



# First Baptist Church of Tryon

## The Good News

April/May 2013

### First Baptist Church of Tryon

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### Staff

The Reverend Jeff C. Harris, Pastor

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Music and Christian Formation

Kay Greene, Pianist

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Joey Whiteside, Youth Director

Sandy Frady, Handbell Choir Director

John Spinks, Sexton

### Worship

Sunday School 10 am

Worship 11 am

Refuge/Sunday Evening Ekklesia 5 pm

### Office Hours

Mon/Tue/Thurs 9am to 3 pm

Wed 12pm to 4 pm

## CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

When I was a hospital chaplain, I encountered more sickness and death than I care to remember. At times, it was depressing. Yet, such close proximity to life and death affords some benefits.

I am reflecting on these matters of life and death because before this week is over, I will have officiated three funeral/memorial services. Such occasions prompt you to ponder your own mortality. Intellectually speaking, we know that one day we will die. Yet, our living rarely reflects this reality.

One way to evaluate such matters is to regularly examine our lives. Are our lives true to the things that we believe in? Do we add life to the people around us, or do we take it away? Do we make time for the important people in our lives? Do we make time for fun and rest?

Do we offer forgiveness or do we harbor resentment? What are we doing for others?

Andy Rooney said, "Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes." Life is short. Don't let it pass you by. Live your life as if it matters, because it does.

The early church Father Irenaeus, once said, "The glory of God is a human being fully alive." So, open your eyes and your heart. Live with intentionality. Love with abandon. Sing to the top of your lungs. Soak up the beauty of this world. Be faithful. Find meaning in your work. Speak honestly.

Be. Fully. Alive. It's what God has created us to be.

*Jeff*

# MAY SCHEDULES

## DEACONS FOR MAY

\*Ellis Fincher  
Shelvie Foust  
Pat Feagan  
David Thompson  
Sue Thompson (balcony)

\*Denotes Lead Deacon

## ACOLYTES FOR MAY

5 Elliott Whiteside, Ashlyn Green  
12 Verae Upton, David Amitrano  
19 Caleb Anagnos, Ella Waldman  
26 Elliott Whiteside, Katie Cothran

## USHERS FOR MAY

Walt Gee, Cathie Gee (front)  
Linda Martin (side)  
Christy McCall (hall)

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS—MAY

5 Cathy & JT Johnson  
12 Jodi Harris  
19 Linda Martin  
26 Olivia & Joey Whiteside

## PIZZA FUNDRAISER FOR TFBC YOUTH

On Sunday, June 2, the Tryon First Baptist Youth will be holding a pizza fundraiser. Franklin McKaig makes the best pizzas in the county, and he'll be firing up the oven at the Activity Building that day. Forms are included in your bulletins, and orders will be taken for the next two weeks. You can choose to buy a

pizza for \$12 (and/or salad at \$2) for take-out; or, for \$7 per adult (kids 3 and under eat for free), you can enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet of pizza slices and salad. Please return your completed forms to the office, Joey Whiteside, or Denise Britton – and plan to have a great meal that day!

## WMU MISSION FOR MAY

WMU's project for May is to provide school supplies to Tryon Elementary. The current needed items are: wide ruled notebook paper, two pocket folders with punch holes (no rings please), tissues, disinfectant wipes. For anyone who wishes to contribute, a box to collect these supplies is located in the Lair Sunday School classroom. Also, at our May meeting, we will work on making baby blankets for Steps to Hope. All ladies are invited to join us the first Tuesday of each month, 10am, at the Church.



# Pre-Register for Vacation Bible School!



## **Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together**

**June 17-20**

**9-11:30am**

*Everywhere Fun Fair* takes children to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair. Children will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that God's love can be found everywhere, including their own neighborhoods. Children will be introduced to special places from all over the world and discover that we are all neighbors and all children of God.

You can register **ONLINE** at <http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/fbctryon> this year, or you can pick up registration forms at church and return them to the church office or place them in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Feel free to share forms with friends and family!

\*Transportation is available (please check registration form)

\*An early drop-off is also available each morning of VBS at 8:00am (please check registration form)

# EASTER EGG HUNT PHOTOS



Tryon First Baptist's Easter egg hunt was scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 23, at the home of Phil and Hilda Pleasants. Impending rain threw a wrench in those plans, so the egg hunt was held in the Activity Building on Sunday, March 24, during Refuge and S.E.E. There were games and crafts for the children, hot dogs and hamburgers (for the adults, too), and much fun hunting eggs. We'd like to share some of the photos with you (photo credits go to Kay Green).



**SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS AND  
RENEWALS ARE  
AVAILABLE!**



Spring is here, and so are our Scholarship applications and renewals! The church family at First Baptist supports and encourages our youth by making a scholarship donation to the college or university of his/her choice.

