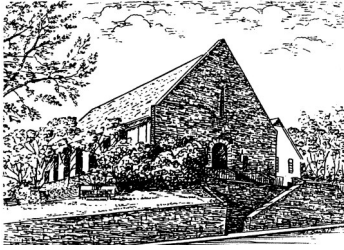


## The Good News



**February 2017**



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Last year we celebrated our one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary. It was a meaningful time of remembrance, thanksgiving, and celebration. Like you, I am grateful for the legacy of those who have gone before us.

Remembering the past can make us nostalgic for days gone by, even causing us to believe that our best days are behind us. And for some congregations this is true. In an increasingly post-Christian culture more than a few churches are struggling to exist.

By God's grace, however, First Baptist Tryon is alive!

Last year's celebration renewed my commitment to the mission of God at First Baptist Tryon. And I believe it is time for us to prepare and plan for another one hundred twenty-five years of ministry.

For several years, the Board of Deacons and the House and Grounds Committee have been evaluating our need for an elevator. To make our facilities more accessible, friendly, and well-positioned for ministry, we believe it is important to move forward with the elevator. Along with the elevator, we hope to improve the side and rear entrances of the church by making them more accessible and inviting. We also hope to update the educational space along with a few other improvements to our campus.

While much thought and consideration have been given to these issues, there is more work to do. To move forward, the 2017 Board of Deacons (Elizabeth Burrell, Chair; Phil Scoggins, Vice Chair) appointed a Capital Campaign Team at their January 17th meeting. The team is composed of one Deacon, one member of the Stewardship Committee, two members of the House and Grounds Committee, and one at-large member.

The Capital Campaign Team is:

Ellis Fincher (Chair of the Capital Campaign Team), Board of Deacons

Ron Frady (Vice Chair of the Capital Campaign Team), Stewardship Committee

Cathy Johnson, House and Grounds Committee

Lance Price, House and Grounds Committee

Phil Corn, At-large

In the days ahead, the Capital Campaign Team will prayerfully consider our best way forward. The team hopes to present this campaign to the congregation by September, and will provide updates along the way.

While this project will help achieve God's mission at First Baptist Tryon, we will also engage in an outside mission opportunity (maybe more than one) as part of this Capital Campaign. This dual focus offers an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the importance of local church ministry and to God's larger mission that calls us to minister to those beyond our congregation.

I want you to know about this important work so you can join us in prayer as we seek to be good stewards and faithful disciples.

With gratitude,

*Jeff*



## A NOTE FROM JIM

I have really enjoyed working with the Chancel Choir these past several months. I am pleased with our accomplishments and am amazed at the choir's positive attitude and faithfulness. The rehearsals have been productive, uplifting and just plain fun. Thanks for this great opportunity you have given me.

The choir is an extremely important element in our worship. It supports the congregational singing, sets the tone for worship and provides inspiring music to aid in worship. We are interested in growing and invite others to join us. Ask yourself these questions: do I want to sing in the choir, am I willing to commit to the time it will take to be a good choir member, do I have something to offer and will the choir be more effective with my involvement? There is no audition process as such. Also, keep in mind that having a great voice is not the only nor the most important characteristic of a good choir member. We need dedicated people with a desire to sing God's praises and are willing to improve the skills they already have.

Please let me know if you are considering joining the choir and I will try to answer any questions you may have. We will be working on a special musical program for the Spring as well as learning new (and old) anthems for each Sunday.

God Bless You, Jim Hawkins

## CAROLING AT FIRST BAPTIST

December 18 was a 'gray day' - chilly and overcast with showers. Despite the weather, a group of zealous carolers visited church members who can't always come to our services. Afterward, the group went to El Sureno for their 'traditional' salsa and chips. Come and join us next time!



## 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2017 are located on the table in the church parlor. If you have not done so already, please take your envelopes with you.

## FIREWOOD MINISTRY AT THERMAL BELT OUTREACH

If you like to cut, split, and stack firewood, here's the ministry for you! On the second Saturday of each month, there's an opportunity to provide our neighbors with firewood. We start around 9 in the morning and finish up at approximately noon.



## FEBRUARY MISSION IS HECK-JONES OFFERING

Save the date! Sunday, February 19 is the date of the Heck-Jones Luncheon, held in the Activity Building after worship that day. WMU and Sisterhood celebrate the legacies of Miss Fanny Heck and Mrs. W.N. Jones, beloved former leaders of the WMU in North Carolina. The Heck-Jones Offering supports the missions and ministries of WMU, which include Habitat for Humanity, a military ministry, Camp Mundo Vista, a women's prison retreat, Christian Women's (and Men's) Job Corps, and a retreat for the wives of new ministers. This year's theme is "Shining Like Stars", and the projected goal for this offering in NC is \$400,000.

