

THE GOOD NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TRYON

NOVEMBER

2012

CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

It's cold. Or at least it was when I wrote this. In fact, two North Carolina Ski Areas opened today. It's time to drag out the heavy coats. Winter is coming, and so are Advent and Christmas.

Advent and Christmas are important and joyous seasons of the church. First Baptist Church seeks to make this an especially significant season of worship. We sharpen our focus on the Incarnation, remembering that God's love of Creation was so vast that God came to us in flesh and blood in the person of Jesus. It's an outrageously hopeful claim. And it has come to shape and define our lives. So every year we retell the divine narrative.

This year, on December 16, our children will retell the old, old story as they present, *The Christmas Story: Through The Eyes of The Friendly Beasts*. Our children will present the musical in the Sanctuary—instead of the Activity Building—so that we can better see and hear them. It's a great gift to hear our children sing the good news.

After the children's musical we will walk across the street to share our annual Christmas Meal. As you enter the Activity Building you will find a catered, family style meal on the table (menu is posted below). Instead of navigating a long line your food will already be on the table. This way we can move rather seamlessly between venues and you don't have to prepare a dish (or three). We are experimenting with these changes to see if we can make an already great evening even better.

One of my concerns about splitting the venue is that some folks may come to only one or the other. So in order to enter the Activity Building for the meal you will have to present a ticket that you receive as you leave the musical. And in order to leave the musical you will have to accept a ticket and go to the Activity Building. *Obviously, I am only joking about tickets and threatened captivity.* I do, however, want to stress the importance of your attendance at the musical and the meal. It'll be a great evening, but only if you are there for both events.

Because the meal is catered we are suggesting that adults contribute \$10 per person to help offset the expense. Families are also welcome to contribute what they think is an appropriate donation for their children. The donation is only a suggestion. If it is a strain, then please forgo the donation and enjoy a wonderful meal with your friends at First Baptist.

I'll look forward to seeing you (at both events)!

Grace and Peace,

Jeff

☼☼ Menu ☼☼

Roasted Pork Loin with fresh fruit chutney

Crispy Chicken Schnitzel

Mixed Salad

Sautéed green beans almandine w/ lemon

Oven Roasted Potatoes, parsley garnish

Rolls and butter

Dessert buffet

Ushers for November:

Katherine Smith and
Dawn Campbell,
Diane Cothran (side),
Don Iaffaldano (hall)

Ushers for December:

Bud and Georgia Pace,
Dee Huneycutt (side),
Jamie Greene (hall)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **November 11—**
Potato Bake in
Activity Building
after worship
- ◆ **November 18—**
Community
Thanksgiving
service, 7 pm
- ◆ **December 2—** First
Sunday of Advent
- ◆ **December 16—5
pm—**Drama and
Christmas Dinner

**NOVEMBER WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10 Tommy & Edith Vehorn
- 13 Gary & Carol Nobles
- 19 Tommy & Sharon Burrell
- 25 Bill & Rena Henderson

**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Jimmy Campbell
- 1 Brooke Scoggins
- 3 Carol Nobles
- 3 Olivia Whiteside
- 4 Donna Littlefield
- 5 Jerry Barnette
- 5 Paul Cantrell
- 5 Vicky Justice
- 5 Ethan Waldman
- 5 Ty Walter

- 7 Margot Carter
- 8 Matthew Covil
- 8 Casey Collins
- 8 Joyce Scoggins
- 9 Estella Hanson
- 9 William Morse
- 10 Diane Cothran
- 11 Edith Vehorn
- 13 Ruth Ann Arledge
- 13 Katherine Garrett
- 18 Leah Justice
- 19 Edward Culbreth
- 24 Charles Huneycutt
- 25 Trey Dusenbury
- 25 John Spinks
- 28 Phil Feagan (son)
- 28 Hannah Raines
- 29 Conner Dusenbury
- 29 Bill Henderson
- 30 Rollins Carter

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

14 Mary Katherine Hemphill
(marykathryn.hemphill@converse.edu)

29 Matthew Radford
(radfordmt@email.wofford.edu)

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!

