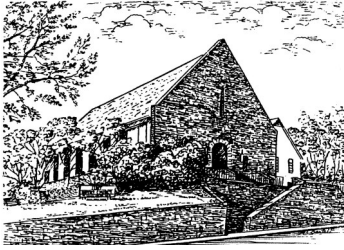


The Good News



September 2016



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Chat with the Preacher

I hope you've had a good summer.

As fall begins at First Baptist, I know you're ready to get back in the groove. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

-Our fall schedule goes full swing on September 11 with our SEE Kickoff and Kickball. Educational opportunities for all ages begin at 5pm. The Rock House group will study Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths*, while the Activity Building group will read Barbara Brown Taylor's *The Luminous Web*. At 6pm we'll gather for a cookout, and then at 6:30pm we'll play kickball. It'll be a blast.

-Wednesday morning Bible Study resumes September 14 at 10am. The group will explore *Romans*. So bring your Bible (and a side dish if you'd like to stay for lunch) and join us!

-On September 18, we will observe "Old-Fashioned" Sunday as part of our 125th Anniversary. Feel free to wear "old-fashioned" clothes (or not) as we sing popular hymns from the time period and remember our beginnings.

-We will celebrate The 125th Anniversary of First Baptist Tryon on Sunday, October 2 at 10:30am. This will be a beautiful time of worship, in which we give thanks for our heritage and focus toward God's call in the present and the future. We will end our worship by gathering at the Lord's table for Communion. After worship, we'll share a covered-dish meal in the Activity Building. This is an important day in the life of our congregation, and I hope you can make it.

-The #GraceItForward Mission Day is October 15. There are a variety of ways in which you can participate. You'll have an opportunity to sign up beginning this Sunday, September 4.

I'm looking forward to a great fall.

God has good things in store for us.

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

VBS –SURF SHACK

Here are a few photos from this year's Vacation Bible School, with our theme "Surf Shack". More photos are found on page 6.



S.E.E. KICKOFF & KICKBALL SEPTEMBER 11

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ACOLYTE TRAINING SEPTEMBER 11

There is Acolyte training at 5pm on Sunday, September 11. Children and Youth in grades 1-12 are invited to participate as Acolytes at First Baptist. Even if your child(ren) served as an Acolyte previously, everyone who will be serving is expected to attend this meeting.

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS

We're gearing up for our @GraceItForward Day, and September's Mission Focus is on planning activities, work projects, and in recruiting volunteers willing to commit themselves to community service on Saturday, October 15. There will be jobs and activities for all ages—some building and repair work, yard work, nursing home visitation, handing out McDonald's gift certificates, and giving folks change for the local laundromat. Please prayerfully consider how you can spend your time and talents to benefit our community. More information will follow.

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.



REMINDER:
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 FOR THE
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 4

During the Quarterly Church Conference on July 31st, a copy of the by-laws, with proposed changes, was distributed to the congregation. An ad hoc committee including Stephen Brady, Phil Feagan, Billy McFarland, and the Board of Deacons met to make corrections, deletions, and additions. We will vote in a specially-called church conference immediately following worship on the 4th of September. If you did not receive a copy of the by-laws, they are available in the church office.

FIRST BAPTIST HISTORY PRESENTATION SEPTEMBER 6

Elizabeth Burrell will present a program about the history of First Baptist Tryon, at the Polk County Historical Society, 60 Walker Street, Columbus. The program is September 6, at 2:30pm.

WOODCUTTING AT THERMAL BELT OUTREACH, SEPT 10

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 is September 10, from 8:30am until noon. We'll do this until there's no more wood to split.

CHOIR RETREAT SEPTEMBER 17

The choir will meet Saturday, September 17, from 10am until 3pm. We'll practice our Anniversary music, and start Christmas music. Lunch is provided. Come get a head start!

