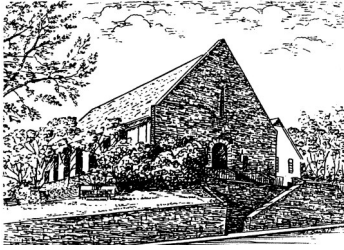


The Good News



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Chat with the Preacher The Prosperity of Generosity

Once upon a time, there was a minister who decided the deacons had been counting the offering all wrong. So he relieved them of their duties, and began to count it himself. This minister had a different approach to counting and appropriating the offering. He would put the offering into a bucket, and then he would throw it into the air. God could have all of the offering he wanted, but whatever hit the floor was the minister's.

The minister was grateful that God allowed the entire offering to hit the floor—such “showers of blessing” were surely a sign of God's approval.

This kind of thinking is often called the prosperity gospel.

The prosperity gospel is the idea that God will shower us with wealth when we do the right thing.

“Why wait for a mansion in heaven, when you can have one right now?” “God wants you to live lavishly!” “If you'll give God a nickel, then God will give you a dime.”

Jesus, however, had a few things to say about wealth, specifically: “You cannot serve God and wealth” (Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13).

Wealth is *not* an indicator of spiritual vitality or faithfulness, and it is dangerous to think that it is. Especially, when you consider the inverse. Because if wealth means that you are righteous, then poverty means you are not.

If you want to believe that wealth is God's reward for good living, you should understand that your logic requires poverty to be God's punishment for bad living. You cannot have one without the other.

Jesus inverts our conventional wisdom with the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

With a great reversal, the Rich Man ends up in Hades, and Lazarus, the poor, wretched man, ends up with Abraham. The Rich Man, who is in agony, and who apparently still thinks he's in charge, requests for Lazarus to bring him a dip of water. But Abraham explains that it no longer works that way. So the Rich Man tries again, he requests that Lazarus go and warn his five brothers so they are able to avoid this dastardly place. This time Abraham says, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

What will it take for us to learn that “the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil” (I Timothy 6:10a)? That greed is not a virtue? That God cares greatly about the poor? That you cannot serve God and wealth?

For the sake of clarity, it is important to say that money is not evil. It is the misplaced and misguided love of money that is the problem.

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St. Paul explains the antidote:

“As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life” (I Timothy 6:17-19).

Real life is not found in the accumulation of wealth, power, or status.

Real life is found generosity.

May “the life that really is life” find you, and when it does, remember that it is not yours to keep, but yours to share.

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

THEN AND NOW



NEW! HELPING HANDS MINISTRY



The Mission Team would like to announce the formation of HELPING HANDS ministry. The purpose of Helping Hands is to provide support and assistance to church members in the following areas:

Small to medium-size interior and exterior home repairs, constructing/installing safety equipment for baths/showers, building wheelchair ramps, assisting with large/heavy items, providing lawn/shrubbery maintenance, performing small electrical repairs, as well as general advice on questions relating to any of the above. Other areas of service will be considered on an as-needed basis. Those wishing to use this ministry or to participate in its support should contact the church office for scheduling a time to discuss your needs or how you can support this ministry with your talents.

2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We're glad to announce the Nominating Committee for 2017. Our new committee members are Frances Wray, Joyce Scoggins, Jodi Harris, Danny Fox, Phillip Pleasants, and Skip Williams. If you're called by a member of the committee to serve, please prayerfully consider joining a ministry team or committee.

WOODCUTTING AT THERMAL BELT OUTREACH, OCTOBER



Our Firewood Ministry is starting up again! If you're willing to come out and sort, split, and stack firewood with us at Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries on the second Saturday of the month, we'd love to have you join us. Our first day to cut wood in October is on the 8th, from 8:30am until noon. We'll do this until there's no more wood to split.

WELCOME OUR NEW YOUTH LEADER, JAIME FITZGERALD



We're excited to introduce Jaime Fitzgerald, a third year student at Gardner Webb Divinity School, began working with our youth (grades 6-12) on September 11.

