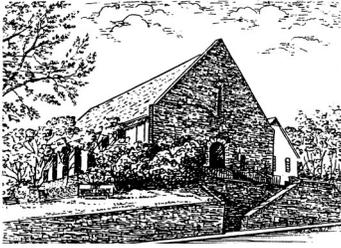


The Good News



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Chat With the Preacher

I'm enjoying the summer, and hope you are as well. We are, however, nearing the end of the summer vacation season. Time flies when you're having fun. Here's a quick recap:

Several of us had a great time backpacking the Roan Highlands in June. The trip allowed us an opportunity to experience Sabbath rest, enjoy the beauty of creation, and get to know each other better. We are already planning next year's excursion.

A couple of weeks ago, a group of us traveled to Abingdon, VA to watch *Welcome Back to Ivy Gap*. The comedy, which focused on the happenings of First Baptist Church of Ivy Gap, had us laughing so hard our sides were hurting.

This past week thirty-three of us went to Carowinds. We rode rides without much of a wait, ate overpriced fast food, and (besides headache and nausea from some roller coasters) had a great time.

For the last few years, I have heard folks fondly recall Tryon FBC camping trips. So after several years of hiatus we are going camping. We're heading to Orchard Lake Campground for the weekend of Aug 15-17.

There are several ways to be a part of this weekend. You can camp (RV, tent, or cabin) for the whole weekend. This is a great opportunity for one last summer getaway. You won't even have to cook, just bring your tent and your appetite, and enjoy a weekend in the mountains. If camping is not your thing, then you can join us on Saturday for a day of fun and barbeque. And if you can't make it on Friday or Saturday, you can join us for worship on Sunday morning at 10am.

There are lots of activities at Orchard Lake, but the most enjoyable part of the weekend will be spending time together with your FBC family. We see each other most weeks, but there is not much time to enjoy each other's company on Sundays. That's why a weekend like this is important. We get a chance to know each other in a different way. We get a chance to experience "communion" in the truest sense of the word. So I hope you'll join us.

You can find the details on page 7 in the newsletter.

Let's go camping,

Jeff



WNCBF Summer Picnic

Join your friends at Asheville's Recreation Park & Pool, 69 Gashes Creek Rd, Asheville, for our Summer Gathering Picnic. We'll enjoy a time of food, fellowship, and live music as we gather together on Sunday, August 3, from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Barbecue will be provided (cost is \$7). Live music will be provided by Jim McCoy and friends.

WMU and Church-Wide Mission Focus

WMU's mission outreach for August is to support the Church-wide mission which will provide school supplies for Tryon Elementary. Supplies needed throughout the school year are: wide-ruled **notebook paper**, #2 **pencils**, two-pocket **folders** with no rings but with punch holes, non-spiraled **composition books**, **glue sticks**, **highlighters**, **tissues**, and disinfectant **wipes**. The number one need throughout the year is **notebook paper**. Boxes for collection of the supplies are located in the Lair Sunday School room.

All ladies are invited to join us the first Tuesday of the month, 10am, at the church for refreshments, fellowship and a short program about missions.

-submitted by Shelvie Foust

Newsletter Submissions

All persons are welcome (and encouraged) to submit articles and pictures for the Good News. Please e-mail or get a copy of what you desire to see to the church office by the 18th of the month.

Worship at Harmon Field



This year our *outside worship* experience will be **September 28** at Harmon Field. Please plan to participate in this meaningful worship service in a corner of God's beautiful world. Invite a friend, bring chairs and a favorite dish to share for lunch.

Bible Class

Bible Class resumes **September 10**. We will meet at 10:00am in the Activity Building for a time of **study, fellowship** and the **best covered dish lunch** in town! Please bring a friend and join us for studies in the Old Testament.

Summer Schedule Changes

The **Mission Team** and **Sisterhood** will not meet in August.

Bell Choir rehearsals resume August 13.

Chancel Choir will resume their practice on August 6. The Bell Choir meets at 6pm, and the Chancel Choir at 7pm.

Carowinds Trip



Tryon First Baptist Church had a successful day at Carowinds on Tuesday, July 22 with a total of 33 children and adults in attendance.

The church decided to take a different approach this year and charter a bus to Charlotte, which ended up being much less stressful than carpooling and parking as in previous years.

Jeff Harris offered prayers for a safe trip and despite rain all the way to Charlotte, the rains stopped for a near perfect day with low crowds and brief wait times for rides.

