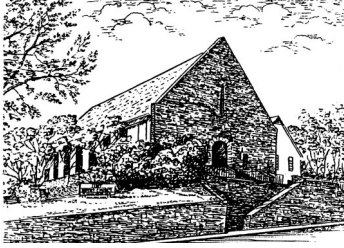


The Good News



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I hope you are finding renewed life in this Lenten season.

After all, Lent is a season of reflection and repentance intended for transformation, not self-loathing.

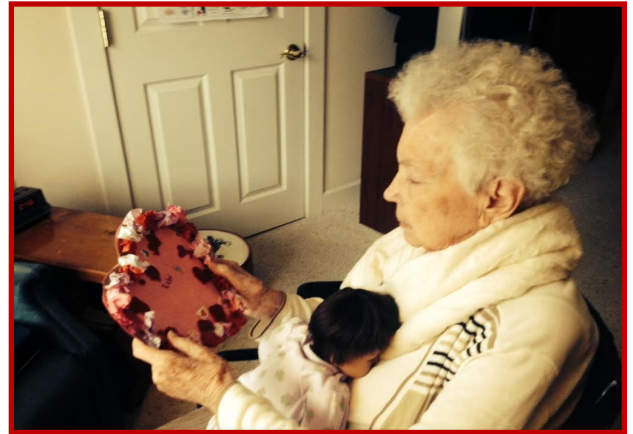
Don't be afraid to look in the mirror and see the truth about yourself, because the truth is, we are all in the same boat. No one is beyond redemption, or above it.

In the midst of our busyness, here is an opportunity to reevaluate our lives and the world around us, to take stock of what matters and what doesn't. Here is a chance to be transformed. Don't let it slip away. — *Jeff*

These opportunities are designed to help:

- March 6 Fourth Sunday of Lent, 11am
- March 13 Fifth Sunday of Lent, 11am
- March 20 Palm Sunday, 11am
- March 21 Noonday Prayer, noon (This is a brief service—a mini Sabbath if you will—usually about 15 minutes, for prayer and reflection as we move closer to the cross.)
- March 22 Noonday Prayer, noon
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- March 24 Maundy Thursday, 6pm (We will gather in the Activity Building for a potluck meal at 6pm, and will move into a time of worship at 6:40pm, which will include foot washing / hand washing and The Lord's Supper.)
- March 25 Good Friday, Noon-3pm (There will not be a community Good Friday service this year, so we are having our own. The sanctuary will be open from noon until 3, and you are invited to drop in for a silent time of worship based on the Stations of the Cross. Someone will be there to guide you in the right direction. The service should take about 20 minutes. Good times to stop by would be 12:00pm, 12:20pm, 12:40pm, 1:00pm, etc.)
- March 26 There are no scheduled services today, but try and find time for quiet reflection, a walk in the woods, fasting, etc. Do something to mark this day as sacred.
- March 27 Easter Sunrise, 7am, Tryon Fine Arts Center Amphitheatre, with breakfast to follow.
Sunday School, 10
Easter Celebration, 11am

VALENTINES FROM THE VISITATION TEAM

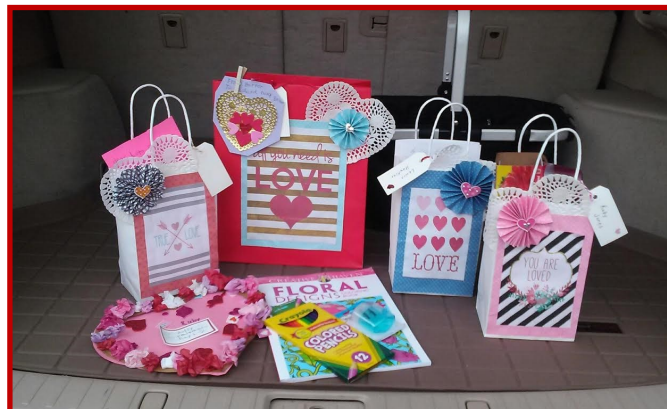


The Visitation Team would like to thank the Young Adult Sunday School class (Cheryl's class) for the generous purchase of the adult coloring books for our homebound church members.

A special thank you also to Jodi Harris, Linda Ligon, Mona Kimble and Paula Edwards for working with the children in their Sunday School classes to make valentines for the homebound and also for those in White Oak and LaurelWoods. They **love** hearing from our children.

Peggy Edwards was very gracious in helping us put together valentine bags for everyone—thank you, Peggy!!

We (as a team) would like our members who are not able to always be in church to know that they are still a big part of our church family—that we love them and we are always here for them. -Linda Fincher



OPPORTUNITIES

GROCERY BAGS NEEDED

We collect plastic grocery bags for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, as there is a constant need for them at TBOM's Food Pantry. Bring your excess 'baggage' here to help—there's a large receptacle in the closet across from the Lair Sunday School room.

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

EASTER MISSIONS OFFERINGS

There is an opportunity to give to several mission projects during the Easter season. We encourage you to give to either the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering or the CBF Global Missions Offering. There are designated envelopes in your offering envelope box. If you do not have offering envelopes, other envelopes for these offerings will be located at the sanctuary doors.

