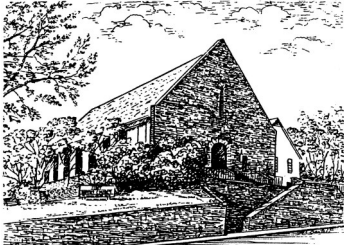


The Good News



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Chat With the Preacher

The Church of Disappointment

If you have been part of a group for any time at all, you have encountered disappointment. If you haven't encountered disappointment, then you haven't been part of that group for long. We have a "gift" for disappointing each other.

If you are a part of a religious congregation you may be even more acquainted with the disappointment to which I am referring. When it comes to church or other religious groups, our expectations are high (if we have any), and oftentimes unrealistic. Disappointment comes quickly with unrealistic expectations, and not far behind is disillusionment. This sad story is told time and again.

Hypocrisy has been one catalyst for church-disappointment, resulting in the cliché: "Churches are full of hypocrites." But if you have visited a church lately, you know this is not true. Churches aren't full of hypocrites. Most have room for a few more. As the Baptist preacher, Tony Campolo, says, "Yes, churches are made up of hypocrites, and that's why you'll fit right in."

Churches are made up of people like you and me, and that means churches are just as flawed and broken as we are. This is nothing to brag about or make light of; it's a confession. I often hear that people are looking for communities where honesty and authenticity are valued, and I can't understand why our churches aren't more honest and authentic in communicating our shortcomings. Besides, if any of these individuals actually come to our churches it won't be long before they see the truth for themselves.

Nadia Bolz-Weber, pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, CO, makes sure she warns her prospective members about the truth of disappointment. She writes, "This community will disappoint them. It's a matter of when, not if. We will let them down or I'll say something stupid and hurt their feelings. I then invite them on this side of their inevitable disappointment to decide if they'll stick around after it happens. If they choose to leave when we don't meet their expectations, they won't get to see how the grace of God can come in and fill the holes left by our community's failure, and that's just too beautiful and too real to miss. *Welcome to House for All Sinners and Saints. We will disappoint you.*"

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Chat With the Preacher *(con't.)*

We will disappoint you is not only a disclaimer, it's a promise we can keep. I guarantee it. Stick around us long enough; get to know me well enough, and you will be disappointed. That's how it is with groups composed of humans. We are bound to disappoint. This leads some to conclude, "If we could just get rid of all the people, then we might actually have a shot at following Jesus." But it doesn't work that way; we're stuck with each other.

And if we stick with each other long enough, through disappointment, and all the other stuff that comes with human relationships, we might be surprised to discover that God shows up in unlikely places, even the church. The beauty of church is not found in the perfection of the people who make it up. The beauty of church is found when the *disappointing* and the *disappointed* stick around long enough to move from disappointment to forgiveness and reconciliation. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts of a God gracious enough to love people like us.

If you are wise and humble enough to admit your own hypocrisy, and are willing to stick around even when disappointment shows up, you are likely to discover that there just might be something to this thing called church.

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

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 in print to Leslie at the church office by the 18th of the month.

“Welcome Back to Ivy Gap” at Barter Theatre

FBC Tryon is heading to the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA on July 17. We will share a meal in historic Abingdon before watching a matinee performance of "Welcome Back to Ivy Gap." "Welcome Back to Ivy Gap" is a comedy centered on the First Baptist Church of Ivy Gap . . .

“Welcome to First Baptist, where you'll find some of the most good-hearted, sharp-tongued, casserole-cookin' ladies in East Tennessee. Former pastor's wife, Edith, has returned to church to find trouble. A new pastor has been called from Texas, and, well, let's just say he's no Billy Graham. Membership is down, and a snooty new member has the women at each other's throats. It's an uproarious and uplifting comedy about the old friends who draw laughter, love, and comfort from each other.”

We will travel to Abingdon via charter bus (or mini bus, depending on how many go) so the ride will be comfortable and enjoyable. The trip will cost \$40, which will cover your ticket and transportation costs.

Brotherhood



On Monday, July 21 at 6:30 pm, Danny Fox and Jeff Harris will present “Backpacking in the Roan Highlands.” Join them for food (\$5) and fellowship. There's a sign-up sheet in the education foyer.

July Mission Focus

We encourage our church family at First Baptist to participate in the mission focus "Christmas in July." We have several mission projects in which we participate during December, so we've decided to collect donations for CBF Global Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering during July. Envelopes will be provided for you to use.

WMU Group 1

For July, WMU's mission is to support the Church-Wide Mission "Christmas in July". Since our Church supports so many missions in the month of December, offerings for Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions are the focus for July. WMU, being a mission-minded group, encourages everyone to support our missionaries not only with offerings but in every way we can, from providing clean water, to providing supplies needed for those to whom they minister around the world. Let us all remember to keep God's missionaries in our prayers.