Groups split up and rode rides from the time the park opened until 5 p.m. Children joined parents and grandparents to ride all Carowinds had to offer.

Each group discussed different experiences throughout the day and on the bus, from riding the classic Gold Rush and ThunderRoad rollercoasters, to the newest coaster, the Intimidator, to the Windseeker, the tallest ride ever constructed at Carowinds, which takes riders 301 feet in the air, to riding the loops of the Carolina Cyclone, to getting soaked on Whitewater Falls.

At least one brave soul, Danny Fox, rode the Rip Cord, which hoisted him 153 feet in the air. He then pulled a ripcord that plunged him into a 50-foot free fall flight at 60 mph. The groups met for lunch in the afternoon at Chick-fil-A for a break. At that time some groups switched in order to socialize with different people.

Following a downpour around 4:30 p.m., the groups reconvened at the entrance and stopped near Shelby for dinner at Zaxby's and McDonald's. Most of the children said they had a great day and can't wait to do it again

Thanks to First Baptist Church of Tryon for organizing and providing for a low cost day of fun!

-submitted by Leah Justice

2015 Nominating Committee

Sunday, July 27, the board of deacons presented the following to serve on the **TFBC 2015 Nominating Committee: Elizabeth Burrell, Trey Dusenbury, Shelvie Foust, Erin Fox, Jerry McAtee and Susan Smith.** The committee was approved with a unanimous vote by the congregation. When you are contacted, please prayerfully consider serving.

Mission Initiative

SAVE THE DATE—October 4

Scholarship Thanks

Please check the bulletin board in the Sunday School foyer to read the thank you notes we have received from our scholarship recipients. We always want to thank Mary Goodwin for having the insight years ago to establish the Scholarship Fund in memory of her husband and her two sons. This has been a tremendous asset to our church family.

-submitted by Joyce Scoggins

Barter Theatre Trip



On July 17th, when our Church group left for Abingdon, Va., we could not have asked for a more beautiful day. Our comfortable ride through the beautiful mountains was a worthwhile trip in itself. Abingdon is a historic town with great architecture and beautiful flowers. We walked off a little of our delicious lunch before we went to the Barter Theatre to see the play "Welcome Back to Ivy Gap". Since this was a comedy about the happenings at the First Baptist Church in Ivy Gap, we all had side pains from laughter when we left the theatre. We are not admitting these events happen at our church! The trip was an enjoyable outing for all of us.

-submitted by Shelvie Foust



"I LOVE MY CHURCH" Why Give?

You might ask yourself what the months of March, June, August and November of 2014 have in common. If you answered that these are the months that have five Sundays you would be correct.

You might then ask yourself another question, "Why is the fifth Sunday important to our church?" If you answered that this is when our church receives the Fifth Sunday offering, also called the **"I Love My Church" offering**, you would again be correct.

Probably another good question to ask is, "What does my church do with this Fifth Sunday offering?" In past years our church used this offering as a way to collect extra funds to pay off our debts, but in recent years it has been placed into General Funds to help balance our budget. Through July 2014 we are approximately \$17,500.00 below our projected budget for this time.

The final question you might ask is, "What does the church budget cover?" The budget covers everything it takes to keep our church functioning such as the basics: electricity, water, maintenance, insurance, supplies, salaries. It also provides support for the ministries our church voted to support.

As you consider your giving for the month of August, please keep in mind and in your prayers that on August 31, 2014 you have a special opportunity to show love for your church as the "I Love My Church" offering is received.

-submitted by Ellis Fincher Jr., Chair, Finance Committee

Stop Hunger Now – July 26

Sixteen people from Tryon First Baptist Church joined over 100 volunteers from the foothills area who packed 20,088 meals on Saturday morning, July 26, at Polk County High School. At least two of our Sunday School classes at First Baptist Church made donations to pay for the food supplies.

This project of Rotary Club of Tryon is in its fourth year. In 2010, Rotarians from Rotary District 7670 (51 clubs in Western North Carolina) joined together to pack one million meals in Hendersonville, NC. These meals were sent to Rotary Clubs in Haiti to provide hot meals for hungry children in school. In 2010 Haiti was hit by a devastating earthquake. Haiti is still recovering from that disaster four years later. For the last three years, under the leadership of Rotarians Charles McKeller and Nancy McKinstry, the Rotary Club of Tryon has sponsored a local food packing project to benefit the children in Haiti.

