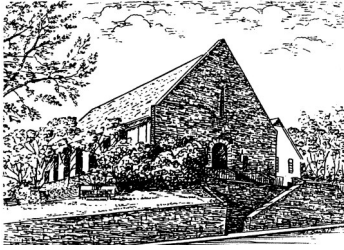


## The Good News



September 2017



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I hope you've had a great summer!

As fall begins at First Baptist, I know you're ready to get back in the groove. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

-Wednesday morning Bible Study resumes September at 6 at 10am. We're reading David Gushee's *Still Christian: Following Jesus Out of American Evangelicalism*. David's memoir will offer opportunities to think about our own life stories and the world around us. Bring a dish if you'd like to stay for the best lunch in town!

-Our fall schedule goes full swing on September 10 with our SEE Kickoff, Cookout, and Kickball. Sunday Evening Ekklesia (SEE) offers spiritual formation opportunities for all ages at 5pm on second and fourth Sundays during the school year. The adults will gather in the Activity Building for a study called "Life Happens . . ." Our own Kevin Lynch (M.Div., LPC, NCC) will lead the first session and we'll spend time exploring issues around Mental Health. Preschoolers will gather for mission activities. Children (grades 1-5) will gather for choir. And our Youth (grades 6-12) will gather for Refuge. We'll chow down at 6pm, and will gather for Kickball around 6:30pm. "Life Happens . . ." will also include sessions by Mason Jackson (Organ Donation and End of Life Care), Rachel Hawkins (Caring for the Aging), Michael Baughman (Financial Planning and Help). Stayed tuned for more details.

-Sunday School Promotion. September 3 will be the first Sunday that children and youth go to their new classes. Also, if Sunday School isn't a regular part of your Sunday morning, now's a good time to give it try. There's something for everyone. Contact Jeff if you'd like information on adult Sunday School options.

-We need you to #GraceItForward on Saturday, October 21! There will be work for all ages home repair, yard work, "A Neighbor's Heart Free Garage Sale", food collection and delivery, nursing home visits, gifting McDonald's gift cards, and gifting change at the laundromat. Please prayerfully consider how you can spend your time and talents to benefit our community.

(If you are not available Saturday, there will be other chances to serve during the week.)

Also, it's hard to believe that Jaime Fitzgerald is starting her second year with us! We are grateful for the good work that Jaime is doing with our youth. For those of you who don't already know, I want you to update you about some things happening in Jaime's life.

\*Jaime will finish her Master of Divinity at Gardner-Webb in December.

\*She will be ordained by her home church in Madison Heights, VA, on November 11.

\*This fall Jaime started the Master of Social Work program at WCU. Which means, she will continue to work with our youth for the next couple of years!

\*Jaime is also serving as a Campus Ministry Intern at WCU.

Have a great fall! *Jeff*

## SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS



We're gearing up for #GraceItForward, and September's Mission Focus is on recruiting volunteers willing to help on Saturday, October 21. There will be work for all ages, with home repair, yard work, helping with "A Neighbor's Heart" yard sale, food collection and delivery, nursing home visits, gifting McDonald's gift cards, and gifting change at the laundromat. Our new opportunity is the yard sale, with details below.

### **"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!

## ONGOING CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We have an ongoing collection of personal toiletries and amenities, located in the church kitchen. You can bring small bottles of lotion, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, etc. Sisterhood sees that these items are distributed to Steps of Hope women's shelter, and the Polk County prison. We're also doing some collecting for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. They're in great need of plastic grocery bags and empty (12-count, please, although 18-count is fine, too) egg cartons for their Food Pantry.

### **SAFETY NET DIAPER PROGRAM**

Thanks to your generous gifts of diapers for our June Safety Net Program, we have collected 2,584 diapers! The response has been good, so we have decided to prolong the mission and will have a tote for diapers near the nursery, if you still wish to donate.

### **ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION**



Save those aluminum cans! For some months we have been collecting aluminum cans. These cans get recycled into golden opportunities for Guatemalan school children (school supplies, cloth for making school clothes). Dr. Lair brings his 'vintage' gray Ford Ranger pickup on Sundays to collect your cans. The cans are then taken by the pickup truckload for recycling. Each load brings about \$50. Please ask your friends and neighbors if they'll help save cans for you, too! Thank you for your generosity!

