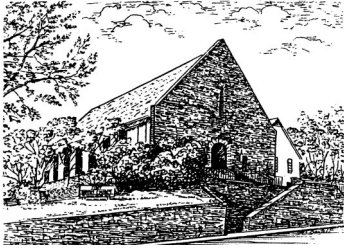


## The Good News



May 2014



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## Chat With the Preacher

Fifty days to party (and ponder)

Even though Marshmallow Peeps and Cadbury Crème Eggs are long gone, it's still Easter. The church spends forty days (we call it Lent) preparing for Easter and when it finally arrives, we wear seersucker and hats, consume enough sugar to raise Jesus from the dead (again), hunt eggs so many times that we eventually hide them where they can never be found so the game can finally end (don't let my kids in on that secret), all to breathe a sigh of relief and say, "It's over!"

Or at least that's what we ministers say, since Holy Week is our busiest of the year. We are never so glad to shake hands after worship as we are on Easter Sunday because we can finally exhale. As the preacher Lillian Daniel said, "Christ is risen! I'm going to bed!" A nap after Easter worship is the closest thing to heaven this side of the grave.

But the celebration of the resurrection doesn't end with a nap on Easter Sunday. The church sets aside fifty days to celebrate the resurrection. After the forty somber days of Lent, we get fifty days in which to party.

As a lifelong Baptist I was taught that parties were bad, and that if you went to one you might get into trouble. The logic was:

avoid parties, follow Jesus, and all will be well. What they forgot to tell me is that following Jesus is more dangerous than going to parties.

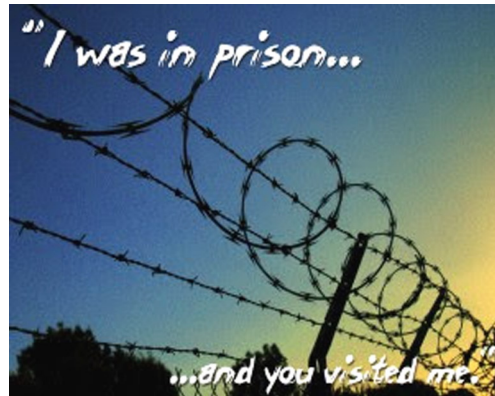
If you take the life and teachings of Jesus seriously, he will get you into trouble because the God we find in Jesus is so unlike the other gods we create in our own image. After all these years, this Jesus still afflicts we comfortable religious folks enough for us to kill him all over again.

That God raised Jesus from the dead is the climax to the strange story of Easter, reminding us that while the ways of Jesus may get you into trouble, they ultimately lead to life. I understand that the good news of Easter is difficult to believe, but I don't know anyone other than God who could have imagined such a wondrously wild redemption. So if it takes you fifty days to ponder such news, then ponder.

But amid your pondering don't forget to throw a party or three, because Easter is a time to celebrate the God whose love is greater than our hate, whose life is greater than our death. And in case your party goes on for so long that you run out of wine, give Jesus a call, I hear he has a knack of showing up for just such an occasion.

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

# WNCBF Spring Gathering—Sunday, May 4, 2014



*"From the beginning to the end of Jesus Christ's ministry on earth, he taught that prison attention and prison policy is a measurement of the essence of Christianity. I think that is the most serious departure that modern-day Christians have made from the teachings of Christ than any other thing that I can think of."*

-Jimmy Carter, former President of the United States  
and long-time Baptist Sunday School Teacher

Join us as we seek to shed a light on the ways God is opening doors for the church to live out the gospel message through prison ministry. We will look at ways individuals and churches can support prison chaplains, be hands-on in prison outreach, assist in welcoming men and women back into society, and be advocates for those who were at the heart of Jesus' earthly ministry.

Featuring: Nancy Sehested (pastor and retired prison chaplain), Carol Dalton (CBF-endorsed prison chaplain), Mark Siler (Re-entry Coordinator for Buncombe County and former prison chaplain). Members of the Carolina Community Chorus (under the direction of Rev. Candace Wilson) will provide music during worship that evening. Dinner cost is \$7 per person, and children under 12 are free. A nursery will be provided. Please register by calling the church office at (828) 859-5375.