Folks from many different organizations including Hospice, Thermal Belt Outreach, Wood Creek Dental and fellow Kiwanians came to lend a hand. There were also volunteers from many of our local churches working the event. Some folks brought their children (5 year olds) and grandchildren (teens and 20's) to be a part of the effort.

Clyde Kaericher, one of our oldest Rotarians—a nonagenarian, not only helped with the food packaging, but he was observed pushing a large broom during cleanup. He brought a smile on his face and his younger brother as well as their wives. What fantastic service and willingness to make a difference by providing service above self!

-submitted by Judy Lair, Rotary Club of Tryon President

Acolytes at First Baptist

What is an acolyte?

The word acolyte means “companion” or “one who helps.” In accepting the position of acolyte a child/youth agrees to serve as a helper in worship—special helpers to the ministers and those who lead in worship.

Who can serve as an acolyte?

The acolytes that serve at First Baptist are in grades 1-12. If you (or your child) would like to volunteer, please contact Candy Wilson.

Important acolyte training

We want all children and youth who serve as acolytes to understand the importance of this role and the commitment that is made when one volunteers to serve as an acolyte. That is why we have a training session each year for all acolytes. This year our training session will be on Sunday, September 14 at 5:00 pm in the church sanctuary. This training session is for all acolytes even if they have attended a previous training session.

Welcome to First Baptist!

We'd like to give a sincere welcome to our newest member, Susan Brady. Susan is no stranger to our church, having been born in Tryon and baptized at First Baptist as a child. Susan comes by transfer of letter from First Baptist, Greenville SC. She has three children—Gwendolyn Brady Morris, 22, who just graduated from Clemson and is heading to MUSC to study medicine; Holland Stephens Morris, 19, entering his sophomore year at Clemson and working with Student.Go, a CBF Student Missions program; and Stephen Lide Morris, who is 16 and will be entering Polk County Early College as a Junior this fall. We are grateful for Susan and her children, and we welcome them to our church family.

September 13 Deacon Retreat with Eddie Hammett

If you have ever served as a Deacon at First Baptist Church, you are invited to a Deacon Retreat on **Saturday, September 13**, from 9:00am-2:00pm at the church. Eddie Hammett, church consultant and clergy coach, will lead the retreat. Lunch will be provided. (This is the retreat that was originally scheduled in April.)

Eddie Hammett has served on church staffs and in denominational leadership for over 25 years. He is a prolific author, certified Professional Credentialed Coach (PCC) with the International Coaching Federation, popular speaker, retreat and seminar leader across the country and within several denominations and judicatories. He currently serves in a partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina as their Church and Clergy Coach.

Eddie is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with post-graduate studies at Duke Divinity School, Southeastern Seminary, NC State University and Fielding Institute. He has lectured at or served as adjunct faculty at Northern Baptist Seminary, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Duke Divinity School, Western Seminary, Golden Gate Seminary, Southern Seminary and Campbell Divinity School. He is currently adjunct professor of Christian Education at Gardner Webb Divinity School.

-submitted by Candace Wilson

Reminders

The Lord's Supper—Sunday, August 3

“I Love My Church” Offering—Sunday, August 31

PassportKids!



Follow the Road was the camp theme for PassportKids! Camp at Converse College, July 6-9. Participants were Katie Cothran, Verae Upton, Ella Waldman, and Candy Wilson. We learned that choosing to follow Christ is like setting out on a journey. There may be twists and turns and intersections where we have choices to make. A road may be the familiar one we travel every day or it may be a new one that leads to lots of interesting places. Every day God provides new opportunities for us to follow Jesus' example and teachings. Wherever we are, we are “on the Road” and God is with us as we *Follow the Road*.

We examined several questions throughout the week: Will we let go of old, selfish ways of doing things and become more loving? Will we use all our heart and mind in our relationships with God and others? Will we go out of our way to stand up for people who are suffering? Will we let God give us the power to help others?

Every day we participated in morning celebrations; Bible Study; hands-on experiential mission activities; elective activities such as drama, sports, crafts, and cooking; worship; parties; and a little bit of free time. It was a great opportunity for children to learn more about missions, friendship, the Bible, God, and their own personal journey with Christ.



Camping at Orchard Lake

Join your friends at First Baptist for a weekend of fun and renewal at Orchard Lake in Saluda, August 15-17. There's a sign-up sheet in the education foyer for this summer opportunity.

Camping:

RV sites are \$45 per night.

Tents are \$9 per person, per night, or \$35 for a family, whichever is less.

