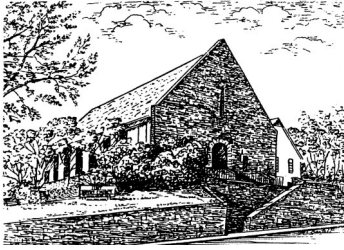


The Good News



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I can be a little forgetful.

Which is why I make a list for the few items I am to pick up at the grocery store, otherwise, I would only get home with half of what I need. And, of course, I forget to take the list with me.

So I take a shower, step out of the shower, begin to dry my hair, only to realize I forgot to rinse out the shampoo. I step back in to rinse it out and get hit with that little blast of cold water as I turn on the faucet.

And on rare occasions, I have been known to forget where I hide Christmas gifts. One way to avoid this is to not buy Christmas gifts, that way you'll never forget where you hide them, although this practice is not without its own risks.

So I can be a little forgetful, but these are relatively small things, not that big of a deal, fairly unimportant.

Especially when compared with these women who go to the tomb on the first day of the week. They come with spices to tend to the body, but, as you know, the body wasn't there. And while they are trying to make heads or tails of it, two men in dazzling clothes appear and scare the daylights out of them.

Now, it *is* Easter morning, so maybe they shouldn't be so surprised by a couple of folks dressed in dazzling clothes.

These sharp-dressed men ask the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Don't you remember that Jesus told you he would be crucified and that on the third day he would rise?"

I don't know about you, but I'm pretty sure I would remember that kind of thing. I might forget the grocery list, or to rinse my hair in the shower, or where I hid a Christmas gift or two, but if a friend tells me he's going to be crucified and that three days later he would rise again, I'm pretty sure I'd remember that.

"Don't you ladies remember?" The men ask.

"Oh, yeah, now that you mention it, I think he did say something like that."

How do did they forget?

Well, the truth is, they probably didn't forget. These women, like Jesus' other followers, probably didn't forget, because they never really understood in the first place. And besides, who could believe that such a thing was even possible? How could they believe he is alive after having witnessed his death and burial?

The women did not go to the tomb expecting to find him alive, because the truth is, no one expected the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is an unlikely ending to an unlikely story.

So unlikely, that when these women go back and tell the others, they don't believe it either. Luke writes, "But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them."

"An idle tale" is a fairly generous translation of the Greek *leros*, which is the root of our word *delirious*. Simply put, the eleven disciples thought these women were nuts. "Ladies, please? Are you crazy? Calm down.

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Chat With the Preacher

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Simply put, the eleven disciples thought these women were nuts. “Ladies, please? Are you crazy? Calm down.

We know you miss him, we do too. But you saw what happened. You were there for goodness sakes! Get hold of yourselves. Enough with this foolishness.”

And yet, Peter races off toward the tomb.

On the one hand: “This is crazy.”

But on the other: “I’m going to check this out just in case.”

In many ways, this is the juxtaposition of faith. The head says, “Nonsense!” But the heart is tugging at us, saying, “Could it be true? Is it possible?”

If we are honest, I think that’s where we live—in the tension between belief and unbelief.

The great theologian, Karl Barth, says that what brings people to worship, not just on Easter, but on any given Sunday, is an unspoken question clinging to their hearts and minds, and that question is: “Is it true?”

Is it true that God lives and gives us life?

Is it true that God not only established a routine, what we call the laws of nature, but then one-day God broke the routine and somehow raised Jesus from the dead?

Is it true that something so extraordinary happened on that morning that we can rebuild our lives on its foundation?

Is it true?

Some days it’s rather easy to believe that it is true, and other days, not so much.

If I had been running “The Resurrection” I would have made sure that no one missed it. I’d have Jesus showing up everywhere, running around town, sneaking up on people, saying, “Boo! It’s me, I’m back.” Or as Fred Craddock once said, “I’d have Jesus sneak up on Pilate during his morning shave, pop up, right behind him in the mirror, and say, ‘Hey Pilate, it’s me, want to take another shot at it?!’”

Yet, as magnificent as the resurrection was, it was really more of whisper. And if you weren’t paying attention you might miss it altogether. In fact, the only ones who saw the resurrected Jesus were his followers. But if you are open to such things, and you lean in and listen closely, you can still hear resurrection-whispers.

And it sounds like this: “Love wins.”

The good news of Easter is that the love of God known in Christ Jesus can never be extinguished.

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*



OPPORTUNITIES

FIREWOOD MINISTRY

The second Saturday of every month, you have a chance to use your muscle by coming to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry and help cut, split, and stack firewood. Woodcutting starts at 8:30am and lasts until noon. We've just gifted Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry with two large wheelbarrows and a log splitter, which will make the work easier.



STOP HUNGER NOW APRIL 9

We're looking ahead a little to let you know about Stop Hunger Now, sponsored by the Rotary Foundation of Tryon. Our church participates by helping buy nutritious meals that are packed and sent to Haiti. There is an event on Saturday, April 9, at Polk County High School. Volunteers are needed to help put together and ship these meals. We'll start at 8am and work until all meals are packed and ready for their destination. This is a mission for all ages can participate in. We hope to see you there!