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OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY



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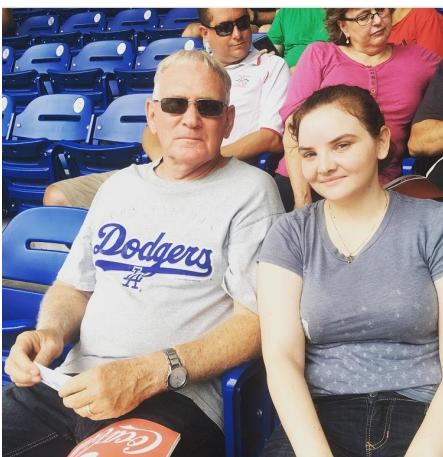
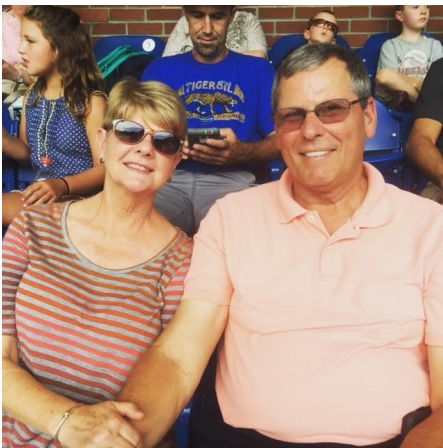
ACTIVITY BUILDING WORKDAY SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 24

First Baptist's 125th Anniversary Celebration is fast approaching, and we'll be celebrating with a meal on Sunday, October 2. For that reason, we need folks who are willing to come and help give the Activity Building a good 'sprucing-up.' We'll meet around 8:30 on Saturday, September 24, and end at noon.

ASHEVILLE TOURISTS BASEBALL GAME AUGUST 7



Even though the game was rained out halfway through, our church family enjoyed a Sunday Sabbath opportunity outdoors. All are able to enjoy a make-up game at a later date.



Vacation Bible School 2016: Great Time!!

Vacation Bible School was held August 1-4 at First Baptist and was a huge success. We began every evening with an opening in the sanctuary, which was transformed into a Surf Shack. "Skipper" Michael Baughman and Snappy, the Crab (Puppeteer Laura Spinks) spent time with us and introduced each evening's activities. Our evenings were filled with Bible stories, crafts, games, music, snacks, and missions. We learned how God creates, loves, calms and sends. Thursday night parents and families of the VBS participants joined us in the sanctuary for a time of introduction, the Bible Story and a closing session. This was followed by a time of fellowship as we shared in a low country boil and banana pudding in the Activity Building. Thanks to Paula and Phillip Edwards for preparing and serving the meal and for doing clean-up afterward.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this week happen. We could not have pulled it off without so many helpful volunteers who gave of their time, talents, patience, and sense of humor! Thanks to those of you who helped provide supplies, food, and financial resources. I have listed many of your names below; but, it is not an exhaustive list because so much was done by so many behind the scenes and often, without my knowledge or my request.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate what I have said previously...Not only are we, as a community, a part of the village raising the children in our area, but, we are contributing to their spiritual growth by working together as a team to offer them the opportunity to participate in the ministries we offer here at First Baptist.

In God's service with you, Candy

SURF SHACK TEAM for VBS 2016

Registration Coordinator:	Sadie McKaig
Nightly Check-in:	Diane Guffey, Sadie McKaig, Cathy Johnson
Decorations:	Dan Kimble, Mona Kimble, Randi Koistinen, Jodi Harris
Surf Shack Assemblies:	Skipper (Michael Baughman) and Snappy (puppet—Laura Spinks)
Preschool Pier:	Jodi Harris and Susan Smith, co-leaders
Preschool Team:	Kathy Ashley, Carrie Donahue, Jeff Harris, Linda Martin
Craft Hut:	Peggy Edwards and Rayella Dusenbury
Story Deck:	Stephanie Mathis
Recreation Station:	Angela Radaker and Diane Cothran
Mission Cabana:	Di Greene and Judy Lair
Snack Island:	Randi Koistinen
Dismissal:	Di Greene, Candy Wilson, Sadie McKaig, Randi Koistinen
Publicity:	Olivia Whiteside, Ellis Fincher
Tech Support:	Dan Kimble
Tech Assistant:	Jeff Harris
Supplies:	Marian Corn, Eloise Johnson
Photos:	Diane Cothran
Celebration Meal:	Paula and Phillip Edwards
Consulting and Assisting:	Cathy Johnson, John Spinks
Youth Assistant:	Caleb Anagnos
Parking Lot/Crossing Guards:	Dick Wilson, Phillip Pleasants
Lifeguards (for elementary ages):	Carol Batts, Cindy Dusenbury, Ellis Fincher, Linda Fincher, Shelvie Foust, Kay Greene, Cathy Johnson, Mona Kimble, Linda Ligon, Alice Tennant, Olivia Whiteside