**Schedule: 4:00 pm    Screening of "Through the Door"**

**4:30 pm    Breakout Sessions**

**5:15 pm    Dinner**

**6:30 pm    Worship (a love offering for the WNC Baptist Campus Ministry will be taken)**

## Ed Beddingfield to Speak in Worship, May 4th

Our guest speaker for worship on May 4 is Ed Beddingfield, from First Baptist Church in Fayetteville, who will be talking about Baptist Retirement Homes and how we can help support our aging population. He will also teach an adult joint Sunday School, at 10am in the Activity Building.



## WMU Mission for May

WMU Group 1 mission for May is to help stop hunger in Haiti by donating funds to help Rotary raise the money to purchase dehydrated food. Then on August 23, WMU will participate in packing the food for shipment to Pastor Leon at Haiti Outreach Ministries. This is an important ministry that all members of the Church can be a part of, through giving and through hands-on participation. WMU meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Church, 10:00. All ladies are invited to join us for refreshments, fellowship and a program about missions.



## It's a Boy!

We welcome the birth of Jack Badger Burrell, son of Cale & Casi Burrell, who was born on March 24, 2014. Jack's proud grandparents are Tommy and Sharon Burrell.

## Church Family Fun and Games with Cook-Out Scheduled May 18th

We have an afternoon of fun planned for the entire church family on Sunday, May 18th. We will meet at Harmon Field at 3:00 pm for games (including an adult wiffle ball game) and fun for all ages. Some of the church's best-known chefs will be in charge of the cook-out, which will follow the game time. The entire event will wrap up around 6:00 pm. Make your plans now to bring your family for this afternoon of fun, fellowship, and food.



## Vacation Bible School Coming Soon!

Vacation Bible School for ages 4-grade 5, is scheduled for June 16-19, Monday-Thursday, 5:30-8:30 pm. The theme for this year is *Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God (W.O.W.)*. At *W.O.W.*, we will help children experience how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God through dramas, crafts, games, activities, music, and hours of fun! Please mark your calendar today and consider how you can be involved in this special week of learning and fun. You can register for Vacation Bible School at <http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/FirstBaptistChurchofTryon>.



# EASTER ACTIVITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



***He is Risen!***

***He is Risen Indeed!***

Our journey through Lent took us through a time of reflection and repentance, sorrow, and finally the joy of Easter morning. Some highlights were our Ash Wednesday service, an Easter egg hunt for the children at the Pleasants farm, Noonday prayer services, Maundy Thursday communion, and a sunrise service in conjunction with the Tryon Presbyterian Church, followed by breakfast and a beautiful Easter Worship service. Let us celebrate the Risen Lord!

*-photos by John Spinks and Diane Cothran*



## Opportunities to “Get Outside”



There are some great chances to get outside this summer. The all-church cookout and game night is at Harmon Field on Sunday, May 18, 3-6pm. Come and enjoy great food cooked by our Master Chefs Chuck Britton and Mike Greene, as well as fun and games for the whole family, and a chance to play in the “Spring Wiffle Ball Classic.”

The second will be the Spirituality/Backpack trip with Reverend Harris, on June 27-29. It will be a chance to experience Sabbath in a natural setting. The group will be hiking in the Roan Highlands. Space is limited for this trip (10-12), so secure your place quickly.

The third opportunity will be on the weekend of August 15-17. We’ve reserved Orchard Lake Campground in Saluda for the weekend, and hope that you will bring a tent, an RV, or think about renting a cabin and joining us. It’s a beautiful setting, with lots to enjoy. You can hike, fish, swim in the pool, or just hang out in a hammock.

Finally, there will be outdoor worship on September 28 at Harmon Field. The covered shed and cabin are reserved for that day. Please bring a picnic dish to share, and lawn chairs.

## Refuge Party for Graduating Seniors

We’re having a party for graduating seniors on June 1st at 6pm. Bring an appetite, a friend, and clothes you don’t mind getting soaked in!



## Pentecost Sunday—June 8

Pentecost, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter, is the birthday of the church—when the Holy Spirit descended on those disciples who were gathered in one place. We’re told in the book of Acts that tongues of flame appeared above their heads, and that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. When Peter preached his first sermon, we know that 3,000 people were baptized. We also celebrate the Holy Spirit that day, with worship, song, and a remembrance of the Lord’s Supper.

