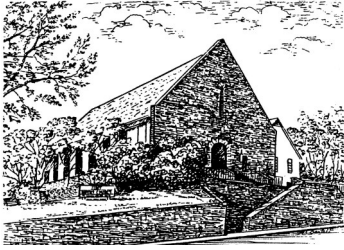


The Good News



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Chat With the Preacher

Baptism and Communion are our two most important practices. Whenever we participate in these acts we are participating in the very life of God.

According to St. Paul, baptism allows an opportunity to participate in Christ's death and resurrection, so that we too, "might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). But participation in Christ's death and resurrection does not mean that the minister holds you under the water long enough to drown, with the hopes of bringing you back to life via CPR (my feeble attempt at humor). In other words, this is not literal language. You don't literally die, and you aren't literally resurrected. The waters of baptism are not magical; they produce no metaphysical change. But this doesn't mean that the water isn't holy and sacred, or that baptism is "just some symbol." There is more happening than meets the eye.

The Lord's Supper is also more than "just some symbol." We know the wine (or in our case Welch's) is not literally the blood of Christ, and the bread is not

literally the body of Christ, but the bread is more than bread, and the wine is more than wine. St. Paul offers this declarative question, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?" (I Corinthians 10:16-17). When we share the Lord's Supper, we are, in some mysterious way, sharing in the very life of Christ. Communion (hence the name) happens when we share this Meal.

These two ancient practices of the Church strengthen and sustain us. They bind us to one another and to God. So I hope you'll join us Sunday as we participate in the life of God through the celebration of baptism and The Lord's Supper. You'll want to be here to support and affirm Katie Cothran as she is baptized, and you'll want to join with Christians across the globe at the Lord's Table to share World Communion Sunday.

I'm looking forward to Sunday.

Grace and Peace, *Jeff*

WMU and Church-Wide Mission Focus

In October, WMU Group 1, in addition to participating in the #GRACEITFORWARD Church wide Mission Day October 4th, will participate in Thermal Belt Outreach's monthly basic food drive for October by bringing the requested items - salmon, mustard, grits, flour and jello. All cans should be 14 - 15 ounce size. Anyone who wishes to donate will find a labeled box for collection in the Lair Sunday school room. Group 1 meets at the Church the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00. All ladies are invited to join us for fellowship, food and study.

WNCBF/CBFNC Fall Gathering At First Baptist Church of Sylva, October 19, 2014



The WNCBF/CBFNC Fall Gathering will be Sunday, October 19 at First Baptist Church of Sylva, 669 W. Main Street. The cost of the meal is \$7, and Eddie Hammett, Clergy Coach, will be our speaker. Register by Wednesday, October 15. After the deadline, contact FBC Sylva.

Red Cross Blood Drive to be at FBC, November 10



We'll be sponsoring another Blood Drive at the Tryon First Baptist Activity Building on Monday, November 10. 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 894-2700. 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 next dates you can donate blood are January 12, March 9, and May 11.

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.

Quarterly Church Conference

Tryon First Baptist will hold a quarterly church conference immediately following worship on October 26, for the purpose of approving both the budget for 2015 and the 2015 Nominating Committee Report. Look for those reports to arrive in the mail two weeks prior to the meeting, for your review.

#GraceItForward Church-Wide Mission Day October 4

Many of you have volunteered your time and talents to our church-wide Mission Day. Your efforts will help bless those in our community who need help, as well as allow you to be blessed by those same efforts. There are many tasks for all ages and abilities. Here are some of the ways you can participate:

Construction: Dave Graham, Crew Leader. Dave has a deck project, as well as a ramp project to complete.

Yard Work: Phil Corn and Ellis Fincher, Crew Leaders. There are four or five yard projects available.

LaurelHurst: Linda Fincher, Leader. This will be an afternoon project, with singing and games with the residents. (kid-friendly)

White Oak: Candy Wilson, Di Greene, and Jamie Greene, Leaders. This one's a morning project, where folks will be helping with a craft project and some singing. (kid-friendly)

Laundry Mat: Jerry McAtee, Leader. When folks show up to do their laundry, we will give them change for the machines (and a #GraceItForward card). (kid-friendly)

Restaurant: Amber Fincher-McEntire, Leader. We will randomly pay for part of someone's meal (with a \$5 gift card and a #GraceItForward card). (kid-friendly)

Food: Frances Wray and Shelvie Foust. This is an opportunity to provide grocery items for needy families.

Let's all turn out and make this a great day in the life of our church, as we share the Good News through example.