Carowinds Trip on July 22

This is a trip for the whole family. We'll depart for the park that morning at 8:00am and return no later than 8:00pm. Youth, Children, and Adults are invited and encouraged to participate! The cost of the trip is \$40, which includes an all-day pass to the park and transportation to and from the park. The purpose of this trip is to have fun and fellowship together—there will be no worries about parking, cost of gasoline, keeping up with a multi-vehicle convoy (which is dangerous), or back seat drivers. Important things to note: we **will not** make use of the waterpark that day, and children who have not completed the third grade must be accompanied by a parent. Only a few spots left!

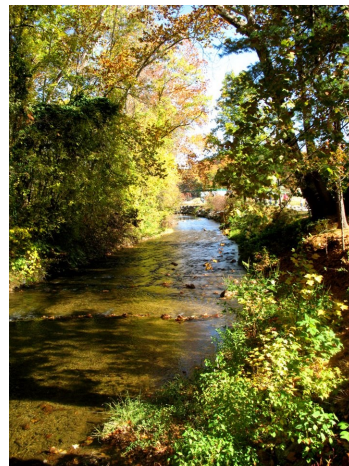
July Sunday School

Adult and Youth Sunday School will meet in the Activity Building in July. Join us for conversation around the Ten Commandments.

Stop Hunger Now

The Rotary Club of Tryon sponsors a mission in our community yearly—that of seeing that donations of food are packed for sending to Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world. Nutritious meals consisting of rice, vegetables, protein, and vitamins are freeze-dried and packaged to feed Haitian children a well-balanced meal during the school day. You can be a part of this mission. Food is packed at the Polk County High School cafeteria. This year's event is Saturday, July 26. There's a sign-up sheet in the education foyer. You may also donate toward the purchase of food to be packaged. Make your checks out to the Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation, and mark "Stop Hunger Now" in the memo line. Thanks for supporting this community mission—last year over 25,000 meals were packaged and sent.

Worship at Harmon Field



Outdoor worship will be at Harmon Field on September 28. Please bring lawn chairs and a picnic dish to share after the service.

Roger Williams Visits TFBC



On Sunday, June 29, the congregation at First Baptist was treated to an appearance by the character of Roger Williams, founder of the very first Baptist Church, and of Rhode Island. The Reverend Robert Randolph spoke as 'Roger Williams', who told us of his early life, his disillusionment with the church in England, and his subsequent voyage to America to seek religious freedom. He discussed the Massachusetts colonies, and how he was exiled from them for his religious dissent; to Providence Plantation, where like-minded folk settled in order to pursue religious liberty. Williams then sailed back to England, where he was granted a charter for Rhode Island. Reverend Randolph gave a very thorough and informative talk, and invited church members to have a question and answer session with him after worship.

Summer Schedule Changes

Wednesday Bible Study resumes Sept 10.

The Chancel Choir will not have rehearsals during the month of July. Choir members are encouraged to sit in the loft during Sunday services in July.

Sisterhood will not meet in July or August.

Bell Choir rehearsals will resume in August, on a date to be determined later.

There is no Deacons Meeting in July.

Camping at Orchard Lake



Join your friends at First Baptist for a week-end of fun at Orchard Lake, August 15-17.

Details are as follows....

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.

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.

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.



Vacation Bible School 2014: A Big WOW!!

Vacation Bible School was held June 16-19 at First Baptist and was a huge success. We began every evening with a light supper followed by a time in the Workshop of Wonders with our friend, Sandy Paper (Jeff Harris) and Rivet, the Ant (Erin Fox). Our evenings were filled with Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and science activities. We learned how we can imagine with God, build with God, grow with God, work with God, and walk with God. Thursday night we had a great time on the Big Kahuna Water Slide. Thanks to Jeff Harris, Amber Fincher-McEntire, Di Greene, Paula Edwards, Phillip Edwards, Susan Smith, and Karen Locklair for helping with the stations at the slide!

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 want to especially take this opportunity to thank Jeff, our pastor, for his involvement, help, and support. Never have I worked with a pastor who worked so hard and helped so much with VBS. He is not only a good pastor and good preacher; but, he is truly a gift to the

Children's Ministry of First Baptist (but you already knew that, didn't you?).

You've heard that it takes a village to raise a child. Not only are we, as a community, a part of the village raising the children in our area, but, it also takes a church to put on Vacation Bible School and you helped make that happen!

