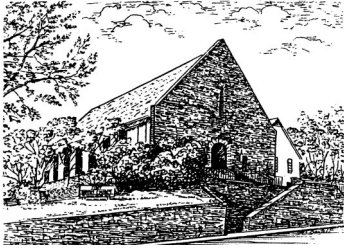


## The Good News



June 2014



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## Chat With the Preacher

Most days I enjoy being a pastor. After all, in what other vocation is one expected to think and talk about such an extravagant thing as God? But like all vocations, ministry has its ups and downs. There are days and seasons that are hard and there are those that are beautiful and exhilarating.

“Pastoring” is a vocation better experienced than explained. I can tell you what it is like to rub ashes on someone’s forehead while saying, “You are dust and to dust you shall return.” But unless you’ve done it, you can’t fully understand the humbling holiness of such a moment. I can tell you about conversations with a dying person, and how the closeness of death removes pretension and trivia from the room. But unless you’ve shared those words and held those hands it is hard to grasp the sacredness of the situation.

There are days, however, when you wonder why in the world you chose this kind of life. Superficiality and shallowness rear their ugly heads and you feel like everything you do is in vain. Lack of commitment to the life and ministry of the local church makes you question your sanity. And you can’t help but think there are some church folks who wouldn’t recognize Jesus if he hit them in the head with a hammer. That’s usually when it occurs to me that there are plenty of times in my own life, when I don’t recognize Jesus either, and I’m a trained professional. (Professional, by the way, doesn’t necessarily

mean that you are particularly skilled at something, it simply means you get paid.)

And that’s when I remember that I didn’t really choose this kind of life; instead, this kind of life chose me. Or to say it a different way, I believe that God called me to this kind of life. To some that sounds like an arrogant claim, and to others it sounds completely ridiculous. I understand both perspectives. But somehow, when Paul says to the Corinthians (I Corinthians 1:27) that God chose the foolish to shame the wise and the weak to shame the strong then it all seems totally believable to me—that God actually chooses people like you and me to be God’s representatives in the world.

There are people and occasions that solidify God’s choosing, and I must say that you are such people, and that your support and generosity during my Doctor of Ministry journey is such an occasion. You have supported and affirmed me in this endeavor from day one and I cannot adequately thank you. The abundance of your recent love offering is beyond generous, and I want you to know that I am grateful. I am grateful for your support and affirmation. I am grateful for your friendship. I am grateful that God has called us together for ministry. Now don’t go and get the “big head” but you really are a wonderful congregation! I look forward to what God has in store for us.

With deep gratitude,

*Jeff*



## Workshop of Wonders Volunteer Form

**We need Workshop of Wonders VBS volunteers!**

**June 16-19, 5:30-8:30pm**

Dates you can help \_\_\_\_\_ Times you can help \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***I can help BEFORE Workshop of Wonders VBS. I can:***

_____ Pray for VBS	_____ Coordinate publicity	_____ Paint backdrops
_____ Distribute publicity	_____ Make costumes	_____ Make phone calls
_____ Help w/preregistration	_____ Provide supplies	_____ Gather donations
_____ Create decorations		

***I can help DURING Workshop of Wonders VBS. I can:***

_____ Help with child care	_____ Be a registrar	_____ Provide transportation
_____ Take photos	_____ Greet participants	_____ Provide snacks for leaders
_____ Pray for the children	_____ Set up rooms each day	

***I can help AFTER Workshop of Wonders VBS. I can:***

_____ Send thank-you cards	_____ Take down decorations	_____ Return donated items
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## Opportunities to “Get Outside”



There are some great chances to get outside this summer. The first is a Spirituality/Backpack trip with Reverend Harris, on June 27-29. It will be a chance to experience Sabbath in a natural setting. The group will be hiking in the Roan Highlands. Space is limited for this trip (10-12), so secure your place quickly.

The second opportunity will be on the weekend of August 15-17. We've reserved Orchard Lake Campground in Saluda for the weekend, and hope that you will bring a tent, an RV, or think about renting a cabin and joining us. It's a beautiful setting, with lots to enjoy. You can hike, fish, swim in the pool, or just hang out in a hammock.

