

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

JANUARY 2011

ISSUE 1



## SO....YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

from The Book by Conover Swofford  
1. How many siblings did Abram have,  
and what were their names?

(Genesis 11:27 and Genesis 20:12)

2. Who offered to sacrifice his  
daughter to God?

(Judges 11:30, 31, 34)

3. To whom does Jesus compare  
someone who does not give up  
everything to be His disciple?

(Luke 14:26-33)

4. Which parable includes "God be  
merciful to me a sinner"?

(Luke 18:9-14)

[Answers on next page]

## Children's Corner



**Q:** How was the Roman  
Empire cut in half?

**A:** With a pair of Caesars!!!



**Q:** Why does a flamingo lift  
one leg?

**A:** Because if it lifted both, it  
would fall over!

## Young Adult Sunday Night Bible Study

Judy Lair

Stephen Brady leads the Young Adult Bible Study. The fall session began September 12, and the group meets from 5 - 6:30 every other Sunday night. Classes are also provided for children ages 3 - 5 led by Sadie McKaig and Alice Tennant. Children in grades 1 - 6 are taught by Di Greene and Susan Smith. Kay Greene leads the children in music and she is assisted by Betty Jean Durham and Phil Scoggins who alternate Sundays. Childcare for crib babies is also provided.

At 6:30 all these folks join the Refuge youth for a fellowship meal in the activity building. In order to provide all the classes, childcare and meals, many of our church family volunteer in so many ways.

We want to thank all those who have volunteered since September 2010:

Childcare workers: Shelvie Foust, Linda Ligon, Terry Bishop, Gigi Covil, June Brady, Elizabeth Burrell, Beth McCallister, Raye Dusenbury, Joyce Scoggins, Sandy Frady, Hilda Pleasants, Lib McKeller.

Meal coordinators/preparers: Leta and Bob Scruggs, Joan and Phil Feagan, Mike Greene, Keith and Debbie Collins, Emily Pereira, Margo Carter, Paula Edwards, Marian and Phil Corn, Jane and Lou Rossi, Dee and Chuck Huneycutt, June and Carroll Brady.

It takes many people to provide meaningful Christian Education for our church family. Thanks to all of you.



## Kathy's Kids

Judy Lair

Kathy Ashley makes a difference!

Kathy's done it again—coordinated an effort for our First Baptist Church family to serve more than fifty Tryon Elementary School children during the Christmas season.

On Sunday, December 5 members of several of our Sunday School classes took names of one or two children and purchased clothing and a small toy to deliver to Tryon Elementary School by December 16. School personnel were to deliver these the week before school was out for the Christmas break.

Thank you again, Kathy, for your part in helping us help others.

## Youth's Corner

Our only concern should be to do better than we did yesterday. God does not expect the acorn to be a mighty oak before it has been a sapling.

George E. Carpenter

Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil; our great hope lies in developing what is good.

Calvin Coolidge

## Do you know...

### ...Joey and Olivia Whiteside?

Judy Lair

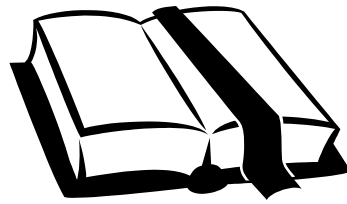
Joey and Olivia graduated from Polk County High School and Appalachian State University. Olivia earned a degree in childhood development and taught in Head Start, Smart Start and special education in Cary, Raleigh, Charlotte, Rutherford County and Forbes Preschool. Joey earned his degree in public relations with minors in psychology and business. Joey worked in several jobs before starting his own business four years ago. His business is called "Treasure Hunting" and specializes in vintage advertising. His ebay store is Old Souls Antiques. Olivia, a full time mom to their three children, helps Joey in her "spare time".

Olivia has attended Tryon First Baptist Church her whole life. She and Joey are active in Sunday School, Young Adult Bible Study on Sunday nights and have served on various committees. Joey is thrilled to be our new Youth Director for Refuge.

Their three children are Elliott (6), Storie Lane (4) and Oakley (16 months).

Olivia enjoys cooking and taking pictures. Joey enjoys golf, basketball and guitar. They both love to go antiquing, traveling and music.

Joey and Olivia would like to see more contemporary Christian music introduced into our worship service along with traditional hymns. They would like to see senior members share their experiences and knowledge with the youth. Both are interested in local mission programs. They want our church to grow in membership, expand its space and increase its activities and programs.



## The Study of the Book of Acts

Phil Scoggins

"You can't have the thunder without the lightning" – when lightning flashes in the atmosphere the electrical charge superheats the air along the flash, the air rapidly expands and forms a shock wave to cause the sound of thunder...

The lightning is the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, the life of Jesus, His birth, His miracles, His wonders, His teaching, His death, His resurrection and His ascension...

The thunder is the Day of Pentecost...the day God poured out His Spirit on the believers of the early church to give them power to be His witnesses...

**Do you wish to** experience "thunder and lightning" in your faith?

**Do you wish to** have a personal intensity to relive the Scriptures?

**Do you wish to** experience the Scriptures in a fresh way?

**Do you wish to** have the adventure of living the passages of Scripture?

**Do you wish to** be gripped by the Scriptures?

**Do you wish to** experience a spiritual blessing?

If your answer is **yes**, then **come join** our Sunday School study on the Book of Acts starting in January. We begin a 13-week study titled "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit".