Christian Education Happenings at First Baptist

SEE—Fall 2014

This fall our SEE (Sunday Evening Ekklesia) offering for adults will be led by Dr. Donald Lee Berry, Professor of Religious Studies at Gardner-Webb University and Director of the Global Missions Resource Center. Berry came to the School of Divinity from the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic where he was an Assistant Professor of Missiology and Director of the Institute for Mission and Evangelism for the European Baptist Federation. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Social Work at the University of Kentucky and his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has pastored churches in Indiana, Kentucky and Florida and taught at several Baptist related Universities and Colleges. Dr. Berry has authored two books and has published several articles and presented several papers in the United States and abroad. Here are the nights of SEE and the topics to be discussed:

September 14—Islam

September 28—Pluralism

October 12—“Different Books, Common Word”

October 26—Latter Day Saints

November 9—Jehovah's Witnesses

Children's Ministry News

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir is for children in grades 1-5 and meets every Sunday at 5:00pm beginning September 21st. On the Sundays of SEE meetings, Children's Choir lasts half an hour and then will be followed by a time of learning about the Bible. On the Sundays when SEE is not in session, Children's Choir meets for an hour. In choir, children learn about the fundamentals of music, hymnody, and leading worship. Learning these helps them to also develop teamwork and confidence in being in front of a group of people. We also have fun and games during choir time (and small prizes weekly)! This year the children will present *Sing Around the World* by Crystal Davis Clay on Sunday, December 7 at 5:00pm.

SEE (Sunday Evening Ecclesia) CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

During the school year 2014-2015, Di Greene and Susan Smith will be working with the children (grades 1-5) during the SEE activity time. Our focus this year is to help the children better learn to use the Bible. Di will be teaching *Learning to Use My Bible* with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and Susan will be helping the 1st and 2nd graders learn the names of the books of the Bible and work on developing Bible skills. All SEE activities end at 6:00pm at which time a meal for all ages is served in the Activity Building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As of September 7th, we are back on our regular Sunday School class schedule. Thanks to Alice and Emily Prince for teaching grades 1-5 during the summer. Mona Kimble is again teaching children in Grades 1 and 2. Diane Cothran and Paula Edwards are teaching children in Grades 3, 4 and 5. Please bring your child to Sunday School regularly.

BIBLES FOR CHILDREN AT FBC

As I mentioned on Christian Education Sunday, beginning this fall, third grade children will receive a Bible from the church. If your child is in the 4th or 5th grade, he or she will also receive a Bible while participating in *Learning to Use My Bible* during SEE. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will need to remember to bring the Bible received from the church to all SEE sessions during 2014-2015.

PRESCHOOLERS

Preschoolers (ages 4,5, and K) will meet on the evenings of SEE for activities and music. Peggy Edwards will lead activities with them in the preschool SS classroom area at 5:00pm and they will have music time with Kay Greene at 5:30pm. Childcare will be provided for children under age 4. All SEE activities end at 6:00pm at which time a meal for all ages is served in the Activity Building.

MISSIONS DAY

There are several activities planned in which children may participate on FBC Missions Day, Saturday, October 4th. Please encourage your child to be a part of that special day. More information will be forthcoming in worship and through announcements and email.

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Have you ever wished you could have a devotional time with your child and help her/him to grow spiritually? Now you have a resource to do just that! Grow your child's faith with *Pockets*, the devotional magazine created especially for children. Each issue contains stories, games, and Bible-based activities that allow your child to grow in faith with God. The October issue is available in the Education area for children (on the main level). Please pick up a copy for your child. We are providing these on a trial basis so let me know what you think of them and how your child is using them.

FALL PARTY FOR CHILDREN

We will have a night of fun, games, and costumes on Sunday, October 26th during SEE (5:00-6:00pm). If you would be willing to help with this party, please contact me soon. More details to follow in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding the schedule or plans, do not hesitate to contact me. Please encourage your child to invite friends to join us for these activities--especially for SEE and Children's Choir! Thank you for sharing your children with us at FBC.