GROCERY BAGS NEEDED

We collect plastic grocery bags for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, as there is a constant need for them at TBOM's Food Pantry. Bring your excess 'baggage' here to help—there's a large receptacle in the closet across from the Lair Sunday School room.

ITEMS FOR VISITATION TEAM

The Visitation Team is gathering supplies to take to nursing home residents and our homebound members, and we need your help! Needed items are listed below. Boxes are located in Dr. Lair's and Phil Scoggins' Sunday School classrooms. This will be an on-going project, so please remember this list as you do your weekly shopping.

Emery boards, nail clippers

Toothbrush, toothpaste

Face powder, lipstick, blush

Clip-on earrings, necklaces, bracelets

Deodorizers for rooms

Comb/Brush/Hair pick

Dry shampoo, soap, body wash

Handkerchiefs, Kleenex, wipes

Vaseline for lips, lotion

Socks, bibs, lap quilts, throws

Shawls, scarves, activity/lap blankets

Notecards, pens, stamps

Baby dolls

Adult coloring books, colored pencils

Find-a-word and crossword puzzle books

EASTER MISSIONS OFFERINGS

There is an opportunity to give to several mission projects during the Easter season. We encourage you to give to either the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering or the CBF Global Missions Offering. There are designated envelopes in your offering envelope box. If you do not have offering envelopes, other envelopes for these offerings will be located at the sanctuary doors.

EASTER JOY, FROM THE VISITATION TEAM



Thank you, to everyone in the Sunday School classes of Dr. Lair and Phil Scoggins who donated gift items for the Visitation Team. As you can see in the picture, we had a table full of very nice things at Easter, along with the cute little Easter baskets filled with candies that Ms. Peggy Edwards made. We were also able to choose a nice gift to carry to 21 of our church members. May you be blessed for the generous giving and for the kindness you have shown! *-The Visitation Team*



PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY AT FIRST BAPTIST

Photos Courtesy of Leah Justice



EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 20

Photos by Leah Justice



MORE EASTER PHOTOS FROM FIRST BAPTIST



Hooked



The David Stillerman Fishing Project of FBC Tryon

First Baptist Families,

We'd love to have you go fishing with us.

While Hooked is great for parents and children, everyone is welcome!

You do not need any fishing equipment (you can certainly bring your own if you wish), experience, or license. We will supply fishing equipment, instruction, drinks, and a light dinner. We do ask that at least one parent be present with children. This is great opportunity to foster friendships with each other, and with others from our community (especially with foster children and those involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.)

Here are a few reasons we think "Hooked" is worthwhile:

- Get outside . . . teach kids and others to enjoy and respect the outdoors.
- Encourage friendships . . . with children and with adults.
- Learn how to fish . . . fishing is a great hobby, that teaches patience and perseverance, builds confidence, and can be enjoyed for a lifetime.
- Have fun!

We'll go fishing at these times and places, and hope that you can join us:

April 17	White Oak Mountain, 2-5pm
May 21	Derbyshire, 9am-Noon (this is a Saturday)
June 12	Tryon Estates, 2-5pm
Sept 25	White Oak Mountain, 2-5pm
Oct 16	Tryon Estates, 2-5pm

If you plan to attend, please RSVP, as that will help provide the correct amount of fishing equipment, volunteers, and food.

**For more information or to RSVP please call:
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2016 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

Sundays	Sunday School, 10am Worship, 11am Children's Choir (grades 1-5), 5pm Refuge (grades 6-12), 6pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study, 10am Handbell Rehearsal, 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

1 st Monday of each month	Mission Team, 5pm
1 st Tuesday of each month:	WMU, 10am
2 nd Tuesday of each month:	Sisterhood, 7pm
3 rd Monday of each month:	Brotherhood, 6:30pm
3 rd Tuesday of each month:	Deacons, 6pm

This is the current schedule for the year. Please note some things may be re-scheduled, added, or changed as needed. If changes occur, you will be notified by email, worship bulletin, newsletter, or announcement in worship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Thank you.

APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS—Stop Hunger Now Haiti

Sun, Apr 3	Celebration of The Lord's Supper Children's Choir Rehearsal, 4-6pm
Sat, Apr 9	Stop Hunger Now food packing (Polk County High School), 8am
Sun, Apr 10	Dr. Daryl Maxwell preaching as part of our for 125 th Anniversary Celebration, 11am SEE, 5pm
Sun, Apr 17	HOOKED Fishing Event, 2-5pm
Sun, Apr 24	Quarterly Church Conference Children's Choir Rehearsal, 4-6pm SEE, 5pm

MAY MISSION EMPHASIS—Baptist Retirement Home Offering

Sun, May 1	Children's Choir Rehearsal, 4-6pm Refuge, helping on micro-farm at Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, 6pm
Sun, May 8	NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES (Mother's Day)
Sun, May 15	<i>The Lost Son</i> presented by the Children's Choir, 11am Annual Wiffle Ball Game and Cookout, 4pm
Sat, May 21	HOOKED Fishing Event, 9-Noon
Sun, May 22	Worship and Picnic at Harmon Field, 10:30am Blue Ridge Ringers Concert at FBC, 4pm Refuge "End of the Semester" Party, 6pm
Sun, May 29	I Love My Church Offering (collected on 5 th Sundays) NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

2016 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC (con't.)