If you wish to reserve a cabin, you must contact Orchard Lake for cabin rates and make your reservation with them. The phone number is (828) 749-3901. If you prefer not to camp, you are invited to join us for the day/s, especially for dinner on Saturday evening and worship on Sunday morning.

Food:

\$25 per adult for the weekend

\$15 per child (under 12) for the weekend

free for children under 5 years of age

Food for the weekend includes dinner on Friday; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast on Sunday.

Menu:

Friday Dinner

Saturday Breakfast

Saturday Lunch

Saturday Dinner

Sunday Breakfast

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Toast, Cereal

Meat and Cheese Tray (Sandwiches), Chips

Homemade BBQ, Slaw, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Toast, Cereal

If you're only planning on eating Saturday's dinner with us:

\$10 per adult

\$5 per child under 12

free for children under 5 years of age

Note: Payment for RV and tent sites is payable to Orchard Lake upon check-in. Meal payments should be paid to the church.

August Sunday Schedules

Deacons for August:

*Marian Corn
Ellis Fincher Jr.
Sue Thompson
Rick McCallister
Mike Greene (balcony)

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for August:

Gary Nobles, Wilson Edwards (Front)
Linda Martin (Hall)
Rick McCallister (Side)

Acolytes for August:

8/3 Communion—No Acolytes
8/10 Verae Upton & Harper Harris
8/17 Jonathon Edwards & Ashlyn Green
8/24 Hayden Blackwell & Jack Fox
8/31 Katie Cothran & Jack Fox

Children's Church Workers for August:

8/3 Phillip & Hilda Pleasants
8/10 Susan Smith
8/17 Keith & Debbie Collins
8/24 Emily Pereira
8/31 Beth McCallister

Our Christian love and sympathy
are extended to the family of
Virginia "Jennie" Pack Bradshaw,
who died on July 23, 2014.

August Birthdays/Anniversaries

Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

1 Scout Fox
3 James Bodie, Missy Fincher, Emily Prince
6 Elliott Whiteside
8 Jan Rasmussen, Anna Feagan
9 Shannon Bishop, Simon Bremner
11 Skyler Covil
14 Jane Edwards
15 Mona Kimble
16 Sophie Maxwell
17 Laney Littlefield
18 Lane Covil
19 Buffy Blackwell, Carol Hickey
23 Kathy Ashley, Debby Covil, Gabriel McKaig, Rena Henderson
24 Martha Covil, Hannah Emory, Michael Tennant
25 Geoff Tennant
26 Evan Jones
28 Lewis Hawkins, Reva Williams
29 Susan Brady, Jan Ponder
30 Carroll Brady, Georgia Garrett, Steve Stott
31 Perry Tennant

Military Personnel Birthdays

16 Sharon (Mrs. Randall) Stillinger
16 Kellie (Mrs. Tracy) Payne

First Baptist Church 2014 Schedule

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School

Sun, Aug 3 Communion Sunday—Candace Wilson preaching
F-S Aug 15-17 All Church Camp-out at Orchard Lake in Saluda
Sun, Aug 31 “I Love My Church” Offering—Tim Willis preaching

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Fall Mission Initiative

Sat, Sep 13 Deacon Training (9:00am-2:00pm)
Sun, Sep 14 Acolyte Training for grades 1-12 (5:00pm)
Sun, Sep 14 SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)
Sun, Sep 28 11:00 am Outdoor Worship at Harmon Field
SEE (5:00-6:30pm)

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER Mission Emphasis—Coat Drive and Shoe Box

Sat, Oct 4 Mission Initiative
Sun, Oct 5 World Communion Sunday
Sun, Oct 12 SEE (5:00-6:30pm)
Sun, Oct 26 Quarterly Church Conference
Fall Party for Children (P-S through grade 5)
SEE (5:00-6:30pm)

Sun, Nov 2 All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 9 SEE (5:00-6:30pm)
Sun, Nov 23 Communion Sunday
Community Thanksgiving Service
Sun, Nov 30 First Sunday of Advent - “I Love My Church” Offering

DECEMBER Mission Emphasis—Kathy’s Kids

Sun, Dec 7 Christmas Meal
Sun, Dec 21 Caroling
Wed, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship (5:00pm)

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

Sundays 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 pm Children’s Choir
 6:00 pm Refuge
Wednesdays 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

3rd Monday of each month: 6:30 pm Brotherhood
1st Tuesday of each month: 10:00am WMU Group 1
2nd Tuesday of each month: 7:00 pm Sisterhood
3rd Tuesday of each month: 6:50 pm Deacons

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.