## Newsletter Submissions

All persons are welcome (and encouraged) to submit articles and pictures for the Good News. Please e-mail or get a copy of what you desire to see in print to Leslie at the church office by the 18th of the month.

## Special Called Church Conference May 11

The congregation is asked to attend a specially-called church conference immediately following worship for the purpose of voting on proposed changes to the bylaws. The Education Committee, with the concurrence of the Deacon Board, recommends the Bylaws of the Church be amended as follows:

Amend **Article V—Committees; (9)(a) - Nominating Committee**—by deleting the following words “- *teachers and...*”.

Amend **Article V—Committees: (22) - Education Committee**—by adding a subparagraph as follows:  
**(4) *Recruit/select teachers for all Sunday School classes offered by the Church, and present the proposed list of teachers to the Diaconate for approval before August of each year.***

### Explanation of reason for amendments:

- (1) The Education Committee has felt for some time that the yearly terms of Sunday School teachers should coincide with the school year in order that when the children are promoted to an older class they will have the same teacher(s) for the entire year, rather than a change occurring in the middle of the year on January 1st.
- (2) As a practical matter there seems to be no good reason for the church membership to have to actually vote on approval of Sunday School teachers, as we are usually in need of a sufficient number of teachers and never eliminate anyone who is willing to do those jobs. Also, for the last several years it has actually been the Education Committee that finds or selects the persons serving as teachers and then the Nominating Committee simply takes that list and presents it as part of their report. Further, it is logical that the Education Committee is in a better position to select quality teachers for our classes, especially since

we now have a Minister of Church Formation whose responsibilities include Christian Education. Also, SS teachers aren't really church “officers” as that term is defined elsewhere in the current bylaws.

- (3) The Nominating Committee's responsibilities under our Bylaws are dictated by a calendar/schedule which doesn't coincide with the school year. However, it is to our children's benefit to start SS teachers' terms at the beginning of each school year, therefore it is simpler to revise the bylaws to remove SS teachers as persons who have to be approved by the Church as part of the Nominating Committee's annual report, rather than trying to amend that committee's duties to require multiple reports for approval on different positions.

### REGULATIONS FOR AWARDING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS GRADES 1 THROUGH 12 (Youth and Children)

- (1) Grants will be given only to applicants who have been accepted in Christian summer camps such as: Camp Mundo Vista (GA's), Passport (youth and children), and other camps and mission opportunities as approved by the Education Committee of First Baptist Church.
- (2) Families can receive up to three individual Scholarships per year. Only one Scholarship per child or youth each year will be awarded.
- (3) Scholarships will be awarded in an amount determined by the Scholarship Committee. The Education Committee may recommend an amount to the Scholarship Committee.
- (4) Upon return from camp or mission trip each participant will write a short essay to the Scholarship Committee of his or her experiences.
- (5) Grants will be given only if funds are available.
- (6) Members and participants of the First Baptist Church of Tryon will be given priority in the awarding of scholarships.

## May Sunday Schedules

### *Deacons for May:*

\*JT Johnson  
Rick McCallister  
Sue Thompson  
Sharon Burrell  
David Thompson (balcony)

*\*denotes Lead Deacon*

### *Ushers for May:*

Walt & Cathie Gee (Front)  
Robert Carter (Hall)  
Christy McCall (Side)

### *Acolytes for May:*

5/4 Sydney Waldman & Laney Littlefield  
5/11 Jack Fox & Ella Waldman  
5/18 Harper Harris & Katie Cothran  
5/25 Verae Upton & Hayden Blackwell

### *Children's Church Workers:*

5/4 Emily Pereira  
5/11 TBA  
5/18 Brian & Jennifer Jones  
5/25 Erin & Danny Fox



## Graduation Sunday—June 1

Join us for worship on Sunday, June 1, when we honor our graduates for the hard work they've done. We also will award college scholarships that day. Mark your calendars, and invite the family!

