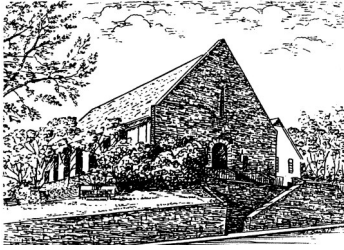


## The Good News



October 2015



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### Chat With the Preacher

October is full of great opportunities for worship and service.

I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities:

-The #GraceItForward Mission Day is a great way to exercise your faith in our community. There is still time to participate!

-On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate the baptisms of three youth—Stephen Morris, Sydney Waldman, and Luke Walker. We will also gather at the Lord's Table to share communion and to participate in World Communion Sunday.

-On Sunday, October 11, Guy Sayles, former pastor of FBC Asheville, will present the topic: "Learning from Hard Experiences": an exploration of how difficult realities--like cancer and its treatment--can lead us to deeper faith and to a more meaningful life. We'll begin our time together in the Activity Building at 9:30am. Guy is a gifted preacher and writer who will help us think deeply about life, faith, and suffering.

-On Sunday, October 25 Pepper Choplin, composer, conductor and humorist, will lead us in worship. Pepper is an accomplished composer and musician. He sings and plays piano, trumpet, guitar, and banjo. His compositions are diverse and varied, including folk, gospel, classical, and jazz.

I want to leave you with the latest entry from Guy Sayles' blog. Enjoy.

#### The Challenge And Gift Of Time, by Guy Sayles

Many of us have a troubled relationship with time. Carl Honore wrote an interesting book, *In Praise of Slowness: How a Worldwide Movement Is Challenging the Cult of Speed*, the idea for which came to him as he rushed through an airport and saw a book entitled *The One-Minute Bedtime Story*. His first thought was that this was an answer to prayers. He'd been in a tug-of-war with his two-year-old son over reading a story each night.

Honore had wanted a way to get through the stories more quickly so that he could get back to work; but, at the airport, he was struck by a crucial insight: "Have I gone completely insane? . . . I am Scrooge with a stopwatch, obsessed with saving every last scrap of time, a minute here, a few seconds there."

All is not well between us and time.

Time flies when you're having fun; but, at the best moments, it seems that time stands still. But, the best moments aren't necessarily the easiest moments, so that some people remember hard times as good times. Most of those who think hard times were good times are old-timers.

Children like to hear about even older times than the old-timers lived through, so we tell them stories that begin, "Once upon a time." In one of those stories, Alice in Wonderland, Through the Looking Glass, the Red Queen says: "Now here, you see, it takes all the running you can do to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that." These kinds of stories tell children, and the rest of us, to run fast so that we don't run out of time, not to waste time, and certainly not to kill time. We try, instead, to save time, to find time, but if we can't find it, to make up for lost time.

We attempt to manage time so that we have quality time with the people we care about; but, we don't have as much quality time as we'd like because it depends on having at least a small quantity of time that can be turned into quality time.

Some people are stingy with time, because "time is money." So, they hardly ever let themselves take down time. For a few, time's up before they are able to call time out. Have you had hard seasons where you felt like you were doing time?

The Jewish and Christian understanding of time grows from the gift of Sabbath which Abraham Joshua Heschel called "a cathedral in time"—a sanctuary of worship, rest, and delight in the midst of the distractions and distortions which threaten to dehumanize us. *-con't. next page*

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The Sabbath principle teaches us that we are not defined by our work, our productivity, and our status; we are not slaves to the demands of other people or our own expectations. We are, instead, defined by the love of God, a love which we celebrate and return in worship, which we savor in the gifts and delights of nature, and which we share in our relationships with our neighbors. God's gift of time is patterned and rhythmic: work and worship, work and rest, work and delight.

In his poignant book, *Learning to Fall*, about his slow dying with ALS, Philip Simmons wrote:

I think if we are honest with ourselves, we can agree that our busyness—whether of body or mind—is often a distraction, a way of avoiding others, avoiding intimacy, avoiding ourselves. We keep busy to push back our fears, our loneliness, our self-doubt, our questions about purposes and ends. We want to know we matter; we want to know our lives are worthwhile. And when we're not sure, we work that much harder, we worry that much more.

Simmons identified the trouble with us that makes our trouble with time: we are hurrying to outrun our fears; we are working to ensure that we are worthwhile, and we are chasing a sense that life matters and that we matter.

Sabbath invites us to another way of inhabiting time: to allow love to heal our fears and befriend us in our loneliness, to see that our purpose, our "end," is, as the old catechism puts it, "to glorify God and enjoy God forever," and to rest in the profound awareness that our worth comes from our identity as children of God.

