

THE GOOD NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TRYON

JANUARY

2013

NOTES FROM CANDY

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your warm welcome to Dick and me especially during the hectic times of November and December. It was such a gift to me that the choir, under the leadership of Cheryl Roach, was already preparing music for the Advent/Christmas season when I arrived--so that I did not have the added stress of trying to plan for that while also trying to pack, sell a house, buy a house, move, get to know you and the area, unpack (which seems to be a never-ending job), and basically learn the ins and outs of FBC and the surrounding community. Because of that, we were able to enjoy and celebrate the coming of the Christ Child in the midst of our new community of faith.

Dick and I are so excited to be in Tryon and are enjoying getting to know our way around and getting to know all of you. Thank you so much for understanding that we are still trying to get settled in and are still trying to put names with faces and names and faces with family connections! Do not hesitate to correct us if we call you by the wrong name.

I wish all of you a joyous and peace-filled 2013. I am truly looking forward to this new year of ministry together!

-Candy

Ushers for January:

June and Carroll Brady,
Hilda Pleasants (side),
Rick McCallister (hall)

Ushers for February:

Bud and Georgia Pace,
Dawn Campbell (side),
Caitlin Britton (hall)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **January 13**—
Deacon Ordination
for Shelvie Foust
and Di Greene
- ◆ **January 13**—S.E.E,
Kickoff, with taco bar
- ◆ **January 27**—
Baptist Men's Day
- ◆ **February 3**— Lord's
Supper
- ◆ **February 8**—
Charlotte Bobcats
vs. LA Lakers, in
Charlotte
- ◆ **February 13**—Ash
Wednesday service

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 27 Steve & Cathy Stott
- 29 Cale & Casi Burrell

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Frances Smith
- 1 Cindy Lobo
- 2 Marian Corn
- 2 Barbie McCoy
- 3 Jerry Attwood
- 5 Peggy Edwards
- 8 Gerry Taylor
- 8 Hub Arledge
- 13 Phil Corn
- 13 Stephen Brady
- 14 Ken Raymond
- 15 Harold Taylor
- 18 Linda Martin
- 23 Sean Durham
- 23 Dick Wilson
- 31 Dick Tauber

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Alyssa Fincher
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- 12 Heath Culbreth
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- 28 Rachel Vining
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MILITARY ANNIVERSARY

- 4 Paquito & Emily Dona
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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!

WMU's mission project for January is for Steps to Hope. Each of us will bring cleaning supplies and non-perishable food to the WMU meeting at the Church, 10am, on Tuesday, January 8. The donations will be delivered to Steps to Hope in the afternoon.



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES AT TRYON FIRST BAPTIST



On Sunday, December 16th, the youth and children of Tryon First Baptist treated members of the congregation and visitors to their Christmas Drama "The Christmas Story Through the Eyes of the Friendly Beasts". It was a wonderful presentation, and afterward we had a time of fellowship as we shared a catered Christmas meal in the Activity Building. God is moving and working through our children and our Youth leaders.

-photos by Amber McEntire



Our youth and children gave the gift of music to our shut-ins on Sunday, December 23rd, when they gathered at the church and then went caroling in Tryon and Columbus. They visited White Oak and several private residences. Afterward, the group went to Mr. Juan's for the traditional Christmas chips and salsa.

-Photos by Diane Cothran

REFUGE WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REFUGE CALENDAR FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- 1/13 Refuge/S.E.E. (we will have a taco bar)
- 1/19 Refuge
- 1/27 Refuge/S.E.E. (Chili/soup night)
- 2/3 Refuge
- 2/8 Charlotte Bobcats vs. LA Lakers in Charlotte
- 2/10 Refuge/S.E.E. (sub sandwich night)
- 2/17 Refuge

S.E.E. (SUNDAY EVENING EKKLESIA) RESUMES THIS MONTH

SEE will start back for 2013 on January 13th and will run the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, with a slight tweak in May. The program is going to run from 5pm to 6pm with dinner to follow at 6pm in the activity building. A donation for the meal is gladly accepted. Chuck Britton is building a taco bar for the 13th, and Mike Greene will offer Chili and Soup on the 27th.

The adult bible study will initially meet in Cheryl's class room for the first meeting. We will move back to the rock house once renovations are done. Our first 6-week topic is a new series by I Am Second (www.iamsecond.com). If you visit the website, it is a large collection of brief video testimonies. Many of the testimonies are by famous musicians, actors, and sports personalities. There are also videos by normal individuals with remarkable stories. If you click on the films link, it will bring up a collection of popular videos. You can also click on a Struggles heading and find videos organized by topic.

- Week 1 Introduction and the power of a story**
Baseball star Josh Hamilton (alcohol addiction)
Biggest Loser winner Michelle Aguilar (Eating disorder and family conflict)
- Week 2 Struggles**
Musician Brian "head" Welch (drug addiction)
- Week 3 Relationships**
Jeff and Cheryl Scruggs (infidelity/marriage)
- Week 4 Success**
Pro skateboarder Brian Summer (success vs meaning in life)
- Week 5 Who is first**
Journalist Tamara Jolee (cancer survivor)
- Week 6 Share your story**
Share your story video (To whom will you tell your story)

I am excited about this series as the videos can be both emotional and inspiring. Each week comes with a related bible story to enhance the conversation. I appreciate everyone's continued support of our Sunday night programs.

