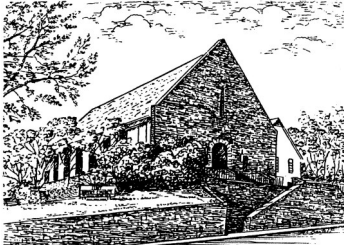


The Good News



October 2017



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#GraceItForward

October 14-28

Live Generously

#GraceItForward is opportunity to live your faith. We want to be generous, loving people but life gets busy. So, here are some ways we can extend the generous grace God with our community.

Saturday, October 14 at 8am, two folks are needed for a home repair project. Contact Dave Graham at 828.429.3822, if you're interested.

Sunday, October 15, we will worship at 10am, and at around 10:30am we will take our worship from the sanctuary to the community in these ways:

- Share communion with our homebound
- Sing and worship with the residents of White Oak Nursing Home
- Take gift baskets to the staff of White Oak, Laurel Hurst, St. Luke's Hospital, Tryon Police, Columbus Police, Polk County Sheriff's Department, Polk County Jail
- Take Bibles to inmates at Polk County Jail
- Share bags of quarters at laundromats in Tryon, Columbus, and Landrum
- Coffee at the Tryon Coffee Coop will be on us
- Generous Tipping, if you eat out today, please be extra kind to the servers, and extra generous with your tip

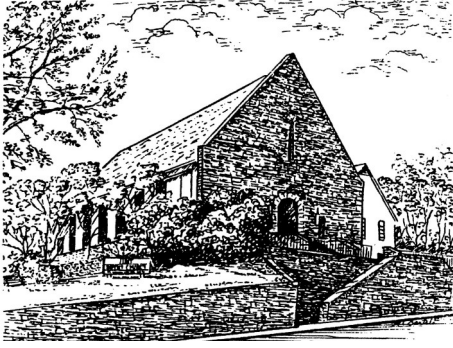
Monday, October 16 at 6pm, gifting McDonalds gift cards in Columbus.

Monday, October 16--Saturday October 21, gifting change at the laundromat in Tryon, Columbus, and Landrum.

Saturday, October 21

- Yard Work
- Crafts at the White Oak Nursing Home
- Deliver food to hungry families
- A Neighbor's Heart FREE Garage Sale

Saturday, October 28, two folks are needed for a ramp project. Contact Dave Graham at 828.429.3822, if you're interested.



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September 28, 2017

First Baptist Family,

On January 17, 2017, the Board of Deacons appointed an Ad Hoc Team to study the needs of our facilities.

The Deacons asked us to assess the following: the possibility of an elevator, handicap accessibility, the entrance to the basement area, educational space, sanctuary lighting, and any other facility needs we identified. Our team has met at least once a month since our first meeting on January 31, 2017. Because the Deacons appointed our committee, we have shared reports and updates at their monthly meetings.

In May, the congregation helped our efforts by responding to a facility survey. Almost 100 of you responded to the survey and we are grateful for your input. The survey confirms that our team is heading in the right direction. The results are listed on the back of this letter for your review.

Initially, we hoped to share our recommendation with you in September, but that deadline has not been met. We now believe our recommendation will be made to the congregation in April or May of 2018. We are committed to getting this right, and request your patience and prayers as we continue to work through this process.

Sincerely,

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TEAM

Ellis Fincher (Chair), Deacon Representative

Ron Frady (Vice-Chair), Stewardship Representative

Cathy Johnson, House and Grounds Representative

Lane Price, House and Grounds Representative

Phil Corn, Member at Large

Jeff Harris, Pastor

FACILITIES SURVEY FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Number of Responses

STATEMENT	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Did not Answer	TOTAL RESPONSES
1. It is important that the Church installs an elevator.	29	38	27	4	1	0	99
2. The lighting in the sanctuary is not sufficient.	24	25	21	25	3	1	98
3. The Church needs a welcoming entrance/multi-use area that is inviting and easy to find.	26	28	26	16	0	3	96
4. The Church's restroom facilities need to be improved/handicap accessible.	38	41	18	1	0	1	98
5. The Church facilities should be handicap accessible.	43	49	5	0	1	1	98
6. The gravel parking lots at the Rock House and playground should be paved.	18	30	26	20	2	3	96
7. The Church does not have adequate space for storage.	17	20	51	7	0	4	95
8. The educational wing of the Church should be updated (painting, carpet, lighting, signage, etc.)	24	43	26	4	0	2	97
9. It is important to engage in ministry opportunities beyond the walls of our Church while we improve our facilities.	42	43	10	2	0	2	97

Highlights from the Facility Survey:

- For all nine statements, at least 70 percent of the responses were either STRONGLY AGREE, AGREE, or NEUTRAL.
- For all statements, except number 7 (storage space), at least 50 percent of the responses were AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE. Over 50% of the responders were neutral on the need for more storage.
- The highest levels of agreement were on the need for handicap accessibility (94%), upgrading restrooms (80%), updating the educational wing (69%), installing an elevator (67%), and providing a welcoming, easy-to-use church entrance and gathering area (56%).
- The only two statements with which more than 20 percent of the respondents disagreed were the need to improve sanctuary lighting (29% disagreement) and paving the gravel parking lots (23%). Over half the respondents for both of these questions, however, AGREED or STRONGLY AGREED.

