

November Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 Tommy & Edith Vehorn
- 13 Gary & Carol Nobles
- 19 Tommy & Sharon Burrell
- 25 Bill & Rena Henderson

November Birthdays

- 1 Jimmy Campbell
- 3 Carol Nobles, Olivia Whiteside
- 4 Donna Littlefield
- 5 Jerry Barnette, Paul Cantrell, Vicky Justice, Ethan Waldman, Ty Walter
- 7 Margot Carter
- 8 Matthew Covil, Casey Collins Harris, Joyce Scoggins
- 9 Estella Hanson, William Morse
- 10 Diane Cothran
- 11 Edith Vehorn
- 13 Ruth Ann Arledge, Katherine Garrett
- 14 Mary Kathryn Hemphill
- 18 Leah Justice
- 19 Edward Culbreth
- 24 Charles Huneycutt
- 25 Trey Dusenbury, John Spinks
- 28 Phil Feagan (Jr.), Hannah Raines
- 29 Conner Dusenbury, Bill Henderson
- 30 Rollins Carter

College Student Birthdays

- 1 Brooke Scoggins

NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

Deacons—November

- *Keith Collins
- Beth McCallister
- Mike Greene
- Phil Feagan
- Johnny Taylor (balcony)

*denotes Lead Deacon

Ushers and Greeters—November

- Bud and Georgia Pace (front)
- Rick McCallister (hall)
- Caitlyn Britton (side)

November Acolyte Schedule

- 11/3 Jamie Greene and Hayden Blackwell
- 11/10 Ella Waldman and Wilson Edwards
- 11/17 Sydney Waldman and Laney Littlefield
- 11/24 TBA

Children's Church Workers—November

- 11/3 Susan Smith
- 11/10 Debbie & Keith Collins
- 11/17 TBA
- 11/24 Beth & Rick McCallister

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The Reverend Candace Wilson,
Minister of Music and Christian
Formation
Kay Greene, Pianist

E. Leslie Raymond, Organist

Sandy Frady, Handbell Choir
Director
John Spinks, Sexton

Sunday School 10am

Worship 11am

Children's Choir (Grades 1-5) 5pm

Refuge (Grades 6-12) 6pm

Church Office Hours

Mon/Tue/Thurs 9am to 3pm

Wed 12pm to 4pm

NOVEMBER

The Good News

2013

CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

The best selling, least read book...

The Bible is the best selling, least read book of all time. In the English language alone, there are 2,000 different translations of the Bible (if you include commentaries written in the past 150 years.) Besides these various translations of Scripture, there are also numerous niche Bibles from which to choose.

It's obvious that people like to purchase Bibles, but the reading them part, well, not so much. (Although, my wife read a survey last winter that said the two most read books of the season were the Bible and Fifty Shades of Grey—these readers voted Song of Solomon as their favorite book of the Bible.) One of the reasons that people don't read the Bible is because the Bible isn't easy to read. Or said more accurately, the Bible isn't easy to understand—at least some of it isn't easy to understand. And it can be especially difficult to understand when you think you already know what the Bible says, before you even read it.

For example, many of the "biblical" clichés that we throw around, aren't even in the Bible: "This too shall pass" - "Forgive and forget" - "God helps those who help themselves."--"Everything happens for a reason." -"When God shuts a door he opens a window."

Since we think we already know what the Bible says there is no apparent need to read it. And when people do "read" the Bible it is often used as some kind of super reference book. (Which is another reason the Bible is rarely read—when's the last time you perused a dictionary or encyclopedia?) Unfortunately, the reference book approach is often a way to use the Bible as a weapon with which to assault someone, or as a way to win some argument.

This misuse of the Bible makes it even less likely that someone actually reads the Bible as the divine narrative that it is. From beginning to end the Bible communicates the story of God and God's people—warts and all.