## WORLDWIDE COMMUNION OCTOBER 1

We will observe World Communion Sunday on October 1 along with other churches from around the world. This special day gives 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 will incorporate music, language and customs from other lands and cultures. This will help us to identify with our brothers and sisters in Christ from across the globe. After worship we will come together for a sumptuous covered dish lunch featuring many ethnic dishes (including desserts). We encourage you to bring a dish 'from another country.' Put this date on your calendar now so you will not miss this special time of worship and fellowship.



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Please mark your calendars!

September 10, 9:30-10am—Breakfast and Refugee Introduction for 6th graders and parents

September 10, 5pm—SEE Kickoff and kickball game

September 15-17—CFNBC Youth Retreat at Caswell.

October 15, 10am-2pm—@GraceItForward worship, mission project, lunch

## KID'S NIGHT OUT, SEPTEMBER 8



Kid's Night Out is back! Friday, September 8 will be our first night this fall. KNO is a program for K-5th graders and is from 6pm-8:30pm in the Activity Building. This is a fun time for kids (and a night out for the adults who care for them)! Registration is required due to the planning that is involved in this program. Forms are in the office, in the narthex, and Sunday School rooms. Please return forms to the office - you can drop them in the slot of the office door, if you like, or give them to Carol Batts.

The cut-off for registration will be the Sunday before each Kid's Night Out so supplies can be purchased, pizza ordered, and helpers contacted. We have a great time with your kids for they teach us so much! Where will KNO take us this year? Hop on board to find out, and get those boarding passes (registration forms) turned in for the first flight!!



2017 Scholarship Recipients



## MISSION PROJECTS FOR VBS



The Vacation Bible School Missions team enjoyed another impactful week of fun! Our co-leaders Judy Lair and Di Greene and assistant Carolyn Baughman were thrilled to receive such enthusiastic groups, eager to make a difference in both global and local missions.

The first Missions project was for “Operation Christmas Child,” an international program that provides children all over the world with individual shoeboxes. Each box is filled with toys, school supplies, personal items and other small gifts. Our VBS children purchased some of these items with their families, and then enjoyed filling the boxes later in the week. Through their collective efforts, our VBS kids were able to fill over 35 shoeboxes!

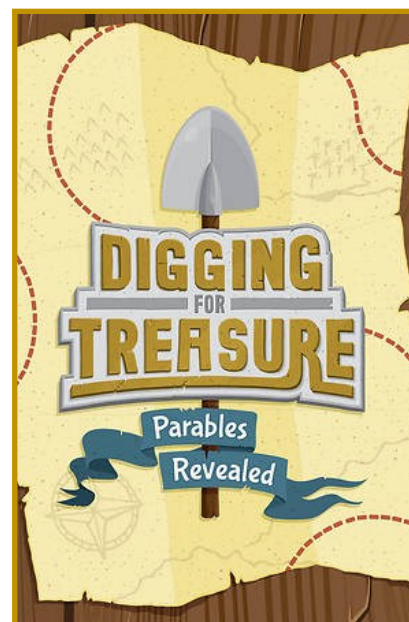
In addition, our VBS kids enjoyed creating a local gift for the residents of Ridge Rest Assisted Living Center in Columbus. These “Care Bags” were lovingly filled by our VBS children, and each bag included items such as soaps, lotions, eyeglass wipes, as well as a personal note on each bag. The children enjoyed learning about how simple acts of love can mean so much!

Thanks to everyone who participated in supporting these programs and we look forward to continuing the VBS Missions tradition next year! *-Submitted by Carolyn Baughman*



## VBS 2017 CARE BAG PROJECT

Some of the children from Vacation Bible School took their Caring Bags made during the Mission portion of VBS to residents and staff of Ridge Rest Assisted Living Home near Columbus last week. They sang for the residents and also greeted each one individually. *-Picture by Carolyn Baughman*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

VBS 2017 ran August 7 – 10. Thirty-five children were enrolled. The theme was “Digging for Treasure—Parables Revealed.” We focused on six parables; the sower and his seeds, the mustard seed, yeast, the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father who gave his child good gifts.

