

THE GOOD NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TRYON

SEPTEMBER

2012

CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

Fall is my favorite time of year. After the summer heat I am always ready for cooler weather. It is especially nice when the cool breeze enters the bedroom window requiring you to find that extra blanket you put away months ago. The color of the leaves and their dance to the ground make me feel like a kid again. And Friday nights and Saturday afternoons are gloriously filled with football. It's a great time of year. The change in the air is palpable.

There is also change in the air at First Baptist Church, Tryon. Our search for a Minister of Music and Christian Formation is drawing to a close. We have found a humble and gifted candidate. The Spirit has brought us together and we are grateful. We are excited about introducing her to you on the weekend of September 8 and 9.

Even more so, we are excited about the future of First Baptist Church, Tryon. We have a long and faithful history of ministry that we should celebrate and honor, but God is not through with us. Part of what it means to be a people of faith is to know that our best days are ahead of us.

Yes, I know that the prevailing culture has less and less interest in church. Yes, I know that even believers have less and less commitment to the church. Yes, I know that many say the future of the church in America is bleak. *But*. (You knew that was coming.) God still has work to do, even work here in Tryon. I believe that our new Minister of Music and Christian Formation will lead part of that work.

So . . . I'll be looking for you next weekend, as we take the next step on this journey of faith.

Grace and Peace,

Jeff

Ushers for September:

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

Ushers for October:

Amber McEntire and
Kaya Bishop,
Jamie Greene (hall),
Hilda Pleasants (side)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bible Study resumes in Activity Building on Wednesday, September 5, 10 am
- Saturday, Sept. 8: Choir meets with Minister of Music candidate for practice at 5, meal is at 6:30 pm in Activity Building
- Sunday, September 9: Meet Minister of Music Candidate in worship, S.E.E. program resumes at 5 pm

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Robert Earl Arledge
- 1 Lawson Carter
- 1 Ed Justice
- 1 Don Ponder
- 3 Sue Thompson
- 5 Jimmy Littlefield
- 6 Di Greene
- 6 Andrew Lair
- 7 Amber McEntire
- 8 Trey Fincher
- 12 Doris Maxwell
- 13 Anne Tauber
- 14 Alice Prince
- 14 Sarah Prince
- 14 Izabella Jackson
- 15 Ruth Cantrell
- 15 Peggy Constance
- 16 Joan Feagan
- 16 Charles McKeller
- 19 Elizabeth Burrell
- 26 Robert Carter
- 26 Ethel Dusenbury
- 26 Cheryl Roach

- 28 Franklin McKaig
- 30 Ian Stafford
- 30 Laura Smith

- 28 Emily Brady
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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Eric & Dana Ponder
- 10 Charles & Lib McKeller
- 11 Lewis & Georgia Hawkins
- 12 Eric & Melinda Walker
- 15 Bob & Judy Lair
- 24 Jimmy & Donna Littlefield
- 25 David & Barbara Graham

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EXCITING NEWS!

We are excited to be at the end of our candidate search for the position of Minister of Music and Christian Formation. Our search committee members have worked long and hard to find the best candidate for our needs, and we feel that we have found such a candidate. We, as a body, have voted for the package...now we must vote on the candidate. If you are a choir member, please join us in the choir room at 5 pm on Saturday, September 8th for a 'run-through' choir practice. After that, all are invited to a fellowship dinner in the Activity Building in order to meet our candidate and get to know her. The meal will be at 6:30 pm, and meat, bread, and beverages are being provided. Please bring a dish to share and join us. The next morning, our candidate will be presenting some information about herself and her faith journey as she worships with us. We look forward to seeing you !

REFUGE HAPPENINGS



Well, the summer is almost over and school is just around the corner. Summer has been a lot of fun, but like all good things, it must come to a close. The youth of our church had a busy but fun-filled summer.

We attended Passport Choices camp at Wingate University for the second year in a row. The camp's theme this year was "Life Together," which seemed very fitting for the world we live in. There are many different folks in this world and finding common ground is crucial to living life together. The week of camp was packed with worship services, games, Bible study, and fun! During the middle of our week at camp each youth group has a "free" afternoon to leave camp and spend time together. We decided to go bowling and grab a bit to eat. Pastor Jeff arrived on Wednesday and the youth were excited to have him join in with the day's activities.

Overall the summer was such a great time for all of us. We are looking forward to fall and the opportunities that await us all. Please keep the youth of our community and church in your prayers. We have a solid group and are blessed to have them here at our church. Thank you for the love and support you have shown all of us.

