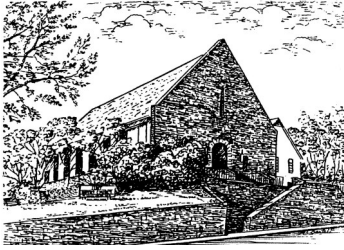


The Good News



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Chat With the Preacher

Guy Sayles, former pastor of FBC Asheville, will present "Learning from Hard Experiences: an exploration of how difficult realities--like cancer and its treatment--can lead us to deeper faith and to a more meaningful life" at FBC Tryon on October 11. You'll want to put that on your calendar. How's a brief sample of Guy's writing:

With A Limp by Guy Sayles

The little town of Erwin, TN has what it calls a "Linear Trail" which runs parallel to, and between, I-26 and the railroad tracks. It variously skirts the edge of an industrial park, borders a neighborhood, goes along open pasture, and, most beautifully, meanders near wetlands, ponds, and the Nolichucky River. One of the parking areas for this trail is close to the local McDonald's, an ironic and jarring juxtaposition of "corporate" and "natural" cultures.

I walked that trail recently and, in those stretches which make their way through the woods, close to water, and in the open valley, I caught sight of wonders: two hawks doing a joyful ballet high in the sky, cardinals flying like trapeze artists from tree to tree, deer drinking from and then dashing through the shallows of a creek, tiger lilies and honeysuckle in fragrant bloom, and a group of ducks perched in a line on a nearly submerged log (I thought, briefly, they looked like the disciples in da Vinci's "The Last Supper").

I was walking, as I often do, with questions and prayers. My life has been in such upheaval and transition over the last year and a half, and I feel keenly the need and opportunity to refashion my response

to God's calling to me as a human being and as a minister. What I saw and heard assured me that, even when answers are distant, God is not.

Most often, the trains on the tracks near Erwin are from CSX, the company which includes the old C&O RR for which my grandfather worked. As the trains lumbered nearby, I was carried back to trips to the "shop" where he prepared for the workweek ahead. Our talks on those trips shape me in ways I continue to discover. His tender-strength and folk wisdom still challenge me.

Though it was a dove which descended on Jesus in the river as a sign of the Spirit, cardinals have been significant for my awareness of God since I was a little boy.

The deer reminded me of my thirst for God: "As the deer. . . so my soul."

Cars raced down the adjacent highway, and I realized, anew, that peace is often just next door to the noise of hurry and busyness.

A couple was out walking their old, small and fluffy dog who walked with a noticeable limp. The dog struggled to keep up, but it was clear, in the way dogs make things clear, that this walk was sheer delight.

Like the old dog and, even more, like Jacob who wrestled with God and won because he lost, I too walk with a limp these days. My experience has knocked me out of joint in ways that have permanently changed me.

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 2-6



Vacation Bible School for 2015 is scheduled for August 2-6 (Sunday-Thursday). The theme is *G-Force: God's Love in Action*. It is a mission-focused VBS in which children will explore putting their faith into action. If you are interested in helping in any way with VBS planning or helping during the week of VBS, please contact Candy Wilson.

If you have not already pre-registered your child at Cokesburyvbs.com/TRYONFBC, then please bring your child(ren) at 5:30pm on Sunday, August 2, to be registered.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH—POOL AND PIZZA PARTY!



We are having a fun, back-to-school party for children who have completed grades K-5 on Tuesday, August 11 at the Tryon Country Club Pool. We will meet at the church at 11:00am and carpool to the Country Club for swimming and pizza. We will arrive back at the church around 3:00pm. There is no cost for this event. Parents are invited; but, children may come without parents. The Country Club does not have a lifeguard on duty but there will be several adults (who can swim) accompanying the children. Please RSVP to Candy by Sunday, August 9 so she can plan for enough pizza and drivers. This should be a fun day of celebration for our children!

WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP!



We're going whitewater rafting! The date is Monday, August 10. We'll leave from the Food Lion parking lot at 7:30am and return no later than 4pm. We'll paddle whitewater on the French Broad River, stopping along the way to share hamburgers and hotdogs. It will be a blast! It's also a bargain at \$20, as the church is going to pick up a significant part of the cost. If you're interested, please contact Reverend Harris as soon as possible.

AUGUST MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY



August's Mission is "Christmas in August." We'll be collecting donations for CBF Global Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Envelopes can be found in your offering boxes, and some will be at each entrance during the month of August. The Christmas tree you see will remind you!

ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be acolyte training for 1st-5th grade children on September 13. This will take place at 5:00pm during Children's Choir. Our Youth (grades 6-12) are also encouraged to participate as acolytes, but this training is for children (grades 1-5) who are currently serving as acolytes and for any children interested in becoming an acolyte.

SUNDAY EVENING EKKLESIA

Sunday Evening Ekklesia (S.E.E.) starts on Sunday, September 13, and continues through the school year. We meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 5pm, for a variety of activities—Children's Choir is at 5pm, as are two Bible studies—one in the Activity Building, and one in the Rock House. The Refuge (youth grades 6-12) group meets at 6pm, and we all gather to share a meal at 6:30pm. There is no cost for the meal, but donations, while not necessary, are welcome.

COMMIT TO THE MISSION INITIATIVE DAY OCTOBER 3



We are asking our congregation to make a commitment to help our extended community on October 3 of this year. The Mission Initiative Project and GraceItForward represent a time to put hearts and hands toward the mission of reaching out to those who may be hungry, who may not be able to do their own yardwork, who may need a construction project or who may need a helping hand in other ways. Last year, we handed out change for folks to do their laundry; gave away McDonald's gift cards; sang, played games, and did craft projects with local nursing home residents, as well as pulled weeds, chopped wood, built a ramp, collected food, and tried to make a difference in our county. There are projects for all ages and abilities! We're asking for your help again this year. Please consider giving a few hours of your time—we can use your help in the morning or the afternoon.

As one church member stated, "I didn't think I wanted to take the time out of a busy day to help, but I'm glad I did. At the end of the day, it made me feel good inside to help someone who needed it." When we give of our time and talents, we feel blessed as well.

We will have a commissioning event for all volunteers on Sunday, September 27. Prayerfully consider how you can help, and commit today!

Hooked



The David Stillerman Fishing Project of FBC Tryon

First Baptist Parents,

We'd love to have you and your child/ren go fishing with us. 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 your child/ren. This is great opportunity for parents and children to spend time 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 to enjoy and respect the outdoors.
- Encourage friendships . . . with other 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:

Aug 23 Derbyshire/Lake Sandy Plains 4-7pm

Sept 20 Tryon Estates 4-7pm

If you plan to attend please RSVP, as that will help us provide the correct amount of fishing equipment, volunteers, and food. For more information or to RSVP please call: First Baptist Church of Tryon at 828.859.5375 or by emailing tryonfirstbaptist@gmail.com . Here are some shots from our third outing at White Oak Mountain:



MORE “HOOKED” FISHING PHOTOS

We are grateful for the David Stillerman Fishing Project, which has been quite successful. Our church family is enjoying the outdoors and the fellowship with our community. We are glad to report that we share this activity with local and foster children and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. These additional photos from the trip to White Oak Mountain tell the story. Y’all come!

- Photo Credits go to Linda Fincher, Amber Fincher-McEntire, and Jeff Harris



And he said
to them,
“Follow me,
and I will
make you
fishers of
men.”

Matthew 4:19



**BIBLE STUDY LEADERSHIP
ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY
Formed by God and One Another**

Dear Teacher,

I am so excited about an opportunity we have to attend a workshop regarding Bible study and discipleship. There is something offered for teachers of all age levels. This event will be held at First Baptist Church of Asheville on Sunday, August 16, 2:00-5:15 pm. There will be workshops for Preschool Ministry, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Adult Ministry. There is no cost for this event and it is an opportunity not to be missed! Session leadership includes Terry Hamrick, Bree Welmaker, Paul Raybon, and Brett Younger. See the description below for more information.

Please make your plans to attend this event ASAP, so we can make reservations.

As we approach a new season of Bible study and discipleship, we are inviting all Bible study leaders (teachers, shepherds, class officers) to connect with and encourage one another, to deepen our understandings of spiritual formation and community, to gain a few tips that might be helpful in our ministry, and to remember our calling to teach and lead. This enrichment time will also be open to churches in the WNC Baptist Fellowship and our downtown churches.

Please make every effort to attend this event. You can RSVP to Candy to let us know you are coming. We are hoping to have as many leaders present as can come.

