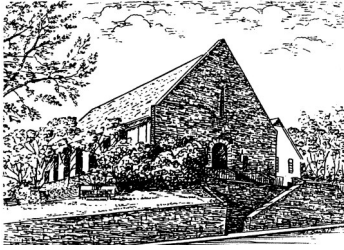


The Good News



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October 30, 2017

First Baptist Family,

Sunday, November 19, will be an important day in the life of our church. During worship on the 19th, we will be *Taking the Next Step* in our commitment to Christ and this congregation. On that day, and the weeks leading up to it, we will explore and celebrate what it means to live generously, cultivate gratitude, and how we can take the next step on our giving path. Because the next few Sundays present significant opportunities for renewal and growth, we hope you will make every effort to be present for worship, especially on Sunday, November 19.

Taking the Next Step is a Biblical, spiritual, and inspirational emphasis designed to enrich our understanding of what it means to live every day with gratitude and generosity. Too often, our giving is based on the need of the church to fund a budget, or out of a sense of obligation. *Taking the Next Step*, however, will help remind us that giving is an integral part of our own spiritual journey and relationship with Christ. We are asking each of you to consider a more intentional, personal response to God and to the ministries of our church in proportion to the gifts with which God has blessed you.

As we begin this journey together, please use the enclosed materials to center your spirit and deepen your understanding. We join with you in demonstrating our engagement and commitment by paying attention in these coming weeks, and by making attendance, especially on November 19th, a priority. We're looking forward to *Taking the Next Step* as God's generous and grateful people.

Grace and Peace,

Jeff Harris
Pastor

Phil Scoggins
Team Leader

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PRACTICING EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

We have copies of Robert Schnase's book "Practicing Extravagant Generosity" available, and hope that you'll take one. The suggested donation is \$5, but if you don't have the money, please take a book anyway. We are reading the book together, as a congregation. Here is a list of the daily readings for November:

- Nov 1:** John 3:17-19 (p. 37)
- Nov 2:** James 1:17 (p. 39)
- Nov 3:** Matthew 6:33 (p. 41)
- Nov 4:** 2 Corinthians 8:9 (p. 43)
- Nov 5:** Matthew 6:33 (p. 45)
- Nov 6:** Psalm 116:12 (p. 51)
- Nov 7:** 2 Corinthians 8:3-4 (p. 53)
- Nov 8:** Luke 12:15 (p. 55)
- Nov 9:** Philemon 4:11-13 (p. 58)
- Nov 10:** Mark 10:25 (p. 61)
- Nov 11:** Malachi 3:10 (p. 63)
- Nov 12:** 2 Corinthians 9:11 (p. 65)
- Nov 13:** Mark 12:42-44 (p. 71)
- Nov 14:** Deuteronomy 14:22 (p. 74)
- Nov 15:** Romans 12:1-2 (p. 77)
- Nov 16:** Colossians 3:9, 12, 14 (p. 80)
- Nov 17:** 2 Corinthians 9:11 (p. 83)
- Nov 18:** Acts 20:24 (p. 85)
- Nov 19:** 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (p. 88)

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS

Our November Mission Focus is to collect new or slightly used warm coats, hoodies, and blankets. Donations will be given to "Warming the View" - a Polk County-wide collection center for distribution in December, at the Mill Spring Farm Store. The date for distribution will be advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The collection date for boxes is November 12 (they will be delivered between the 13th and 20th). We hope to send at least 100 filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child from our church this year.

If you see sales on the following, you might work with two or three other families to take advantage of the sales. Popular items are jump ropes, marbles, tennis balls, socks, playing cards, wash cloths, toothbrushes, and combs. The stories on Samaritan's Purse website emphasize that washcloths and toothbrushes made as much or more impact on the children than any toys they received. It's hard for us to imagine not having a toothbrush or having to share with several with several other siblings if the family had any toothbrushes at all.

Please note: toothpaste and hard candy are NOT allowed this year due to custom regulations. For more information, check the Operation Christmas Child website.

