

## The Good News



March 2015



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## Chat With the Preacher

This is something I wrote for the Tryon Daily Bulletin, and while we (FBC Tryon) always need your financial support, and while some of your support actually goes to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries, Lent is an appropriate time to remember our neighbors in need.

### Lent and Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry

The season of Lent is a forty-day journey through the wilderness of repentance and reflection. In the Western Church, this journey begins on Ash Wednesday. Ashes made from last year's palms are placed on foreheads in the shape of a cross, and the words "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return" are whispered as a stark reminder that our lives are fragile and finite.

The prescribed Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday comes from Matthew 6, which is located in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount—the pinnacle of Jesus' teaching. The reading addresses three imperatives of Jewish faith: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. Jesus encouraged his followers to perform these practices with discretion and faithfulness, unlike those who did so for show.

These three practices are also important for the Christian tradition. And they do not appear in the Ash Wednesday readings by accident. Almsgiving, prayer, and fasting are three expected Lenten practices.

But whether you observe Lent or not, and whether you are religious or not, I want to offer one of these practices for your consideration--almsgiving. Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. And there is a simple way you can give to those in need in Polk County—Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry (full disclosure: I serve on the board of TBOM).

While Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry provides several kinds of assistance, food assistance is at its core. Here are a few staggering facts about hunger:

-Hunger is the world's #1 health risk. It kills more people than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.

-One in seven people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

-Over 300 million children go to bed hungry every day.

-Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes. That's one child every five seconds.

The reasons for hunger are many and complex, and the strategies to eliminate hunger are varied. But one thing is for sure; hunger is not the result of scarcity. There is more than enough food in the world to go around. The question is: Will we do our part to make sure there's an equitable distribution?

Near the end of Matthew's Gospel, in a climactic scene known as the parable of the sheep and the goats, Jesus describes that in the divine economy, whenever you feed the hungry (or give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, visit those in prison) you are actually feeding him: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40b). Likewise, when our neighbors go hungry, it is as if we have failed to feed Jesus himself. Startling news for those of us who claim to follow him.

So whether you give your finances and time to TBOM, or to some other worthy group, please give generously. You won't regret it. As the writer of Hebrews proclaims, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).

Thanks for supporting Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry.

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

## Red Cross Blood Drive to be at FBC, March 9



**DONATE BLOOD!**

We'll be sponsoring another Blood Drive at the Tryon First Baptist Activity Building on Monday, March 9. The Blood Drive will be from 12:30—5:00pm, and appointments must be made by calling the Polk County American Red Cross Chapter at (828) 258-3888. Please bring your Red Cross or Photo ID with you when you come.

We're also looking for volunteers to help on Blood Drive days. If you'd like to save a life (or serve a cookie), consider being a part of this worthy cause. We'll be sponsoring the blood drives every other month. The date you can donate blood is Monday, May 11.



## Brotherhood Coat Drive

Brotherhood is sponsoring a coat drive during the fall and winter months. Please bring donations of new or used coats, jackets, and hoodies to the large box inside the hallway closet, across from the Lair SS Room. They will continue to collect warm outerwear and coats during our cold months. These coats will be taken to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries and distributed to those most in need.

## Christian Education Happenings at First Baptist

### SEE—Winter 2015

This Winter/Spring our SEE (Sunday Evening Ekklesia) offering for adults will offer a discussion by Jeff Harris, entitled *We Could be Wrong—Examining Moral and Ethical Issues from a Christian Perspective*.

Contentious issues continue to divide churches and communities, but is there another way to approach these complex dilemmas? Can the church offer a better way forward than our tired binary (right/left) thinking? Join us for a series of respectful conversations modeling deep thinking and humility.

Stephen Brady leads a study at the same time in the Rock House, and will be using Louie Giglio's *Passion* series.

Mar 8 Race

Mar 22 Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage

Apr 12 Homosexuality

Apr 26 TBD

May 17 Concluding Conversation

## CBFNC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of CBFNC will be at Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte on **Thursday, March 19** and **Friday, March 20**. You may get more information and register for the event by going to the CBF website [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org).



## PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

On Saturday, January 24, twenty-four members of Tryon First Baptist Church ages 11 to 81 years old worked together to cut out 60 pairs of shoes from old denim jeans and cotton cloth and plastic milk jugs. These will be sent to Sole Hope -- a project that provides shoes to children in Uganda. This “party with a purpose” was directed by Beth Thomas of Tryon.

