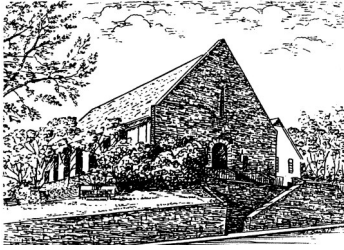


The Good News



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I hope you are finding renewed life in this Lenten season.

After all, Lent is a season of reflection and repentance intended for transformation, not self-loathing.

Don't be afraid to look in the mirror and see the truth about yourself, because the truth is, we are all in the same boat. No one is beyond redemption, or above it.

In the midst of our busyness, here is an opportunity to reevaluate our lives and the world around us, to take stock of what matters and what doesn't. Here is a chance to be transformed. Even though we drawing close to Holy Week, there is still time. Don't let it slip away.

These Holy Week and Easter opportunities are designed to help:

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

NOONDAY PRAYER

During Holy Week, we will have a brief prayer service on Monday, April 10, Tuesday, April 11, and Wednesday, April 12. We'll meet in the sanctuary at noon for about 20 minutes of prayer, scripture, and music.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Week continues with a Maundy Thursday observation at 7pm. Communion will be served by intinction.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

First Baptist Tryon is hosting the Community Good Friday Service at noon on April 14. This is a service of Lament and Shadows, as we remember Jesus' last hours on the cross. We hope that you will join us.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

We welcome the Risen Christ! Come and worship with us as the early Christians did—at sunrise. This service includes participants from First Baptist, Tryon Presbyterian, and the Congregational Church. This service is casual, and is at the Tryon Fine Arts Amphitheatre.

EASTER BREAKFAST

After the Sunrise Service, we'll head over to the Activity Building, where Brotherhood and FBC men have cooked a delicious breakfast. Any gentleman wanting to help should contact Phil Scoggins. We hope you'll join us!

EASTER WORSHIP

Welcome, Happy Morning! Our traditional Easter Worship service starts at 11am, and we'll celebrate the baptism of Oliviah Miller. Please come and invite a friend.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

God's Righteousness: A Lenten journey through Romans. 3/5: Guilty, 3:12 Justification, 3/19: Hope, 3/26: Think, 4/2: Harmony

FBC LENTEN SCHEDULE

April 2

Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Lord's Supper
Refuge 5pm

April 9

Palm Sunday worship
Easter Egg Hunt 4pm
S.E.E., Children's Choir, Refuge 5pm

April 10

Noonday Prayer, 12pm

April 11

Noonday Prayer, 12pm

April 12

Bible Study 10am
Noonday Prayer, 12pm
Women's Bible Study 6pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm

April 13

Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

April 14

Community Good Friday Service at Tryon
First Baptist 12pm

April 16

Sunrise Service, TFAC Amphitheater, 7am
Breakfast afterward in Activity Building
Sunday School 10am
Easter Worship 11am

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS



You don't want to miss this! April 19th from 11am-5pm is MYSTERY lunch and fun day! Bring \$15.00, your best problem solving skills, and a friend if you want! We will meet at the Activity Building and leave from there! Trust me, this will be a fabulous day of team work, laughter, and fun! Let me know by April 16th (Easter) if you will be joining us and if you're bringing a friend!



Recently in Refuge, the youth have been writing letters to some of our shut-ins at church and have been brainstorming ways in which we can get involved in building relationships with and supporting those members of our church who are unable to regularly join us for church activities and worship. On April 23 from 3pm-6pm, we are going to have a kindness blitz and do a few projects for our shut-ins, We don't know exact details yet, but this may include yard work, planting flowers, changing light bulbs, or other odds and ends where we can help.

-Jaime and Jeff

APRIL MISSION

EASTER MISSIONS OFFERING

During the month of April, we are collecting donations for CBF Global Missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and Firm Foundation (Rob and Amanda Rone's mission in Myanmar). If you have offering envelopes, those designated envelopes are in your box. If not, they are available at the sanctuary entrances. Thanks for your generosity.

ALUMINUM CAN MINISTRY

Don't forget your cans! We've been presented an opportunity to help with missions for children in Guatemala. All you have to do is bring aluminum cans (in bags, please) to church, and put your bag in the back of Dr. Bob Lair's pickup truck. The money collected for the scrap aluminum goes to provide resources for Guatemalan children.

ONGOING CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We do quite a bit of collecting around here! You can help in many small ways, too. We have an ongoing collection of personal toiletries and amenities, located in the church kitchen. You can bring small bottles of lotion, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, etc. Sisterhood sees that these items are distributed to Steps of Hope women's shelter, and the Polk County prison.

We're also doing some collecting for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. They're in great need of plastic grocery bags and empty (12-count, please, although 18-count is fine, too) egg cartons for their Food Pantry.

EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 9

An Easter Egg Hunt for Preschool and Elementary Children will be held Sunday, April 9. Children are asked to bring a basket/bag for eggs and to meet at the church at 4:00pm. We will have snacks, games, and the egg hunt.

EASTER FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE CROSS



On Easter Day, you're invited to bring as many spring flowers and as much greenery as you wish, to decorate the outside cross.

COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT APRIL 30

The Carolina Community Chorus, under the direction of Rev. Lesley Bush, will present a concert on Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 3pm. The theme of the concert is "Singing and Swinging Through the South" and features songs written by Southern composers. Tickets are \$10 each, and all proceeds go to the Rotary Club Foundation's Scholarship Program.

KID'S NIGHT OUT APRIL 21

Our next scheduled Kid's Night Out is Friday, April 21, from 6-9pm. All children ages 5-5th grade are welcome for a time of fun, games, learning and snacks. Forms will be available and need to be completed and back to the church office by April 16.

FEBRUARY KID'S NIGHT OUT

"Real Love" was the theme for our Kid's Night Out last month. The night was packed with events which included (of course!) the beloved balloon game with Miss Di. I think a record was set this night! There were jokes about Spring and rainbows as we included these in our night's activities. The kids are getting faster in putting together the USA puzzle as we learn our geography of the world. We also learn about customs and how to speak a greeting in other languages – the kids love it! They do love the world and its many different people God created. We have discussed how boring it would be if we all looked the same. The faces after that question were so funny!

We made a rainbow using a flashlight and a piece of paper, and the Skittles rainbow science experiment was a hit. (And the best part? There were Skittles to take home!) There were rainbow goldfish crackers and fresh apples for snacks. The apples were a BIG hit and most children had two! We learned about different animals and actually "became" them! It turned into a jungle in the activity center!

Group time was our focus on love with scriptures to show what "real love" is. The widow's mite was our story and the coins I had from overseas proved how truly small the coins were, however, the widow's gift was huge, and from the heart. We learned facts about our heart and how important it is to take care of it. We ended the night with popcorn and a DVD of animals of the world (mostly from my Florida Everglades), and the common comment was "we want to see more alligators!" We talked about loving our earth and protecting it. The night was certainly busy and again, I learned so much from your kids. Thanks for letting them teach us!

-Carol Batts



We need YOU!

The Youth thoroughly enjoyed and are grateful for every meal that was provided by your hands last semester during Refuge! Your presence there during that time was invaluable! This semester the slate is open to bring meals for Refuge on Sunday nights! Refuge is 5-6pm and we share a meal and fellowship from 6-6:30pm each week.

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact
Jaime (434-944-8746)
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TRYON YOUTH SCHEDULE SPRING 2017

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| January 15 | Pick a team and choose a prayer partner for the semester, and have some fun! |
| January 22 | How did the Bible become the Bible? |
| January 29 | Why does the Old Testament matter? |
| February 5 | No Refuge enjoy the Super bowl with your family |
| February 11 | Skiing or tubing at Wolf Ridge meet at 7:00am at Food Lion |
| February 12 | Creation and Chaos: The first five books of The Bible |
| February 19 | Character Sketch: who are the Kings and Judges? |
| February 26 | From Sadness to Celebration: what we can learn from the Psalms |
| March 5 | The Story: Jesus' and Ours |
| March 10 | Pizza and Movie Night 6:00pm-11:00pm |
| March 12 | The Story: Jesus' and Ours |
| March 19 | The Story: Jesus' and Ours |
| March 26 | The Story: Jesus' and Ours |
| April 2 | The Story: Jesus' and Ours |
| April 9 | The Story: Jesus' and Ours |
| April 16 | Easter No Refuge |
| April 19 | Mystery Lunch and fun 11:00am-5:00pm |
| April 23 | What does the New Testament have to say about Church? |
| April 30 | Who is this Paul guy and why did he write so many letters? |
| May 7 | So What? Why does the New Testament matter? |
| May 12-13 | Spring Retreat *possibility for a date change* |
| May 14 | Mother's Day No Refuge |
| May 21 | Whiffle Ball Game and Dinner last regular Refuge until the Fall |
| June 18-23 | PASSPORT Missions at Averett University |

OUTDOOR WORK DAY MARCH 4

A big thank-you to all those who helped clean up the church grounds on March 4. Much was done to remove winter debris and get First Baptist ready for Spring. We are very appreciative of your time and talents!

-Pictures courtesy Skip Williams and Jeff Harris



SUPER SATURDAY, 18

The third Saturday in March marks the Children's Theater Festival—a day of fun and celebration for children and adults alike. For the past year or so, the Paperhand Puppet Intervention has performed in our sanctuary, inspiring wonder and awe with their giant puppets. We were happy to host them again this year.