**WMU NOVEMBER
MISSION**

WMU Group I mission project for November is to feed two families not only a traditional Thanksgiving day dinner with a turkey, but to also provide enough canned and boxed items to feed the family for a week.





**THE CHRISTMAS STORY: THROUGH THE EYES OF
THE FRIENDLY BEASTS**

Presented by the Children of FBC

December 16th

5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Followed by Christmas Dinner in the Activity Building

Kids will practice during S.E.E. (Sunday Evening Ecclesia) on:

Nov. 11

Nov. 25

Dec. 2, after worship, with a pizza lunch to follow

Dec. 15 (Saturday) at 10 am

REFUGE FALL/WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Caitlin Britton, Lydia Dona, and ScottLynn Whiteside enjoying a night at Mr. Juan's

11/4 Refuge at 5 pm

11/11 SEE/Refuge at 5 pm

11/16 LOCK-IN—the theme is OUTER SPACE (Youth—send Joey a list of favorite songs or movies). **Dress the part**—using an “outer space” theme.

11/18 No Refuge tonight (Community Thanksgiving Service @ TFBC)

11/25 SEE/Refuge at 5 pm

12/9 Refuge at 5 pm (Chef volunteer, anyone?)

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.



The outing at the Fincher's was a great success! Youth and families met with the residents of Wall (formerly Blanton) Cottage, and their house parents, on October 13th, for a day of fun on top of the mountain. Activities included decorating pumpkins, tie-dyeing t-shirts with Paula Edwards, and a hayride, and feasting on Tommy Burrell's world-famous hotdogs. The residents were also presented with three sets of dishes to replace their worn and cracked ones. Thanks to Ellis and Linda Fincher for their gracious hospitality. - Pictures submitted by Amber Fincher



GETTING TO KNOW YOU—NEW MEMBER PROFILES



We have received six members into our church family in the last month. We'll endeavor to share a bit about each member, so you can get acquainted with them. This month we'll profile two new members who came by letter of transfer—Judy Houk and Carol Hickey.

Judy Houk comes to the Tryon Baptist Church family by letter of transfer from the Landrum First Baptist Church. Originally from Ft. Wayne, IA, the Houks moved here so that Judy's husband could take a position with USC Upstate, and she found a teaching job with Spartanburg District #7 at Whitlock Junior High School. Judy has two children, Dr. Christopher Houk and Dr. Laureen Vilas. She has nine grandchildren, ranging in age from four months to twenty years of age—four boys and five girls. Judy's hobbies include helping with the grandchildren, exercising, walking, reading, and volunteering. She mentors two 7th-grade girls in the Spartanburg school district, requiring consistent contact, concern, and encouragement. Favorites include the Bible verse John 3:16, and the hymn "How Great Thou Art." Judy is currently reading "The One Year Chronological Bible," "Solo" (an autobiography), and "The Power of Habit." She is "proud to be a member of such a fine church family. Thanks for being so welcoming and supportive." We thank Judy, too, for being a part of this Body of Christ, and are glad to have her here worshipping with us.

Carol Hickey comes to us from the First Baptist Church of Griffin, GA, where she was baptized at age 9. Carol has spent most of her life in Georgia—going to college in Decatur, and eventually teaching for over three decades in public and private schools. As Carol neared retirement, she realized that she could live anywhere. After looking at communities in FL, GA, and SC, Carol decided that she liked this area and community the best. Her hobbies include needlework, and doting on her dachshund, Wolfie. Carol's favorite Bible verses are Philippians 4:8-9, and her choices for literature include Calvin Miller's "A Requiem for Love," and "The Jesus Way" by Eugene Peterson. One of Carol's favorite activities has been working with the English As a Second Language classes sponsored by the Flint River Baptist Association. Griffin is near Experiment, GA, home of a U of GA experimental agricultural facility. Well-educated men and women from all over the world go there to learn ways to improve their homeland's conditions. Teaching English pronunciation to those folks has taught her much about diverse cultures and far-off places. Carol thanks us for your warm welcomes and kindnesses. We are happy she's part of the TFBC family as well.