*"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you can become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life." - Philippians 2:14-16a (NIV)*

You can help by donating to this worthwhile offering and have a great lunch, all at the same time! WMU and Sisterhood prepare a meal of ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and pineapple casserole, along with bread, beverages, and homemade desserts.

## ALUMINUM CAN MINISTRY

Don't forget your cans! Dr. Carl Rosenblad has presented an opportunity to help with missions for children in Guatemala. All you have to do is bring aluminum cans (in bags, please) to church, and put your bag in the back of Dr. Bob Lair's pickup truck. The money collected for the scrap aluminum goes to provide resources for Guatemalan children.

## REFUGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Scenes from the Christmas Party for Refuge at the Harris'.



## A NOTE FROM JAIME



Church Family,

Wow! What an incredible few months it has been serving alongside you all. Thank you so much for your constant support for the youth ministry here at Tryon FBC. Thank you for the ways in which you walk alongside one another and share the love of Christ in the community and world. Words can not express how grateful I am for each of you who took time to provide a meal for the youth on Sunday nights during Refuge. If you would be willing to provide a meal this semester, there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for you to do so. Thank you also to those of you who have donated to Heifer International in support of Youth Sunday School. We will continue collecting an offering in Youth Sunday School over the next couple of weeks and will inform you of which animals we are able to provide for families. There are many fun youth events planned for the Spring and I would love for you all to be a part of any and all youth activities as a chaperone! Please take a look at the youth calendar and join us- you are guaranteed to experience laughter and community. Know that I pray for you all daily and am so excited to see God at work in Tryon through each one of you. Peace to you in this New Year!

-Jaime

## We need YOU!

The Youth thoroughly enjoyed and are grateful for every meal that was provided by your hands last semester during Refuge! Your presence there during that time was invaluable! This semester the slate is open to bring meals for Refuge on Sunday nights! Refuge is 5-6pm and we share a meal and fellowship from 6-6:30pm each week.

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact  
Jaime (434-944-8746)  
jaimenfitzgerald@gmail.com

## Let's go skiing together!

Wolf Ridge Ski Resort



**February 11, 2017**

**Gather at Food Lion @ 7:00 am.  
We will return after dinner**

## TRYON YOUTH SCHEDULE SPRING 2017

January 15	Pick a team and choose a prayer partner for the semester, and have some fun!
January 22	How did the Bible become the Bible?
January 29	Why does the Old Testament matter?
February 5	<b>No Refuge</b> enjoy the Super bowl with your family
February 11	Skiing or tubing at Wolf Ridge meet at 7:00am at Food Lion
February 12	Creation and Chaos: The first five books of The Bible
February 19	Character Sketch: who are the Kings and Judges?
February 26	From Sadness to Celebration: what we can learn from the Psalms
March 5	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
March 10	Pizza and Movie Night 6:00pm-11:00pm
March 12	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
March 19	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
March 26	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
April 2	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
April 9	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
April 16	Easter <b>No Refuge</b>
April 19	Mystery Lunch and fun 11:00am-5:00pm
April 23	What does the New Testament have to say about Church?
April 30	Who is this Paul guy and why did he write so many letters?
May 7	So What? Why does the New Testament matter?
May 12-13	Spring Retreat *possibility for a date change*
May 14	Mother's Day <b>No Refuge</b>
May 21	Whiffle Ball Game and Dinner last regular Refuge until the Fall
June 18-23	PASSPORT Missions at Averett University

## 2017 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

### Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

Sundays	Sunday School, 10am Worship, 11am Refuge (grades 6-12), 5pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study, 10am Women's Bible Study, Rock House, 6pm Handbell Rehearsal, 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

### Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month	Mission Team, 5:30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month:	WMU, 10am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month:	Sisterhood, 7pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month:	Brotherhood, 6:30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month:	Deacons, 6pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month:	Firewood Ministry, Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, 9am

*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.*

### FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS—Heck Jones Offering

Sun, Feb 5	Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am No Refuge (enjoy the Super Bowl!)
Sat, Feb 11	Ski Trip to Wolf Laurel (day trip), 7am (meet at Food Lion parking lot)
Sun, Feb 12	SEE, 5pm, Children's Choir 5pm
Sun, Feb 19	Heck-Jones Luncheon (after worship) –sponsored by Sisterhood and WMU
Sun, Feb 26	SEE, 5pm, Children's Choir 5pm

### MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS—“Dress a Kid” for Tryon Elementary School

Wed, Mar 1	Ash Wednesday Service 6pm, Annual Meeting and meal 6:30pm No Women's Bible Study, Bell Choir, or Chancel Choir
Sun, Mar 12	SEE, 5pm, Children's Choir 5pm
Sat, Mar 18	Super Saturday
Sun, Mar 19	SEE, 5pm, Children's Choir 5pm
Fri, Mar 31-Apr 1	CBFNC Annual Gathering, First Baptist Church of Hickory

### APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS—Easter Missions Offering (CBF Global Missions/Annie Armstrong)

Sun, Apr 2	Celebration of The Lord's Supper
Sun, Apr 9	Palm Sunday, SEE 5pm, Children's Choir 5pm
Mon, Apr 10	Noonday Prayer
Tue, Apr 11	Noonday Prayer
Wed, Apr 12	Noonday Prayer
Thur, Apr 13	Maundy Thursday Service, 6pm
Fri, Apr 14	Good Friday Community Service at First Baptist Church of Tryon, 12pm
Sun, Apr 16	Easter Sunrise Service at TFAC Amphitheatre, 7am Easter Worship, 11am
Sun, Apr 23	Quarterly Church Conference I Love My Church Offering SEE 5pm (Final SEE of the semester)
Sun, Apr 30	Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm

## 2017 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC (con't)

### MAY MISSION EMPHASIS—Baptist Retirement Home Offering

Sun, May 21 Annual Wiffleball Game and Cookout, 4pm  
Sun, May 28 Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm  
Refuge "End of Semester" party, 5pm

### JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS —Stop Hunger Now

Sun, Jun 4 Graduate Sunday, 11am  
Sun, Jun 11 Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am  
Sun-Fri, Jun 18-23 Passport Youth Camp, Averett University, Danville VA  
Sun, Jun 25 Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm  
Th-Sat, Jun 28-30 CBF General Assembly, Atlanta GA  
TBD Rafting Trip

### JULY MISSION EMPHASIS—Christmas in July Mission Offering (CBF Global Missions/Lottie Moon)

Mon-Thurs Jul 3-6 PassportKids! Camp, Montreat, NC  
Sun, July 30 I Love My Church Offering  
Quarterly Church Conference  
TBD Carowinds Trip

### AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School (School Supplies)

Sun, Aug 6 Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am  
Mon-Th, Aug 7-10 Vacation Bible School

### SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Commit to #GraceltForward Mission Day

Sun, Sep 10 SEE, Children's Choir 5pm  
Sun, Sep 17 Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm  
Sun, Sep 24 SEE, Children's Choir 5pm

### OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Operation Christmas Child,

Sun, Oct 8 SEE, Children's Choir 5pm  
Sat, Oct 14 #GraceltForward Mission Day  
Sun, Oct 15 Hooked! Fishing Event, 2pm-5pm  
Sun, Oct 22 SEE, Children's Choir 5pm  
Sun, Oct 29 I Love My Church Offering  
Quarterly Church Conference

### NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Warm Coats & Blankets for Polk County Residents

Sun, Nov 5 All Saints Sunday  
Sun, Nov 12 SEE, Children's Choir, 5pm  
Sun, Nov 19 Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Community Thanksgiving Service

### DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Kathy's Kids, Angel Tre

Sun, Dec 3 Annual Christmas Dinner  
Sun, Dec 17 Caroling, 3pm  
Sun, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm  
Sun, Dec 31 I Love My Church Offering

## February Sunday Schedules

### *Deacons for February*

\*Phil Scoggins  
Elizabeth Burrell  
Stephen Brady  
Rick McCallister  
Jeff Miller

### *Ushers for February*

Brian & Jennifer Jones (front)  
Rena Waldman (side)  
Stephen Morris (hall)

### *Acolytes for February*

Feb 5 Communion—No Acolytes  
Feb 12 Oakley Whiteside & Hatty Crawford  
Feb 19 Katie Cothran & Jonathon Edwards  
Feb 26 Laney Littlefield & Jack Fox

### *Children's Church Workers for February*

Feb 5 Susan Smith  
Feb 12 Debbie & Keith Collins  
Feb 19 Linda & Ellis Fincher  
Feb 26 Stephanie Mathis

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Katherine Garrett, who died on December 30, 2016, the family of Bill Crawford, who also died on December 30, 2016, and to the family of Estella Hanson, who died January 14, 2017.

## February Milestones

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Ed & Vicky Justice
- 7 Kevin & Christy McCall

### BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Eric Walker
- 5 Carl Pleasants, Sam Morrow ('13), Mae Morrow ('16), Kevin McCall
- 9 Hilda Pleasants
- 10 Alex Tapp
- 12 Adria H. Denny, Harper Harris ('07)
- 13 Frances Wray
- 15 Angela Radaker
- 18 Mary Goodwin, Jeff Miller
- 19 Evan Harding
- 20 Raye Dusenbury
- 22 Durham McEntire ('09)
- 25 Leslie Raymond

### College Student Birthdays

- 22 Wes Brady
- 28 Emily Miller Raines

### Military Personnel Birthdays

- 1 Francisco "Paquito" Dona
- 8 Ladd Shepard

### Military Personnel Anniversary

- 15 Major & Mrs. Randall Stillinger