Jaime has lots of experience working with youth and college students. She has served as youth ministry intern at FBC Jefferson City, TN (while a student at Carson-Newman) and FBC Shelby, NC (while a student at Gardner-Webb), Camp Pastor at PASSPORT, and too many other church-related positions to list.

HOW WE'VE GROWN!



From its humble beginnings in 1891, the faithful vision of Tryon's founding families for a Baptist place of worship has endured for one hundred and twenty-five years! We are celebrating on Sunday, October 2, with a special service to commemorate our Anniversary. Worship will start at 10:30 (no Sunday School), we'll celebrate communion, and then we'll gather in the Activity Building for a covered-dish meal. Tell your friends, and anyone you may know with a connection to First Baptist. See you Sunday!

#GRACEITFORWARD MISSION DAY, OCTOBER 15

Join us on October 15 as we strive to be God's hands and feet in our community. We have plenty of mission projects—sign-up sheets for each activity in the education hallway. All ages are invited, and there are tasks for each skill set. There's a craft activity at Laurelhurst, food packing and delivery, yard-work, making small gifts of McDonald's gift certificates to distribute, and providing change at the local laundromat. We have a chance to show love in Polk County, and we hope you'll be able to help.

KID'S NIGHT OUT SEPTEMBER 23

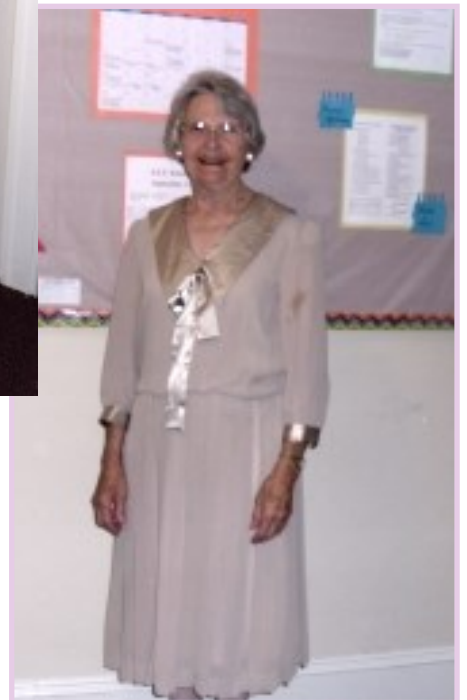
WOW & AWESOME would describe our first "Kid's Night Out"! Our theme was "You are the salt of the earth" (Matt 5:13). The kids participated in games, teaching & craft time using the globe, maps, books, DVD's of the actual ocean and of course an ocean-themed snack they created themselves. YUM! Our ongoing missions focus will be filling several "shoe boxes" to send overseas. Everyone left with seashells as a reminder of the night. Thanks to the wonderful helpers who made this night a great one for the kids! Be on the lookout for information about our next "Kid's Night Out" on Oct. 21st. Kids, send those parents out for the night and join in the fun! Here are some photos:

-Submitted by Carol Batts



OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY

Folks attending First Baptist on September 18 enjoyed an “Old-Fashioned” Sunday, where we heard and sang music from a century ago, and listened to what it was like to worship in the 1890’s. People were encouraged to dress in old-fashioned clothing. We have some very colorful folks at TFBC!



HOOKED! FISHING PICTURES FROM SEPTEMBER 25



Hooked



The David Stillerman Fishing Project of FBC Tryon

First Baptist Families,

We'd love to have you go fishing with us.

While Hooked is great for parents and children, everyone is welcome!

You do not need any fishing equipment (you can certainly bring your own if you wish), experience, or license. We will supply fishing equipment, instruction, drinks, and a light dinner. We do ask that at least one parent be present with children. This is great opportunity to foster friendships with each other, and with others from our community (especially with foster children and those involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.)

Here are a few reasons we think "Hooked" is worthwhile:

- Get outside . . . teach kids and others to enjoy and respect the outdoors.
- Encourage friendships . . . with children and with adults.
- Learn how to fish . . . fishing is a great hobby, that teaches patience and perseverance, builds confidence, and can be enjoyed for a lifetime.
- Have fun!

