



First Baptist Church of Tryon

The Good News

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Worship

Sunday School 10 am

Worship 11 am

Refuge/Sunday Evening Ekklesia 5 pm

Office Hours

Mon/Tue/Thurs 9am to 3 pm

Wed 12pm to 4 pm

CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

As grateful as I am for cold watermelon on this Independence Day, I am even more grateful for the gift of religious liberty. In the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution we are told, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

J. Brent Walker, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, explains, "The First Amendment has two religion clauses which protect religious liberty, but by different means. The Establishment Clause ("Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion") keeps government from advancing or privileging any religion or religion in general. The second clause, the Free Exercise Clause ("or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"), keeps government from interfering with religious practice absent some paramount governmental interest such as peace, safety, or public health and welfare."

Most Christians unanimously celebrate the Free Exercise Clause, but when it comes to the No Establishment Clause, the reviews are mixed. The reality, however, is that you cannot have one without the other. True religious liberty requires that the church (or synagogue, or mosque) be separate from the state.

The Virginia Baptist preacher, John Leland (1754-1841), offered this prophetic wisdom about the separation of church and state, "Experience...has informed us that the fondness of magistrates to foster Christianity has done it more harm than all the persecutions ever did." Leland understood that authentic Christian faith flourishes best without the help of the government.

This is why Leland recently rolled over in his grave when two N.C. legislators introduced a resolution declaring that the state has the right to establish an official religion. Thankfully, North Carolina's Speaker of the House of Representatives would not allow a vote from the full house, essentially killing the bill. We Christians do enough damage to the faith on our own; surely, we do not need the government's help.

The Christian imperative of loving one's neighbor requires (or at least it should) that we extend religious liberty to all people. Leland summarized the issue, "The notion of a Christian commonwealth should be exploded forever. ... Government should protect every man in thinking and speaking freely, and see that one does not abuse another. The liberty I contend for is more than toleration. The very idea of toleration is despicable; it supposes that some have a pre-eminence above the rest to grant indulgence, whereas all should be equally free, Jews, Turks, Pagans and Christians."

I suggest we explode a couple of fireworks this evening in honor of John Leland, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and all the other wise souls who fought for religious liberty. More needed than fireworks, however, are people willing to advocate for religious liberty. We need people—of all faiths and no faith—standing together to ensure the gift of religious liberty for generations to come.

Now, would you please pass that watermelon?

-Jeff

JULY SCHEDULES

DEACONS FOR JULY

*Phillip Feagan
Sharon Burrell
Howard Greene
Billy McFarland
David Thompson (balcony)

*Denotes Lead Deacon

ACOLYTES FOR JULY

7 Caleb Anagnos, Ashlyn Green
14 Lawson Carter, Verae Upton
21 Jonathon Edwards, Ella Waldman
28 Wilson Edwards, Sydney Waldman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS—JULY

USHERS FOR JULY

Tommy Burrell, Sharon Burrell (front)
Gigi Covil (side)
Joyce Scoggins (hall)

7 Susan Smith
14 Linda Martin
21 Beth & Rick McCallister
28 Hilda & Phil Pleasants

YOUTH AND ADULT COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL

“So, you’re a Baptist . . . ”

During this month, adults and youth, grades 6-12, will gather for a combined Sunday School experience in the activity building. **“So, you’re a Baptist . . . ”** will explore the good, bad, and the ugly of being a Baptist. In an increasing post-denominational age, when folks know very little about their denominational heritage, and could care about it even less, it is important to understand the unique history and contributions of our Baptist kinfolk. Please join us for this time of education and fellowship.

July 7 Grassroots Faith

July 14 Glory Be . . .

July 21 Go therefore and make disciples

July 28 God nor government coerces faith

WMU MISSION FOR JULY

WMU Group 1 mission project for July is to bring the non-perishable food items requested by Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry for this particular month. These items are: Pork & Beans, Mayonnaise, Tuna, Corn, and Pancake Mix. All can goods should be 14-15 ounces. By donating these requested items, Thermal Belt Outreach will be able to stretch the funds received to serve more Polk County residents in need. Box to collect this food is located in the Lair Sunday School classroom.