Many children in Uganda who do not have any shoes get “jiggers” (sand fleas that infest and infect the feet). When these shoe “kits” reach Uganda, they are sewn together by women of the village – using old bicycle tires as soles. These women are paid a fair wage which helps them support their families. Each pair of shoes can be “sponsored” with a \$10 donation which helps transport the kits to Uganda, pays the fair wage and provides some medical supplies.

This project began in Asheville when a young mother named Dru Collie learned about the “jiggers” and the children in Uganda. Dru and her husband and two children have since moved to Uganda to direct the operation on site.

Keith Collins of Tryon First Baptist Church provided 98 milk jugs which were used to cut out sole supports for the shoes.

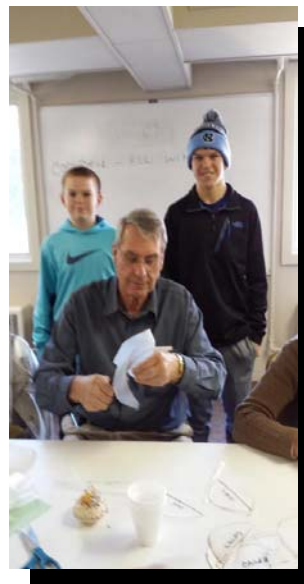
In April our youth group (Refuge) will be having another “party with a purpose” to cut more shoes to send to Uganda. For more information, contact Judy Lair at 894-8744 or Di Greene at 894-5095.

*-submitted by Judy Lair*



Carrie Greene is the quality control supervisor for the 60 pairs of shoes that were cut and sent to Uganda.

Di Greene begins working with 98 milk jugs provided by Keith Collins!



David Graham with Jonathon and Wilson Edwards represent the male mission workers.



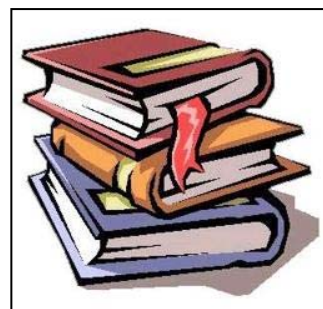
## HECK JONES LUNCHEON A SUCCESS

The Annual Heck-Jones luncheon was prepared and served by members of the WMU and Sisterhood. This year's motto was "Follow." With our donations, we are helping the WMU of North Carolina achieve their fundraising goal of \$40,000 for ongoing mission projects. Di Green spoke during the Mission Moment on February 8, telling us a bit about the offering and inviting the congregation to a wonderful meal. When all was said and done, we collected \$1,035 to send to WMU of North Carolina. Thank you for your support of WMU and Sisterhood, and for your gifts to the Heck Jones Offering.



## THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 4

Our Annual Meeting will be in the Activity Building on Wednesday, March 4, starting with a covered-dish dinner. The Social Committee is providing meat, bread, and beverages, and is asking the congregation to bring lots of side dishes, salads, and desserts. We'll have the fellowship of sharing a meal and then get down to business at 6:30. Because of the time constraints, please be aware that Bell Choir and Chancel Choir rehearsals will be on Thursday (March 5) of that week, at their regularly scheduled times.



## NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

### Fiction

Albom, Mitch: *The First Phone Call from Heaven*

Alcorn, Randy: *Heaven*

Evans, Richard Paul: *The Mistletoe Promise*

Leigh, Tamara: *Splitting Harriet*

Sawyer, Kim Vogel: *My Heart Remembers*

Wayne, Jimmy: *Paper Angels*

### NonFiction

Blue, Ron: *Faith-Based Family Finances*

Children's Bible Hour (producer): *One Year Book of Devotions for Girls*

FCA: *Heart of an Athlete: Daily Devotions for Peak Performance*

Hamilton, Adam: *When Christians Get It Wrong*

Lucado, Jenna: *Redefining Beautiful*

Lucado, Max: *In the Manger*

Newmark, Amy (ed): *Touched by an Angel: 101 Miraculous Stories of Faith, Divine Intervention, and Answered Prayer*

Vujicic, Nic: *Unstoppable*

## **WORKDAY AT FIRST BAPTIST TBA**

A church-wide workday is scheduled for later in the month (date to be determined—check later for details). We need strong backs and willing hands as we clean up the property, strew mulch, and tidy up around the grounds.



## **EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 22**

This year's Easter Egg Hunt takes place on Sunday, March 22. The time is 3:30pm, and the children will be invited to hunt eggs around the amphitheater and park area of the Tryon Fine Arts Center. The time schedule is such that the children can remain here for children's choir and SEE activities that evening. Plan on bringing your children!