Here's our last event for this year:

Oct 16 Tryon Estates, 2-5pm

If you plan to attend, please RSVP, as that will help provide the correct amount of fishing equipment, volunteers, and food.

**For more information or to RSVP please call:
First Baptist Church of Tryon at 828.859.5375
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or by emailing jeffreyharris@gmail.com**

2016 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

Sundays	Sunday School, 10am Worship, 11am Children's Choir (grades 1-5), 5pm Refuge (grades 6-12), 5pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study, 10am Handbell Rehearsal, 6pm Women's Bible Study in Rock House, 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

1 st Monday of each month	Mission Team, 5:30pm
1 st Tuesday of each month:	WMU, 10am
2 nd Tuesday of each month:	Sisterhood, 7pm
3 rd Monday of each month:	Brotherhood, 6:30pm
3 rd Tuesday of each month:	Deacons, 6pm

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.

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS – Mission Initiative, Distribute Shoe Boxes

Sun, Oct 2	125 th Anniversary Celebration and Meal
Sun, Oct 9	SEE, 5pm
Sat, Oct 15	#GraceltForward Mission Day
Sun, Oct 16	Hooked! Fishing Event, Tryon Estates, 2-5pm
Fri, Oct 21	Kid's Night Out, 6-9pm
Sun, Oct 23	SEE, 5pm Children's Fall Party (Preschool through grade 5)
Sun, Oct 30	I Love My Church Offering (collected on fifth Sundays)

NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS – Coat drive; Shoe Boxes

Sun, Nov 6	All Saints Sunday Quarterly Church Conference
Sun, Nov 13	SEE, 5pm
Fri, Nov 18	Kid's Night Out, 6-9pm
Sun, Nov 20	Communion Sunday Community Thanksgiving Service

DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Angel Tree (Thermal Belt Outreach); Kathy's Kids

Sun, Dec 4	Annual Christmas Dinner
Sun, Dec 18	Caroling, 3pm
Sat, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm
Sun, Dec 25	Christmas Day Worship, 11am

OCTOBER MILESTONES

October Sunday Schedules

Deacons for October

*Ron Frady
Elizabeth Burrell
Phillip Pleasants
Shelvie Foust
JT Johnson

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for October

Ron Frady, Walt Gee (front)
Renaë Waldman (hall)
Nancy Brady (side)

Acolytes for October

10/2 No Acolytes—Communion
10/9 Wilson Edwards/Malik Miller
10/16 Mason Littlefield/Olivia Miller
10/23 Verae Upton/Durham McEntire
10/30 Laney Littlefield/Simms Harris

Children's Church Workers for October

10/2 Cathy Johnson
10/9 Anthony & Emily Pereira
10/16 Susan Smith
10/23 Debbie & Keith Collins
10/30 Ellis & Linda Fincher

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Ruby Jones, who died September 14th.

Wedding Anniversaries

1 Johnny & Gerry Taylor
5 Ed & Nancy Britton
11 Joey & Olivia Whiteside
12 Carl & Dawn Campbell
16 Ken & Leslie Raymond
22 Bob & Peggy Constance
19 Carlos & Cindy Lobo

Birthdays

1 Kim McFarland, Katie Denny ('12),
Abbot Scoggins ('13)
1 Hayden Blackwell ('06)
2 Jim Hawkins
3 Jodi Harris
6 Johnny Taylor, Stacey Stafford, Walt Gee
9 Lorraine McAtee
10 Kathyanne Harding
11 Kanah McCall ('09)
12 Laura Spinks, Kent Smith
16 Lane Price
17 Terry Bishop, Molly Justice ('09)
18 Joe Covil, Mary Greene,
Alexandria Lobo
19 Lucas Scoggins
21 Brian Jones
22 Abigail Constance ('04), Sebastian
McCallister ('15), Hannah Crawford
23 Luke Miller ('05)
24 Rick McCallister, Caitlin Britton
26 Verae Upton ('04)
27 Eloise Johnson, Sally Jo Carter
28 Kim Cochran, Simms Harris ('09), Luke
Walker ('03), Nicholas Stott
29 Debbie Collins
30 Meredith Harding-Bremner