



First Baptist Church of Tryon

The Good News

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CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

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Sunday School 10 am

Worship 11 am

Church Office Hours

Mon/Tue/Thurs 9am to 3 pm

Wed 12pm to 4 pm

As summer winds down, I want to unveil our new fall schedule. Sunday Evening Ecclesia (SEE) has traditionally focused on young adults, youth, and children. This fall, we are expanding SEE to include educational opportunities for **all** ages. It is my hope that these increased opportunities for education and fellowship assist in our growth as faithful disciples. Besides, it's fun to share meaningful conversation and food. I hope to see you there!

Adults will have two options from which to choose:

The Parables of Jesus (is a Bible study focused on some well known and not so well known parables) Activity Building

You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times by Max Lucado (Based on the story of Joseph, the study lays out seven steps for surviving the trials of life) Rock House

Here are the fall dates for SEE (5-6:30pm):

Sept 8 and 22

Oct 13 and 27

Nov 10

Classes meet from 5-6,

Meal is from 6-6:30pm (donation suggested)

Also, it is important to note that the Children's Choir (grades 1-5) will meet every Sunday night at 5pm. This means on SEE nights the Children's Choir will meet from 5-5:30, and the Preschool Choir will meet from 5:30-6. On SEE nights children and preschoolers will also participate in thirty minutes of fun activities when they are not in choir.

It's going to be a great fall!

Peace,

-Jeff

AUGUST SCHEDULES

DEACONS FOR AUGUST

*Ellis Fincher, Jr.

Marian Corn

Sue Thompson

Ron Frady

Mike Greene (balcony)

*Denotes Lead Deacon

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Linda Martin & Christy McCall (front)

Rick McCallister (side)

Hilda Pleasants (hall)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS—AUGUST

4 Carey Metcalf

11 Erin & Danny Fox

18 Amber & Ben McEntire

25 Cathy & TJ Johnson

SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 12 MISSION INITIATIVE

We need your help as we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ in Polk County. Details are coming soon!

CHURCH MISSION FOR AUGUST

The WMU is the sponsor of the Church wide mission outreach for August which is school supplies for Tryon Elementary. Group 1 selected this outreach because the children have supplies at the beginning of the school year but as the year progresses, the school runs out of supplies to give to the children that need assistance. Supplies needed are: wide ruled paper, #2 pencils, two pocket folders with no rings but with punch holes, non-spiraled composition book, boxes of tissue and disinfectant wipes. The number one need throughout the year is notebook paper. Boxes for collection of the supplies is located in the Lair Sunday school room.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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2 Rick & Beth McCallister
 7 Bernard & Peggy Edwards
 9 Bud & Georgia Pace
 11 Chuck & Denise Britton
 12 Robert & Ruth Ann Arledge
 15 Darryl & Doris Maxwell
 16 Keith & Debbie Collins
 18 Joe & Frances Wray
 19 Ron & Sandy Frady
 19 Phillip & Hilda Pleasants
 26 Joe & Gigi Covil
 27 Fred & Shirley Edwards

19 Buffy Blackwell
 19 Carol Hickey
 23 Kathy Ashley
 23 Debby Covil
 23 Rena Henderson
 23 Gabriel McKaig ('12)
 24 Martha Covil
 24 Hannah Emory ('00)
 24 Michael Tennant ('01)
 25 Geoff Tennant
 26 Evan Jones ('04)
 28 Lewis Hawkins
 28 Reva Williams
 29 Jan Ponder
 30 Steve Stott
 31 Perry Tennant ('12)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Scout Fox ('11)
 3 James Bodie
 3 Missy Fincher
 3 Emily Prince
 6 Elliott Whiteside ('04)
 8 Jan Rasmussen
 8 Anna Feagan
 9 Shannon Bishop
 11 Skyler Covil ('08)
 14 Jane Edwards
 15 Mona Kimble
 16 Sophie Maxwell ('00)
 17 Lainey Littlefield ('07)
 18 Lane Covil ('11)

MILITARY BIRTHDAYS

16 Sharon (Mrs. Randall) Stilliger
 16 Kellie (Mrs. Tracy) Payne
 29 Lauren Santa ('01)

STUDENT BIRTHDAY

21 Amanda DeFisher

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!

UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

8/4	SS, Worship, Lord's Supper, WNCBF picnic	8/14	Bible Study class to Green River Plantation, Bell choir rehearsal (6pm), Chancel choir (7pm)
8/5	Staff meeting (10:30am), Mission Team (7pm)		
8/6	WMU Group 1 (10:30am) in Lair SS Room, Family Life meeting 5pm (Rock House)	8/18	SS, Worship. Parents of children through 5th grade lunch and meeting after worship
8/7	Bell choir rehearsal (6pm), Chancel choir (7pm)	8/19	Staff Meeting (10:30am), Brotherhood (6:30pm)
8/11	SS, Worship, Gibson Pool party (5-7pm), wiffle ball game at 4pm	8/20	Deacons Meeting (Rock House), 7pm
8/12	Staff meeting (10:30am)	8/21	Bell choir rehearsal (6pm), Chancel choir (7pm)
8/13	Carowinds—children and parents, NO Sisterhood	8/25	Christian Education Sunday (Promotion Day) 8/26 Staff meeting (10:30am)
		8/28	Bell choir rehearsal (6pm), Chancel choir (7pm)

NOTES FROM CANDY



God speaks to me through all kinds of music—but especially through hymns. One of my primary areas of interest in seminary was hymnology—the study of hymns. The “official” definition of the Hymn Society is: “A Christian Hymn is a lyric poem, reverently and devotionally conceived, which is designed to be sung and which expresses the worshipper’s attitude toward God or God’s purposes in human life. It should be simple and metrical in form, genuinely emotional, poetic and literary in style, spiritual in quality, and in its ideas so direct and so immediately apparent as to unify a congregation while singing it.”

