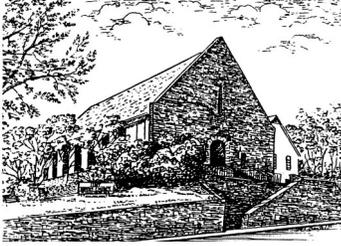


The Good News



June 2015



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Chat With the Preacher

An Experiment...

I love this time of year. Or at least I did when I was a student. And it's not because of the increasingly warm temperatures, or the mosquitoes that seem to accompany said temperatures. There are two words that capture my love of this season: "summer" and "break." Summer break is an amazing gift that you can only fully appreciate when you no longer have one.

A good friend of mine enjoyed summer break so much that he decided to become a teacher. Of course, that was not his only reason for his chosen vocation; he was also a fan of Christmas break.

One of the great benefits of school calendars is that there are clear beginnings and endings, with breaks in between. These beginnings, endings, and breaks provide a helpful rhythm that keep you engaged and fresh.

But the rest of the world rarely works this way. We have weekends and vacations to provide leisure and renewal, but we essentially live from one day to another without much distinction.

And while the church's calendar and the culture's calendar do provide rhythm and structure, neither provides anything like summer break.

With that said, I want us to try an experiment. (No, we are not taking the summer off. Sorry to disappoint you.)

Here's the experiment:

We are going to adjust our meeting times for the month of July. In July, worship will begin at 9am, followed by a joint Sunday School at 10:15am in the Activity Building.

We hope this early worship time will encourage better summer attendance. For example, if worship is at 9am, you can attend, and still have plenty of time for a picnic on the parkway, or a day at the lake, or a before-noon tee time.

This experiment also breaks up the monotony of our normal schedule, and that kind of change is beneficial.

So it's not summer break, but it is a different way to mark the time. I hope this experiment will encourage Sabbath worship, rest, and play.

Thanks for your willingness to try something different,

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

July Schedule

Worship 9:00am

Sunday School 10:15am

The Tale of the Three Trees Update



The Children's Choir (grades 1-5) presented *The Tale of the Three Trees* by Tom S. Long and Allen Pote in worship on Sunday, May 10. That presentation was dedicated to all people in the church family who nurture and love the children.

The musical drama was again presented the following Sunday, May 17, at LaurelHurst. There was a great turnout of residents, parents, and others from our congregation. *The Tale of the Three Trees* was a big hit with the residents at LaurelHurst. The children also appreciated all the support they received from the residents and all others in attendance. At the close of the presentation, the children and their parents presented Di Greene, Kay Greene, and me each with a flower arrangement and a gift card as thanks for working with the children in this endeavor. I think I can also speak for Di and Kay when I say it was well worth the time and effort. It is a joy to work with the Children's Choir!

Thank you for your support of this combined area of our Music Ministry and Children's Ministry at First Baptist.

Candy Wilson



Thank YOU Children (and Parents)

We would like to thank the children of the Children's Choir and their parents for the very thoughtful gifts you gave each of us. We enjoy working with all of you and appreciate your thoughtfulness so very much! Be sure to tell your friends that Children's Choir will resume in the fall! We would love to have more participants!

Love,

Ms. Di, Ms. Kay, and Ms. Candy

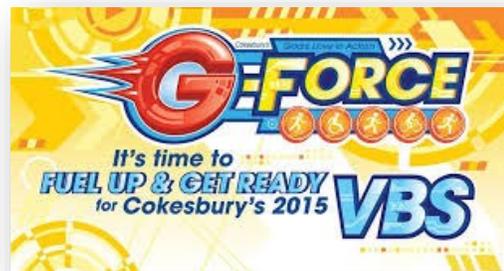
PS—Parents, thanks for encouraging the children to participate and thanks for your support of what we do!

Special Summer Activities Scheduled for Children of FBC!!

Fun awaits! Please mark your calendar now (if you haven't already done so)!!

~Carowinds Trip, Thursday, June 18 (see details elsewhere in the newsletter)

~*G-FORCE: God's Love in Action*, August 2-6, 6:00-8:15 pm (Vacation Bible School)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 2-6

Vacation Bible School for 2015 is scheduled for August 2-6 (Sunday-Thursday). The theme is *G-Force: God's Love in Action*. It is a mission-focused VBS in which children will explore putting their faith into action. If you are interested in helping in anyway with VBS planning or helping during the week of VBS, please contact Candy Wilson.

Hooked



The David Stillerman Fishing Project of FBC Tryon

First Baptist Parents,

We'd love to have you and your child/ren go fishing with us. 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 your child/ren. This is great opportunity for parents and children to spend time 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 to enjoy and respect the outdoors.
- Encourage friendships . . . with other 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:

June 28 Tryon Estates 4-7pm

July 19 White Oak Mountain 4-7pm

Aug 23 Derbyshire/Lake Sandy Plains 4-7pm

Sept 20 Tryon Estates 4-7pm

If you plan to attend please RSVP, as that will help us 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 emailing tryonfirstbaptist@gmail.com . Here are some shots from our first trip to Derbyshire/Lake Sandy Plains on May 31.



