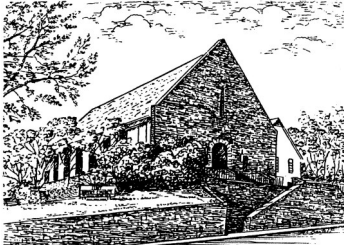


The Good News



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Chat With the Preacher — The Gift of Religious Liberty

As grateful as I am for watermelon on 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.

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 on the Fourth 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?

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*



SUMMER SABBATH

For the month of July, there will be no Sunday School. (Children will still have activities during 10am worship). We'll worship at 10am on July Sundays, giving you plenty of time for Summer Sabbath activities. The Chancel Choir will also be on hiatus until August 10.

I LOVE MY CHURCH

Sunday, July 31, is a "Fifth Sunday." We will collect the "I Love My Church Offering" that week, and there will be no evening activities. There's also a Quarterly Church Conference following the service on July 31.

OPPORTUNITIES

JULY MISSION FOCUS

Our Mission Focus for the month of July is "Christmas in July." During the month, there will be envelopes available for donating to either the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, or CBF Global Missions. You may also indicate where you'd like your donation to go on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generous donations.

ITEMS FOR VISITATION TEAM

The Visitation Team is gathering supplies to take to nursing home residents and our homebound members, and we need your help! Needed items are listed below. Boxes are located in Dr. Lair's and Phil Scoggins' Sunday School classrooms. This will be an on-going project, so please remember this list as you do your weekly shopping.

Emery boards, nail clippers

Toothbrush, toothpaste

Face powder, lipstick, blush

Clip-on earrings, necklaces, bracelets

Deodorizers for rooms

Comb/Brush/Hair pick

Dry shampoo, soap, body wash

Handkerchiefs, Kleenex, wipes

Vaseline for lips, lotion

Socks, bibs, lap quilts, throws

Shawls, scarves, activity/lap blankets

Notecards, pens, stamps

Baby dolls

Adult coloring books, colored pencils

Find-a-word and crossword puzzle books

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

There is an on-going mission for Thermal Belt Outreach's Food Pantry—their need for plastic grocery bags. How many of us collect bags until we no longer know what to do with them? Thermal Belt's Food Pantry will put them to good use! There is a receptacle for them in the hallway closet opposite the Lair Sunday School room.

SABBATH OPPORTUNITIES

SPIRITUALITY BACKPACK RETREAT JULY 8-10

We had a great time backpacking in the Grayson Highlands / Mount Rogers area last year, and we're looking forward to another great trip. This year's retreat will be July 8-10. I hope you'll consider joining us.

The purpose of the backpacking trip is to provide an opportunity for Sabbath in a natural environment and to help participants explore opportunities for prayer and silence. We'll also have a lot of fun! This trip is open to anyone 16 or older who can carry at least 30 pounds on his/her back, while hiking 5 to 7 miles per day in mountainous terrain. If you are under 16, you must be accompanied by a parent.

VBS AUGUST 1-4



Vacation Bible School at FBC is scheduled for Aug 1-4 (Monday-Thursday), 6-8:15pm. This year's theme is "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love." We need your help. We are looking for pre-school teachers. For children grades 1-5 we need adult guides for age-level groups, an assembly leader, and a supply coordinator. If you would be willing to help with VBS in any of these areas, please contact Candy Wilson. Registration forms are in the church office, or you may call to register.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR CAMPING AT THE DAVIDSON RIVER, JULY 22-24

Campsites are \$54 for the weekend, and can accommodate RVs, although there are no hookups. Sites can accommodate up to 8 people.

-Friday dinner will be "bring your own food" (a grill will be available). We will share that meal at 7pm.

-Saturday breakfast is provided.

-Saturday lunch is "bring your own food."

-Saturday dinner is provided (hot dogs and hamburgers).

-Sunday breakfast is "bring your own food."

-You should also bring your own drinks and snacks.

CAROWINDS JULY 26

We're going to Carowinds! This is a trip for the whole family. We'll depart for the park July 26 at 8:00am (from the Food Lion parking lot) 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 via coachline. 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.