Now, I wouldn't recommend you start at the beginning and try to plow through the whole thing, if you do, you'll probably bog down before you finish Exodus. (*con't. on pg. 5*)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

11/3	10am Sunday School	5pm Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
	11 am Worship, Lord's Supper	6pm Refuge (at the Edwards')
	12pm Brotherhood/Sisterhood Luncheon	11/18 10:30am Staff Meeting
	2pm Foothills CROP Walk, Harmon Field	6:30pm Brotherhood
	5pm Children's Choir (grades 1-5)	11/19 7pm Deacons Meeting
	6pm NO Refuge	11/20 10am Bible Study
11/4	10:30am Staff Meeting	6pm Bell Rehearsal
	7pm Mission Team Meeting	7pm Chancel choir
11/5	10am WMU Group 1	11/24 10am Sunday School
	7pm Education Committee	11am Worship
11/6	10am Bible Study	5pm Children's choir (grades 1-5)
	6pm Bell Rehearsal	6pm No Refuge tonight
	7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Holy Cross Episcopal Church
11/9	9:30am Deacons Training at Hominy Baptist Church	11/25 10:30 Staff Meeting
11/10	10am Sunday School	11/27 10am Bible Study
	11am Worship	6pm NO Bell Rehearsal
	12 pm Quarterly Church Conference	7pm NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	5pm SEE	11/28 Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!
	6pm Refuge	11/30 Advent Family Event, 9am
11/11	10:30am Staff Meeting	
11/12	7pm Sisterhood Meeting	
11/13	10am Bible Study	
	6pm Bell Rehearsal	
	7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
11/17	10am Sunday School	
	11am Worship—Rev. Kelly Belcher	

When grief and loss are constant realities, they often become worse during the winter and holiday season. Join us November 17 as we explore how to cope with grief and loss. Rev. Kelly Belcher, Hospice of the Carolina Foothills Chaplain, will preach during worship. Shannon Slater, Bereavement Coordinator, will facilitate a group Sunday School session entitled "Helping One Another Cope with Loss and Grief."

CHILDREN'S FALL PARTY PICTURES



On Sunday, October 27, First Baptist Church held a Children's Fall Party during SEE. Children were encouraged to wear costumes that night, and were treated to crafts and activities geared toward the Fall. Even Miss Kay got into the act! Thanks to Miss Candy for the planning of this party, and all of her helpers.



LOOKING AHEAD...

- December 1 Advent Begins
- December 9 5pm Annual Christmas Program and Christmas Dinner
- December 14 Lair SS Class Christmas party, Activity Building
- December 15 Christmas Cantata "Celebrate the Child" during worship
- December 15 3pm Community Chorus Christmas Concert, Polk County High School
- December 21 "Soup for Singles," Activity Building
- December 24 5pm Christmas Eve service, Lord's Supper
- December 25 Merry Christmas! Office closed

THE MISSION INITIATIVE—OCTOBER 12, 2013



Then let the servant church arise; A caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

-Fred Pratt Green



CHURCH MISSIONS

WMU GROUP 1

WMU Group 1's mission for November is to feed two families not only a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, including a turkey, but to also provide enough canned and boxed items to feed each family for a week. Bring non-perishable food items for two families to the meeting on Nov. 5.

COAT DRIVE

Brotherhood is sponsoring a coat drive during the fall and winter months. Please bring donations of new or used coats, jackets, and hoodies to the large box inside the hallway closet, across from the Lair SS Room.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Missions Committee will again this year be sponsoring "Operation Christmas Child" (shoe box ministry). Brochures, with all the information needed to fill a box, are placed in both the Sunday School and front foyers. Un-assembled boxes, should you want them, are in the front foyer closet. Collection deadline is Sunday, November 17, 2013. Please place filled boxes in the front foyer closet. The Missions Committee thanks you for your support of this ministry and for your willingness to help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world. God will surely bless you for your generosity.

BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood will give a luncheon on November 3rd after worship, in the Activity Building. The meal will be homemade soup, salad, and a homemade dessert bar. All donations for the luncheon will go to support Kathy's Kids, our local mission to provide Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in our greater community.