On Tuesday we had a special guest, Ms. Linda Martin. She baked her homemade bread for us, which we ate at snack time. During Bible Study Ms. Martin showed us how yeast grows, and talked about how bread is made. Jim Hawkins and Laura Spinks did entertaining skits during general assembly. The skits were about the parables. Pastor Jeff welcomed us each day and kept the order of service moving. We had litanies, songs, prayer, and Bible memory.

There were several activity stations, all well manned. A big thank you goes to the following people, and we appreciate the support of the church. We’re all working together to grow the kingdom.

<b>OPENING ASSEMBLY</b> Pastor Jeff Harris Jim Hawkins Laura Spinks Kay Greene	<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERS</b> Susan Smith Kathy Ashley Linda Ligon Cathy Johnson Kyle Sawyer Cole Pereira
<b>MUSIC</b> Kay Greene Alice Tennant Stephanie Mathis	<b>ESCORTS</b> Jodi Harris Phil Scoggins Rachel Hawkins Ron Frady Ashlyn Green Elliot Whiteside Barbara Batchler Nancy Brady
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> Jaime Fitzgerald Merry Price Linda Martin	<b>REGISTRAR</b> Sadie Mckaig Kim McFarland
<b>CRAFTS</b> Peggy Edwards Raye Dusenbury Eloise Johnson	<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL</b> Ron Frady Phil Scoggins Nancy Brady
<b>MISSIONS</b> Di Greene Judy Lair Carolyn Baughman	<b>PUBLICIST</b> Jodi Harris Sadie McKaig
<b>GAMES</b> Angela Radaker Katie Cothran Diane Cothran	<b>DECORATIONS</b> Mona Kimble Dan Kimble
<b>SNACKS</b> Olivia Whiteside Sadie McKaig Kim McFarland Joey Whiteside Terry Bishop	<b>AUDIO-VISUAL</b> John Spinks Verae Upton Ken Raymond Katie Cothran
<b>DIRECTORS</b> Mona and Dan Kimble	
<b>YOUTH HELPERS</b> Ashlyn Green Elliott Whiteside	

## YOUTH NOTES—A WORD FROM JAIME

Hope, Joy, Love- if you were in worship on Youth Sunday, you heard these three words interwoven throughout the service. My hope for each of us is that we can take these three words with us during the week as a reminder that all three come from God. The youth worked exceptionally hard to plan a meaningful worship service and I think it was just that. Thank you all for being present and supporting the youth this past Sunday but also in everything they do both inside and outside of the church.

I am thankful for the youth who helped in various ways during vacation Bible School by using their gifts and abilities to serve God. I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of Vacation Bible School and seeing how excited the kids were to learn more about the parables of Jesus and to memorize the Bible verse for the week. Thank you to everyone who used their time, energy, and resources to make VBS what it was.

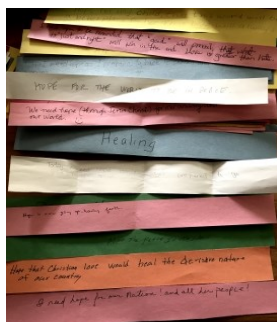
Recently, the youth had a back to school lock-in with nine middle schoolers—several being 6th graders entering the youth group! We had a blast, ran through the woods, splashed in the creek, and ate a lot of food. Thank you for all who helped with that in bringing food, checking in to make sure we had everything we needed, and especially to the Finchers for graciously letting us use their space.

Refuge (our Sunday night Bible Study and meal) starts back up on September 10th with the SEE kick off. There are many ways the youth ministry can use the support of the adults in our church, so be on the lookout for those opportunities such as: providing a meal, chaperoning events, or simply through being a positive adult presence. There will be sign-ups on the bulletin board and announcements made in worship for specific ways you can be a part of the youth ministry!

I hope you have a great September! - Jaime Fitzgerald



VBS—Linda Martin making bread



Youth Sunday Hope



VBS Prayers



Youth Lock-In, August 25



Youth Sunday Aug 27



VBS Joy



# First Baptist Church, Tryon

## Youth Refuge Calendar Fall 2017

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

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

# Hooked!



The David Stillerman Fishing Project of FBC Tryon

First Baptist Parents,

We'd love to have you and your child/ren go fishing with us. You do not need any fishing equipment (you can certainly bring your own if you wish), experience, or license. We will supply fishing equipment, instruction, drinks, and a light dinner. We do ask that at least one parent be present with your child/ren. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to spend time with each other, and with others from our community (especially with foster children and those involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.)