I continue to find hymnody to be one of the areas in which I find meaning: encouragement from those who have gone before me and from those who are also my contemporaries, words of wisdom about the nature of God and the loving-kindness of Jesus, and a call to draw nearer to the community of faith as we seek to share the love of God with others. Because of the connection I feel to hymnody, the hymnal is often my source of devotional thoughts and encouragement.

One of my favorite hymns is “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” by Isaac Watts, which was probably written in the early 1700s. Many hymns are based on specific scriptures and this particular hymn is based on Galatians 6:14-18. I believe it communicates to us about the grace of God. The words to the hymn may not be as familiar to everyone as they are to me so I have quoted it here for your appreciation:

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

The first stanza emphasizes that everything we have and are is exposed in the light of God’s love demonstrated on the cross. The hymn goes on to highlight that it is okay to be human, God became human and experiences our hurt and pain.

The concluding stanza brings home the full message of the hymn by pointing out that we must become aware of God’s attitude toward each of us. Something happened concretely at the cross. Dr. Eric Rust, well-known hymnologist of the 20th century, said “Christ’s death is a window to the heart of God.” I cannot be as I have been when I recognize and see how much God loves me. We see how much God loves us and that love draws us to God. Christ reveals to us the depths of God’s love. We are drawn to God through Christ. The final part of the last stanza underscores that we give our lives to God because God has given life to us—that’s grace!

Gracious God, lover of our souls, whose love is offered to us whether we know it or not, may we let down our barriers and open ourselves to receive your presence. And in receiving your presence grow in the grace to give ourselves fully as did your son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

-Candy

YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday Evening Youth Gatherings (**Refuge**) are postponed until Sunday, Sept. 8. But don't fret, there's good stuff happening before then:

Aug. 4 - Youth go to WNCBF picnic in Asheville to "hang out" and play volleyball with other youth from around Western NC. (Leave from the church at 3pm) . There's a cookout, the youth volleyball tournament, live music, and fellowship for all ages. All are invited, and are encouraged to bring a donation of a dessert.

Aug. 11 - End-of-summer bash at Gibson Park Pool, Columbus, from 5-7 pm. There will be a wiffle-ball game at 4 pm,; then, as the pool opens at 5pm, we'll also have a delicious dinner provided by Chuck Britton. Come and join us—you can bring a lawn chair if you wish.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER EVENT

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Tuesday, August 13th—FBC KIDS and PARENTS DAY AT CAROWINDS—FBC Children's trip to Carowinds is **Tuesday, August 13**. Tickets are \$30, and first- graders and under must be accompanied by a parent. We will leave the church at 9 am. We will not use the waterpark at Carowinds.

PICNIC AT CARL SANDBURG HOME

On Saturday, July 20, our children went with their parents and Rev. Candy Wilson to an event at the Carl Sandburg Home near Flat Rock. The children saw a play entitled "Rootabaga Tales" which was written by Carl Sandburg for his own children. The group then had a picnic and toured the grounds. Pictures are by Erin Fox.



BIBLE STUDY CLASS SUMMER OUTINGS

While we are taking a break from Bible Study this summer, we will be going on a few outings.

August 14—Green River Plantation

September 4—Bible Study Resumes

UPCOMING REFUGE EVENTS

Jeff Harris and Candace Wilson will be working with the Refuge group and have some exciting things slated for this fall when we meet again on September 8. Start putting these activities on your schedule now!

- Sept. 8** Refuge, 6pm cookout and SEE Kick-off
- Sept. 15** Refuge, 6pm (at Harris')
- Sept. 22** Refuge, 6pm
- Sept. 29** No Refuge (Refuge will not meet on Fifth Sundays)
- Oct. 6** Hiking Trip to DuPont State Forest, immediately after worship
- Oct. 12** Mission Initiative, 8am (this is a mission/service opportunity)
- Oct. 13** Refuge, 6pm
- Oct. 20** Refuge, 6pm Bingo at White Oak (another mission/service opportunity)
- Oct 25-27** Youth Fall Retreat
- Oct. 27** No Refuge
- Nov. 3** Refuge, 6pm
- Nov. 10** Refuge, 6pm (at Edwards')
- Nov. 24** No Refuge
- Dec. 1** Refuge Christmas Progressive Dinner, 4:30pm
- Dec. 8** Annual Christmas Meal
- Dec. 15** Christmas Caroling, 5pm
- Dec. 22** No Refuge
- Dec. 29** No Refuge