Finally, there will be outdoor worship on September 28 at Harmon Field. The covered shed and cabin are reserved for that day. Please bring a picnic dish to share, and lawn chairs.

## 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.



## Pentecost Sunday—June 8

Pentecost, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter, is the birthday of the church—when the Holy Spirit descended on those disciples who were gathered in one place. We're told in the book of Acts that tongues of flame appeared above their heads, and that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. When Peter preached his first sermon, we know that 3,000 people were baptized. We also celebrate the Holy Spirit that day, with worship, song, and a celebration of the Lord's Supper.



## WMU Group 1 Mission Focus

WMU Group 1 mission for June is to donate supplies to Hospice of the Carolina Foothills. Wish List asks for: moisturizing lotion, 3-blade razors, finger nail/toe nail clippers, baby wipes, moisturizing body wash, Ensure - all favors. All items need to be unscented. Group 1 meets at the Church on the first Tuesday of each month for fellowship, refreshments and a short program. All ladies are invited to join us and to bring ideas for other mission opportunities.

## Come and Hear “Roger Williams” Preach On June 29



Roger Williams, the founder of the very first Baptist church in America, First Baptist Church of Providence, RI (he also founded the state of Rhode Island), was a staunch advocate for religious liberty and the separation of church and state.

Even though Williams died in 1683, he's planning a trip to First Baptist Church of Tryon. The Rev. Robert Randolph, retired pastor and chaplain from the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, will present an in-character monologue of Roger Williams during worship on June 29. You will not want to miss this opportunity for worship and education.

## Vacation Bible School June 16-19



Vacation Bible School for ages 4-grade 5, is scheduled for June 16-19, Monday-Thursday, 5:30-8:30 pm. The theme for this year is *Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God (W.O.W.)*. At *W.O.W.*, we will help children experience how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God through dramas, crafts, games, activities, music, and hours of fun! The evening will begin with a light supper at 5:30. Please preregister your child for Vacation Bible School at:

<http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/FirstBaptistChurchofTryon>.



### REMINDER

**Sunday, June 29 is a Fifth Sunday, so mark your offerings with “I Love My Church.”**





## **FBC 2014 Graduates**

Our love and congratulations go to the young men and women of the church who have graduated from high schools and colleges, and who are preparing to make their mark on the world. We give thanks for the lives of these young folks—when you see them, give them a word of encouragement and let them know that we are proud of their achievements.

### **High School Graduates**

Will Ballard—Polk County HS

Wes Brady—Polk County HS

Cassidy Campbell—Polk County HS

Jamie Greene—Polk County HS

Mary Prince—East Henderson HS

Mary Smith—Polk County HS

### **College Graduates**

Carrie Greene, Western Carolina University, BS in Elementary Education

Martha Nobles, Rosemont College, Masters in Publishing

## **2014 Scholarship Recipients**

**Drew Appleyard**, University of Georgia (Radford Scholarship)

**Will Ballard**, Tri-County Tech (Maxie and Mary Foster Scholarship)

**Taylor Ballard**, Clemson University (RB and Polly Scruggs Scholarship)

**Emily Brady**, UNC Wilmington

**Wes Brady**, Lenoir-Rhyne University

**Brandon Britton**, Blue Ridge Community College

**Destiny Dohm**, Western Carolina University

**Alyssa Fincher**, UNC Charlotte (Fincher Scholarship)

**Jamie Greene**, Western Carolina University (McCallister Scholarship)

**Melissa Hardee**, Gaston Community College

**Emily McFalls**, Gardner-Webb University

**Brooke Scoggins**, Western Carolina University (Scoggins Scholarship)

**Kathryn Smith**, Blue Ridge Community College

**Mary Margaret Smith**, UNC Chapel Hill

**Rachel Vining**, Veritas Christian Study Abroad (Carson-Newman University)

# WE'VE GOT BUS TRIPS!

There are several occasions for you to “get away from it all” and ride in the comfort and ease of a charter bus (air-conditioning’s a big plus, too!). Two trips are in the works, and we hope that our church family will take advantage of these opportunities for a great time of fellowship and enjoyment. There are sign-up sheets in the education foyer.

