

THE GOOD NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TRYON

AUGUST

2012

CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

God never promises that life will be easy (although there are some preachers who try to sell such garbage). Instead, God promises to be with us. Through the beautiful, rich, and profound God is with us. Through the difficult, tragic, and painful God is with us. We are never alone.

God is with us. Especially through the people called the church. The church—in a literal sense the very body of Christ—is that group of people that God empowers to demonstrate a different way of living and being. The church—even in spite of itself—is where we learn to love and be loved. We bear one another's burdens. We laugh. We cry. We sing. We pray. We care.

I have been the recipient of the church's care throughout my life. Recently, with the death of my father, I have again experienced God's love through God's people. I am so grateful. Your presence, prayers, cards, calls, texts, emails, visits, and food have reflected God's goodness and mercy when we have needed it most. I am thankful to be a part of God's church, especially the local expression known as First Baptist Church of Tryon.

Too often, the church gets a bad rap. Sure, we get lots of stuff wrong, but I wish more people could experience the church at its best. We do casseroles and hugs really well. In many ways, it is in death when the church is most alive. Which is fitting, for Jesus not only teaches us how to live, he also shows us how to die.

Thank you for being the church.

With love and thanksgiving,

Jeff

Ushers for August:

Don Iaffaldano and
Hilda Pleasants,
Bob Scruggs (side),
Kathryn Smith (hall)

Ushers for September:

Carroll and June Brady,
Wilson Edwards (side),
Jamie Greene (hall)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 8—Bell Choir (6 pm) and Chancel Choir (7pm) practice commences
- Celebrating the Lord's Supper on August 12th
- Covered dish dinner in the Activity Building, August 14, 6:30 pm.

August Anniversaries:

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| 2 | Rick & Beth McCallister | 11 | Skyler Covil |
| 7 | Bernard & Peggy Edwards | 14 | Jane Edwards |
| 9 | Bud & Georgia Pace | 15 | Mona Kimble |
| 11 | Chuck & Denise Britton | 15 | Lainey Littlefield |
| 12 | Robert & Ruth Ann Arledge | 16 | Sophie Maxwell |
| 15 | Darryl & Doris Maxwell | 16 | Niki Ravan |
| 16 | Keith & Debbie Collins | 18 | Lane Covil |
| 18 | Joe & Frances Wray | 19 | Buffy Blackwell |
| 19 | Ron & Sandy Frady | 23 | Kathy Ashley |
| 19 | Phillip & Hilda Pleasants | 23 | Debby Covil |
| 26 | Joe & Gigi Covil | 23 | Rena Henderson |
| 27 | Fred & Shirley Edwards | 24 | Martha Covil |

August Birthdays:

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| 1 | Scout Fox | 24 | Hannah Emory |
| 3 | James Bodie | 24 | Michael Tennant |
| 3 | Missy Fincher | 25 | Geoff Tennant |
| 6 | Elliott Whiteside | 26 | Evan Jones |
| 8 | Jan Rasmussen | 28 | Lewis Hawkins |
| 8 | Anna Feagan | 28 | Reva Williams |
| 9 | Shannon Bishop | 29 | Jan Ponder |
| | | 30 | Steve Stott |

Student Birthdays

- 3 Emily Prince
110 E State Drive
Hendersonville, NC 28739
- 21 Amanda DeFisher
adefishe@uncc.edu

Military Birthdays

- 7 Adam Palmer
4355 B Brosius Circle
El Paso, TX 79904
Soflks79@yahoo.com
- 16 Kellie (Mrs. Tracy) Payne
4020 Elks Park Road
Rock Hill, SC 29732
kelliepayne@hotmail.com
- 16 Sharon (Randy) Stillinger
1090 Misty Oak Lane
Keller, TX 76248-2703
Randall.stillinger@us.army.mil
- 29 Lauren Santa
233 Green View Road
Moyock, NC 27958



Our love and many congratulations to Ruth and Harold Taylor, celebrating their 70th Anniversary on July 1st of this year.

FIELDS OF HOPE POTATO PROJECT 2012



Give Thanks for a Bountiful Harvest!

We grew 2500 lbs. of potatoes for Manna Foodbank! Thanks to Dave Graham, Phil Pleasants, and Carl Pleasants for their hard work and leadership. And thanks to EVERYONE who helped in order to make this harvest a good one!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



What a great Vacation Bible School we had this year! Only two days, but we had so much fun, learning to 'shine God's light.' Thanks to our many volunteers, to our youth, our pastor, and our church family for making this a successful VBS. We'd like to share some pictures with you.



MORE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