Sincerely,
Joey Whiteside



REFUGE FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/2** Refuge meeting at 5pm—Mike Greene’s “Wing Grillin’ Extravaganza”
- 9/9** SEE starts—Kickoff 5 pm Refuge
- 9/16** At Tryon Youth Center with other area youth groups
- 9/23** SEE/Refuge at 5 pm
- 9/30** Refuge at 5 pm (we need a chef for this date!)
- 10/6** Joey on vacation—guest speaker
- 10/13** Wall Cottage (formerly Blanton Cottage)—10am until 2 pm. Younger children are also invited to this event. Refuge is in charge of the games.
- 10/14** SEE/Refuge at 5 pm
- 10/21** Refuge at 5 pm (chef needed)
- 10/27** SCAROWINDS! Depart time is 5 pm—Return at 1-1:30 am
- 10/28** SEE/Refuge at 5 pm
- 11/4** Refuge at 5 pm
- 11/11** SEE/Refuge at 5 pm
- 11/18** LOCK-IN—the theme is OUTER SPACE (Youth—send me a list of favorite songs or movies). **Dress the part**—using an “outer space” theme.
- 11/18** No Refuge tonight
- 11/25** SEE/Refuge at 5 pm
- 12/2** Advent and Christmas Concert
- 12/9** Refuge at 5 pm (Chef volunteer, anyone? Are you sensing a theme here?)
- 12/16** Christmas Dinner/Program at church
- 12/23** Caroling in Tryon (arrive at 4:45)
- 12/30** No Refuge

Looking Ahead

- 2013** Going to Wolf Laurel sometime in January, leaving on a Saturday and returning around 2 pm on Sunday—date to be determined later.
- 2013** Camp at Wingate—PASSPORT Choices. Date will be posted by Dec. 2012.

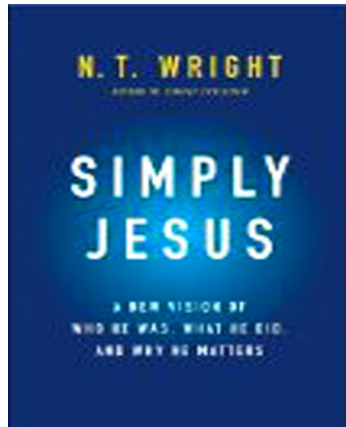
MORE PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS



NEW BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will resume in the Activity Building on **Wednesday, September 5th, at 10:00 am**, when we begin the new study "Simply Jesus," by N.T. Wright. Bring a dish to share for a light lunch, and join us!

Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and bestselling author N. T. Wright summarizes a lifetime of study of Jesus and the New Testament in order to present for a general audience who Jesus was and is. In *Simply Jesus*, we are invited to hear one of our leading scholars introduce the story of the carpenter's son from Nazareth as if we were hearing it for the first time.



"Jesus—the Jesus we might discover if we really looked," explains Wright, "is larger, more disturbing, more urgent than we had ever imagined. We have successfully managed to hide behind other questions and to avoid the huge, world-shaking challenge of Jesus's central claim and achievement. It is we, the churches, who have been the real reductionists. We have reduced the kingdom of God to private piety; the victory of the cross to comfort for the conscience; Easter itself to a happy, escapist ending after a sad, dark tale. Piety, conscience, and ultimate happiness are important, but not nearly as important as Jesus himself." As the church faces the many challenges of the twenty-first century, Wright has presented a vision of Jesus that more than meets them.



If you visit the children's choir room upstairs in September, you might notice pictures of rescue vehicles and maybe some little people in fireman hats! The theme of preschool choir this fall is "The Greatest Rescue Ever." The children will learn songs that show how Jesus "rescues" or helps us. They will also sing about friendship and helping others. All boys and girls ages 3-kindergarten are invited to join us as we begin our choir year on September 9 at 5 pm.

The older children's choir (grades 1-5) will meet at 5:30 pm (or immediately after their mission group). This fall, we will be doing a variety of music, including a song about the Ten Commandments (as inspired by Mr. Skip). Of course, we will be learning some Christmas songs. We invite all boys and girls to join us.

-Kay Greene

S.E.E STARTING SEPTEMBER 9

Our Sunday Evening Ekklesia (S.E.E.) is ready to start! This is a fantastic time to come and have Bible Study and discussion, a time for the youth choirs to meet, and for the Refuge groups to join together, as well as sharing a communal meal. We will meet on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month (September's meetings are the 9th and the 23rd). Refuge will meet at 5 pm, the younger children's choir will meet at 5:00, choir for grades 1-5 will meet at 5:30, and we will all join for a meal at 6:30.