NOTES FROM CANDY

Update on Youth and Children's Events

Wow! This has been a busy fall! But it has been a good fall so far and promises to continue to be a good fall throughout November. I am definitely enjoying my work at First Baptist. It has been a joy to work with the Youth (grades 6-12) as well as working with the Children.

The Youth have been meeting weekly and have participated in a Pizza Party hosted by Jeff and Jodi Harris, went on a Sunday afternoon hike, and prepared a skit for presenting the scripture in worship on Sunday, October 20th. They also made a trip to White Oak on Sunday, October 20th. While there, we did crafts and played games with the residents. The residents seemed to have a great time and the Youth were blessed by their time and interaction there. There was a total of eleven youth that night and we finished up with a meal at Mr. Juan's. A special thanks to Cathy Arnold, who helped with transportation that evening.

The following weekend was the Youth Retreat at Lutheridge in Arden. Twelve youth participated in that weekend. It was not only a time to "get away" but a time to draw closer to God and to one another. There seemed to be some bonding and growth in friendships over the weekend.

On Sunday, November 3rd, the Youth will be participating in the local CROP Walk for hunger. Please support them in their efforts. You may make a donation to the church with a notation that it is for the CROP Walk.

The Youth are looking forward to November 17th, when Refuge will be hosted at the home of Phillip and Paula Edwards.

The Children (grades 1-5) have been busy, too. They have been participating in Children's Choir, Acolyte Training, and other special activities during the evenings of SEE. They had an entertaining and fun Fall Party on Sunday, October 27th. Thanks to Erin Fox for coordinating the party and to Diane Cothran, Peggy Edwards, Jodi Harris, and Renae Waldman for their assistance with the party. The Children's Choir is hard at work preparing *The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper* to be presented on December 8th prior to our All Church Christmas Dinner. Be sure to mark your calendar for this special evening. Special thanks to Peggy Edwards, Di Greene, Joyce Scoggins, and Susan Smith for their assistance during the Fall SEE.

Please note there will be a special Children's Activity on Saturday, November 30th. While the adults are preparing the sanctuary for Advent, the children will be participating in a Preparation for Advent workshop. Though this is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, I know you will want your child to participate in this fun activity which will also be an opportunity for your child to learn more about the season of Advent. More details of this event to follow.

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, and friends for their support and encouragement of our Youth and Children's Ministries and for sharing their children and youth with those of us in leadership. It is often said that Children and Youth are the future of the church; but, I say they are a part of the church today and we are all enriched by their participation.

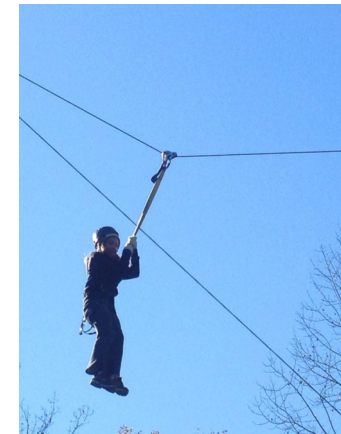
See you in church!

Candy

FIRST BAPTIST REFUGE GROUP "IN ACTION"



Hiking in
DuPont State Forest



Youth Retreat at Lutheridge



CHAT WITH THE PREACHER (con't from pg. 1)

Start with the Gospel of Mark, or the Joseph saga (Genesis 39-50), spend some time in the Psalms (46, 121, and 139 are classics), or simply read the eighth chapter of Romans.

And as you read, you may realize that the Bible is not just another book. In fact, to read the Bible as just another book, in the words of Frederick Buechner, "is like reading *Moby Dick* as a whaling manual or the *The Brothers Karamazov* for its punctuation." Instead, think of the Bible as a window into another reality. Buechner again offers insight, "If you look *at* a window, you see fly-specks, dust, the crack where Junior's Frisbee hit it. If you look *through* a window, you see the world beyond. Something like this is the difference between those who see the Bible as a Holy Bore and those who see it as the Word of God, which speaks out of the depths of an almost unimaginable past into the depths of ourselves."

If you look through the window of the Bible you might be surprised at what you find, or better yet, at what finds you.

Grace and Peace,

-Jeff