“A NEIGHBOR’S HEART” FREE GARAGE SALE

During our #GraceItForward mission day in October, we will be holding a ‘free’ garage sale for low-income folks. We are asking our members to gather up the following—clothes, shoes, coats, household items, linens and furniture to donate to this mission outreach. We ask only good used or new items be donated (if you wouldn’t give the item to a family member or friend in need, then the item is not appropriate for donation to “A Neighbor’s Heart”). Items are NOT to be brought to the church—times for collection will be announced closer to October 21. Volunteers are also needed for this mission outreach. If you have questions or if you want to volunteer to help, please contact Becky Hudson. She will be glad for the help!

CHILDREN’S FALL PARTY, OCTOBER 29



We’re having a party! (Well, everyone in preschool-fifth grade is, anyway!) Children are encouraged to come to the Activity Building in costume on Sunday, October 29 at 4pm, for games, activities, and plenty of treats (parents are welcome, too!), with the Youth helping to make this a great party. We would like to ask for donations of Halloween candy (please no peanuts or peanut butter). You can bring donations of candy to the church kitchen.

PHOTOS FROM WORLD COMMUNION, OCTOBER 1

-photos submitted by Jaime Fitzgerald



WORLD COMMUNION OCT 1



We observed World Communion Sunday on October 1 along with other churches from around the world. This special day gave us the opportunity to celebrate the fact that though we are a local congregation, we are also at one with Christians everywhere. Our worship on October 1 incorporated music, language and customs from other lands and cultures. A meaningful service connected us globally.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON OCT 1



After worship, we went across the street to the Activity Building and to enjoy an 'international' potluck. We sampled dishes from many countries (China, Italy, Mexico, Germany, etc.), but didn't turn down any Southern cuisine, either! The food was plentiful, and we were grateful to be able to share a meal together.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



At Vacation Bible School this summer, our children helped us get an early start on our October church-wide mission project; they filled 35 plastic shoeboxes for children in need. This was our international mission emphasis then and it will be our church-wide international mission emphasis in October.

The collection dates are November 13 - 20. We will have the cardboard shoeboxes available in the narthex and near the water fountain in the Sunday School hallway effective October 1 to give you over a month to fill your shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. 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, SEPTEMBER 8



Kid's Night Out (KNO) started this fall on September 8, with a great “take-off.” Crew members were Ms. Di and Ms. Susan - best crew ever. (Thanks!) The playground was the first stop and was enjoyed by all (however, next time I'm trying that neat slide)!! We then constructed name tags while the pizza was being delivered. It was totally consumed. (I guess traveling gets the appetite going. Your kids do love to eat!) We are getting faster putting together our puzzle of the USA, and learning states and oceans; and if they are located in the North, South, East or West. This week's theme was "Who is my neighbor?" We focused on Mark 12:30 ("Love your neighbor as yourself") as the second most important commandment. In group time and throughout the night we discussed exactly who our neighbor is. Your kids teach us so much! Ms. Di led the pass-the-ball game and the beloved balloon game. Not sure we could have KNO without the balloon game! They are getting great at working together to keep the balloon up as long as possible, with Ms. Susan as the official time keeper!

During group time we had jokes with Ms. Di – Oh how we love her jokes! You should hear the laughter and see those smiles! Books from the library with travel, planes, and other themes were loved by all. We learned that books can take us to places where we have not been yet for books can take us anywhere! I love to see the older kids reading to the younger ones, even though the adults are there to read also. They really work together in love. Everyone received instructions for making a paper airplane and had another plane to take home. Hopefully your kids had as much fun as I did on KNO flight 9817!

Our next Kid's Night Out flight will be October 6, 2017. RSVP by October 1 to get on board! Prepare for take-off!!!

