

# THE GOOD NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TRYON

FEBRUARY

2013

## CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

Easter is the holiest day of the Christian year. The celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the validation of the very gospel he proclaimed. Paul said it this way, "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain" (I Corinthians 15:14). Simply put, Easter is a big deal for those of us committed to the ways of Jesus.

In order to prepare for this celebration of resurrection there is a season called Lent. Lent allows us to remember and retrace the life of Jesus, ultimately leading us to the cross. You see, there is no empty tomb without a body-filled cross. You cannot run past the sorrow of Holy Week—especially Good Friday—and actually arrive at the tomb. Therefore, Lent is an introspective gift that allows us to examine our lives in light of the gospel.

We begin this journey toward Easter on Wednesday, February 13, at 6:30 pm by marking ourselves with ashes. I know, it seems a little strange to purposely wipe ashes on each other, but the truth is, we are a strange people. We are a strange people because we have decided to live out the strange demands of the gospel. And in case we have forgotten just how strange this makes us, our Lenten worship will hopefully remind us.

May God lead us on the journey.

**Jeff**

Christianity is Strange?! (A Lenten Sermon Series)

Feb 17 Lent

Feb 24 Bible

Mar 3 Sex

Mar 10 Worship

Mar 17 Sabbath

Mar 24 Death (Palm Sunday)

Mar 31 Resurrection (Easter)

### Ushers for February:

Bud and Georgia Pace,  
Dawn Campbell (side),  
Caitlin Britton (hall)

### Deacons for February:

Elizabeth Burrell\*, Ellis  
Fincher, Beth McCallister,  
Johnny Taylor, Phil  
Pleasants (balcony)

\*Denotes Lead Deacon

## UPCOMING

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **February 3**— Lord's Supper
- ◆ **February 8**— Charlotte Bobcats vs. LA Lakers, Charlotte
- ◆ **February 13**—Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm
- ◆ **February 17**—Heck/ Jones Luncheon, Snow tubing event at Moonshine Mtn.
- ◆ **March 6**—Annual Meeting, Activity Building 6 pm

Full calendar of events  
can be found on page 3

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Feb. 3—Lord's Supper, Refuge at 5 pm.
- Feb. 4—Staff meeting at 1 pm, Mission Team meeting at 7 pm
- Feb. 5—WMU Group 1 meets at 10 am in Lair SS Room.
- Feb. 6—Bible Study 10 am, Bell Choir at 6 pm, Chancel Choir at 7 pm
- Feb. 8—Committee reports due in office, Charlotte Bobcats vs. LA Lakers (eve.)
- Feb. 10—Worship, Refuge/S.E.E.
- Feb. 12—Sisterhood meeting, 7 pm
- Feb. 13—Bible Study 10 am, Bell Choir at 5:30 pm, Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm, Chancel Choir at 7 :30pm
- Feb. 14—HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
- Feb. 17—Worship, Heck-Jones luncheon at 12 pm, Snow tubing event at Moonshine Mountain—meet @ Bi-Lo 2:30 pm
- Feb. 18—Brotherhood meets at 6:30 pm
- Feb. 19—Deacons meet at 7 pm
- Feb. 20—Bible Study 10 am, Bell Choir at 6 pm, Chancel Choir at 7 pm
- Feb. 24—Worship, Refuge/S.E.E.
- Mar. 3—Worship, Refuge
- Mar. 4—Staff meeting @ 1pm, Mission Team meeting at 7 pm
- Mar. 5—WMU Group 1
- Mar. 6—Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm, in Activity Building



## *Notes from Candy*

I cannot believe it is already February! But on the flip side, I can't believe that we have only been here for 2 months. It already feels like home to us here and we are so happy to be a part of the First Baptist community. I am so enjoying working with all the different groups at First Baptist and I especially enjoy working with the Children's Choir. As many of you know, we meet twice a month during S.E.E. (Sunday Evening Ecclesia). The Pre-school Music Time is led by Ms. Kay (Greene) and I lead the Children's Choir (grades 1-5) with Ms. Kay's very able assistance. Jodi Harris and Peggy Edwards lead the Missions/activity portions of the evening.

If you and/or your child are not participating in S.E.E., I would encourage you to do so. Everything begins at 5:00 pm with Stephen Brady leading the adults in a time of study. At 6:00pm, we meet in the Activity building to share a very tasty meal together. Not only is it a fun evening, it is a time of learning, sharing together in fellowship, and reminding ourselves of what we value most.

By the way, the Children's Choir is scheduled to sing in worship on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Palm Sunday. The next S.E.E. gathering will be on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there!

*Candy*



### MILESTONE BIRTHDAY!

We wish every happiness and many blessings to Mr. Harold Taylor, who achieved a milestone birthday on January 15, 2013—Harold turned 90 years young! If you recall, last year Harold and his lovely wife Ruth celebrated 70 years of marriage together. When you see him, give him your congratulations.

### **Snow-Tubing Outing Coming Soon!**

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 17th**. We will meet at the Bi-Lo parking lot at 2:30 pm to go to Moonshine Mountain for snow tubing. The cost is \$20 per person. Children under the age of 12 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Every participant will need to sign a release form.