In God's service with you,
Candy

VBS Leadership and Workers

Registration and Photography: Diane Cothran

Food Coordinator: Alice Tennant

Set Design and Decoration: Dan and Mona Kimble

Set-Up and Tech Support: Jeff Harris, Dan Kimble, John Spinks

Information Coordination: Leslie Raymond

Nursery: Gingi Green, Donna Littlefield, Linda Fincher, Ellis Fincher

Preschool Teachers: Cathy Johnson and Kathy Ashley (lead teachers), Kaya Bishop, Kay Greene, Jodi Harris, Linda Ligon, Emily McFalls, Pam McFalls

Elementary Teachers: Peggy Edwards, Shirley Edwards, Danny Fox, Erin Fox, Susan Smith, Stacey Stafford, Candy Wilson

Faith Builders and Assistants with Elementary Group: Terry Bishop, Paula Edwards, Joan Feagan, Shelvie Foust, Di Greene, Mona Kimble, Amber Fincher-McEntire, Ben McEntire, Elizabeth Smith, Cheryl Roach Taylor, Don Taylor, Frances Wray

Cross Walk Patrol: Phillip Edwards, Phil Feagan, Ellis Fincher Jr., Phillip Pleasants, Dick Wilson

Food Service: Members of the Bob Lair, Cheryl Roach Taylor, and Phil Scoggins Sunday School Classes

Supplies: June Brady, Marian Corn, Eloise Johnson, Olivia Whiteside

July Sunday Schedules

Deacons for July:

*Di Greene
Sandy Frady
Keith Collins
Ron Frady
David Thompson (balcony)

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for July:

Renae Waldman & Ashlyn Green (Front)
Christy McCall (Hall)
Elizabeth Burrell (Side)

Acolytes for July:

7/6 Sydney Waldman & Wilson Edwards
7/13 Katie Cothran & Jonathon Edwards
7/20 Jack Fox & Ella Waldman
7/27 Laney Littlefield & Caitlin Britton

Children's Church Workers for July:

7/6 Joyce Scoggins
7/13 Brian & Jennifer Jones
7/20 Erin & Danny Fox
7/27 Ben & Amber McEntire

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Bruce, Stephanie, and Campbell Mathis, on the passing of Bruce's father, Marvin, on the 18th of June.

July Birthdays/Anniversaries

Anniversaries

1 Jimmy & Kathy 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

Birthdays

3 Evelyn Bradley, Ashlyn Green
4 Kayla Tennant
5 Ruth Taylor, Jerry McAtee, Tilly Harris
6 Ashlyn Green
7 Kayla Tennant
9 Jarrett Culbreth, Ron Frady, Jordan Stratford, David Thompson, StorieLane Whiteside
10 Evan Maxwell
11 Jeff Harris
12 Ellis Fincher, Jr., Oliviah Miller
13 Justin Covil, Nancy Britton
14 Matthew Denny
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
31 Belle McFarland, Keith Collins, Gingi Greene, Oakley Whiteside

Military Personnel Birthdays

2 Randy Stillinger
24 Tom Santa

Military Personnel Wedding Anniversary

2 Tracy & Kellie Payne

First Baptist Church 2014 Schedule

JULY MISSION EMPHASIS—Christmas in July

S-W, Jul 06-09	Passportkids!—Camp for 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th graders at Converse College, Spartanburg SC
Th, Jul 17	Bus trip to Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA to see “Welcome Back to Ivy Gap”
Tue, Jul 22	Bus Trip to Carowinds Amusement Park
Sat, Jul 26	Stop Hunger Now - packing food for Haiti, Polk County High School
Sun, Jul 27	Quarterly Church Conference

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School

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

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Fall Mission Initiative

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 (tentative date)
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

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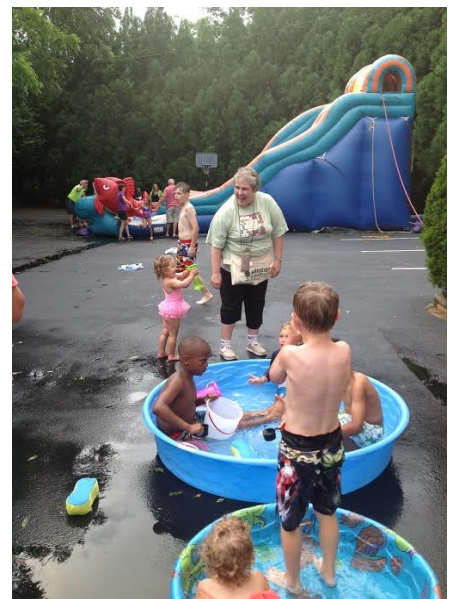
3 rd Monday of each month:	6:30 pm Brotherhood
1 st Tuesday of each month:	10:00am WMU Group 1
2 nd Tuesday of each month:	7:00 pm Sisterhood
3 rd Tuesday of each month:	6:50 pm Deacons

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.

Vacation Bible School's "Workshop of Wonders" June 16-20

Bible Lessons—Crafts—Science Experiments—Fun—Fellowship

Photos submitted by Diane Cothran, Kay Greene, and Amber Fincher McEntire



Backpack Trip in the Roan Highlands