## Barter Theatre, July 17

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.



## Carowinds, July 22

We’re going to Carowinds! 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 (a savings of \$7), 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. You must sign up and make a deposit of \$20 per person by June 15. 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 Sunday Schedules

### *Deacons for June:*

\*Shelvie Foust  
Ed Justice  
Stephen Brady  
Marian Corn  
Mike Greene (balcony)

*\*denotes Lead Deacon*

### *Ushers for June:*

Susan Smith & Joyce Scoggins (Front)  
Gary Nobles (Hall)  
Wilson Edwards (Side)

### *Acolytes for June:*

6/1 Laney Littlefield & Ella Waldman  
6/8 Communion Sunday—No Acolytes  
6/15 Harper Harris & Caitlin Britton  
6/22 Verae Upton & Katie Cothran  
6/29 Ashlyn Green & Hayden Blackwell

### *Children's Church Workers for June:*

6/1 Ben & Amber McEntire  
6/8 Cathy & JT Johnson  
6/15 Susan Smith  
6/22 Keith & Debbie Collins  
6/29 Emily Pereira

## June Birthdays/Anniversaries

### **Anniversaries**

6 Edward & Bernice Culbreth  
6 Vernon & Raye Dusenbury  
7 Scott & Kathyanne Harding  
8 Rick & Debby Covil  
12 Paul & Ruth Cantrell  
17 David & Sue Thompson  
19 Dick & Candy Wilson  
19 John & Laura Spinks  
27 John & Jan Perry  
30 Stephen & Nancy Brady

### **Birthdays**

1 June Brady, Megan Ross  
2 Stan Bishop, Harold Burrell, Alisa Constance, Madi  
McKaig, Lib McKeller, Phil Scoggins  
3 Bud Pace  
4 Matt Corn, Keen McFarland  
5 Mary Prince  
6 Andrew Harding  
7 Paula Edwards  
10 Mary Gibbs, Brandon Britton  
11 Carey Metcalf  
12 Rebecca Laughter  
14 Sydney Waldman ('02)  
15 Christy McCall  
16 Natalie Lobo ('03)  
17 Ed Britton  
18 Mark Smith  
22 Carl Campbell ('99)  
23 Vernon Dusenbury  
26 Kevin Blackwell  
27 Phillip Edwards, Ruby Jones  
28 Ben McEntire  
29 Fran Goodwin  
30 Megan Edwards ('06)

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Kersey Green, (Mitch Green's father); and to the family of Don Iaffaldano (Rosemary).

## **First Baptist Church 2014 Schedule**

### **JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS—Stop Hunger Now**

Sun, Jun 1	Graduate/Scholarship Recognition, Communion Sunday
Sun, Jun 8	Pentecost Sunday, Communion
M-Th Jun 16-19	Vacation Bible School
F-S, Jun 27-29	Spirituality/Backpacking Trip led by Jeff Harris
Sun, Jun 29	“I Love My Church” Offering

### **JULY MISSION EMPHASIS—Christmas in July**

S-W, Jul 06-09	Passportkids!—Camp for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> graders at Converse College, Spartanburg SC
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
Sat, Aug 23	Stop Hunger Now—packing food for Haiti, Polk County High School
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)

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## **First Baptist Church 2014 Schedule** *(con't. from previous page)*

### **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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month:      6:30 pm Brotherhood  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month:      10:00am WMU Group 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month:      7:00 pm Sisterhood  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

### **CHANGES—PLEASE NOTE**

**Bible Study will resume Wednesday, September 10. (remember the Barter Theatre trip on July 17, though!)**

**Bell Choir rehearsals will resume in August—date to be determined.**

**The Chancel choir will not have rehearsal from June 18 through July 30 and will resume Wednesday rehearsals in August.**

**The Deacons will not meet in July.**

**Sisterhood will not meet in June, July, or August.**

**S.E.E. will resume on September 14, as well as the Children's Choir and the Refuge group.**