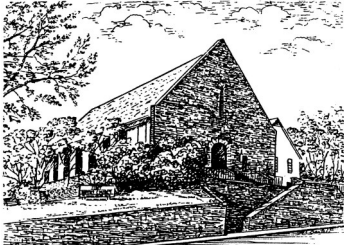


The Good News



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Chat With the Preacher

When you read this, I'll be participating in a retreat titled "The Spirituality of Journaling" at Ring Lake Ranch in Dubois, WY. I'm looking forward to this time of reflection and prayer in the Wind River Range—an environment that wonderfully reflects the beauty and mystery of God. I love the Rocky Mountain West and it is a wonderful place for a retreat, but you don't have to travel that far to get away.

In fact, you don't have to travel far at all to find such a place. While worship is not really a retreat or a getaway, worship is an alternative to your normal routine. The opportunities for worship and formation at First Baptist Church are intentionally planned to connect you with the life source that we most need—the God revealed in Jesus.

I realize that you already have a lot on your plate. I know that your time is valuable. And this why I want you to know, that we are here to offer an alternative to the busyness and stress that eat away at us. We need God's community of grace (aka-the Church) as a respite from the world around us. Not

so that we can avoid the world around us, but so that we can reenter the world around us with faithfulness and love.

You can connect with God anywhere, but I have found that gathering with brothers and sisters, on a regular basis, opens us to the transforming grace of the Spirit unlike anything else.

So I invite you to schedule a weekly retreat with us at First Baptist.

Grace and Peace,



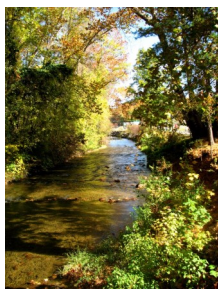
WMU and Church-Wide Mission Focus

In September, WMU starts a new year. This year the emphasis is "All For You" which means surrender - sacrifice - serve. Group 1 ladies are serving by signing up in September for the Church's mission projects in October. Also, September means children are back to school.

WMU is making a donation to the Baptist Children's Home for school supplies. At our September 2nd meeting, in addition to our regular agenda, we will have a salad luncheon. It is a great way to begin a new year for missions. All ladies are invited to bring a salad to share and join us at the Church. Meeting will start at 10:30. Hope to see you there.

-submitted by Shelvie Foust

Church Picnic and Worship at Harmon Field



This year our *outside worship* experience will be **September 28** at Harmon Field. The service will begin at 11:00am (there is no Sunday School or worship service at the church that day). Please plan to participate in this meaningful worship service in a corner of God's beautiful world. Invite a friend, bring chairs and a favorite dish to share for lunch.

Chancel Choir Christmas Music Retreat



You are invited to a special retreat on Saturday, September 20, 2014, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. We will be working on the musical, *Season of Rejoicing* by Susan Naylor Callaway and Mark Cabaniss, which is scheduled to be presented in worship at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 21st. This retreat will include times of rehearsal, fun, lunch, fellowship, and door prizes!

Make your plans now to attend this event and get a jump-start on the Christmas season preparations.

Make Your Life a Song to God,
Candy

Bible Class

Bible Class resumes **September 10**. We will meet at 10:00am in the Activity Building for a time of **study, fellowship** and the **best covered dish lunch** in town! Please bring a friend and join us for studies in the Old Testament.

Newsletter Submissions

All persons are welcome (and encouraged) to submit articles and pictures for the Good News. Please e-mail or get a copy of what you desire to see to the church office by the 18th of the month.

September 13 Deacon Retreat with Eddie Hammett

If you have ever served as a Deacon at First Baptist Church, you are invited to a Deacon Retreat on **Saturday, September 13**, from 9:00am-2:00pm at the church. Eddie Hammett, church consultant and clergy coach, will lead the retreat. Lunch will be provided. (This is the retreat that was originally scheduled in April.)

Eddie Hammett has served on church staffs and in denominational leadership for over 25 years. He is a prolific author, certified Professional Credentialed Coach (PCC) with the International Coaching Federation, popular speaker, retreat and seminar leader across the country and within several denominations and judicatories. He currently serves in a partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina as their Church and Clergy Coach.

Eddie is a graduate of Furman University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with post-graduate studies at Duke Divinity School, Southeastern Seminary, NC State University and Fielding Institute. He has lectured at or served as adjunct faculty at Northern Baptist Seminary, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Duke Divinity School, Western Seminary, Golden Gate Seminary, Southern Seminary and Campbell Divinity School. He is currently adjunct professor of Christian Education at Gardner Webb Divinity School.

Church-Wide Mission Day

SAVE THE DATE—October 4

2015 Nominating Committee

Sunday, July 27, the board of deacons presented the following to serve on the **TFBC 2015 Nominating Committee: Elizabeth Burrell, Trey Dusenbury, Shelvie Foust, Erin Fox, Jerry McAtee and Susan Smith.** The committee was approved with a unanimous vote by the congregation. When you are contacted, please prayerfully consider serving.

Acolytes at First Baptist

What is an acolyte?

The word acolyte means “companion” or “one who helps.” In accepting the position of acolyte a child/youth agrees to serve as a helper in worship—special helpers to the ministers and those who lead in worship.

Who can serve as an acolyte?

The acolytes that serve at First Baptist are in grades 1-12. If you (or your child) would like to volunteer, please contact Candy Wilson.