GRADUATE SUNDAY JUNE 7



June 7 marks Graduate Sunday, when we recognize the hard work of our students and their accomplishments. This year, our Polk County High School graduates are Tanner Garrett (who will attend the University of South Carolina), Alex Miller (North Carolina State University), and Allison Swope (Lenoir-Rhyne University).

We also recognize our college graduates on this day.

Congratulations to these students:

Taylor Ballard, Clemson University, B.A. in Psychology

Emily Brady, UNC Wilmington, B.S. Community Health Education

Alyssa Fincher, UNC Charlotte, B.A. in Dance

Emily McFalls, Gardner-Webb, B.S. in Business Administration

Adam Nobles, Blue Ridge Community College, Associate's Degree

Emily Prince, Western Carolina, B.A. in Elementary Education

Jordan Stratford, Warren Wilson College, B.A. in Art

These students have achieved Graduate Degrees:

Charles Feagan, University of North Carolina, Master of Business Administration

Belle McFarland, University of Tennessee. Master of Public Health

Martha Nobles, Rosemont College, Master of Arts, Publishing

We are excited about the milestones our graduates have attained, and wish to share our love and prayers for them as they follow their journey in life. Please join us Sunday, June 7 for their recognition.

SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

First Baptist Church welcomes the newest members to be received into our church family. Lane and Merry Price, of Mill Spring, have relocated to the area and join us by letter of transfer from Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh.

We also welcome Don and Carol Batts. They are no strangers to this church, and many of you know them already. Please take the time to greet the Batts and the Prices when you see them, and make them feel part of the First Baptist family.



Caitlin Britton and Scout Fox enjoying a day at Derbyshire Lake

CONCLUSION OF SEE, May 17



Our concluding conversation for SEE was May 17. We enjoyed a rousing game of wiffleball (without any trips to the ER), as well as games and activities for all ages. Afterward, Mike Greene showed his prowess at the grill making hamburgers and hotdogs, while we enjoyed fellowship with one another. SEE will start again in the fall, and coincide with the school year.

JUNE 12-14 SPIRITUALITY AND BACKPACK TRIP

We had a great time backpacking in the Roan Highlands last year, and we're looking forward to another great trip. This year we'll be trekking in the Pisgah National Forest and Shining Rock Wilderness from June 12-14. I hope you'll put it on your calendar.

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.

Participants are required to bring their own back-pack, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and tent/shelter. If you do not own these items, Sunrift Adventures in Travelers Rest rents them, or maybe you can borrow these items from someone. Also, many backpacking tents sleep two people, therefore not everyone has to have a tent. Stoves and other cooking gear can be shared as well. If you are interested in this trip, but do not have the equipment, please let Pastor Harris know, and he'll be glad to help.



CAROWINDS TRIP, JUNE 18

We're going to Carowinds! This is a trip for the whole family. We'll depart for the park June 18 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. (with wifi). 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. You must sign up and make a deposit of \$20 per person by May 31. 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.

JUNE MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

Our June mission involves us with Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. While we collect funds for their Food Pantry every third Sunday, we also have a chance to help eradicate hunger by collecting food throughout the month. There will be a collection box in the Lair Sunday School Room, and here are the items we've been tasked with collecting this month: jelly, syrup, hand soap, soup, and instant potatoes. All cans should be 14-15 oz. Thank you for your donations—it will make a difference. Together we can end hunger.

COMMIT TO THE MISSION INITIATIVE DAY OCTOBER 3

We are asking our congregation to make a commitment to help our extended community on October 3 of this year. The Mission Initiative Project and GraceItForward represent a time to put hearts and hands toward the mission of reaching out to those who may be hungry, who may not be able to do their own yardwork, who may need a construction project or who may need a helping hand in other ways. Last year, we handed out change for folks to do their laundry; gave away McDonald's gift cards; sang, played games, and did craft projects with local nursing home residents, as well as pulled weeds, chopped wood, built a ramp, collected food, and tried to make a difference in our county. We're asking for your help again this year. Commitment slips were in the bulletin on May 31st, and there is a sign-up sheet in the Education hallway. Please consider giving a few hours of your time—we can use your help in the morning or the afternoon. Prayerfully consider how you can help, and commit today!

REFUGE HELPS MAKE SHOES FOR SOLE HOPE



Our young folks in the Refuge Youth Group helped with an important ministry that Sisterhood started earlier in the Spring—Sole Hope, which is an outreach mission to make shoes from milk jugs and denim, for children in Uganda, who need the shoes to keep their feet from getting infected. We are grateful for their participation in this worthy mission. First Baptist Church of Tryon has a great group of young folks that make us proud.

BROTHERHOOD MEETS AT THE FINCHER'S HOME



Brotherhood meets the third Monday of every month for a meal and a great program. All look forward to the May meeting held at Ellis and Linda Fincher's home on White Oak Mountain. Here are some shots of Brotherhood, May 2015 (and ladies, too!) enjoying the evening.