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

## LOVE OFFERING FOR RANDY HUDSON

A love offering was collected for Randy Hudson to help with his medical expenses and handicap accessibility. Randy is Donna Littlefield's father and Ray Hudson's brother, and was in an accident which critically injured him. We are happy to tell you that the offering came to \$2,766. Thanks to all who donated to this special love offering.

## GUY SAYLES TO LEAD WORSHIP OCTOBER 11



Dr. Guy Sayles, former pastor of First Baptist Church Asheville, will present "Learning from Hard Experiences": an exploration of how difficult realities--like cancer and its treatment--can lead us to deeper faith and to a more meaningful life, on October 11 at FBC Tryon. This session begins in the Activity Building at 9:30am with a combined adult Sunday School gathering. Guy will also preach during the 11:00 worship service.

Guy is a writer, speaker, and consultant who helps people discover the fullness and flourishing of life, deal with ethical issues, enhance the effectiveness of their leadership, and align their practices with their values.

Guy is a part of the religion and philosophy faculty at Mars Hill University, an adjunct member of the faculty of the Divinity School at Gardner Webb University, and a consultant affiliated with the Center for Healthy Churches. Guy is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Center for Ethics.

## **S.E.E. NEWS**

We hope you will join us at S.E.E. (Sunday Evening Ekklesia) this Fall.

Children and preschoolers activities begin at 5pm in the educational space of the main building, while adults have the option of these studies:

Jeff Harris will lead (in the Activity Building) Adam Hamilton's "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today." Stephen Brady will lead (in the Rock House) "Personal Finances from a Christian Perspective" (based on principles of Dave Ramsey).

At 6:00pm we'll share a meal, and the Refuge group will meet downstairs. (S.E.E meets on October 11 & 25, and November 8). Photos from the first S.E.E. are on page 5.

## **LAURELHURST MISSION LIMA BEAN AUCTION**

LaurelHurst's residents enjoy a Lima Bean Auction—bidding on toiletries, snacks, and small items using beans. We are helping fund this mission, which ends October 11, and are asking for the following items to be donated (there's a box in the Lair Sunday School Room):

Kleenex, lotion, crackers, cookies, hard and chocolate candy, notecards, small fall decorations, nuts (all kinds), cans of soda (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite), snack pies, notebooks, soap, laundry detergent (no pods), body wash, tea bags (all flavors), etc. There is a full list in each of the adult Sunday School rooms. Thank you for your donations to keep this favorite activity going!

## **#GRACEITFORWARD MISSION DAY**



We have asked our congregation to make a commitment to help our extended community on October 3 of this year. The #GraceItForward Mission Day represents a time to put hearts and hands toward the mission of reaching out to those who may be hungry, who may not be able to do their own yardwork, who may need a construction project or who may need a helping hand in other ways. Last year, we handed out change for folks to do their laundry; gave away McDonald's gift cards; sang, played games, and did craft projects with local nursing home residents; pulled weeds, chopped wood, built a ramp, collected food, and tried to make a difference in our county. There are projects for all ages and abilities! We're asking for your help again this year. Please consider giving a few hours of your time—we can use your help in the morning or the afternoon.

As one church member stated, "I didn't think I wanted to take the time out of a busy day to help, but I'm glad I did. At the end of the day, it made me feel good inside to help someone who needed it." When we give of our time and talents, we feel blessed as well.

During worship on October 4, we'll be able to see shared photos of this year's #GraceItForward/Mission Day.

## 2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sunday, July 26, the board of deacons presented the following members to serve on the TFBC 2016 Nominating Committee: **Keith Collins, Di Greene, JT Johnson, Judy Lair, Ben McEntire and Renae Waldman.** The committee was approved with a unanimous vote by the congregation.

The committee has been meeting diligently and are in the process of selecting members to serve on various committees. If you are contacted, please prayerfully consider serving where needed.

## WORSHIP AT HARMON FIELD SEPTEMBER 27



Worship was outdoors on Sunday, September 27. It was a beautiful day to enjoy a service at Harmon Field. Stan Dotson (guitar) and Kim Christman (hammered dulcimer) provided the service music. Afterward, the congregation enjoyed a picnic lunch on the grounds.

*-photo by Olivia Pleasants Whiteside*

## SERVE, EAT, PLAY EVENT AT HARMON FIELD OCTOBER 18

Join us as we spend another great day at Harmon Field—this one on the afternoon of October 18. *Serve, Eat, Play* is a chance to spend time in community and fellowship with members of other churches in the area.