BASEBALL WITH THE ASHEVILLE TOURISTS, AUG 7

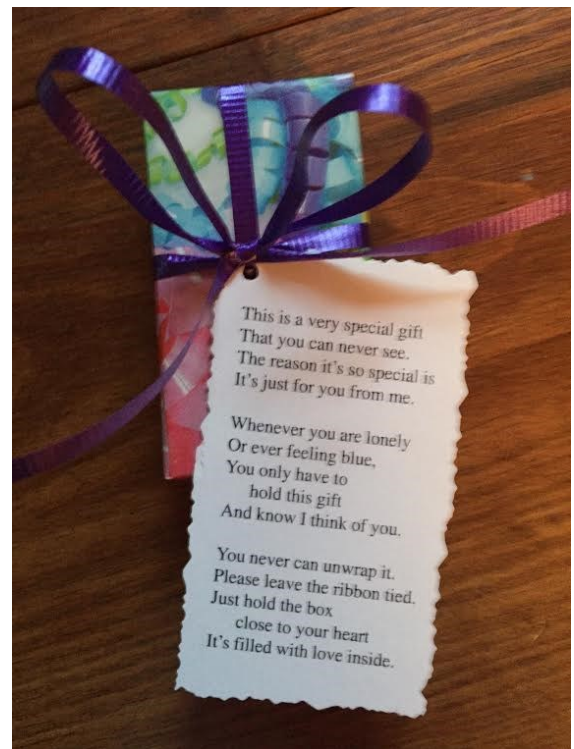
Take me out to the ballgame! We have tickets to see the Asheville Tourists play ball, at 2pm on August 7. Cost of the game is \$5 for children under 12 and seniors (adults \$7), and there is a sign-up sheet in the education hallway. We have a shaded section of the ballpark reserved just for us, so join us for a good afternoon of fun.

VISITATION LOVE—FATHER’S DAY EDITION



The Visitation Team, busy signing Father’s Day cards and stuffing gift bags for nine of the greatest men from Tryon First Baptist Church. Thank you to Evelyn Umphlett and our sweet Miss Eden Elaine for baking homemade cookies for our Dads.

We appreciate Nancy Britton inviting the Visitation Team into her home to make these very special gifts for our shut-ins. Nancy had her son, Chuck, cut small wooden blocks (thanks, Chuck). We wrapped and tied a ribbon on each block with this sweet message attached. What a wonderful time of fellowship!



It is always special to see our children spending time with our homebound and shut-ins.

WHITEWATER RAFTING ON THE FRENCH BROAD, JUNE 16

Thursday, June 16 was a perfect day to be in the water—the day was hot, the river cool. A group of about 20 enjoyed the outing to the French Broad River, and were rewarded with a cool spray and lots of fellowship. Join us for Summer Sabbath opportunities—there are sign up sheets for the activities in the Education hallway. We'd love to have you join us!



FIRST BAPTIST'S DISPLAYS FOR 125th ANNIVERSARY



As we continue to celebrate First Baptist's 125th Anniversary, please see the displays in the narthex. Lib McKeller and Shirley Edwards have put one together marking some of the weddings that have taken place in the sanctuary, and Elizabeth Burrell has created a historical display, featuring a model of the first church, made by Guy Taylor. We thank everyone involved, and hope that you'll join us for the big celebration in worship on Sunday, October 2nd of this year.



HONORING OUR GRADUATES



Sunday, June 5 marked the day that we recognized our graduates from high school and college. Our congratulations and love to those who graduated, and are ready to start on the next leg of life's journey. Here are our latest graduates:

HIGH SCHOOL

Caitlin Britton, daughter of Chuck and Denise Britton, graduated from Polk County High School and will attend Western Carolina University.

Hayley Dusenbury (daughter of Trey Dusenbury), graduated from James River High School (VA) and will attend VirginiaTech.

Stephen Morris (son of Susan Brady), graduated from Polk County Early College and will attend Warren Wilson College.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

Rachel Vining received an undergraduate degree (B.A. in Spanish) at Carson Newman College.

GRADUATE DEGREE

Stephanie Mathis graduated with a Doctor of Education from University of South Carolina Upstate.

HOOKED! FISHING PICTURES

JUNE 12—TRYON ESTATES



-Photos Submitted by Leah Justice

Hooked



The David Stillerman Fishing Project of FBC Tryon

First Baptist Families,

We'd love to have you go fishing with us.

While Hooked is great for parents and children, everyone is welcome!

You do not need any fishing equipment (you can certainly bring your own if you wish), experience, or license. We will supply fishing equipment, instruction, drinks, and a light dinner. We do ask that at least one parent be present with children. This is great opportunity to foster friendships with each other, and with others from our community (especially with foster children and those involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.)