2017 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

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

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

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| 1 st Monday of each month | Mission Team, 5:30pm |
| 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 |
| 2 nd Saturday of each month: | Firewood Ministry, Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, 9am |

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—Easter Missions Offering (CBF Global Missions/Annie Armstrong)

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| Sun, Apr 2 | Celebration of The Lord's Supper |
| Sun, Apr 9 | Palm Sunday, SEE 5pm, Children's Choir 5pm |
| Mon, Apr 10 | Noonday Prayer |
| Tue, Apr 11 | Noonday Prayer |
| Wed, Apr 12 | Noonday Prayer |
| Thur, Apr 13 | Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm |
| Fri, Apr 14 | Good Friday Community Service at First Baptist Church of Tryon, 12pm |
| Sun, Apr 16 | Easter Sunrise Service at TFAC Amphitheatre, 7am Breakfast to follow in Activity Building Sunday School 10am Easter Worship, 11am |
| Sun, Apr 23 | Quarterly Church Conference I Love My Church Offering SEE 5pm (Final SEE of the semester) |
| Sun, Apr 30 | I Love My Church Offering Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm |

MAY MISSION EMPHASIS—Baptist Retirement Home Offering

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| Sun, May 21 | Youth Sunday (Youth lead in worship) SEE Annual Wiffleball Game and Cookout, 4pm (Last SEE until Fall) |
| Sun, May 28 | Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm Refuge "End of Semester" party, 5pm |

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS – Stop Hunger Now

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| Sun, Jun 4 | Graduate Sunday, 11am |
| Sun, Jun 11 | Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am |
| Sun-Fri, Jun 18-23 | Passport Youth Camp, Danville VA |
| Sun, Jun 25 | Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm |
| Th-Sat, Jun 28-30 | CBF General Assembly, Atlanta GA |

2017 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC (con't)

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

Mon-Thurs Jul 3-6 PassportKids! Camp, Montreat, NC
Sun, July 30 I Love My Church Offering
 Quarterly Church Conference
TBD Carowinds Trip

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School (School Supplies)

Sun, Aug 6 Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am
Mon-Th, Aug 7-10 Vacation Bible School

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Commit to #GraceltForward Mission Day

Sun, Sep 10 SEE, Children's Choir 5pm
Sun, Sep 17 Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm
Sun, Sep 24 SEE, Children's Choir 5pm

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Operation Christmas Child,

Sun, Oct 8 SEE, Children's Choir 5pm
Sat, Oct 14 #GraceltForward Mission Day
Sun, Oct 15 Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm
Sun, Oct 22 SEE, Children's Choir 5pm
Sun, Oct 29 I Love My Church Offering
 Quarterly Church Conference

NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Warm Coats & Blankets for Polk County Residents

Sun, Nov 5 All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 12 SEE, Children's Choir, 5pm
Sun, Nov 19 Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 Community Thanksgiving Service

DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Kathy's Kids, Angel Tre

Sun, Dec 3 Annual Christmas Dinner
Sun, Dec 17 Caroling, 3pm
Sun, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm
Sun, Dec 31 I Love My Church Offering

REMINDER

The Church Office is closed on Easter Monday, April 17

April Sunday Schedules

Deacons for April

*Keith Collins
Beth McCallister
David Thompson
Franklin Williams
Shelvie Foust

Ushers for April

Phil & Joyce Scoggins—Front
Jodi Harris—Hall
Ron Frady—Side

Acolytes for April

Apr 2 Oakley Whiteside/Hattie J. Crawford
Apr 9 Jack Fox & McClain Koistinen
Apr 16 Ellie Baughman & Lawson Carter
Apr 23 Laney Littlefield & Simms Harris
Apr 30 Oakley Whiteside/Hattie J. Crawford

Children's Church Workers for April

Apr 2 Susan Smith
Apr 9 Debbie & Keith Collins
Apr 16 Ellis & Linda Fincher
Apr 23 Stephanie Mathis
Apr 30 Cindy Dusenbury

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to the family of Rev. Ernest Glass, who died March 19; to the family of Anne Vilican, who died March 24; and to the family of Ruth Collins, who died March 29. Please keep these families close to your heart and in your prayers.

April Milestones

ANNIVERSARIES

6 David & Diane Cothran
15 Brian & Jennifer Jones
16 Justin & Andrea Lay
21 Harold & Elizabeth Burrell
22 Ellis & Linda Fincher
28 Benny & Frances Smith

BIRTHDAYS

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

College Student Birthdays

1 Jamie Greene
5 Kathryn Smith

Military Personnel Birthdays

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