## May Birthdays/Anniversaries

### **Anniversaries**

5/5 Vernon & Raye Dusenbury  
5/8 Phillip & Paula Edwards  
5/30 Keith & Alisa Constance  
5/31 Franklin & Sadie McKaig

### **Birthdays**

5/2 Bob Lair, Chuck Britton  
5/4 Cathie Gee, Kay Greene, Dustin Bishop  
5/8 Charley Raye Dusenbury  
5/14 Christie Morrow, Philip Culbreth, Gary Nobles  
5/16 Lydia Miller  
5/17 Candy Wilson, Cathy Stott, Tiffany Covil  
5/18 Joyce Arledge, Brian Durham, Mae Scruggs  
5/19 Lucy Meredith McCallister  
5/21 Melinda "Cricket" Walker, Rosemary Iaffaldano  
5/23 Phil Feagan, Don Iaffaldano  
5/24 Kasey McKaig  
5/26 Bernice Culbreth, Janet Hudson, Tommy Vehorn, Judy Houk  
5/29 Maddie Blackwell, Ashley Scoggins Gilbert

### **Student Birthdays**

5/14 Emily McFalls  
emcfalls@gardner-webb.edu  
5/30 Michael Nobles  
143 Constant Lane, Columbus, NC 28722

### **Military Birthdays**

5/10 Elysse Santa  
233 Green View Road  
Moyock, NC 27958

## **First Baptist Church 2014 Schedule**

### **MAY MISSION EMPHASIS—Baptist Retirement Homes**

Sun, May 4	Ed Beddingfield, FBC Fayetteville, NC Baptist Retirement Home Emphasis FBC hosting WNC Baptist Fellowship Spring Gathering, 4-7:30pm
Sun, May 12	Mother's Day—NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES
Sun, May 18	All Church Cook-Out and Games, Harmon Field, 3-6pm
Sun, May 25	Memorial Day Weekend—NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

### **JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS—Stop Hunger Now**

Sun, Jun 1	Graduate/Scholarship Recognition, Communion Sunday
Sun, Jun 8	Pentecost Sunday, Communion
M-Th Jun 16-19	Vacation Bible School
F-S, Jun 27-29	Spirituality/Backpacking Trip led by Jeff Harris Vacation Bible School—TBA
Sun, Jun 29	"I Love My Church" Offering

### **JULY MISSION EMPHASIS—Christmas in July**

S-W, Jul 06-09	Passportkids!—Camp for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> graders at Converse College, Spartanburg SC
Sun, Jul 27	Quarterly Church Conference

### **AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School**

Sun, Aug 3	Communion Sunday
F-S Aug 15-17	All Church Camp-out at Orchard Lake in Saluda
Sat., Aug 23	Stop Hunger Now—packing food for Haiti, Polk County High School
Sun, Aug 31	"I Love My Church" Offering

### **SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Fall Mission Initiative**

Sun, Sep 14	SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)
Sun, Sep 28	11:00 am Outdoor Worship at Harmon Field SEE (5:00-6:30pm)

### **OCTOBER and NOVEMBER Mission Emphasis—Coat Drive and Shoe Box**

Sat, Oct 4	Mission Initiative (tentative date)
Sun, Oct 5	World Communion Sunday
Sun, Oct 12	SEE (5:00-6:30pm)
Sun, Oct 26	Quarterly Church Conference Fall Party for Children (P-S through grade 5) SEE (5:00-6:30pm)
Sun, Nov 2	All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 9	SEE (5:00-6:30pm)
Sun, Nov 23	Communion Sunday Community Thanksgiving Service
Sun, Nov 30	First Sunday of Advent - "I Love My Church" Offering

### **DECEMBER Mission Emphasis—Kathy's Kids**

Sun, Dec 7	Christmas Meal
Sun, Dec 21	Caroling
Wed, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship (5:00pm)



## **First Baptist Church 2014 Schedule** *(con't. from previous page)*

### **Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:**

Sundays      10:00 am Sunday School  
                 11:00 am Worship  
                 5:00 pm Children's Choir  
                 6:00 pm Refuge  
Wednesdays   6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
                 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month:      6:30 pm Brotherhood  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month:      10:00am WMU Group 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month:      7:00 pm Sisterhood  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month:      6:50 pm Deacons

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.