### REFUGE CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

- 2/3 Refuge at 5 pm
- 2/8 Charlotte Bobcats vs. LA Lakers in Charlotte
- 2/10 Refuge/S.E.E. (sub sandwiches on menu)
- 2/17 Snow tubing event—Moonshine Mtn.—meet at BI-LO @2:30 pm
- 2/24 Refuge/S.E.E. (pizza on menu)
- 3/3 Refuge at 5 pm
- 3/10 Refuge/S.E.E. (fried chicken on menu)
- 3/17 Refuge at 5 pm
- 3/24 Refuge/S.E.E. (burgers & hotdogs)

## WMU TO SPONSOR HECK-JONES LUNCHEON ON FEB. 17

**Save the Date! Sunday, February 17** after worship, Sisterhood will sponsor a luncheon in the Activity Building to benefit the Heck Jones offering. This offering supports the ministry of WMU (Women's Missionary Union of North Carolina). The meal will include ham, macaroni and cheese, pineapple/cheese casserole, green beans, dessert, iced tea and coffee. **Plan now to attend.**

**The missions and ministries of WMU NC are made possible by your gifts to the Heck-Jones® Offering.**

*Living the Story*, based on Matthew 28:19-20, is the theme of the 2013 Heck-Jones® Offering. The suggested dates for observing the Week of Prayer for WMU NC are February 11-17; however, churches may choose to conduct the emphasis at the time of year that best fits their schedule. The scripture says, "Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." Go out and tell the story and help us tell the story through your gifts and offerings. We can do that through your gifts to the Heck-



The WMU mission project for February is to provide baby clothes and supplies to Social Services. Anyone who wishes to contribute along with Group 1, please bring your donations to the Church. A box for the donations is located in the Lair Sunday School classroom. The WMU Group 1 ladies will meet at the Church on Tuesday, February 5th at 10:00. All ladies are invited to join us.



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Annual Meeting of Tryon First Baptist Church will be on Wednesday, March 6th, 2013, at 6:30 pm, in the Activity Building.

*All committees should meet in the next several weeks and elect a chairperson (or persons) for their committee. Please have your choice for chairperson in the office by no later than February 1st, 2013. Also, all committees are asked to submit their respective reports to the church office by February 8th, 2013. This information is needed for the book we distribute during the Annual Meeting.*



## VBS 2013

**Save the Date!** Vacation Bible School will be June 17-20 (M-Th), from 9:00 am-11:30 am. This year's theme is "Everywhere Fun Fair, Where God's World Comes Together." We will have fun as we explore all the ways that God brings us together. See you there!



## BAPTIST MEN'S DAY SERVICE, JAN. 27

Sunday, January 27 was Baptist Men's Day. Worship service was led by the men of the church. The call to worship was provided by Bob Scruggs, the invocation by Phil Pleasants, and the passing of the peace by Rick McCallister. Skip Williams gave the children's sermon, entitled "What Does a Baptist Man Look Like?" John Spinks led the responsive reading, Bob Lair provided the pastoral prayers and led the Lord's Prayer, with Chuck Huneycutt saying the offertory prayer.

The service continued with Rick McCallister reading the Scriptures, Phil Scoggins preaching on the attributes of a godly man, and Jeff Harris providing the benediction. Musical offerings were provided by David Cothran and Dick Wilson who performed "Peace in the Valley", while Alex Tapp playing the pre-service music and offertory. A men's chorus encouraged us to "Send the Light" with their joyous anthem. We thank the men of the church who prepared, participated, and performed this meaningful service.

## TRYON FINE ARTS CENTER (TFAC) UPDATE

The Fine Arts Center renovation is nearing completion. Heavy construction should be finished by mid-February, with completion of the project by mid-March. We look forward to experiencing Easter Sunrise in the new amphitheater. Also, First Baptist Church and TFAC have formulated a parking lot agreement that is in the best interest of both parties.

**FEBRUARY WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARIES**

1 Ed & Vicky Justice  
7 Kevin & Christy McCall

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

4 Georgia Pace  
4 Eric Walker  
5 Kevin McCall  
5 Carl Pleasants  
9 Hilda Pleasants  
10 Alex Tapp  
12 Adria Harding Denny  
12 Harper Harris  
13 Frances Wray  
16 Chris Johnson  
18 Mary Goodwin  
18 Jeff Miller  
20 Raye Dusenbury

20 Sheila Miller  
22 Wes Brady  
22 Durham McEntire  
25 Leslie Raymond  
26 Carlos Lobo  
28 Emily Miller

**COLLEGE STUDENT  
BIRTHDAYS**

19 Evan Harding  
(ehardin6@uncc.edu)

**MILITARY PERSONNEL  
BIRTHDAYS**

1 Francisco (Paquito) Dona  
2100 Skyuka Rd., Columbus  
8 Major Ladd Shephard  
(shept0303@yahoo.com)

**MILITARY PERSONNEL  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

15 Major & Mrs. Randall  
Stillinger  
1090 Misty Oak Lane  
Keller, TX 76248-2703  
(randall.stillinger@us.army.mil)

If you are attending our church and know of someone we forgot to put on this list, please contact the church during office hours and let us know the name and dates so that we can make corrections, additions, or deletions. Thank you!

**ACOLYTES FOR FEBRUARY**

Feb 3 David Amitrano, Phoebe Anagnos  
Feb 10 Caleb Anagnos, Rollins Carter  
Feb 17 Lawson Carter, Katie Cothran  
Feb 24 Jonathon Edwards, Jessie Emory

**FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S  
CHURCH**

**WORKER SCHEDULE**

Feb. 3—Olivia & Joey Whiteside  
Feb. 10—Joyce & Phil Scoggins  
Feb. 17—Carey Emory  
Feb. 24—Erin & Danny Fox

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Sandy Frady, Handbell Choir Director

John Spinks, Sexton