2015 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS—Stop Hunger Now—Food Drive for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries

Sun, Jun 7	Graduate Sunday
Fri, Jun 12-Sun Jun 14	Spirituality/Backpack trip
Sun, Jun 14	Lord's Supper
Mon-Fri, Jun 15-19	CBF General Assembly, Hyatt Regency, Dallas TX
Thu, Jun 18	Carowinds trip
Sun, Jun 28	Hooked! Fishing at Tryon Estates 4-7pm
Mon, Jun 29-Thu Jul 2	PassportKids! Camp – Converse College, Spartanburg

JULY MISSION EMPHASIS—Christmas in July

Sun, Jul 19	Hooked! Fishing at White Oak Mountain, 4-7pm
Sun, Jul 26	Quarterly Church Conference

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School

Sun, Aug 2	Communion Sunday
Sun, Aug 2-Thur Aug 6	Vacation Bible School, time TBA
Sun, Aug 16	Scholarship Sunday
Sun, Aug 23	Hooked! Fishing at Derbyshire/Lake Sandy Plains, 4-7pm
Sun, Aug 30	"I Love My Church" Offering

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Fall Mission Initiative/GraceltForward

Sun, Sep 13	SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)
Sun, Sep 20	Outdoor Worship at Harmon Field (10:30am) Hooked! Fishing at Tryon Estates, 4-7pm
Sun, Sept 27	SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER Mission Emphasis—Coat Drive and Shoe Box

Sat, Oct 3	Mission Initiative/GraceltForward
Sun, Oct 4	World Communion Sunday
Sun, Oct 11	SEE (5-6:30 pm)
Sun, Oct 25	Quarterly Church Conference Fall Party for Children (P-S through grade 5) SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)
Sun, Nov 1	All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 8	SEE (5:00-6:30 pm)
Sun, Nov 22	Communion Sunday Community Thanksgiving Service
Sun, Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent/"I Love My Church" Offering

DECEMBER Mission Emphasis—Kathy's Kids

Sun, Dec 6	Christmas Drama and Annual Christmas Meal
Sun, Dec 20	Caroling
Thu, Dec 24	5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
(UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) INCLUDE:**

Sundays	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
	6:00 pm	Refuge
Wednesdays	10:00am	Bible Study (resumes September)
	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (no bell choir in June, July, August)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (no choir in July)

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

3rd Monday of each month:	6:30 pm	Brotherhood
1st Tuesday of each month:	10:00 am	WMU
2nd Tuesday of each month:	7:00 pm	Sisterhood (does not meet in summer)
3rd Tuesday of each month:	6:00 pm	Deacons
3rd Sunday of each month:	11:00am	Food Pantry Collection

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.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Emily Rose Scoggins, who died May 21, 2015, and to the family of Paul Cantrell, who died on May 7th.

We also extend our sympathies to the Tannery Family (Jason, Mary, Calhoun, Owen, and Diane Cothran's extended family), on the May 7th death of Lachlan Tannery.

June Sunday Schedules

Deacons for June

*Shelvie Foust

Ed Justice

Stephen Brady

Marian Corn

Johnny Taylor (balcony)

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for June

Mary Goodwin & Renae Waldman (front)

Joyce Scoggins (hall)

Gary Nobles (side)

Acolytes for June

6/7 Katie Cothran and Jonathon Edwards

6/14 Communion—No Acolytes

6/21 Verae Upton and Wilson Edwards

6/28 Ella Waldman and Laney Littlefield

Children's Church Workers for June:

6/7 TBA

6/14 TBA

6/21 Erin and Danny Fox

6/28 Ben and Amber McEntire

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank each of you that prayed for Lachlan Tannery during his journey here on earth. I would also like to thank you all for the prayers, cards, calls and texts when hearing of his passing. It means so much to me and Lachlan's family to have the support you all have given. Please to continue to pray for Mary, Jason and the family. -In Christ's Love, Diane Cothran

June Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

6 Ed & Bernice Culbreth

6 Vernon & Raye Dusenbury

7 Scott & Kathyanne Harding

8 Rick & Debby Covil

17 David & Sue Thompson

19 Dick & Candy Wilson

19 John & Laura Spinks

27 John & Jan Perry

30 Stephen & Nancy Brady

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Birthdays

1 June Brady, Megan Ross

2 Stan Bishop, Harold Burrell, Alisa Constance, Madi McKaig ('99), Lib McKeller, Phil Scoggins

3 Bud Pace

4 Erin Fox, Matt Corn, Keen McFarland

5 Mary Prince ('96)

6 Andrew Harding

7 Paula Edwards

10 Mary Gibbs

11 Carey Metcalf

12 Rebecca Laughter

14 Sydney Waldman ('02)

15 Christy McCall

16 Natalie Lobo ('03)

17 Ed Britton

18 Mark Smith

22 Gary Greene, Carl Campbell ('99)

23 Vernon Dusenbury

26 Kevin Blackwell

27 Phillip Edwards, Ruby Jones

28 Ben McEntire

29 Holland Brady ('96)

30 Fran Goodwin

31 Megan Edwards ('06)

College Students' Birthdays

10 Brandon Britton