applied for an engineering position but around 250 to 300 other people did too. I didn’t get that job, but a friend of mine called me and told me that \_\_\_\_\_ was looking for a production supervisor. I had done a phone interview with \_\_\_\_\_ about a year ago and I blew it. It was my worst interview ever. I don’t think I would have hired myself that day. Well, all I can say is that God is good. I did well on the phone interview the second time around and did even better at the onsite interview. They offered me the job last week, and I accepted.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. The first day I came to Jobseekers, I was down and a little depressed. I actually thought the church was holding a job fair or something. My wife was upset that I wasn’t out looking for a job that day, but God had me right where I needed to be. You spoke that day from Jeremiah 29:11. I really needed to hear that. “For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not calamity to give you a future and a hope.” I was so encouraged that day. It was like a huge burden was lifted off my shoulders. God wasn’t leaving me to fend on my own. I’ve heard that scripture many times before, but God spoke it to me on that day. It was what I was thirsting for...

Thank you, FBC, for your support of Sanford Jobseekers. We are making a difference in the lives of others! Thank you to the Fellowship Class for covering the FLC this week, and to the Cornerstone Class for covering the week of March 8.

In Christ, Cindy

### **Extended Hour Workers**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> workers are:** Janet Burge and Pat Marion, Ben and Martha Lucas, Kelly and Joy Rouse, Max and Chris Dolan. **Nursery Security Usher: Mike Weunski.**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> workers are:** Debra Egbert and Elaine Stoner, Jonathan and Cindy Davis, Curtis and Lura Burns, Greg and Amie Thompson. **Nursery Security Usher: Greg Spivey.**

✠ **Worship at First Baptist** ✠

**March 7 2010**  
**Special Ministries Sunday**

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	Sermon by Dr. Jeff Clark "All-In or Limp-In?" Philippians 3:4b-14	
Offertory	Love Classes Handbell Choir "How Great Thou Art" arr. Hine	
11:00 a.m.	"The Solid Rock" arr. Allen Love Classes Choir	

**Mike's Musings**

Really looking forward to the Special Ministries emphasis this Sunday in worship. Prior to coming to Sanford, Lu Anne and I had not served in a church with this kind of ministry, and I must say there are some very impressive things which I have observed. First and foremost, I am impressed by the passion of the leaders. I will never forget shortly after I came when one leader talked about how the Lord called him to work in Special Ministries. That is awesome stuff! All the leaders do wonderful work. Second, I am impressed with the way members of the Love Class relate to the rest of the church. Their class is well named, for they express love to me and others so vibrantly. And third, I am impressed by how the Lord helps us understand the diversity of His Kingdom just by looking at the part of the Body of Christ that meets here at First Baptist. We worship and serve in harmony here in spite of our different backgrounds, tastes, gifts, etc., and that is a wonderful witness to our town of how God is at work in the world.

Let's all join in to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" this Sunday!

**In Appreciation**

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for your love and concern shown me during the deaths of my sister and brother. The visits, cards, calls, and prayers were so appreciated. May God bless each one of you.

In Christian love,  
Louise Quick

**SAVE THESE DATES**

**March 27, 2010**

**"A Day at the Spa" FBC's Women's Retreat**

Join us to relax, regroup, retreat, refresh, repair, or restore your spiritual life! More information to come.

**June 6-13, 2010**

**Saddle Ridge Ranch Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, March 7 (FLC open by reservation only)**

8:45 am Worship in the Chapel  
9:45 am Sunday School  
New Members Class  
11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary  
4:15 pm Youth Handbell Choir, Music Suite  
5:00 pm Snack Supper, Fellowship Hall  
5:20 pm Youth Choir, Music Suite  
5:30 pm Awana  
5:45 pm Discipleship Training, Chapel  
6:00 pm Middle School Bible Study  
7:00 pm High School Bible Study

**Monday, March 8 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm; 5:30-8:30 pm)**

9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC  
10:00 am Bible Study, FLC  
12:30 pm Women's Bible Study, FLC  
6:30 pm Upward Awards, FLC  
7:00 pm FBC Grief Support Group, Parlor

**Tuesday, March 9 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm; 5:30-8:30 pm)**

9:00 am Prayer Ministry Team  
9:30 am *Different Strokes* Art Group, Craft Room  
12:30 pm Line Dancing Class, FLC  
1:00 pm Bloodmobile, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Upward Awards, FLC  
7:00 pm Scouts, FLC

**Wed., March 10 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm)**

8:30 am Jobseekers, Parlor  
9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC  
10:00 am Women's Connection, Fellowship Hall  
2:00 pm FBC Grief Support Group, Parlor  
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal, FLC  
5:45 pm Children's Choirs  
6:15 pm Prayer Meeting, Chapel  
Acteens and Youth RA's  
6:30 pm SonShine Group  
Mission Friends, GA's  
RA Race, FLC  
6:45 pm Trinity Singers, Music Suite  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Music Suite  
7:30 pm Youth Week Officers, Shepherd Class

**Thursday, March 11 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm; 5:30-8:30 pm)**

8:15 am Aerobics Class, FLC  
9:30 am Bible Study Ministry, Parlor  
10:00 am Men's Bible Study, Roland Palmer Class  
5:30 pm Family Time, FLC  
6:30 pm Christian Yoga, FLC  
7:00 pm FBC Basketball, FLC

**Friday, March 12 (FLC open 7:00am-2:00pm)**

9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC  
10:00 am Line Dancing Class, FLC

**Sat., March 13 (FLC open by reservation only)**

9:30 am SCBA RA Race Registration, F. Hall  
10:30 am NAMI Support Group, FLC

### Youth News

Hello there!

I want to say a BIG "Thank You" to all of you who either participated, or donated money to the Youth 30 Hour Famine. We had a great time, and I think we have met our goal of \$2,000! I'm very proud of all of you who fasted for 30 hours with no complaints...well done guys!

Youth Week (March 14-21) is going to be awesome this year! Our theme is "The Big Picture" (Jeremiah 29:11), and we have some pretty sweet activities lined up for you all. So, get involved ANY way you can because we need your help. Sign ups began in the office on Monday, March 1. Cost is \$25.

Also, we're going to begin registering for summer camp soon. We're going to be heading down to Macon, GA at Mercer University for PASSPORT, a global missions camp. The total cost for the trip is approximately \$200 per camper, so if you're interested in going, call the church office and let us know! I hope you have a great week!

Grace and Peace, Erik

### Wednesday Night Meal Sign-Up

**Menu for March 10<sup>th</sup>:** Breakfast Casserole, Creamy Grits, Hash Brown Casserole, Pancakes, and Fruit. **Volunteers to assist with dinner are: Gloria Peele and the Hosanna Class.**

You can call the church office or email Joan Womble at [joanwomble@windstream.net](mailto:joanwomble@windstream.net) to sign up or cancel by Monday at 4:00 p.m.

### With Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Brown, who died Saturday, February 27.

### LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

Weekly Budget Requirement .....	19,173.00
Budget Received.....	19,139.84
Building/Capital Improvement .....	71.00
Other .....	3,955.50
Total .....	23,166.34