-submitted by Judy Lair

KID'S NIGHT OUT, OCTOBER 6

During our October 6 Kid's Night Out, there were lots of smiles and giggles (not just from the kids) as Flight KNO10617 took off! First we flew to the playground and a great time was had by all, adults included. Next, the flight attendants served pizza. I am sure all the passengers (your kids) are going through growth spurts—they love that pizza! Miss Di returned with some super funny jokes. This gets our brains going, as everyone loves her jokes. As you know on long flights exercise is needed. Again, the beloved balloon game came to the rescue! Working as a great team, they were able to keep the balloon in play for two minutes (they get better each time!). Next, we rested, enjoying books from the Polk County library about animals. The kids know that reading can take them on great adventures! In group time, we focused on animals around the world, with Genesis 1:20-23 as our focus. The hula hoop game was a fun time, in trying to get through the hoop with everyone holding hands! Wow, they did a great job with a time of 16 seconds; however, Mr. Don was teasing that it was much longer (you can see in the photo they are checking him out. Nothing gets past these passengers!) Puzzle time was great, with each passenger choosing which puzzle they wanted to do. As usual, the crew got to join in. After Flight KNO10617 landed, we wished the flight had been longer; however, we must keep our arrival on time! All passengers left with a little spending money for the library book sale, and since that night, I have heard about some of the books they bought (oh, how we love books!). Thanks to the crew—Ms. Di, Ms. Susan, and Mr. Don for making this flight another great one!

-submitted by Carol Batts



PHOTOS FROM CHILDREN'S FALL PARTY, OCTOBER 29



-photos by Jaime Fitzgerald, Kay Greene, and Olivia Whiteside

REFUGE RAMBLINGS

Youth Ministry is energetic and exciting! Since the beginning of the semester we have had Bible Studies, gone on a retreat with CBFNC, participated in different areas of #GraceItForward, led in worship, journeyed through a haunted corn maze, shared meals together, and not to mention all the extra-curricular activities our middle and high schoolers are a part of on a weekly basis such as soccer, volleyball, drama, running, and so much more! I just want to offer a word of thanks to our congregation for all your support and encouragement to our teenagers! Your hugs, presence, meals, and letters mean more than you know! Speaking of meals, there are a few more Sunday night Refuge dinners that I would be grateful for you to provide as we all know how valuable sharing meals around a table is for fellowship. Be on the lookout for other opportunities to serve alongside our youth in the coming months! Thanks to all youth who helped with the Children's Fall Festival this year through staffing games and creating fun for our children.

Just a reminder that weekly opportunities for middle and high schoolers (current 6th-12th graders) includes: Sunday School every Sunday from 10-11 in the Rock House and Refuge Sunday evenings from 5-6:30! I hope you will encourage your students to participate in both formational times each week.

Grace and Peace, Jaime

MORE PHOTOS OF THE CHILDRENS' FALL PARTY, OCTOBER 29

-Photos submitted by Jodi Harris and Jaime Fitzgerald



JOE & FRANCES WRAY INDUCTED INTO SECOND WIND HALL OF FAME



Joe and Frances Wray were honored jointly for their inductions into the Second Wind Hall of Fame in a recent ceremony. Together, they have contributed greatly to our community.

The Children's Theater Festival of Tryon sponsored Joe Wray, as he was one of the founders of the Festival, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary. For many years, Joe served as the coordinator and was a part of Super Saturday's Steering Committee. After his retirement he continued a few years, with steering committee responsibilities and as co-technical director with his wife Frances. He was a founder of the Foothills Housing Partnership, Inc. With this group he worked with Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry to interview and approve clients who were eligible for emergency repairs for their homes. At the First Baptist Church of Tryon, he started and worked with youth programs, went on mission trips with youth, and started a Young Adults Sunday School class. He was a member of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina and helped bring together people to share interests, activities, beliefs and experiences.

Joe earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Richmond and Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. Joe taught at Bluefield College in Virginia. When he and Frances moved to Tryon in 1974, he taught Social Studies and English and was also coach of the Drama Club. Joe retired in 1998.

Frances Wray was also sponsored by the Children's Theater Festival. She has been an important part of the Children's Theater Festival for forty years. Frances served on several committees, including the steering committee, luncheon, and parade committees, and worked as chairman, technical director, and stage manager. Frances' vision, hard work and support continues to impact Super Saturday. She volunteered for the Foothills Housing Partnership, Inc., helping Joe and preparing meals needed by workers who were doing home repair. Frances planned activities for children in need. The Polk County 4-H and Youth Foundation appreciated her help raising money for a 4-H Club Center. She also taught horseback riding to 4-H Club members who wished to complete the 4-H Horse Project. Being the Women's Missionary Union Director, visiting shut-ins, playing handbells, and helping with youth programs are a few of her activities at First Baptist Tryon.

