OCIM FOOD DRIVE

The Missions Ministry Team wants for us to concentrate our choices of food donations in order to improve our giving to this important local mission. The director at OCIM has suggested CEREAL AND PEANUT BUTTER which will be our foods to collect for OCIM. Hopefully if we concentrate on these 2 items, shopping will be more simple. But as always all canned or packaged foods are much needed and most welcome so if you see a good sale please add these to your basket. We are designating the first Sunday of each month beginning in March to emphasize our food drive with the help of the youth and GA's. So begin your shopping and watch for reminders about this important mission.

Speaker: Betsy Bolick
Small Enough Ministry

John 9:1-3 ... "As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."

May you and I display the work of our sweet Savior who healed us by His stripes!

www.betsybolick.blogspot.com

First Baptist Church of Hillsborough invites you to celebrate spring at the annual FBC Women's Spring Luncheon, scheduled for March 9, 2013 from 11:30-1:30. Witness the transformation of the Blake Room, as women of the church serving as table hostesses use their personal decorations, china, silverware, and linens to create a spring time gala. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite dish to share, resulting in a feast to be followed by a time of devotion led by our guest speaker, Betsy Bolick.
Missionary Venture
“stay tuned”!

AID to Group Home
that lost funding
Contact

OCIM
1st Sunday each month
Cereal & Peanut Butter
contact Liz Waters

Disaster Relief
Baptist Men
to NY/NJ “Let’s Go!”
contact Janet Marks

* “...just as you did it
 to the least of these,
 you did it to Me.”

GOOD NEWS CLUB
at Central Elementary
contact Randy Carter

BELIZE
make more educational
supplies
contact Frances Loftis

HOME MISSIONS OFFERING GOALS
Annie Armstrong - $1,100
Global CBF - $750

YOUNG LIFE
Wyldlife dates for area Middle School Club:
March 23 and April 20; 7 pm @ Church
of the Good Shepherd in Durham
contact Anne Brinkley

2-28 Meghan Merritt
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3-3 Lynne Laws
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Angel Tree
Thanksgiving Meal
Prison Toys/
Hygiene Items
Delta Jewels
Bountiful Barrels
Belize Mission Trip
Christmas Offerings
Good News Club
62+ Families
45+ Families
60+ Families/
Inmates
12 AZ girls in poverty
children in Ghana
200+ elementary
school children
with educational
resources
Foreign Missions
CBF and Lottie Moon
16+ children at
Central Elementary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

THROUGH YOU - GOD TOUCHED

Matthew 25:35-40*
**Ladies Beach Retreat**

Women of FBC are once again headed to Sunset Beach, NC, for a weekend of fellowship and relaxation!! Please join us!!

Located near Wilmington, NC, Sunset Beach is on the southern coast of North Carolina near the border with SC, and boasts of wide, sandy beaches, close proximity to Calabash (great seafood ... only 5 minutes away!!), and Myrtle Beach (for you shopaholics! ... just 35 minutes away). The retreat is scheduled for Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28 (Fri/Sat nights, leaving Sunday morning). We plan to reserve both sides of our usual ocean-front residence, “BelleVue” East & West. Each side has 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and kitchen, and can accommodate 11 people. Total capacity is 22. An adjoining door connecting the two sides creates the feeling of one very large space.

Cost per person for the Fri/Sat retreat weekend is $70 (assuming 22 participants) and includes accommodations for both nights (Fr/Sat), supper the first night, and basic supplies. To secure your reservation, please submit your name and payment in full to the church office by March 1, 2013. Please note that this is a receipts supported event, not subsidized by any FBC budget line. The rental agency requires payment in full to secure the accommodations, so payment in full is required in order to secure your reservation.

For those interested in staying an additional night, we have the option of securing the same residence for Thursday night. This is a flexible option, at an additional cost of $195 plus fees per side. Thursday night costs will be divided equally among those staying Thursday night. When making your reservation please indicate whether or not you are interested in staying Thursday night as well.

Questions? Contact Janet Austin, Peggy Berryhill, or Darla Wilverding.

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**MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES**

Colossians 3:16 encourages us to “let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” As we worship each week, readers from the congregation lead us in proclaiming God’s Word. Most often, what is read comes from the book of Psalms. This book is actually the hymnbook of the Old Testament, in that each of these Psalms were sung. Unfortunately, we do not have the melodies to which each Psalm was sung, but that actually does not matter. As is the case in everything we do in worship through music, the words are what is most important (you can sing the text of many songs/scriptures to different tunes). Our Chancel Choir will actually do this very thing when they sing “Shout Glory, Hallelujah!”. The text of this song is from the hymn “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”, but the tune is an early American folk melody.

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**MEN’S BREAKFAST - This Sunday, March 3 at 8:00 am**

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**SERVING AND STATISTICS**

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We stopped the last reflection at Revelation 6:8, considering the four horses and riders let loose by the first four seals of the scroll. I ended with the vexing interpretive question about the nature of these horses—how the text is to be read. I am convinced that agreement on this question will remain difficult (impossible in my humble, human opinion). Perhaps the rest of Revelation 6 will help us…maybe?

Beginning in 6:9, the fifth seal is opened to reveal an altar scene in which the “souls of those who had been slaughtered for the word of God and for the testimony they had given” (6:9) are resting under the altar. These “souls” ask the Lord when their blood will be avenged. When will the Lord execute justice on their behalf? They are given a white robe (6:11, holiness, wearing a robe like Jesus wears a robe signifying their Christ-likeness through martyrdom) and told to hang on a little longer as more martyrs will join them. Who are these martyrs? Are they those who die for their faith in Jesus throughout the history of the church or are they ones who remain faithful amidst the turmoil unleashed by the first four seals? We come up against the same “how do you read the text” question. Is this a picture of the future or a picture of the ongoing present for every generation of the church? Let’s keep reading because the next paragraph is helpful.

Beginning in 6:12, the sixth seal is opened (if you haven’t read Rev. 6:9-17 yet, do it now). Notice the images in 6:12-14. Earthquake. The sun as black as sackcloth. Full moon red as blood. Stars falling from the sky to the earth. The sky rolling up like a scroll. Every mountain and island removed. Together, these images constitute the substance of apocalyptic writing. And, I will at this point reveal my personal conviction for how to read this text up to this point in light of 6:12-14—this is an imaginative, apocalyptic presentation of the nature of the “day of the Lord,” the “day” the Lord brings final and ultimate justice to human history. These images take me away from any literal reading (that is, the stars literally falling from the sky to the earth and so on) because they depict the apex of devastation. Am I saying these cannot happen? No. God is free to do as God pleases and free to alter the very nature and physics of the universe in order to do it. However, we know these events cannot happen in the way depicted here. The stars cannot fall from the sky to the earth as if they were hanging just above our atmosphere. If the sun goes black and correspondingly the heat goes away, we won’t survive to see anything else. The point of these images is the unmistakable, undeniable, and overwhelming judgment (wrath) of God against sin and injustice. Nothing on earth will be able to stand against it. Nothing. Not the most majestic and impenetrable mountains. Not the most powerful kings or most victorious generals (6:15). Nothing will stand in opposition to the work of God on this day when history meets the fullness of the wrath of the God of all justice—“the wrath of the Lamb” that is to come (6:16). This a word for every generation of the church and world.

I’ve opened a little of my own conviction on how to read this. There is so much more to say and more to clarify and more to qualify, but I am curious about your thoughts. Feel free to send them to me at randy.carter@ncrrbiz.com. The Lord be with you all, Randy