Thanks,
Candace B. Wilson
Minister of Music and Christian Formation

Youth Schedule Fall 2014

- Sept 14** 6pm, Refuge kick-off (SEE night)
“Adam and Eve: The lovable screw-ups”
- Sept 21** 6pm, Refuge
“Abraham and Sarah: The ordinary patriarchs”
- Sept 28** No Refuge (SEE night)
- Oct 4** 8am, Missions Day
- Oct 5** 6pm, Refuge, Fun Night . . .
if you participate in the Mission Day!
- Oct 12** 6pm, Refuge (SEE night)
“Jacob: The conniving survivor”
- Oct 19** No Refuge—WNCBF Fall Gathering at FBC, Sylva
- Oct 24-25** Fall Lock-in/Youth Retreat (at the Fincher’s “shed” on White Oak Mtn.)
“Joseph: The virtuous dreamer”
- Oct 26** No Refuge (SEE night)
- Nov 2** 6pm, Refuge
“Rahab: The faithful opportunist”
- Nov 9** 6pm, Refuge (SEE night)
“Ruth: The tenacious outsider”
- Nov 16** 6pm, Refuge
“Jonah: The passive-aggressive coot”
- Nov 23** No Refuge—Community Thanksgiving Service
- Nov 30** No Refuge—There are no evening activities on 5th Sundays
- Dec 7** No Refuge—Annual Christmas Dinner
- Dec 14** Refuge Christmas Party and Movie
- Dec 21** 3pm, Christmas Caroling (dinner at El Sureno to follow)
- Dec 28** No Refuge—Christmas Break

October Sunday Schedules

Deacons for October:

*Shelvie Foust
JT Johnson
Phil Pleasants
Elizabeth Burrell
Jeff Miller (balcony)
**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for October:

Mary Goodwin, Christy McCall (Front)
Jamie Greene (Hall)
Gigi Covil (Side)

Acolytes for October:

10/5 World Communion—No Acolytes
10/12 Elliot Whiteside & Sydney Waldman
10/19 Katie Cothran & Campbell Mathis
10/26 Ella Waldman & Laney Littlefield

Children's Church Workers for October:

10/5 Susan Smith
10/12 Keith & Debbie Collins
10/19 Emily Pereira
10/26 Beth McCallister

SEND US YOUR UPDATED E-MAIL ADDRESSES!

In an effort to keep current with church updates, our calendar, and special events, we're requesting that you send us your e-mail addresses. Even if you have multiple e-mail address for your household, we'd like to have them on file in the office. You can contact the office by phone, or e-mail us your latest contact info. Thank you!

October Anniversaries

1 Johnny & Gerry Taylor
5 Ed & Nancy Britton
11 Joey & Olivia Whiteside
12 Carl & Dawn Campbell
16 Ken & Leslie Raymond
22 Bob & Peggy Constance
25 Benji & Johna Searcy
29 Carlos & Cindy Lobo

October Birthdays

1 Kim McFarland
2 Hayden Blackwell ('06)
4 Jodi Harris
6 Johnny Taylor, Walt Gee
10 Kathyanne Harding
11 Kanah McCall
12 Laura Spinks, Kent Smith
17 Terry Bishop, Molly Justice ('09)
18 Joe Covil, Mary Greene, Alexandria Lobo
19 Lucas Scoggins
21 Brian Jones
22 Abigail Constance ('04)
23 Luke Miller
24 Rick McCallister, Caitlin Britton
26 Verae Upton ('04)
27 Eloise Johnson, Sally Jo Carter
28 Simms Harris ('09), Kim Cochran, Nicholas Stott, Luke Walker ('03)
29 Debbie Collins
30 Meredith Bremner, Claire Shu

Military Personnel

4 CDR & Mrs. Thomas Santa (Anniversary)
18 Olivia and Annaliese Payne (twins—birthday)

First Baptist Church 2014 Schedule

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER Mission Emphasis—Coat Drive and Shoe Box

Sat, Oct 4	#GraceItForward Mission Day/
Sun, Oct 5	World Communion Sunday
Sun, Oct 12	5:00—6:30pm SEE, Pizza Night
Sun, Oct 19	4:00pm WNC BF at FBC Sylva (No evening activities @ FBC Tryon)
Fri/Sat Oct 24/25	Youth Retreat/Lock-In (Fincher's Shed)
Sun, Oct 26	Quarterly Church Conference 5:00pm Fall Party for Children (P-S through grade 5) 5:00pm—6:30pm SEE (Chili by Mike Greene) (No Refuge)
Sun, Nov 2	All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 9	5:00pm—6:30pm SEE
Sun, Nov 23	Communion Sunday Community Thanksgiving Service
Sun, Nov 30	First Sunday of Advent—"I Love My Church" Offering 5:00pm Children's Choir dress rehearsal

DECEMBER Mission Emphasis—Kathy's Kids

Sun, Dec 7	5:00pm Sing Around the World/Children's Choir and Christmas Meal
Sun, Dec 21	11:00am Season of Rejoicing/Chancel Choir 3:00pm Caroling
Wed, Dec 24	5:00pm 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 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 rd Monday of each month:	6:30 pm Brotherhood
1 st Tuesday of each month:	10:00am WMU Group 1
2 nd Tuesday of each month:	7:00 pm Sisterhood
3 rd 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.