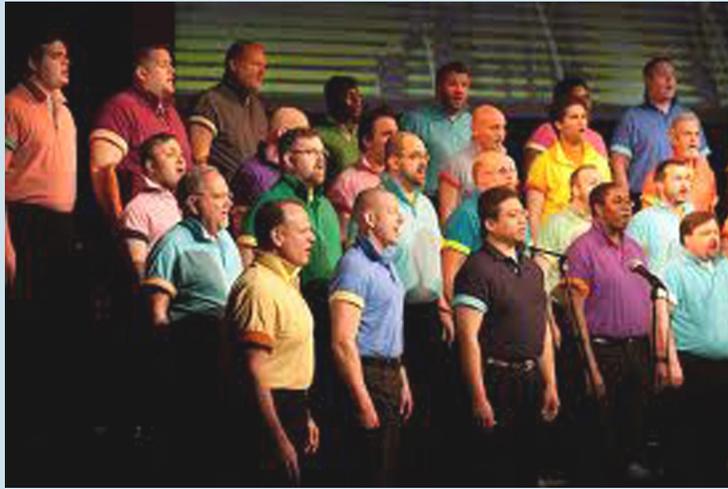
--Stephen Brady 828.817.1039



Making a Joyful Noise!

The Handbell Choir, under the direction of Sandy Frady, plays at the Tryon Christmas Stroll on December 14th





CALLING ALL MEN!

On Sunday, January 27, 2013, during the 11:00 worship hour, the Brotherhood of Tryon First Baptist will celebrate Baptist Men's Day. Planning for this service is in progress and men are needed to complete a men's choir for this day. If you would be willing to join this choir and "sing" with other men of our church family, please contact Rick McCallister or Phillip Pleasants.

Brotherhood is sponsoring a coat drive for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. While we had a big push during Christmas, we are asking you to donate during our colder months as well. Your donations, of new or used coats sized youth to adult, will be appreciated. We are going to collect as many coats as possible until the weather gets warmer. A box for donated coats is in the hall closet across from the Lair SS Room.

Thank you for your donations.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

The Annual Meeting of Tryon First Baptist Church will be on Wednesday, March 6th, 2013, at 6 pm, in the Activity Building.

All committees should meet in the next several weeks and elect a chairperson (or persons) for their committee. Please have your choice for chairperson in the office by no later than February 1st, 2013. Also, all committees are asked to submit their respective reports to the church office by February 8th, 2013. This information is needed for the book we distribute during the Annual Meeting.



QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

The congregation of Tryon First Baptist will be called into quarterly church conference on January 27th, at 12 noon and immediately following worship. Any church business may be brought up at this meeting. Other church conference dates will be April 28th, July 28th, and October 27th of 2013.

CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

Recently I stumbled across Barry Howard's (Pastor, FBC Pensacola, FL) blog post where he details his ten resolutions for 2013, and I wanted to share it with you. Without further ado:

- 1. Eat less and exercise more.** My physician keeps reminding me that I can increase the probability of enjoying prolonged good health if I begin now to eat a little less and to exercise more.
- 2. Talk less and listen more.** Several times in children's sermons I have emphasized that God created us with two ears and one mouth so that we could listen twice as much as we talk. As I grow older, I am discovering the need for me as an adult to limit my speech and to be more intentional and focused in my listening.
- 3. Meet less and minister more.** In recent months, the church I serve has taken some strategic steps to minimize the number of meetings we ask leaders and workers to attend, and to increase the number of ministry opportunities we provide. Even as a church staff member, if I am not careful, my time can be consumed in meetings where my presence is not really needed. In 2013, I want to spend more time engaged in ministry action.
- 4. Criticize less and encourage more.** Maybe it's the after effect of an election year or maybe it is a side effect of teetering on the fiscal cliff, but I have heard enough criticism in 2013 to taste its toxicity. While constructive criticism may be of great value, negative and petty criticism tends to be contagious and demoralizing. Our local and national leaders, our ministers, and our neighbors need our prayers and encouragement more than they need darts of non-constructive criticism flying their way.
- 5. Spend less and save more.** As I experience the challenges of the current recession, and as I think about retirement possibilities down the road, I am persuaded that I need to spend a little less this year on frivolous things and to put a little more in savings to provide stability for the future.
- 6. Worry less and trust more.** I am convinced worry is a genetic trait handed down to me from previous generations. I know that worry is a waste of time and energy, but a little voice in my head is wrongly convinced that worry is productive. This year I want to proactively address those things that are within my realm of responsibility, to cease worrying about those things over which I have no influence, and to trust God for daily guidance and provision.
- 7. Hurry less and pace myself a little more.** Because my task list can get long, I tend to spend a lot of time hurrying from one task to the next. This year I want to slow the pace, live the moment, even it that means I don't check every task off of my to-do list.
- 8. Watch TV less and read more.** I don't believe that watching TV is necessarily wrong. I especially enjoy watching Hawaii Five-O and NCIS. My personal downfall, however, is reruns. I spend too much time watching shows I've already seen, and that cuts into my reading time. By most accounts, reading exercises the mind more than watching TV. This year I am determined to spend more time wrapped up in a good book and less time watching repeats.
- 9. Connect less and disconnect more.** I enjoy being connected to the people in my congregation, in my community, and in my network. If I am not careful, I can find myself staying connected all the time. Electronic communication can be a blessing and social networking can be the next best thing to being there. However, staying connected 24 hours a day can be counterproductive and may increase stress, reduce productivity, and incite attention deficit. This year I want to maximize the benefits of being connected by knowing when to disconnect.
- 10. Reminisce less and engage more.** Reminiscing is a healthy exercise. But when I become preoccupied with the past, I end up becoming a curator of yesterday's blessings rather than envisioning and working toward a positive future. Reminiscing helps me to treasure the experiences of yesteryear. But there comes a time to put the past behind me and the future before me and to engage the challenges and opportunities that are knocking at the door this year.

Well said, Barry. His list certainly hits home with me. What about with you? How is God looking to shape and form you into the person you were created to be?

Grace and peace for the new year, as we go forward in the work God is calling us to.

Jeff