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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1 Jimmy & Cathy Campbell
 1 Harold & Ruth Taylor
 3 Dick & Anne Tauber
 8 Ethan & Renae Waldman
 12 Geoff & Alice Tennant
 12 Jeff & Jodi Harris
 16 Jerry & Lorraine McAtee
 18 JT & Cathy Johnson
 23 Skip & Reva Williams
 24 Phil & Joyce Scoggins
 26 Mark & Laura Smith
 28 Billy & Kim McFarland
 30 Charles & Dee Huneycutt
 31 Hub & Joyce Arledge

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 Evelyn Bradley
 4 Ruth Taylor
 5 Ashlyn Green ('01)
 5 Jerry McAtee
 6 Kayla Tennant ('99)
 5 Jarrett Culbreth
 9 Ron Frady
 9 David Thompson
 9 StorieLane Whiteside ('06)
 10 Evan Maxwell ('95)
 11 Jeff Harris
 12 Ellis Fincher, Jr.
 12 Olivia Miller ('08)
 13 Nancy Britton
 13 Justin Covil
 13 Shea Snow ('00)

17 Alice Tennant
 18 Brent Scoggins
 19 Shelvie Foust
 20 Annette Stafford
 21 Pat H. Brown
 22 Jordan Covil
 23 Trish Culbreth
 25 Louise Radford
 26 Donna Ziegler-Barnette
 29 Ellie Eichler
 31 Belle McFarland
 31 Keith Collins
 31 Gingi Green
 31 Oakley Whiteside ('09)

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

9 Jordan Stratford

MILITARY PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

2 Randy Stillinger
 24 Tom Santa

MILITARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

2 Tracy & Kellie Payne

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 JULY EVENTS

7/1 Staff meeting, 10:30 am, NO Mission Team mtg.	7/17 NO bell or chancel choir rehearsal
7/2 WMU Group 1, 10:00am	7/20 Children/Parents picnic—Carl Sandburg Home (see Children's Summer Events for details, pg. 6)
7/3 NO bell or chancel choir rehearsal	
7/7 One Room SS 10:30am, Worship 11am, Refuge 5pm (movie night)	7/21 One Room SS 10:30am, Worship 11am, Refuge 5pm (H2O war)
7/8 NO staff meeting	7/22 Staff meeting, 10:30am
7/9 NO Sisterhood (summer hiatus)	7/24 Bible Study Class trip to Pretty Place in Greenville
7/10 NO bell or chancel choir rehearsal	7/28 One Room SS 10:30am, Worship 11am, Quarterly Church Conference 12pm, Refuge 5pm
7/14 One Room SS 10:30am, Worship 11am, Refuge	7/29 Staff meeting 10:30am
7/15 Staff meeting 10:30am, Brotherhood 6:30pm	7/31 NO bell rehearsal, Choir party 7 pm (bring a dish or snack to share)
7/16 NO Deacons Meeting	

NOTES FROM CANDY



I cannot believe summer is upon us! For some time, the Education Committee has been planning toward a Sunday School experience that will be a little bit different during the summer. It is our hope that you will take advantage of these unique opportunities every week you are in town this summer!

Preschool Sunday School

Children through Kindergarten age will remain in their regular Sunday School classes during the summer. It is very important for that age group to have consistency so we decided not to change things up on them for the summer.

Children's Summer Sunday School

We are going to have a "One Room Sunday School" for children grades 1-5 (completed). There will be different activities for different age levels and the older children can help the younger children with some of the activities. The teachers will be Buffy Blackwell, Diane Cothran, Mona Kimball, and Paula Edwards. We are asking the parents of children in grades 1-5 to take turns helping out. We hope this will prove to be a nice intergenerational learning experience for all involved.

Youth and Adult Sunday School

During the month of July the youth and adults will combine Sunday School classes in order to share together in a large group led by Rev. Harris. This will give the teachers a bit of a vacation as well as an opportunity to participate in a different way while also giving the students an opportunity to be in a class led by the pastor. This should prove to be yet another sort of intergenerational learning experience.

I am looking forward to sharing the summer with you. If you have any questions about Sunday School or other educational opportunities, please contact Alice Tenant or me.

See you in Sunday School!