Schedule

2:00pm - Welcome & Opening Session - led by Terry Hamrick

2:40pm - Workshops, Session 1

- ◆ Preschool Ministry – led by Bree Welmaker
- ◆ Children's Ministry – led by Paul Raybon
- ◆ Youth Ministry – led by Brett Younger
- ◆ Adult Ministry – led by Terry Hamrick

3:30pm - Dessert Fellowship

4:00pm - Workshops, Session 2

4:50pm - Closing Worship – led Brett Younger

5:15 - Adjourn

2015 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Christmas in August

- Sun, Aug 2-Thur Aug 6 Vacation Bible School, 6pm-8pm
Sun, Aug 9 Lord's Supper, Scholarship Sunday
Mon, Aug 10 Whitewater rafting trip to French Broad River
Tue, Aug 11 Back to School Pool Party and Pizza Bash
Sun, Aug 23 Hooked! Fishing at Derbyshire/Lake Sandy Plains, 4-7pm
Sun, Aug 30 "I Love My Church" Offering

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Fall Mission Initiative/GraceItForward

- Sun, Sep 13 SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)
Sun, Sep 20 Outdoor Worship at Harmon Field (10:30am)
Hooked! Fishing at Tryon Estates, 4-7pm
Sun, Sept 27 SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER Mission Emphasis—Coat Drive and Shoe Box

- Sat, Oct 3 Mission Initiative/GraceItForward
Sun, Oct 4 World Communion Sunday
Sun, Oct 11 SEE (5-6:30 pm)
Sun, Oct 25 Quarterly Church Conference
Fall Party for Children (P-S through grade 5)
SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)

Sun, Nov 1 All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 8 SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)
Sun, Nov 22 Communion Sunday
Community Thanksgiving Service
Sun, Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent/"I Love My Church" Offering

DECEMBER Mission Emphasis—Kathy's Kids

- Sun, Dec 6 Christmas Drama and Annual Christmas Meal
Sun, Dec 20 Caroling
Thu, Dec 24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
(UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) INCLUDE:**

Sundays	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
	6:00 pm	Refuge
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Bible Study (resumes September 16)
	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (no bell choir in June, July, August)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (resumes August 26)

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

3rd Monday of each month:	6:30 pm	Brotherhood
1st Tuesday of each month:	10:00 am	WMU
2nd Tuesday of each month:	7:00 pm	Sisterhood (does not meet in summer)
3rd Tuesday of each month:	6:00 pm	Deacons
3rd Sunday of each month:	11:00 am	Food Pantry Collection

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.

August Sunday Schedules

Deacons for August

*Marian Corn
Ellis Fincher
Sue Thompson
Rick McCallister
Mike Greene (balcony)

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for August

Elizabeth Burrell & Malik Miller (front)
Mary Goodwin (hall)
Jan Rasmussen (side)

Acolytes for August

8/2 Jonathon Edwards & Sydney Waldman
8/9 Communion—no acolytes
8/16 Katie Cothran & Wilson Edwards
8/23 Ella Waldman & Laney Littlefield
8/30 StorieLane Whiteside & Jonathon Edwards

Children's Church Workers for August:

8/2 TBA
8/9 TBA
8/16 Erin & Danny Fox
8/23 Ben & Amber McEntire
8/30 JT & Cathy Johnson

Welcome to Our Newest Member

We welcome into the First Baptist Family the Reverend Joseph Emery, who expressed a desire to join our church on July 26, by letter of transfer from First Baptist Church of Hendersonville.

August Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

2 Rick & Beth McCallister
7 Bernard & Peggy Edwards
9 Bud & Georgia Pace
11 Chuck & Denise Britton
12 Robert & RuthAnn Arledge
15 Darryl & Doris Maxwell
16 Keith & Debbie Collins
18 Joe & Frances Wray
19 Ron & Sandy Frady, Phil & Hilda Pleasants
26 Joe & Gigi Covil
27 Fred & Shirley Edwards

August Birthdays

1 Scout Fox ('11), Don Batts
3 James Bodie, Missy Fincher, Emily Prince
6 Elliot Whiteside ('04)
8 Jan Rasmussen, Anna Feagan
9 Simon Bremner ('13), Shannon Bishop
11 Skyler Covil ('08)
13 Carla Tumbleson
14 Jane Edwards
15 Mona Kimble
16 Sophie Maxwell ('00)
17 Laney Littlefield ('07)
18 Lane Covil ('11)
19 Buffy Blackwell, Carol Hickey
23 Kathy Ashley, Debby Covil, Rena Henderson
24 Martha Covil, Hannah Emory ('00), Carol Batts, Michael Tennant ('01)
25 Geoff Tennant
26 Evan Jones ('04)
28 Lewis Hawkins, Reva Williams
29 Susan Brady, Jan Ponder
30 Carroll Brady, Steve Stott, Georgia Garret ('99)
31 Perry Tennant ('12)

Military Personnel Birthdays

16 Sharon (Mrs. Randall) Stillinger