FIREWOOD MINISTRY

The second Saturday of every month, you have a chance to use your muscle by coming to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry and help cut, split, and stack firewood. Woodcutting starts at 8:30am and lasts until noon. There is no woodcutting on March 12, however—that's our cleanup day at the church.



STOP HUNGER NOW APRIL 9

We're looking ahead a little to let you know about Stop Hunger Now, sponsored by the Rotary Foundation of Tryon. Our church participates by helping buy nutritious meals that are packed and sent to Haiti. There is an event on Saturday, April 9, at Polk County High School. Volunteers are needed to help put together and ship these meals. We'll start at 8am and work until all meals are packed and ready for their destination. This is a mission for all ages can participate in. We hope to see you there!

HECK-JONES LUNCHEON

On February 14, the WMU and Sisterhood sponsored a luncheon for the Heck-Jones Offering, which supports the NC WMU. We enjoyed a lunch of baked ham, green beans, pineapple casserole, and home-made desserts. All in all, \$1,167 was raised for the North Carolina WMU. We thank you for your support!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING TRIBUTE AT TRYON FINE ARTS CENTER, JANUARY 13



A community event celebrating the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King took place on Saturday, January 13 (having been postponed until this date because of bad weather). The children's choir provided the music for the program, and sang selections such as "If I Can Help Somebody", "Prayer for Tomorrow", and "This Little Light of Mine."



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 12

We need volunteers! Come and help us spruce up the church grounds. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels and whatever else you think we need. We'll work from 8am until noon.

CBFNC GENERAL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY, MARCH 18

CBFNC's 2016 Spring Gathering (General Assembly) is at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh this year, on Friday, March 18th. If you plan to attend General Assembly, you can register online at <http://www.cbfnc.org/congregations/2016-cbfnc-general-assembly>.

SUPER SATURDAY!



Super Saturday is right around the corner! The Children's Theater Festival is a long-standing tradition in Tryon, where Melrose Avenue is blocked off for all sorts of shows and street performers. We are hosting two shows that day—one at 10:30 and another at 1:15. We need three volunteers for each show—one to work with a high-school student to sell tickets, one to stand at the ramp and direct folks to the front, and one to monitor the hallway where the bathrooms are located. Please call Sadie McKaig ASAP to let her know if you're willing to help.

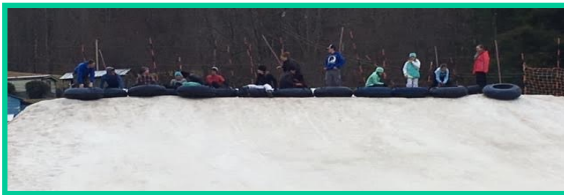
EASTER EGG HUNT



An Easter Egg Hunt for Preschool and Elementary Children will be held Sunday, March 20. Children are asked to bring a basket/bag for eggs and to meet at the Tryon Fine Arts Center Amphitheater at 4:00 pm. We will have snacks, games, and the egg hunt. **We are collecting individually-wrapped candy (no peanuts please) and plastic eggs, and need them by Sunday, March 13.** Donation boxes can be located at the church entrances. Thanks for your kind donations!



WOLF LAUREL SKI TRIP



On February 20, Refuge (and friends) enjoyed the slopes at Wolf Laurel. Here are some photos from that great weekend.



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, 5pm
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.

MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS—Easter Missions (CBF Global Missions/Annie Armstrong)

Wed, Mar 2	Annual Meeting, meal 6pm, business meeting 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:45pm
Sun, Mar 13	SEE, 5pm
Fri, Mar 18	CBFNC General Assembly, Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh
Sat, Mar 19	Super Saturday
Sun, Mar 20	Palm Sunday Egg Hunt, 3:30pm Refuge at the home of Robert & Margot Carter, 6pm
Mon, Mar 21	Noonday Prayer
Tue, Mar 22	Noonday Prayer
Wed, Mar 23	Noonday Prayer
Thur, Mar 24	Maundy Thursday Meal and Worship, 6pm
Fri, Mar 25	Good Friday Community Worship, Noon
Sun, Mar 27	Easter Sunrise Service at TFAC Amphitheatre, 7am Easter Worship, 11am NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS—Stop Hunger Now Haiti

Sun, Apr 3	Celebration of The Lord's Supper Children's Choir Rehearsal, 4-6pm
Sat, Apr 9	Stop Hunger Now food packing (Polk County High School), 8am
Sun, Apr 10	Dr. Daryl Maxwell preaching as part of our for 125 th Anniversary Celebration, 11am SEE, 5pm
Sun, Apr 17	HOOKED Fishing Event, 2-5pm
Sun, Apr 24	Quarterly Church Conference Children's Choir Rehearsal, 4-6pm SEE, 5pm

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MAY MISSION EMPHASIS—Baptist Retirement Home Offering