Requirements for the Scholarship Application include the application itself, a recent photograph, a letter of acceptance from an accredited college, university, Bible or theological school, a short essay describing career goals, and two letters of recommendation in a sealed envelope, with the writer's signature across the seal. For renewals, applicants will need the form and a transcript of grades, showing that the student has maintained a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 at the institute at which they're studying. All scholarship applications and renewal forms are due in the church office no later than April 30, 2013. They are available in the office and in the church kitchen entrance.

**BROTHERHOOD THANKS YOU!**

Brotherhood's Winter Coat Drive resulted in the donation of 122 coats. All of the coats were donated to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries, who were most grateful to get them. The Brotherhood would like to thank everyone who participated in this worthy mission.

**FIGHT FOR LITERACY PROJECT**

Students at Polk County Early College have begun a campaign, "Fight for Literacy", to encourage young children and their parents to read together at home. Used children's books are being collected through the end of April and will be given to children, K-5, at Tryon Elementary School and Polk Central School. Please help these students have enough books to give every child a book of their own to take home and keep. A box has been placed in the downstairs hallway of the church (outside the church office) to collect any children's books that you no longer need in your home. Have questions? Need books picked up at your home? Call Beth McCallister in the evening, 859-5186. Thanks for your support of our students and their projects.

# MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## May Anniversaries

- 1 CW4 & Mrs. John Snow
- 5 Vernon & Raye Dusenbury
- 8 Phillip & Paula Edwards
- 15 R.B. & Mae Scruggs
- 30 Keith & Alisa Constance
- 31 Franklin & Sadie McKaig

## May Birthdays

- 2 Bob Lair
- 3 Chuck Britton
- 4 Cathie Gee
- 4 Dustin Bishop
- 4 Kay Greene
- 8 Charley Raye Dusenbury ('08)
- 14 Philip Culbreth
- 14 Christie Collins Morrow
- 14 Emily McFalls
- 14 Gary Nobles
- 17 Tiffany B. Covil
- 17 Candy Wilson
- 17 Cathy Stott
- 18 Brian Durham ('07)
- 18 Joyce Arledge
- 18 Mae Scruggs

- 21 Rosemary Iaffaldano
- 21 Melinda Walker
- 23 Phil Feagan
- 23 Don Iaffaldano
- 24 Kasey McKaig
- 26 Bermice Cultreth
- 26 Judy Houk
- 26 Janet Hudson
- 26 John T. Vehorn
- 28 Maddie Blackwell ('00)
- 28 Ashley Walter
- 29 Ashley (Scoggins) Gilbert

## Student Birthdays

- 14 Emily McFalls  
emcfalls@gardner-webb.edu
- 30 Michael Nobles  
noblesm@email.usupstate.edu

## Military Personnel Birthday

- 10 Elisse Santa, c/o Tom Santa  
233 Green View Road  
Moyock, NC 27958

# UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

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| 5/2  | Bible Study 10am, Bells 6pm, Choir 7pm           | 5/13 | Staff meeting 10:30am                            |
| 5/4  | Deacon Training, Hominy Baptist Church           | 5/14 | Sisterhood 7 pm                                  |
| 5/5  | SS 10am, Worship 11 am, WNCBF @ 4pm, Refuge 5pm  | 5/15 | Bible Study (Lair SS) 10am, Bells 6pm, Choir 7pm |
| 5/5  | James Roach memorial service, 2pm                | 5/19 | SS 10am, Worship 11am, Refuge 5pm                |
| 5/6  | Staff meeting 10:30am, Mission Team 7pm          | 5/20 | Staff meeting 10:30am, Brotherhood 6:30pm        |
| 5/7  | WMU Group 1—10am, Education Comm. 7 pm           | 5/21 | Deacons meeting 7pm                              |
| 5/8  | Bible Study (Lair SS) 10am, Bells 6pm, Choir 7pm | 5/22 | Bible Study 10am, Bells 6 pm, Choir 7 pm         |
| 5/12 | SS 10am, Worship 11am, Refuge 5pm (Mother's Day) | 5/26 | SS 10am, Worship 11am, Refuge 5pm                |

## NOTES FROM CANDY



**Can you believe it is already May?!?! Where does the time go? I think the older we get, the more we seem to say that.** Seriously, summer is practically upon us and the Family Life, VBS, and Education Committees have been hard at work planning for the summer! I know you and your family will want to take full advantage of the opportunities for study and fellowship that are planned for this summer. I have listed the various age groups and opportunities below. Please mark your calendar now and make plans to join us!

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER EVENTS**—Children (through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) must be accompanied by an adult for all scheduled events

*Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>*—**Visit to White Oak followed by Pizza and Pool Party:** Cost: FREE!!

*Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>*—**Children and Parent Day at Carl Sandburg Home:** bring your own picnic and we will have fun together exploring the grounds—we will not tour the home as a group; but, if you would like to take the tour, the cost is \$5.00 for adults, children through age 15 are free.

*Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>*—**FBC KIDS and PARENTS DAY AT CAROWINDS**—Why are we going on a Tuesday? Because it will be too crowded on the weekend! We are giving you advance notice so you can make your plans accordingly. The more kids and parents who attend, the more fun we will have. If you have any questions, please contact Renae Waldman or Candy Wilson.

I am thoroughly enjoying my ministry at First Baptist and look forward to spending these fun days with you and your children!

Candy

## REFUGE CALENDAR



- 4/21 REFUGE EVENT—Fun Depot in Asheville, 3:30 pm
- 4/22-26 Spring Break
- 4/28 SEE/Refuge
- 5/5 Cinco De Mayo—Refuge, dinner after at El Sureno
- 5/11 Baseball - Greenville Drive vs. Augusta Green Jackets, 7:05
- 5/12 Mother's Day—NO Refuge
- 5/19 Refuge
- 5/26 Refuge (day before Memorial Day)
- 6/2 High School Sr. Recognition—Refuge Pizza Fundraiser
- 6/9 Refuge
- 6/16 Father's Day—NO Refuge
- 6/17-20 Vacation Bible School (Refuge Assisting)
- 6/23-28 PASSPORT CAMP
- 6/30 No Refuge

Well, Spring is here and we're getting excited about the warm weather and outside activities. While the cold weather was here, we went to Moonshine Mountain for snowtubing in February. In March, we attended a Greenville Road Warriors hockey game, and later in the month we traveled to Spartanburg for an evening of bowling and a cookout.

Refuge has some exciting events on the calendar for the coming months, which include attending a Greenville Drive baseball game and Passport Camp in June.

We appreciate all of the support of our church family and ask for your continued prayer. Have a blessed month!

-Joey Whiteside

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ray and Rebecca (Becky) Hudson

Joining by letter of transfer from Pisgah Forest Baptist Church, Ray and Becky are no strangers to our congregation. Both were born and raised in Polk County—Ray in Pea Ridge, and Becky in Columbus.

Becky and Ray have come back to the area to care for their elderly parents. They are the parents of two grown daughters; Erika Potter, who lives in Pisgah Forest, and Anna Stewart who hails from Statesville NC. The Hudsons have a five-year old grandson, Toby Stewart.

Both Becky and Ray are retired—Ray retired from teaching, and Becky from nursing. Becky's hobbies include genealogy and reading, and Ray's are golf, hunting, and gardening. The Hudsons enjoy reading, and their best-loved Bible stories are the story of Joseph and the Story of Esther. Ray is currently reading "Day of Infamy" and "Clay's Quilt" is Becky's choice.

We are glad to have Ray and Becky join our congregation. Please greet them warmly and welcome them into our church family.

## GRADUATE SUNDAY JUNE 2

Join us for worship on Sunday, June 2, as we celebrate the young folks in our church who are graduating. This is also the day we will be awarding college scholarships.





## Welcome to Greensboro and the 2013 CBF General Assembly!

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to Greensboro N.C. for the 23rd General Assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. I am glad you have chosen to share in this time of worshiping God, reconnecting with friends, learning about the ministries of the Fellowship and renewing our commitment to being the presence of Christ in the world.

Our theme is “With Great Boldness,” and comes from 2 Corinthians 3:12, which encourages us with these words- *“Since then we have such a hope, we act with great boldness.”* Last summer in Fort Worth, Texas, we adopted the 2012 Task Force report. In the intervening months, the Coordinating Council has moved us into the implementation phase of this endeavor. I hope we approach these changes with a boldness of spirit and adventure. Think about how will you express boldness and hope during your time in Greensboro. This is a question we will consider as Cooperative Baptists during our time together.

It is with great joy that I welcome Suzii Paynter to her first General Assembly as the CBF Executive Coordinator. Suzii was approved by the Coordinating Council in February and joined the Atlanta office staff in March. Please make plans to attend the Friday night worship service to hear a word from Suzii and stay for a reception afterwards to share words of welcome and affirmation.

Our General Assembly Steering Committee has developed an outstanding assortment of activities that invite you to boldly refresh your spirit, to boldly reflect on living out God’s call for your life and to boldly respond to the mission and ministries of the Fellowship. Use your General Assembly Guidebook or the Assembly website to map out your participation in workshops, worship, auxiliary events and business sessions, including gatherings about implementing the 2012 Task Force report. Thursday evening we will bless new CBF field personnel and church starters during a commissioning service. I hope you will be inspired and engaged by all that we have planned this year.

I believe we will leave Greensboro enthusiastic about the vision and future of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. There is a great deal to celebrate and consider together, and I am thankful you have chosen to be with us this week. God has given us hope everlasting. Let us respond to God’s gift together with great boldness.

Keith Herron  
CBF moderator and senior pastor of Holmeswood Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO

**To pre-register for free, please paste the link below into your web browser.**

<http://www.thefellowship.info/assembly/preregister>