## **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Everyone is invited to submit articles and pictures for the Good News. Please submit your information to the church office by the 18th of the month.

## **FBC LENTEN SCHEDULE**



- Wed, Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Service 6pm
- Sun, Feb 22 Lent I Worship 11am
- Sun, Mar 1 Lent II Worship 11am
- Sun, Mar 8 Lent III Worship 11am
- Sun, Mar 15 Lent IV Worship 11am
- Sun, Mar 22 Lent V Worship 11am
- Sun, Mar 29 Palm Sunday Worship 11am  
(no evening activities)
- Mon, Mar 30 Noonday Prayer
- Tue, Mar 31 Noonday Prayer
- Wed, Apr 1 Noonday Prayer
- Thu, Apr 2 Maundy Thursday service 7pm
- Fri, Apr 3 Community Good Friday svc
- Sun, Apr 5 Easter Sunrise Service 7am  
Light Breakfast 8am  
No Sunday School this a.m.  
Easter Worship 11am

# Youth Schedule Spring 2015

Jan 11	6pm, Refuge kick-off (SEE night) <b>Capital Punishment</b>
Jan 18	6pm, Refuge
Jan 25	6pm, Refuge (SEE night) <b>Abortion</b>
Feb 1	6pm, Refuge
Feb 8	6pm, Refuge (See night) <b>War, Violence, and Pacifism</b>
Feb 15	6pm, Refuge
Feb 22	6pm, Refuge (SEE night) <b>Politics, Parties, and the Separation of Church and State</b>
Feb 28 (SAT)	Ski Trip, Wolf Ridge, all-day event (Instead of an overnight ski trip, we're doing a lock-in on March 8)
Mar 1	No Refuge (because ski trip was the day before)
Mar 8	Refuge Lock-in, 6pm to 8am
Mar 15	6pm, Refuge <b>Race</b>
Mar 22	6pm, Refuge (SEE night) <b>Creation Care and the Environment</b>
Mar 29	No Refuge (no activities on fifth Sundays)
Apr 5	No Refuge (Easter Sunday)
Apr 12	6pm, Refuge (SEE night) <b>Christian Sexual Ethic</b>
Apr 19	6pm, Refuge
Apr 26	No Refuge
May 3	6pm, Refuge
May 10	No Refuge (Mother's Day)
May 17	6pm, Refuge (final SEE night)

*There will be one "fun" event each month of the summer. TBD.*

## 2015 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

### FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS—Heck Jones Offering

Sun, Feb 1	Communion Sunday Children's Choir (5-6pm) rehearsal
Sun, Feb 8	SEE (5-6:30pm)
Sun, Feb 15	WMU/Sisterhood Heck Jones Meal after worship
Wed, Feb 18	Ash Wednesday Service (6pm)
Sun, Feb 22	SEE (5-6:30pm)
Sat, Feb 28	All day Ski Trip – Wolf Ridge

### MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS—Stewardship of the Church

Sun, Mar 1	Children's Choir (5-6pm) rehearsal No Refuge
Wed, Mar 4	6:00 pm Meal and Annual Meeting
Sun, Mar 8	SEE (5-6:30pm) Refuge Lock-In, 6pm until 8am
Mon, Mar 9	Red Cross Blood Drive, Activity Building (12:30-5pm)
Sun, Mar 15	Children's Choir (5-6pm) rehearsal Refuge 6pm
Thur, Mar 19-Fri, Mar 20	CBFNC General Assembly, Providence Baptist, Charlotte
Sat, Mar 21	Super Saturday
Sun, Mar 22	EASTER EGG HUNT-- Tryon Fine Arts Center amphitheater, 3:30pm SEE (5-6:30pm)
Sun, Mar 29	Palm Sunday/5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY "I Love My Church" Offering Children's Choir Special Rehearsal (4-6pm) NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES
Mon, Mar 30	Noonday Prayer
Tue, Mar 31	Noonday Prayer
TBA	Workday at the Church

### APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS—Easter Missions Offering

Wed, Apr 1	Noonday Prayer
Thu, Apr 2	Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm
Fri, Apr 3	Good Friday Community Service
Sun, Apr 5	EASTER – NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES
Sun, Apr 12	Communion Sunday Refuge (6pm)
Sun, Apr 19	Children's Choir Special Rehearsal (4-6pm)
Sun, Apr 26	Quarterly Church Conference SEE (5-6:30pm) No Refuge

