

**THE PROPHET JOEL**  
 “Double Agents and Debit Cards”  
 Joel 2:12-14

GPS Units...

**STRAYING FROM THE LORD**

Joel spoke to people who had turned away from the Lord.

Fundamentally, Joel said the problems Judah faced were connected to the nation’s strained relationship with the Lord.

Faith on autopilot...

Carelessness...

Selfishness...

Faithlessness...

Procrastination...

A double agent...

**A NEW BEGINNING**

Verse 14 “who knows...”

Joel said the Lord may turn and have pity and bring a blessing into your life.

Verse 13...5 reasons to come back to the Lord...

Rend...

Return...

Reclaim...

**THE FAMILY OF GOD IN WORSHIP**  
*Building a Community of Disciples for Christ*

<b>August 23, 2009</b>	<b>10:55 AM</b>
<b>WELCOME</b>	Tom Cabaniss
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Nate Leonard
<b>NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	Anne Honeycutt
<b>ELECTION OF DEACONS</b>	Anne Honeycutt
<b>REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	Jeff Joyce



<b>†HYMN 61</b>	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	BRADBURY
	<i>(Stz. 1, 2 &amp; 4. Children will come forward as we sing stanza 4.)</i>	
<b>†OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		Nate Leonard
<b>WORDS FOR OUR CHILDREN</b>		Judy Smith
<b>†CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS</b>	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	MCAFEE
	<i>There is a place of comfort sweet, Near to the heart of God,        A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God.        O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,        Hold us who wait before Thee Near to the heart of God.</i>	
<b>PRAYER 101</b>		Tom Cabaniss & Frank Hyatt
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		Tom Cabaniss
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<i>“ Double Agents and Debit Cards”</i>	Tom Cabaniss
	Joel 2:12-14	
	Scripture passage may be found on page 932 in the Bible located in the pew.	
<b>†HYMN OF DECISION 296</b>	<i>Jesus Is Lord of All</i>	LORDSHIP OF CHRIST
	<i>We invite your decisions today in one of the following ways...by coming forward to pray alone,        to speak and pray with our pastor, completing one of the decision cards found in the pews        or speaking with one of our ministers following our worship time.</i>	
<b>†PASTORAL BENEDICTION</b>		Tom Cabaniss
<b>†RESPONSE (253)</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow</i>	OLD 100TH
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;        Praise Him, all creatures here below;        Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;        Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen</i>	
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		Carol Cone

†Those who are able please stand.



**August 23, 2009**

**Welcome to Kannapolis First Baptist Church!**

*We are so grateful to God for leading you to this place of worship today.  
 If you are a visitor, be sure to sign our fellowship pads  
 as they are shared during the worship time or our guest book in the foyer  
 of the church as you leave so that we might have the  
 opportunity to thank you personally for worshipping with us today.*

*“Rend your heart and not your garments.  
 Return to the Lord your God,  
 for He is gracious and compassionate,  
 slow to anger and abounding in love,  
 and He relents from sending calamity”  
 Joel 2:13*

***“If our single, all-embracing passion is to  
 make much of Christ in life and death,  
 and if the life that magnifies Him most  
 is the life of costly love,  
 then life is a risk, and that risk is right.  
 To run from it is to waste your life.  
 And now what about you?  
 Are you caught in the enchantment of security,  
 paralyzed from taking any risks for the cause of God?  
 The bottom line comfort and assurance  
 in all our risk-taking for Christ is that nothing  
 will ever separate us from the love of Christ.”***

***Adapted from Don’t Waste Your Life  
 By John Piper***

Ladies, mark your calendars now so you won't miss

**"Conversations"**

A women's event cosponsored by the Women's Ministry and Prayer & Renewal Ministry Teams

Friday, October 30th, 7:00pm—9:30pm  
 Saturday, October 31st, 8:30 am—12:30 pm  
 Cabarrus Bank Building

We will have a church conference TODAY to approve the nominating committee report for the 2009-2010 church year and to elect deacons.

Interested in attending the upcoming Financial Peace University class? Come find out more about FPU at a preview session on SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th, at 9:30am in the Parlor.

The Missions Committee is asking for your help in collecting school supplies for our local schools and the Baptist Sharing House. Needs include loose leaf paper. Spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, glue sticks, backpacks, crayons, markers and notebooks. Boxes are available outside the workroom on the first floor for your donations.

The deacon council has empowered a committee to examine the best way to minister to preschoolers and children in our church family and community. Committee members are: Richard Chaney (chair), Mike Beigay, Reggie Smith, Ann Wilson, Shelia Moore, Julia Alford, Sandra Davidson, Jane Harris and Tom Cabaniss. Remember their work in your prayers as they help to lead our church in a vital area of ministry.

The Intercessory Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday in the church parlor from 9:15am-9:45am. Everyone is welcome to come pray with us. For information, please call Polly Montgomery at 704-938-8331.

**Wednesday Night Activities Resume September 9th - Music & Missions for Kids, Bible Study for Youth and Adults - But, WHAT'S FOR SUPPER? Chuck Irvin to the rescue!!!**

Chuck will be cooking up supper for any and all who'll come between 5:00pm and 5:45pm (kitchen closes promptly at 5:45pm). The cost - payable in CASH ONLY at the door - is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 4-12, and \$1 for kids 3 and under.