Here are a few reasons we think "Hooked" is worthwhile:

- Get outside . . . teach kids to enjoy and respect the outdoors.
- Encourage friendships . . . with other children and with adults.
- Learn how to fish . . . fishing is a great hobby, that teaches patience and perseverance, builds confidence, and can be enjoyed for a lifetime.
- Have fun!

We'll go fishing at these times and places, and hope that you can join us:

Sunday, Sept 17      White Oak Mountain, 2-5pm

Sunday, Oct 15      Tryon Estates, 2-5pm

If you plan to attend please RSVP, as that will help us provide the correct amount of fishing equipment, volunteers, and food.

For more information or to RSVP please call:  
First Baptist Church of Tryon at 828.859.5375  
or by emailing [tryonfirstbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:tryonfirstbaptist@gmail.com)



## 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 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month	Mission Team, 5:30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month:	WMU, 10am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month:	Sisterhood, 7pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month:	Brotherhood, 6:30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month:	Deacons, 6pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.*

### SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Commit to #GraceltForward Mission Day

Sun, Sep 10	SEE Kickoff (cookout and kickball), Children's Choir 5pm, Refuge 5pm
Fri, Sept 15-Sun Sept 17	CFNBC Youth Retreat at Caswell
Sun, Sep 17	Hooked! Fishing Event, White Oak Mountain, 2pm-5pm
Sun, Sep 24	SEE, Children's Choir 5pm

### OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Operation Christmas Child

Sun, Oct 1	World Communion, Covered-dish luncheon
Sun, Oct 8	SEE, Children's Choir 5pm
Sun, Oct 15	#GraceltForward worship, mission project, and lunch for youth
Sun, Oct 15	Hooked! Fishing Event, Tryon Estates, 2pm-5pm
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

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

Sun, Nov 5	All Saints Sunday
Sun, Nov 12	SEE, Children's Choir, 5pm
Sun, Nov 19	Celebration of the Lord's Supper Community Thanksgiving Service

### DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Kathy's Kids, Angel Tre

Sun, Dec 3	Annual Christmas Dinner
Sun, Dec 17	Caroling, 3pm
Sun, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm
Sun, Dec 31	I Love My Church Offering

## September Sunday Schedules

### *Deacons for September*

\*Elizabeth Burrell  
Ron Frady  
Shelvie Foust  
Jeff Miller  
JT Johnson

### *Ushers for September*

Brian & Jennifer Jones —Front  
Jodi Harris—Hall  
Nancy Brady—Side

### *Acolytes for September*

Sept 3—Harper Harris, Simms Harris  
Sept 10—Mason Littlefield, Olivia Miller  
Sept 17—Verae Upton, Durham McEntire  
Sept 24—Laney Littlefield, Luke Miller

### *Children's Church Workers for September*

Sept. 3—Cathy & JT Johnson  
Sept 10—Emily & Anthony Pereira  
Sept 17—Susan Smith  
Sept 24—Debbie & Keith Collins

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of Fred Edwards, who died August 17.

## September Milestones

### Wedding Anniversaries

10 Charles and Lib McKeller  
12 Eric and Melinda Walker  
13 Andrew and Riley Harding  
15 Bob and Judy Lair

### Birthdays

1 Robert Earl Arledge, Lawson Carter, Don Ponder, Edward Justice, Adam Nobles  
3 Sue Thompson  
5 Jimmy Littlefield, Lee Dillon  
6 Di Greene, Andrew Lair ('97)  
7 Amber McEntire  
8 Trey Fincher  
9 Marilyn Kimbrell  
10 Ray Hudson  
12 Doris Maxwell, Anne Tauber  
14 Izabella Jackson ('02), Mason Harris  
15 Ruth Cantrell, Eric McKaig  
16 Joan Feagan, Charles McKeller  
19 Elizabeth Burrell  
25 Jack Fox ('07)  
26 Robert Carter, Cheryl Roach-Taylor  
28 Franklin McKaig, Emily Brady  
30 Ian Stafford ('06)

### Military Birthdays

9 Sarah Stillinger ('06)

### REMINDER



The Church office will be closed  
Monday, September 4., for Labor Day.