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS – Food for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry

Sun, Jun 5 Graduate Sunday, 11am
Sun, Jun 12 Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am
HOOKED Fishing Event, 2-5pm
Wed-Fri, Jun 22-24 CBF General Assembly, Sheraton Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
Sun, Jun 26 Dr. Bill Henderson preaching as part of our for 125th Anniversary Celebration, 11am
Wed-Sat, Jun 29-Jul 2 PassportKids! Camp – Converse College, Spartanburg
Rafting Trip TBD

JULY MISSION EMPHASIS—Christmas in July Offering (CBF Global Missions/Lottie Moon)

Fri-Sun, Jul 8-10 Backpacking Retreat
Fri-Sun, July 22-24 Church Camping Trip to Davidson River
Sun, Jul 31 I Love My Church Offering (collected on fifth Sundays)
Quarterly Church Conference
Sun-Thur, Jul 31-Aug 4 Vacation Bible School

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School (School Supplies)

Sun, Aug 7 Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am
Thur, Aug 18 Carowinds

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—#GraceltForward Mission Day Planning

Sun, Sep 11 SEE (5-6:30 pm)
Sun, Sep 25 SEE (5-6:30 pm)

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS – Mission Initiative, Distribute Shoe Boxes

Sun, Oct 2 125th Anniversary Celebration and Meal
Sun, Oct 9 SEE, 5pm
Sat, Oct 15 #GraceltForward Mission Day
Sun, Oct 23 SEE, 5pm
Children's Fall Party (P-S through grade 5)
Sun, Oct 30 I Love My Church Offering (collected on fifth Sundays)
Quarterly Church Conference

NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS – Coat drive; Shoe Boxes

Sun, Nov 6 All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 13 SEE, 5pm
Sun, Nov 20 Communion Sunday
Community Thanksgiving Service

DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Angel Tree (Thermal Belt Outreach); Kathy's Kids

Sun, Dec 4 Annual Christmas Dinner
Sun, Dec 18 Caroling, 3pm
Sat, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm
Sun, Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship, 11am

Youth Schedule Winter/Spring 2016

(On SEE nights we begin our time with a meal in the upstairs of the Activity Building, so please drop your youth off upstairs. On non-SEE nights please drop your youth off downstairs.)



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| April 3 | 6pm, Refuge |
| April 10 | 6pm, Refuge (SEE night) |
| April 17 | 6pm, Scavenger Hunt |
| April 24 | 6pm, Refuge (SEE night) |
| May 1 | 6pm, Helping on the micro-farm at Thermal Belt Outreach |
| May 8 | Refuge will not meet because of Mother's Day |
| May 15 | 5pm, Annual Wiffle Ball Game and Cookout |
| May 22 | 6pm, End of Semester Party |

April Sunday Schedules

Deacons for April

*Elizabeth Burrell
Shelvie Foust
Keith Collins
Jeff Miller
Pat Feagan

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for April

Carl and Samuel Umphlett (front)
Brian Jones (hall)
Jennifer Jones (side)

Acolytes for April

4/3 Communion—No Acolytes
4/10 Verae Upton & Luke Walker
4/17 Ella Waldman & David Amitrano
4/24 StorieLane Whiteside &
Hattie Jolley

Children's Church Workers for April

4/3 Ben & Amber Fincher-McEntire
4/10 Cathy & JT Johnson
4/17 Kathy Ashley & Linda Ligon
4/24 Danny & Erin Fox

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Edna Morrow, who died March 7.

We also extend our love and sympathy to Tennant Family, upon the death of their son Ryan on April 2.

April Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

4/2 Kevin & Buffy Blackwell
4/6 David & Diane Cothran
4/15 Brian & Jennifer Jones
4/16 Justin & Andrea Lay
4/21 Harold & Elizabeth Burrell
4/28 Benny & Frances Smith

April Birthdays

4/1 Carrie Greene Donohue
4/7 Garland Goodwin
4/8 Mason Littlefield ('10)
4/9 Todd Constance
4/10 Fred Edwards, Sr.
4/11 Arvilla Smith
4/13 Dawn Campbell
4/14 Jessa Jackson ('00)
4/16 Cathy Arnold
4/18 Margaret Ballew
4/20 Mildred Bodie
4/21 David Cothran, Brett McFarland
4/22 Tanner Garrett ('97)
4/23 Bob Scoggins
4/26 Bob Constance
4/27 Alex Miller ('97)
4/29 Lauren Edwards ('10)
4/30 Randi Koistinen

Student Birthdays

4/1 Jamie Greene
4/5 Kathryn Smith

Military Birthdays

4/18 Emily Dona
4/19 Erin Stillinger ('05)
4/26 Michelle Santa