PASSPORTKIDS! SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Six children were the recipients of a camp scholarship to PassportKids! at Converse College in Spartanburg. The children presented testimony about their camp participation during morning worship. We are grateful for the fellowship and learning they experienced at camp.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 —"SURF SHACK"



CHILDREN'S CHOIR/PARENTS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 18

Children who are in grades 1-5 are invited to join the children's choir. Our first time together is Sunday, September 18, at 5:00pm. The choir will practice every week. There's a meeting for the parents of choir kids at 4:30pm on September 18. Parents, please plan to attend this meeting as we kick off a new season of singing.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Kid's Night Out

Sept. 23

6PM-9PM

K-5th
GRADE, YOU'RE
INVITED TO THE
FUN!

RSVP by Sunday 9/18/16

Hurry! Turn
in your forms,
there's only
room for 20!

Tryon First
Baptist
Activity Bldg.

Parents, September 23 is your chance to get away for dinner, a date, a movie, or just be kid-free for the evening! The Mission Team will be sponsoring a "Kid's Night Out" on Friday, September 23, from 6pm-9pm in the Activity Building. There are games and activities for children in kindergarten to grade five. Only twenty spots are available, so it's first-come, first-served. For more information, contact Carol Batts (or members of the Mission Team). Forms for the RSVP are in the church office. Please sign up by September 18!

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!

We'll go fishing at these times and places, and hope that you can join us:

Sept 25 White Oak Mountain, 2-5pm

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
or by texting Jeff Harris at 828.899.1386
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), 6pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study, 10am Handbell Rehearsal, 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.

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—#GraceltForward Mission Day Planning

Sun, Sep 11	SEE (5-6:30 pm)
Sun, Sep 25	SEE (5-6:30 pm)

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 23	SEE, 5pm Children's Fall Party (P-S through grade 5)
Sun, Oct 30	I Love My Church Offering (collected on fifth Sundays) Quarterly Church Conference

NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS – Coat drive; Shoe Boxes

Sun, Nov 6	All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 13	SEE, 5pm
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

September Sunday Schedules

Deacons for September

*Danny Fox
Sharon Burrell
Phillip Feagan
Beth McCallister
Ed Justice

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for September

Brian & Jennifer Jones (front)
Gigi Covil (hall)
Lou Rossi (side)

Acolytes for September

9/4 Katie Cothran & Jonathon Edwards
9/11 Laney Littlefield & Jack Fox
9/18 Elliott Whiteside & Olivia Miller
9/25 Katie Cothran & Luke Walker

Children's Church Workers for September

9/4 Linda & Ellis Fincher
9/11 Stephanie Mathis
9/18 Cindy Dusenbury
9/25 Danny & Erin Fox

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Stanley Bishop, who died July 20.

SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

Wedding Anniversaries

10 Charles & Lib McKeller
11 Lewis & Georgie Hawkins
12 Eric & Melinda Walker
13 Andrew & Riley Harding
15 Bob & Judy Lair
24 Jimmy & Donna Littlefield

Birthdays

1 Robert Earl Arledge, Lawson Carter ('05), Edward Justice, Don Ponder, Adam Nobles
3 Sue Thompson
5 Jimmy Littlefield
6 Di Greene, Andrew Lair ('97)
7 Amber Fincher McEntire
8 Trey Fincher
9 Marilyn Kimbrell
10 Ray Hudson
12 Doris Maxwell, Anne Tauber
14 Izabella Jackson ('02), Mason Harris, Alice Prince, Sarah Prince
15 Ruth Cantrell, Peggy Constance, Eric McKaig
16 Joan Feagan, Charles McKeller
19 Elizabeth Burrell
25 Jack Fox ('07)
26 Robert Carter, Cheryl Roach-Taylor
28 Franklin McKaig
30 Ian Stafford ('06), Laura Smith

College Birthdays

28 Emily Brady

Military Birthdays

19 Sarah Stillinger ('06)