### MAY MISSION EMPHASIS—Baptist Retirement Home

Sun, May 3	WNC Baptist Fellowship Spring Gathering, FBC Marion
Sun, May 10	Mother's Day—Children's Choir presents "The Tale of Three Trees" NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES
Mon, May 11	Red Cross Blood Drive, Activity Building (12:30-5pm)
Sun, May 17	SEE (Last Night) All Church-Cookout and Games
Sun, May 24	Memorial Day Weekend—NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES
Sun, May 31	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday "I Love My Church" Offering – NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

### JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS—Stop Hunger Now

Sun, Jun 7	Graduation Sunday, Communion
Fri, Jun 12-Sun Jun 14	Spirituality/Backpack trip
Mon-Fri, Jun 15-19	CBF General Assembly, Hyatt Regency, Dallas TX
Mon, Jun 29-Thu Jul 2	PassportKids! Camp – Converse College, Spartanburg

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## 2015 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC *(con't. from previous page)*

### JULY MISSION EMPHASIS—Christmas in July

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 30                    "I Love My Church" Offering  
All Church Camp-out at Orchard Lake in Saluda - TBA

### 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)  
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  
                                     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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month:    10:00 am WMU  
   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.*



## March Sunday Schedules

### *Deacons for March*

\*Billy McFarland  
Sue Thompson  
Ron Frady  
Johnny Taylor  
Ed Justice (balcony)

*\*denotes Lead Deacon*

### *Ushers for March*

Joyce Scoggins and Ashlyn Green (front)  
Susan Smith (hall)  
Renaë Waldman (side)

### *Acolytes for March*

3/1 StorieLane Whiteside & Jonathon Edwards  
3/8 Hayden Blackwell & Harper Harris  
3/15 Verae Upton & Wilson Edwards  
3/22 Caitlin Birron & Jack Fox  
3/19 Elliott Whiteside & Sydney Waldman

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

3/1 Erin & Danny Fox  
3/8 Ben & Amber McEntire  
3/15 Cathy & JT Johnson  
3/22 Susan Smith  
3/29 Keith & Debbie Collins

## **REMINDER!**

March 8 marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Set your clocks ahead an hour so you don't miss a thing on Sunday morning!

## March Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Anniversaries

1 Phil & Marian Corn  
3 Matthew & Adria (Harding) Denny  
7 Kevin & Christy McCall  
8 Howard & Mary Greene

### Birthdays

2 Leah McKaig, Damon Johnson  
5 Keith Constance  
6 Sandy Frady, Malik Miller ('99)  
9 JT Johnson  
10 Billy McFarland, Grayson Jones ('02)  
11 Gigi Covil, Kaya Bishop ('02),  
Finley Jean Lay ('11)  
12 Howard Greene, Darryl Maxwell  
13 Nancy Brady, Matthew Baker, Teresa Rossi,  
Sadie McKaig  
14 Charles Stafford, Wilson Edwards ('01)  
15 Cathy Johnson, Barbara Batchler  
16 Kate McFarland  
19 Jean Bolus, Jonathon Edwards ('03), "Skip"  
Williams, Dan Kimble  
20 Cale Burrell  
22 Erin Shu ('01)  
24 Martha Nobles, Chase Constance ('02),  
ScottLynn Whiteside ('12)  
26 Sharon Burrell  
26 Judy Lair  
27 Franklin Williams  
28 Jessie Emory ('03)  
29 Joe Wray  
31 Tommy Burrell, Phil Pleasants, Mary Smith

### Military Birthdays

14 Sgt. Tracy Payne  
28 Caleb Shephard ('13)

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	6:00 pm Refuge
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	7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month:	7:00 pm Sisterhood
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month:	6:50 pm Deacons

### **We Are Grateful!**

A special thank you is in order for Nelson "Bud" Pace, for coming to clear the church parking lots of ice and snow in order for us to work, worship, and meet at First Baptist.

### **A Special Thank You from Kathy Ashley**

I would like to thank each person who took a child's name from the Stocking Tree at Christmas (to benefit children from Tryon Elementary School), as well as the folks that gave money for me to buy gifts, and the people who kept me in their prayers as I shopped. Without your blessings and donations, we would not have helped eighty-two children! Together, we made a big difference in those lives.

I asked one mother "if she could have one thing, what would she want for herself?" Her answer was "a warm sweater." I asked if she meant sweater or coat? She said she had neither, nor did her husband. Thanks to our coat drive, I was able to find a warm coat for both of them. We have a wonderful and caring congregation, and I am glad to be a member. God bless each and every one of you.

*-Kathy Ashley*