The event starts at 4pm with this year's CROPwalk. Bring a potluck dish to share with others—we'll be having a community meal at 5:30pm. After supper, around 6:30, we'll be playing all sorts of games—active games like wiffleball and kickball, children's games, and board, puzzle, and card games (for those of us that aren't so active). Come out and meet your neighbors! Bring good walking shoes and your best potluck dish. See you on the 18th!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES



It's not too early to start thinking about our shoebox ministry, Operation Christmas Child. Our October mission is to promote the shoeboxes, and get you thinking about what you'd like to do to brighten the smile of a child thousands of miles away. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to Christmas.

# PHOTOS FROM THE FIRST NIGHT OF S.E.E., SEPTEMBER 13



# Hooked

The David Stillerman Fishing Project of FBC Tryon



We are happy to let you know that the David Stillerman Fishing Project has had a great first year. The church received a gift from Mr. Stillerman in order to teach children how to fish, and as an outreach to the community. Approximately 30 children and adults have been to each event, held monthly at one of the local fishing lakes. We've gone to Derbyshire/Lake Sandy Plains, White Oak Mountain, and the lake at Tryon Estates. Local foster children and Big Brothers/Big Sisters have come, and truly enjoyed themselves. We've received another gift from Mr. Stillerman to help continue the program. We hope that more will participate in the Spring. If you know of any boy or girl who would love to learn to fish, this is the project for them!



## PEPPER CHOPLIN TO LEAD WORSHIP OCTOBER 25



Mark your calendar now for a very special weekend with composer Pepper Choplin! Pepper will be leading our worship and sharing his music with us on Sunday, October 25. He will have a special rehearsal with the choir on Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 pm. We are so fortunate to have someone of his caliber spend time with us. Pepper Choplin is a genuine and caring person who possesses the gift of music and the heart of a minister.

### WHO IS PEPPER CHOPLIN?

Pepper Choplin is a full-time composer, conductor and humorist. He has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. Beginning his music training at the age of four, he grew up singing and playing piano, trumpet, guitar and banjo. With a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he went on to earn a Master of Music degree in composition from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

With a diverse musical background, Choplin's compositions are as varied as folk, gospel, classical, and jazz. His published work includes over 250 anthems for church and school choirs, 16 church cantatas, and a book of piano arrangements. Over 100 groups have commissioned him to write original works for them. An original hymn, "Come to the Water" appears in the recent Baptist hymnal, *Celebrating Grace*. His anthems consistently appear in the top seller lists of publishers and distributors. Since 1991, his choral music has sold several million copies. Each week, thousands of singers present his music in churches and schools in the United States and around the world. In 2013, he made his Carnegie Hall debut in a joint concert with Joseph Martin. In 2015, Choplin traveled to Lincoln Center where he conducted his new cantata, *Our Father*, based on the Lord's Prayer.

Beyond his choral music, Choplin has produced two humorous CDs and an inspirational recording. In his solo concerts, he moves audiences with his powerful ballads and his hilarious humor.

Currently, he attends Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he served as Minister of Music for twenty-two years. There in his hometown, Choplin has conducted several mass performances of his Easter and Christmas cantatas in Meymandi Auditorium (home to the NC Symphony) with over two hundred voices and full orchestra. Pepper is married and has three daughters.

## First Baptist Youth and Parents:

If you're like me, it's a little sad to see the summer end. And yet, I am excited about the fall and especially some of the good things happening at First Baptist—such as working with our youth. I hope that you are ready to get back into the swing of things.

In order for our youth ministry to be successful there is one key factor—**attendance!** If there are only one or two youth present, it is very difficult to have good conversation or to play fun games. The number one way you can support this ministry is to make sure your youth attends. I promise that if you get your youth here, we won't waste their time!

Here are a few reminders about youth group:

- Refuge is the name of our Sunday evening youth gathering, and it is open to all middle and high school students.
- Refuge meets from 6pm to 7:30pm.
- Youth are welcome and encouraged to bring friends.
- We engage in serious Bible study and faith formation.
- We always share a meal (most of the time there is no charge for this meal).
- Occasionally there are special events that require money, if money is ever an issue please let us know.
- We play fun, goofy games.
- If you need help with transportation let us know.
- We encourage youth to think seriously about their faith.
- We welcome questions and doubts.
- When it's time to be serious we collect their cell phones.
- If your youth has special needs (dietary or otherwise) please let us know.

-These are our expectations:

**Be Respectful** *Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31 (NRSV)*

No bullying/making fun/leaving folks out, etc. Use appropriate language. Only one person talks at a time. Place your phone in "cell jail" when it's time to be serious. No "smooching!"

**Be Faithful** *Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and love your neighbor as well as you do yourself. Luke 10:27 (The Message)*

Act like a follower of Jesus. Be kind, practice forgiveness, welcome strangers. Reflect God's love at church, home, and school. Attend Sunday School, Worship, and Refuge as often as possible.

**Have Fun** *I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.*

*John 10:10 (The Message)*

Play! Laugh! Participate! Bring a friend! For goodness sakes, have fun!