Important acolyte training

We want all children and youth who serve as acolytes to understand the importance of this role and the commitment that is made when one volunteers to serve as an acolyte. That is why we have a training session each year for all acolytes. This year our training session will be on **Sunday, September 14 at 5:00 pm** in the church sanctuary. This training session is for all acolytes even if they have attended a previous training session.

REMINDERS

Deacon Training—Sept 13

Red Cross Blood Drive—Sept 15

Chancel Choir Retreat—Sept 20

Picnic/Worship at Harmon Field—Sept 28

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS AT FIRST BAPTIST

Children's Sunday School Classes

This is to remind all children's parents and Sunday School teachers that our new Sunday School year officially begins on Sunday, September 7, 2014. If your child is moving to a different Sunday School class, he/she will meet the new teacher and see the new room at the close of Sunday School on Sunday, August 31. The new quarter of lessons will begin on September 7.

Sunday School Teacher and Public School Teacher Recognition

All Sunday School teachers and Public School teachers will be recognized during worship on Sunday, September 7.

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 Indi-

ana, 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—Latter Day Saints

October 26—Jehovah's Witnesses

November 9—Scientology

Red Cross Blood Drive to be at First Baptist Tryon



DONATE BLOOD!

We'll be sponsoring Blood Drives at the Tryon First Baptist Activity Building, beginning on September 15. 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. Other dates you can donate blood are November 10, January 12, March 9, and May 11.

Camping at Orchard Lake



Our church family
enjoyed a weekend of
great food, fellowship,
and good weather at
Orchard Lake
Campground in Saluda.



First Baptist Youth and Parents:

We have some good opportunities for fun and growth this fall, and we hope you will encourage your youth to attend.

In order to have a successful youth program it takes planning and preparation on our (Jeff and Candy) part, youth who demonstrate fun and respect, and parents who support this endeavor by making youth group a priority. We promise that if you get your youth to Refuge, we'll make it worth their time. We'll be crazy and have fun, but we will also be serious as we help their faith formation.

A few words about youth group:

-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 welcome and encouraged to bring friends.

-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.

-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 rules:

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)*

Play! Laugh! Participate! Bring a friend! For goodness sakes, have fun!

We're looking forward to a great fall! (2014 fall schedule is on the next page)

Jeff—Cell: 828.899.1386

Candy—Cell: 919.649.4502

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

September Sunday Schedules

Deacons for September:

*Billy McFarland

Sharon Burrell

Phil Feagan

Beth McCallister

Ed Justice (balcony)

**denotes Lead Deacon*

Ushers for September:

Jan Rasmussen, Caitlin Britton (Front)

Susan Smith (Hall)

Joyce Scoggins (Side)

Acolytes for September:

9/7 Sydney Waldman & Wilson Edwards

9/14 Laney Littlefield & Ella Waldman

9/21 Harper Harris & Katie Cothran

9/28 Church at Harmon Field

Children's Church Workers for September:

9/7 Brian & Jennifer Jones

9/14 Danny * Erin Fox

9/21 Ben & Amber McEntire

9/28 Church at Harmon Field

REMINDER



Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the church office will be closed on September 1st.

September Anniversaries

- 3 Eric & Dana Ponder
- 10 Charles & Lib McKeller
- 11 Lewis & Georgie Hawkins
- 12 Eric & Melinda Walker
- 15 Bob & Judy Lair
- 24 Jimmy & Donna Littlefield

September Birthdays

- 1 Robert Earl Arledge, Lawson Carter, Edward Justice, Adam Nobles, Don Ponder
- 3 Sue Thompson
- 5 Jimmy Littlefield
- 6 Di Greene, Andrew Lair
- 7 Amber McEntire
- 8 Trey Fincher
- 12 Doris Maxwell, Anne Tauber
- 14 Izabella Jackson, Alice Prince, Sarah Prince
- 15 Ruth Cantrell, Peggy Constance
- 16 Joan Feagan, Charles McKeller
- 19 Elizabeth Burrell
- 26 Robert Carter, Cheryl Roach Taylor
- 28 Franklin McKaig
- 30 Ian Stafford, Laura Smith

College Students

- 28 Emily Brady (edb5755@uncw.edu)

Military Personnel

- 19 Sarah Stillinger, c/o Randall Stillinger
1090 Misty Oak Lane
Keller, TX 76248-2703

First Baptist Church 2014 Schedule

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Fall Mission Day

Sat, Sep 13	9:00am—2:00pm Deacon Retreat/Training
Sun, Sep 14	5:00pm Acolyte Training for grades 1-12
Sun, Sep 14	5:00—6:30pm SEE & Refuge start (Hamburgers w/all the trimmings—Phil/Paula Edwards)
Sat, Sep 20	10:00am—3:00pm Chancel Choir Christmas Music Retreat—Choir Room
Sun, Sept 21	5:00pm Children's Choir Resumes
Sun, Sep 28	11:00am Outdoor Worship and picnic at Harmon Field (bring a dish to share) 5:00—5:30pm SEE (No Evening Meal, No Refuge)

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER Mission Emphasis—Coat Drive and Shoe Box

Sat, Oct 4	Mission Day
Sun, Oct 5	World Communion Sunday
Sun, Oct 12	5:00—6:30pm SEE, Pizza Night
Sun, Oct 19	4:00pm WNC Baptist Fellowship 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.