Frances graduated from Coker College in Orangeburg, SC. She taught school in Bluefield, Virginia, and taught second grade (and was a librarian) for the Tryon School System until her retirement in 1999.

The Second Wind Hall of Fame is a 39-year-old Thermal Belt organization whose mission is to identify and celebrate those local volunteers who contribute significantly to the quality of life in our community. The objective of the organization is to inspire other retirees to recognize that they now have an opportunity for even greater service to their community and continued benefit to mankind.

Eloise Johnson, a Second Wind Hall of Fame board member, nominated the Wrays, and White Oak of Tryon hosted a reception for them. The Wrays were sponsored by the Children's Theater Festival, coordinated by Kristy Morrow as Festival Board Chair. We are proud of Joe and Frances, and all that they have accomplished through the years. Please congratulate them, when next you see them!

-Article submitted by Eloise Johnson, photos by Leah Justice

2017 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

Sundays	Sunday School, 10am Worship, 11am Refuge (grades 6-12), 5pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study, 10am Women's Bible Study, Rock House, 6pm Handbell Rehearsal, 5:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

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
2 nd Saturday of each month:	Firewood Ministry, Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, 9am

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.

NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Warm Coats & Blankets for Polk County Residents

Sat, Nov 4	Wood-splitting at Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, 9am-12pm
Sun, Nov 5	All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 12	SEE, Children's Choir, 5pm
Sat, Nov 18	Mystery Fun Day for Refuge (10am-5pm, \$20, includes lunch)
Sun, Nov 19	Community Thanksgiving Service—Congregational Church Refuge Mission Project, 3pm-6pm
Sun, Nov 26	Christ the King Sunday, Celebration of The Lord's Supper

DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Kathy's Kids, Angel Tre

Sun, Dec 3	Annual Christmas Dinner
Sun, Dec 10	Community Chorus Concert, Polk County High School, 3pm Refuge Christmas Party 5pm-8pm
Sun, Dec 17	Caroling, 3pm
Sun, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm
Sun, Dec 31	I Love My Church Offering



FBC Youth enjoying a bonfire at Jaime's, after visiting the Corn Maze in Shelby.

November Sunday Schedules

November Milestones

November Anniversaries

Deacons for November

*Ellis Fincher, Jr.
Sue Thompson
Stephen Brady
Sharon Burrell
Phil Scoggins

7 Grayson & Carrie Donahue
10 Tommy & Edith Vehorn
13 Gary & Carol Nobles
19 Tommy & Sharon Burrell
25 Bill & Rena Henderson

Ushers for November

Gigi Covil, Charles McKeller — Front
Jodi Harris—Hall
Lane Price—Side

November Birthdays

1 Jimmy Campbell, Brooke Scoggins
3 Carol Nobles, Olivia Whiteside
4 Donna Littlefield
5 Brian Radaker, Vicky Justice,
Ethan Waldman
7 Margot Carter
8 Matthew Covil, Casey Collins Harris,
Joyce Scoggins
10 Diane Cothran
11 Edith Vehorn
13 Ruth Ann Arledge
17 Ella Sap
18 Leah Justice
19 Otis Miller, Edward Culbreth
20 Carolyn Baughman
24 Tatum Johnson, Charles Huneycutt
25 Trey Dusenbury, John Spinks
26 Griffin Gates (McKaig) ('13)
28 Phil Feagan
29 Conner Dusenbury, Bill Henderson
30 Rollins Carter ('02)

Acolytes for November

Nov 5—Harper Harris /Simms Harris
Nov 12—Mason Littlefield /Oliviah Miller
Nov 19—Verae Upton/Durham McEntire
Nov 26—No Acolytes—Communion

Children's Church Workers for November

Nov.5—Emily & Anthony Pereira
Nov 12—Susan Smith
Nov 19—Debbie & Keith Collins
Nov 26—Linda & Ellis Fincher

From Pastor Jesus Garcia of Iglesia Bautista de Metropolis in Carolina, Puerto Rico: "With the offering your church sent us, I have bought some batteries, fans, canned foods, materials for repairing some cyclone fences, and other things. Tomorrow (October 26), we are going into the community to serve." Pastor Jesus asks that we continue to keep them in prayer as they rebuild and serve in the community. Your generosity has spread the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters in Carolina, Puerto Rico. Thank you for sharing your love!