Sun, May 1	Children's Choir Rehearsal, 4-6pm Refuge, helping on micro-farm at Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, 6pm
Sun, May 8	NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES (Mother's Day)
Sun, May 15	<i>The Lost Son</i> presented by the Children's Choir, 11am Annual Wiffle Ball Game and Cookout, 4pm
Sat, May 21	HOOKED Fishing Event, 9-Noon
Sun, May 22	Worship and Picnic at Harmon Field, 10:30am Blue Ridge Ringers Concert at FBC, 4pm Refuge "End of the Semester" Party, 6pm
Sun, May 29	I Love My Church Offering (collected on 5 th Sundays) NO SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS – Food for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry

Sun, Jun 5	Graduate Sunday, 11am
Sun, Jun 12	Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am HOOKED Fishing Event, 2-5pm
Wed-Fri, Jun 22-24	CBF General Assembly, Sheraton Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
Sun, Jun 26	Dr. Bill Henderson preaching as part of our for 125 th Anniversary Celebration, 11am
Wed-Sat, Jun 29-Jul 2	PassportKids! Camp – Converse College, Spartanburg Rafting Trip TBD

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
Sun, Jul 31	I Love My Church Offering (collected on fifth Sundays) Quarterly Church Conference
Sun-Thur, Jul 31-Aug 4	Vacation Bible School

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School (School Supplies)

Sun, Aug 7	Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am
Thur, Aug 18	Carowinds

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

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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
Sun, Dec 25	Christmas Day Worship, 11am

Youth Schedule Winter/Spring 2016

(On SEE nights we begin our time with a meal in the upstairs of the Activity Building, so please drop your youth off upstairs. On non-SEE nights please drop your youth off downstairs.)

Feb 28	6pm, Refuge (SEE night)
March 6	6pm, Refuge
March 13	6pm, Refuge (SEE night)
March 20	Refuge will meet at the home of Robert and Margot Carter
March 27	Refuge will not meet because of Easter
April 3	6pm, Refuge
April 10	6pm, Refuge (SEE night)
April 17	6pm, Scavenger Hunt
April 24	6pm, Refuge (SEE night)
May 1	6pm, Helping on the micro-farm at Thermal Belt Outreach
May 8	Refuge will not meet because of Mother's Day
May 15	5pm, Annual Wiffle Ball Game and Cookout
May 22	6pm, End of Semester Party

Here are a few reminders about our youth ministry:

- Refuge is the name of our Sunday evening youth gathering, and it is open to all middle and high school students.
- Refuge meets from 6pm to 7:30pm.
- Youth are encouraged to bring friends.
- We engage in serious Bible study and faith formation.
- We always share a meal (most of the time there is no charge for this meal).
- Occasionally there are special events that require money, if money is ever an issue please let us know.
- We play fun, goofy games.
- If you need help with transportation let us know.
- We encourage youth to think seriously about their faith.
- We welcome questions and doubts.
- When it's time to be serious we collect their cell phones.
- If your youth has special needs (dietary or otherwise) please let us know.

-These are our expectations:

Be Respectful

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31 (NRSV)

No bullying/making fun/leaving folks out, etc. Use appropriate language. Only one person talks at a time. Place your phone in "cell jail" when it's time to be serious. No "smooching!"

Be Faithful

Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and love your neighbor as well as you do yourself. Luke 10:27 (The Message)

Act like a follower of Jesus. Be kind, practice forgiveness, welcome strangers. Reflect God's love at church, home, and school. Attend Sunday School, Worship, and Refuge as often as possible.

Have Fun

I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

John 10:10 (The Message)

March Sunday Schedules

Deacons for March

*Ellis Fincher Jr.
Sue Thompson
Beth McCallister
Danny Fox
Ed Justice

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for March

Nancy Brady/Charles McKeller (front)
Stephen Morris (hall)
Rena Waldman (side)

Acolytes for March

3/6 Harper Harris & Ella Waldman
3/13 Katie Cothran & Jonathon Edwards
3/20 Laney Littlefield & Jack Fox
3/27 Elliott Whiteside & Olivia Miller

Children's Church Workers for March

3/6 Cindy Dusenbury
3/13 Andrew McKaig & Kelsey Gates
3/20 Kathy Ashley & Luke Walker
3/27 Danny & Erin Fox

March Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

1 Stephen Morris
2 Leah McKaig, Damon Johnson
5 Ronnie Pack, Keith Constance
6 Sandy Frady, Malik Miller ('99)
8 Dean Kimbrell
9 JT Johnson
10 Billy McFarland, Grayson Jones ('02)
11 Finley Jean Lay ('12), Kaya Bishop ('02),
Gigi Covil
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 Sap
19 Jonathon Edwards ('03), "Skip" Williams,
Dan Kimble
20 Cale Burrell
24 Martha Nobles, Chase Constance('02), S
ScottLynn Whiteside ('12)
26 Sharon Burrell, Judy Lair
27 Hannah Gates (McKaig) ('15), Franklin
Williams
28 Jessie Emory ('03)
29 Joe Wray
31 Tommy Burrell, Phillip Pleasants

College Student Birthday

31 Mary Margaret Smith

Military Birthdays

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

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Mike and Di Greene, on the death of Mike's father Charles Greene, who died Feb. 20.