-Candy

REFUGE CALENDAR



REFUGE SCHEDULE

July 7 Refuge (we will go to a movie this week)

July 14th-20th (Whiteside Family at Beach - guest speaker for Refuge 7/14)

July 21 Refuge w/ Event (H2O War)

July 28 Refuge

Aug 4 Refuge

Aug 11 End of Summer Bach at Gibson Park w/ Congregation

Aug 18 Refuge

The youth of our church are looking forward to the summer and a break from the hectic school year. On June 2, we held a pizza fundraiser and \$900 was donated. Refuge assisted with Vacation Bible School (June 17-20th). Sunday, June 23rd we departed for a week of missions work and camp fun to Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

Passport Camp is always a great week to grow closer to the Lord, to grow closer as a group, and show God's love to our neighbors. I know that I am always very excited about this week!

We appreciate all of the support of our church family and ask for your continued prayer.

—Joey Whiteside

EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR—VBS

During the week of June 17-21, Tryon First Baptist came alive with the sounds of VBS. This year the theme was “Everywhere Fun Fair—Where God’s World Comes Together.” Our VBS children ‘traveled’ to Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, and Mexico to learn about our neighbors around the world. We learned that neighbors are caring, loving, and welcoming. Many thanks are given for the 40+ teachers, volunteers, and helpers who gave their time and talents to making this a very successful Vacation Bible School. On the last day, the children (and adults) were treated to pizza and a ‘water park’ set up in the Activity Building parking lot.



BUNDLES OF JOY!



On Sunday, June 9, the ladies and girls of Tryon First Baptist hosted a baby shower for Jodi Harris. Fruit salad, dessert, and punch were served while Jodi opened gifts. Diapers and wipes were the featured items, and the Harris' are pretty sure they will have enough diapers until Harper and Simms are in High School. The church family is excited for a new "PK" to arrive early in July. Many thanks to Olivia White-side, Debbie Collins, and Cheryl Roach for providing refreshments, for Erin Fox keeping track of gifts as they were opened, and for being such gracious hostesses.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER EVENTS

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Saturday, July 20th--Children and Parent Day at Carl Sandburg Home: bring your own picnic and we will have fun together exploring the grounds—we will not tour the home as a group; but, if you would like to take the tour, the cost is \$5.00 for adults, children through age 15 are free.

Tuesday, August 13th—FBC KIDS and PARENTS DAY AT CAROWINDS—Why are we going on a Tuesday? Because it will be too crowded on the weekend! We are giving you advance notice so you can make your plans accordingly. The more kids and parents who attend, the more fun we will have. If you have any questions, please contact Renae Waldman or Candy Wilson.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS SUMMER OUTINGS



While we are taking a break from Bible Study this summer, we will be going on a few outings. Here's the schedule:

July 24—The Pretty Place, Greenville

August 14—Green River Plantation

September 4—Bible Study Resumes

STOP HUNGER NOW

Many folks from Tryon First Baptist Church showed up to the Polk County High School on June 22, to help the Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation pack food for residents of Haiti. Funds were raised ahead of time, in order to buy the supplies for the pre-packaged meals. With two shifts and lots of volunteers, over twenty-four thousand meals were put together that day. We are grateful for the opportunity for community outreach with numerous organizations in Polk County.



MISS RUBY CELEBRATES



June 27 was a red-letter day for Miss Ruby Jones—she celebrated her 90th birthday in style, as Linda Fincher and Elizabeth Burrell hosted a luncheon in her honor. Many friends and former co-workers came to celebrate with Ruby as she enjoyed her presents—and your “presence.” We are grateful for her life, and grateful for her to be a member of this church family.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We recently received several new members into the Church Family of First Baptist Tryon, and we are happy that they have chosen to be a part of our congregation.

Jerry and Lorraine McAtee have been visiting us for several months, and come by Letter of Transfer from Quail Springs Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK.

We also welcome Ed and Nancy Britton, who are joining as associate members from Flemington Baptist Church in New Jersey. (You may know Ed and Nancy as Chuck Britton's parents.)

Please greet these folks and welcome them into the congregation of First Baptist when you see them.

WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations to Casey Collins and Mason Harris, who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 29th.

Casey, an RN employed by Spartanburg Regional Hospital, is the daughter of Keith and Debbie Collins. Mason's parents are Rick and Denna Harris, and he works for Renfrow Brothers in Spartanburg, where is a Field Engineer/Project Manager. They will reside in Boiling Springs, SC.

We wish them all the best as they continue on life's journey together.