Here are a few reasons we think "Hooked" is worthwhile:

- Get outside . . . teach kids and others to enjoy and respect the outdoors.
- Encourage friendships . . . with children and with adults.
- Learn how to fish . . . fishing is a great hobby, that teaches patience and perseverance, builds confidence, and can be enjoyed for a lifetime.
- Have fun!

We'll go fishing at these times and places, and hope that you can join us:

Sept 25 White Oak Mountain, 2-5pm

Oct 16 Tryon Estates, 2-5pm

If you plan to attend, please RSVP, as that will help provide the correct amount of fishing equipment, volunteers, and food.

**For more information or to RSVP please call:
First Baptist Church of Tryon at 828.859.5375
or by texting Jeff Harris at 828.899.1386
or by emailing jeffreyharris@gmail.com**

2016 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

Sundays	Sunday School, 10am Worship, 11am Children's Choir (grades 1-5), 5pm Refuge (grades 6-12), 6pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study, 10am Handbell Rehearsal, 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

1 st Monday of each month	Mission Team, 5:30pm
1 st Tuesday of each month:	WMU, 10am
2 nd Tuesday of each month:	Sisterhood, 7pm
3 rd Monday of each month:	Brotherhood, 6:30pm
3 rd Tuesday of each month:	Deacons, 6pm

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.

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

Fri-Sun, Jul 8-10	Backpacking Retreat
Fri-Sun, July 22-24	Church Camping Trip to Davidson River (sign-up sheet)
Tue, Jul 26	Carowinds (sign-up sheet)
Sun, Jul 31	I Love My Church Offering (collected on fifth Sundays) Quarterly Church Conference No Evening Activities

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School (School Supplies)

Mon, Aug 1-Aug 4	Vacation Bible School
Sun, Aug 7	Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am Asheville Tourists Baseball Game, 2pm

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—#GraceltForward Mission Day Planning

Sun, Sep 11	SEE (5-6:30 pm)
Sun, Sep 25	SEE (5-6:30 pm)

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS – Mission Initiative, Distribute Shoe Boxes

Sun, Oct 2	125 th Anniversary Celebration and Meal
Sun, Oct 9	SEE, 5pm
Sat, Oct 15	#GraceltForward Mission Day
Sun, Oct 23	SEE, 5pm Children's Fall Party (P-S through grade 5)
Sun, Oct 30	I Love My Church Offering (collected on fifth Sundays) Quarterly Church Conference

NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS – Coat drive; Shoe Boxes

Sun, Nov 6	All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 13	SEE, 5pm
Sun, Nov 20	Communion Sunday Community Thanksgiving Service

DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Angel Tree (Thermal Belt Outreach); Kathy's Kids

Sun, Dec 4	Annual Christmas Dinner
Sun, Dec 18	Caroling, 3pm
Sat, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm

July Sunday Schedules

Deacons for July

*JT Johnson

Sandy Frady

Keith Collins

Di Greene

David Thompson

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for July

Lou Rossi & Gigi Covil (front)

Nancy Brady (hall)

Samuel Umphlett (side)

Acolytes for July

7/3 Harper Harris & Luke Miller

7/10 Elliott Whiteside & Hattie Jolly
Crawford

7/17 Katie Cothran & Jonathon Ed
wards

7/24 Laney Littlefield & Jack Fox

7/31 StorieLane Whiteside & Olivia
Miller

Children's Church Workers for July

7/3 Becky & Ray Hudson

7/10 Sandy & Ron Frady

7/17 Kathy Ashley & Luke Walker

7/24 Erin & Danny Fox

7/31 Cathy & JT Johnson

Reminder: The church office will be
closed Monday, July 4, for
Independence Day.

JULY MILESTONES

Wedding Anniversaries

1 Harold & Ruth Taylor

8 Ethan & Renae Waldman

12 Geoff & Alice Tennant,
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

5 Ruth Taylor, Hattie Jolly ('06), Tilly
Harris ('13), Jerry McAtee

6 Ashlyn Green ('01)

7 Kayla Tennant ('99)

9 Ron Frady, David Thompson,
Jordan Stratford, Jarrett Culbreth,
StorieLane Whiteside ('06)

10 Evan Maxwell ('95)

11 Jeff Harris

12 Ellis Fincher, Jr., Olivia Miller ('08)

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 Zeigler-Barnette

31 Belle McFarland, Keith Collins,
Gingi Green, Oakley Whiteside ('09)

Military Personnel Birthdays

2 Capt. Randy Stillinger