Looking forward to a great fall! (2015 fall schedule is on the next page)

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*Candy* Cell: 919.649.4502



## YOUTH FALL SCHEDULE 2015

(On SEE nights we begin our time with a meal in the upstairs of the Activity Building, so please drop your youth off upstairs. On non-SEE nights please drop your youth off downstairs.)

Oct 4	6pm, Refuge at the home of Robert and Margot Carter
Oct 11	6pm, Refuge (SEE night)
Oct 16 (FRI)	LOCK-in on White Oak Mountain, at the Fincher's Shed
Oct 18	4pm, Serve • Eat • Play at Harmon Field (Cropwalk, Potluck Meal, Games)
Oct 25	6pm, Refuge (SEE night)
Nov 1	6pm, Refuge Selfie-Scavenger Hunt
Nov 8	6pm, Refuge (SEE night)
Nov 15	6pm, Refuge at the home of Philip and Paula Edwards
Nov 22	No Refuge because of Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov 29	No Refuge because we do not meet on 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays
Dec 6	No Refuge because of the Annual Christmas Dinner
Dec 13	6pm, Christmas Party at the home of Jeff and Jodi Harris
Dec 20	3pm, Christmas Caroling (dinner at El Sureno to follow)
Dec 27	No Refuge over Christmas Break
Jan 10	Refuge resumes

## 2015 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

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

Sat, Oct 3	Mission Initiative/GraceItForward
Sun, Oct 4	World Communion Sunday, Baptism
Sun, Oct 11	Guy Sayles to lead Sunday School, Worship; SEE (5-6:30 pm)
Fri, Oct 16	Youth Lock-In, Fincher's Shed
Sun, Oct 18	Serve, Eat, Play event at Harmon Field
Sun, Oct 25	Pepper Choplin leading worship Fall Party for Children (P-S through grade 5) SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)
Sun, Nov 1	All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 8	SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)
Sun, Nov 22	Communion Sunday Community Thanksgiving Service at TFBC
Sun, Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent/"I Love My Church" Offering

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

Sun, Dec 6	Christmas Drama and Annual Christmas Meal
Sun, Dec 20	Caroling
Thu, Dec 24	5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY ACTIVITIES  
(UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) INCLUDE:**

Sundays	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
	6:00 pm	Refuge
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Bible Study (resumes September 16)
	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (resumes August 26)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (resumes August 19)

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

3rd Monday of each month:	6:30 pm	Brotherhood
1st Tuesday of each month:	10:00 am	WMU
2nd Tuesday of each month:	7:00 pm	Sisterhood (does not meet in summer)
3rd Tuesday of each month:	6:00 pm	Deacons
3rd Sunday of each month:	11:00 am	Food Pantry Collection

*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 Milestones

### October Sunday Schedules

#### *Deacons for October*

\*Shelvie Foust

JT Johnson

Phil Pleasants

Elizabeth Burrell

Jeff Miller (balcony)

*\*denotes Lead Deacon*

#### *Ushers for October*

Gigi Covil & Susan Smith (front)

Gary Nobles (hall)

Linda Martin (side)

#### *Acolytes for October*

10/4 No Acolytes—Communion

10/11 Verae Upton & Luke Walker

10/18 Ella Waldman & David Amitrano

10/25 StorieLane Whiteside & Hattie Jolly

#### *Children's Church Workers for October:*

10/4 TBA

10/11 Erin & Danny Fox

10/17 Ben & Amber McEntire

10/25 Cathy & JT Johnson

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Todd Johnson, who died on September 24, 2015. Todd's parents are Cathy and JT Johnson.

### Wedding Anniversaries

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

### September Birthdays

- 1 Kim McFarland, Abbott Georgia Scoggins ('13),  
Katie Denny ('12)
- 2 Hayden Blackwell ('06)
- 4 Jodi Harris
- 6 Johnny Taylor, Walt Gee
- 9 Lorraine McAtee
- 10 Kathyanne Harding
- 11 Kanah McCall ('09)
- 12 Kent Smith
- 16 Lane Price
- 17 Terry Bishop, Molly Justice ('09)
- 18 Joe Covil, Mary Greene, Alexandria Lobo ('97)
- 19 Lucas Scoggins
- 21 Brian Jones
- 22 Abigail Constance ('04)
- 23 Luke Miller ('05)
- 24 Rick McCallister, Caitlin Britton ('97)
- 26 Verae Upton ('04)
- 27 Eloise Johnson, Sally Jo Carter
- 28 Kim Cochran, Simms Harris ('09), Nicholas  
Stott, Luke Walker ('03)
- 29 Debbie Collins
- 30 Meredith Bremner