The menus for the September meals are:

- September 9 - Taco Bar (Includes: nacho chips and cheese, hard and soft taco shells, beef, salsa, lettuce, sour cream, shredded cheese, jalapenos), Tea/Lemonade and Dessert
- September 16 - Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Tea/Lemonade and Dessert
- September 23 - Spaghetti, Oil-tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Tea/Lemonade and Dessert
- September 30 - Hot Dogs, Mac 'n' Cheese, Chips, Tea/Lemonade and Dessert

**NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY;**

**Come with your kids, your cash and your appetite - pay at the door and enjoy the food and fellowship!**



A.L. Brown High School is implementing a "full uniform" policy this year for grades 9-12. We are aware that some families will need help in securing the needed clothing due to the strained financial times we are facing. We are asking if you have any uniform items that are "gently used" to please bring them to church before the start of school, this coming Tuesday August 25th. Please check out our information table for details of the "full uniform" needs list.

Save the date...our Missions Committee is challenging our church to participate in **Kannapolis Kares on Saturday, September 26th.** We'll do some simple projects in our community and for members in need in our church family.

Coming this Fall - Children's Discipleship (Grades 1 - 6) on Sunday Nights, 5:00pm- 7:00pm, September 13th - October 18th:

**THE TRUTH CHRONICLES**

There's absolute adventure ahead with life-changing stories on seeing the world from a Christian perspective. Inspired by Focus on the Family's The Truth Project curriculum, these stories include themes such as a Christian Worldview, False gods, Government and the Bible, Absolute Truth, Intelligent Design, Compassion, The Founding of America, The Trinity and Natural Order. **AND...**

Please! **MANNERS MATTER** Thank You!  
 (led by Sue Dodd & friends)

Manners are simply a matter of how we treat one another. ("Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Luke 6:31) Manners Matter will teach children appropriate behavior in social situations and how to be considerate and respectful of others.

These children's discipleship opportunities will be held at the same time as The Truth Project and Prayer 101 for adults. Please use the Response Sheet to indicate that you/your child(ren) would like to participate.

REMINDER: **Members-at-Home Visitors** will meet next Sunday, August 30th at 8:30am.

**NOTE THIS CHANGE! A Thin Within class will be offered on Monday evenings, beginning September 14th, from 6:30pm—8:00pm. Thin Within will NOT be offered on Sunday evenings or Wednesday mornings.**

Remember the **importance of tithing each week.** Our church's ministry and work are supported EXCLUSIVELY by the tithes and offerings of our church family. One way we express our gratitude to God for His blessings is by tithing. Also, a failure to tithe is an act of disobedience. Our church has wonderful opportunities to proclaim Christ in our community and beyond. Our giving should match these opportunities. Give your tithes faithfully and obediently.

The **Missions Committee needs your help** on Wednesday, September 9th to make bag lunches for the fair workers at the Cabarrus County Fair. If you could spare about one hour and help to feed some people in an outreach event, please call Tana Hartsell at 704-786-8508.



We will be receiving gifts to benefit the **North Carolina Missions Offering during September.** Our goal is \$2,000 for missions in our state. Envelopes are in your regular giving packets. You can also designate for this offering by using envelopes in the sanctuary.



**Want to play softball?** Matt Mariano is organizing a church league softball team for First Baptist. Games will be twice a week and played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. If you are interested in learning more or signing up to play, speak with Matt Mariano or call the church office.

The Missions Committee is inviting you to **help support our local hospice.** They need the following items...unscented aloe baby wipes, individually packaged snack foods and wrapped candy, new white washcloths, music CDs, unscented laundry detergent, disposable cameras, acrylic yarn for lap quilts, Kleenex, medium size baskets, fillers for baskets (no green Easter grass). A box is available outside the workroom for your donations.

Preparations and plans are underway for a **mission trip NEXT summer to a third-world destination such as Kenya or Guatemala.** You may believe God can use you in such a place. We'll soon know more details about this trip and what the work may be. Begin praying about whether God could use you in missions in a life-changing way!! For more information or to express your interest, speak with Tom.

**STOP** Please remember to leave the parking spaces closest to the church (particularly those opposite the GEM Theater) OPEN and AVAILABLE for church family members who really need the closer parking.

**Happy Birthday!**

- August 23**  
Jon Culp
- August 25**  
Lillian Long  
Michael Mariano
- August 26**  
Kate Morrison
- August 27**  
Hunter McAfee  
Carolyn Sexton
- August 28**  
Eugene Benton  
Sarah Harris
- August 29**  
Norman Negre
- September 1**  
Nancy Barbee  
Caroline Jewell  
Virginia Joyce  
Aristotle Sutton
- September 2**  
Cathy Hyatt  
Nate Leonard
- September 3**  
Jenny Carroll  
Judy Hall  
James Janeski  
Mykhayl Sutton
- September 4**  
Tim Beane
- September 5**  
Imogene Francis  
Kathleen Hall

**Save The Date**  
 The NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra in concert HERE Monday night October 12th at 6:45pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION: August 30th**

Next Sunday, August 30th children are to report, as usual, to their "old" Sunday School class (the one they've been going to for the past year) and will have a lesson with their "old" teacher to finish out the literature for this quarter. All children's Sunday School teachers should plan to finish the lesson by 10:35am, and then - *let the promoting begin!* Teachers are to escort the children who are promoting to their new classroom. Incoming teachers should be at their new posts to greet the children being promoted. On September 6<sup>th</sup>, all children should report to their "new" classrooms.

<b>BUDGET REPORT THRU August 16, 2009</b>	<b>THIS WEEK AT KANNAPOLIS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b>
Receipts \$390,919.04	<b>TODAY</b> Church Conference! 9:45am-Sunday School 10:55am-Worship Service
Budget \$443,152.05	<b>Tuesday, August 25</b> First Day of School 9:15am-Intercessory Prayer Group
Over/(Under) \$(52,233.01)	<b>Wednesday, August 26</b> 6:45pm-Sanctuary Choir
Building Fund \$119,894.38	<b>Thursday, August 27</b> 6:45am-Men's Prayer Breakfast

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