-submitted by Carol Batts



**HOOKED! FISHING
AT WHITE OAK
MOUNTAIN,
SEPTEMBER 17**



First Baptist Church, Tryon

Youth Refuge Calendar Fall 2017

Weekly Refuge meets Sundays 5pm-6:30pm with dinner provided

Date	Time	Event
August 6	12:00-2:00 pm	Youth Sunday Planning and lunch
August 7-10	8:45 am -12:00pm	Vacation Bible School
August 8, 9 & 10	12:00pm- 2:00pm	Lunch and fun for VBS youth helpers
August 13	4:00 -6:00pm	Youth Sunday Planning and song practice
August 20	4:00- 6:00pm	Youth Sunday Planning and song practice
August 25-26	7:00pm- 10:00am	Back to School Lock-In at the Fincher's shed
August 27	11:00am	Youth Sunday (rehearsal at 9 am in sanctuary)
September 10	9:30- 10:00am	6 th graders and parents breakfast and introduction
September 10	5:00- 6:30pm	SEE Kickoff and Kickball
September 15-17	Leave at 3:30pm	CBFNC Youth Retreat at Caswell (\$60- RSVP 8/20)
October 15	10:00am-2:00pm	Grace-It- Forward worship/ mission project/ lunch
October 20	6:00pm- 11:00pm	Corn Maze- Shelby, NC and bonfire at Jaime's (\$12)
November 18	10:00am- 5:00pm	MYSTERY FUN DAY (\$20- includes lunch)
November 19	3:00- 6:00pm	Mission Project
December 10	5:00- 8:00pm	Christmas Party
December 17	3:00- 6:00pm	Christmas Caroling and dinner
December 24	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship (rehearsal and 3:15pm)

Youth Parents and Church Family,

I don't know about you, but I cannot believe that it is already time for a fall calendar and back to school. This fall in Refuge we have many exciting opportunities for your student to be a part of as we build community together with one another and grow in our relationship with God. As parents, each of you are at different places in the journey of parenthood- some having first time students in middle school and the youth group, while others of you are preparing to make college visits, and many of you in between. Wherever you and your student(s) are on that journey, I hope that Refuge will be a place for your student to rest and belong. The youth group is regularly in need of volunteers to provide dinner for Refuge during the semester as well as chaperones for events and outings. In the coming weeks, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for Refuge dinners and chaperone sign-ups. Words cannot express the importance of our children and youth having positive and encouraging adult role models in their life. If you have questions or if I can be supportive of you or your student in any way, please don't hesitate to ask.

Love and grace,
Jaime Fitzgerald

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, 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

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.

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Operation Christmas Child

Sun, Oct 1	World Communion, Covered-dish luncheon Hooked! Fishing Event, Tryon Estates Lake, 3pm
Sun, Oct 8	SEE, Children's Choir 5pm
Sun, Oct 15	#GraceltForward worship, mission project, and lunch for youth—worship at 10am Refuge, 5pm
Sat, Oct 20	Refuge Corn Maze in Shelby, Bonfire @ Jaime's (\$12) - 6pm-11pm
Sat, Oct 21	#GraceltForward Mission Day
Sun, Oct 22	SEE, Children's Choir 5pm
Sun, Oct 29	I Love My Church Offering, Quarterly Church Conference Children's Fall Party, 4pm

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

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	Celebration of the Lord's Supper Community Thanksgiving Service Refuge Mission Project, 3pm-6pm

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

Octoberber Sunday Schedules

October Milestones

Deacons for October

*Phil Feagan
Beth McCallister
Rick McCallister
Phil Pleasants
Susan Smith

Ushers for October

Stephanie Mathis & Franklin Williams —
Front
Merry Price—Hall
Stephen Morris—Side

Acolytes for October

Oct 1—No Acolytes (Communion)
Oct 8—StorieLane Whiteside/Jack Fox
Oct 15—Oakley Whiteside/Hattie Crawford
Oct 22—Ellie Baughman/Jonathon Edwards
Oct 29—Lawson Carter/McClain Koistinen

Children's Church Workers for October

Oct 1—Ellis & Linda Fincher
Oct 8—TBA
Oct 15—Cindy Dusenbury
Oct 22—Danny & Erin Fox
Oct 29—JT & Cathy Johnson

October Anniversaries

1 Johnny & Gerry Taylor
5 Ed & Nancy Britton
11 Joey & Olivia Whiteside
12 Carl & Dawn Campbell
16 Ken & Leslie Raymond

October Birthdays

1 Kim McFarland, Abbot Scoggins ('13),
Katie Denny ('12)
2 Hayden Blackwell ('06)
3 Jim Hawkins
4 Jodi Harris
6 Johnny Taylor, Stacey Stafford, Walt Gee
10 Kathyanne Harding
11 Kanah McCall ('09)
12 Laura Spinks, Kent Smith
16 Lane Price
17 Terry Bishop, Molly Justice ('09)
18 Joe Covil, Mary Greene
19 Lucas Scoggins
21 Brian Jones
22 Hannah Crawford, Abigail Constance,
Sebastian "Bash" McCallister ('15)
23 Luke Miller ('05)
24 Rick McCallister
26 Verae Upton ('04)
27 Eloise Johnson, Sally Jo Carter
28 Simms Harris ('09), Nicholas Stott,
Luke Walker ('03)
29 Debbie Collins, Rhys Jackson
30 Meredith Harding Bremner

College Birthdays

24 Caitlin Britton