Overview – **ACTS**

**Summary** - The book begins with Jesus' Ascension and tells how the Gospel spread far beyond the confines of the Jewish community to the whole world. The history of the development of the early church from the Ascension of Christ to Paul's imprisonment in Rome and the opening of the ministry there. Acts is a book of exciting actions and happenings of the first century church. A book about the followers of Jesus fulfilling the command of Acts 1:8. It is the story of the birth of the

church at Pentecost and how the apostles and others accomplished their task. In 30 years. Christianity spread from Jerusalem to Rome and from Jews to Gentiles by the power of the Holy Spirit, working especially through Peter and Paul.

**Author** - Luke, the doctor, the only Gentile writer in the New Testament; Paul's close friend; Paul's traveling companion; careful researcher; accurate historian; knowledgeable of Roman laws, customs, and geography

**Date** - When was it written? 61 A.D. - 70 A.D.

**Purpose** - It was written to show the ministry of the Holy Spirit in establishing the early church and carrying out the ministry of Jesus in the world. To provide a condensed history of the early church, an eyewitness account of the miraculous spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome. "Luke's purpose in writing Acts was not to give a complete history of the growth of the church, but only to list those events with which he was familiar." To give an accurate account of the birth and growth of the Christian church. To be a selective record of what Jesus continued to do through the Holy Spirit and his apostles. To show that Christianity and the church had become legitimate heir of Israel and the Scriptures of Israel.

**Key Verse** – Acts 1:8

**Key Chapter** – Acts 2

**Theology** - A believer's faith rests upon the facts of history: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The book reassures believers that their faith in Christ rests on fact. The extraordinary growth of the early church was based directly on the resurrected Christ. His command and empowerment of the disciples through the Holy Spirit is the only reasonable explanation for the incredible and rapid spread of the Gospel in the first century. We are also under the command of the Great Commission. The Holy Spirit empowers us to minister in the world today. **Learn how to communicate the power of life in the Spirit, the vehicle to expose the truth in an enjoyable way.**

Come join Phil Scoggins' Sunday School Class for the study of ACTS.



## January Anniversaries

27 Steve & Cathy Stott



## January Birthdays

- 1 Cindy Lobo
- 1 Frances Smith
- 2 Marian Corn
- 2 Alyssa Fincher
- 2 Barbie McCoy
- 3 Jerry Attwood
- 5 Peggy Edwards.
- 8 Gerry Taylor
- 12 Heath Culbreth
- 13 Stephen Brady
- 13 Phil Corn
- 15 Harold Taylor
- 19 Linda Martin
- 23 Sean Durham
- 25 Tony Pereira
- 31 Richard Tauber



### College Students' January Birthdays

Alyssa Fincher (1-2)  
PO Box 1031  
Tryon, NC 28782

Heath Culbreth (1-12)  
2162 Hwy. 176 N  
Tryon, NC 28782  
[hculbreth09@ehc.edu](mailto:hculbreth09@ehc.edu)

### Military Personnel January Wedding Anniversary

"Paquito" & Emily Dona (1-4)  
2100 Skyuka Road  
Columbus, NC 28722



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Howard Greene** – recognized for 63 years perfect attendance – Kiwanis Club

**Jan Ponder** – honored for 500 hours – St. Luke's Hospital volunteer service

**Kaya Bishop, Chase Constance, Grayson Jones, Sydney Waldman,**– TES Grade 3 second six-weeks honor roll

**Ashlyn Green, Izabella Jackson** – TES Grade 4 second six-weeks honor roll

**Hannah Emory** – TES Grade 5 second six-weeks honor roll

**Carl Campbell, Georgia Garrett, Malik Miller** – PCMS Grade 6 second six-weeks honor roll

**Caitlin Britton, Lydia Dona** – PCMS Grade 7 second six-weeks honor roll

**Evelyn Bradley** – honored for 250 hours – St. Luke's Hospital volunteer service

**Linda Fincher** – honored for 100 hours – St. Luke's Hospital volunteer service

**Franklin Williams** – honored for 50 hours – St. Luke's Hospital volunteer service



## Music

Anne Tauber

Dictionaries and encyclopedias define music as "an artistic form of auditory communication incorporating instrumental or vocal tones in a structured and continuous manner." It is also defined as "any pleasing and harmonious sound" and "the sounds produced by singers or musical instruments."

(Source: wordnet.princeton.edu)

If there is one true definition of music it is this: music is universal and yet it is also relative and subjective. What may be music to one may not be so to another.

As we approach the new year, take a moment to ponder what the meaning of music is for you.

Music means many things to me, but above all it gives me a way to worship with reverence and dignity.

### ANSWERS to

#### SO....YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

1. Three - Nabor, Horan and Sari
2. Jephthah
3. A man building a tower or a king going into battle, neither of whom had "counted the cost".
4. Two men praying at the temple.



## From Our Pastor...

Happy New Year! Yes, it's that time again, time for broken resolutions. Okay, perhaps that is a bit pessimistic, but we all know how difficult change can be. One could almost summarize the success of New Year Resolutions with the old adage, "Except for diet and exercise, I'd do anything to lose weight."

Here are some of the most popular New Year's Resolutions . . . get in shape/lose weight, stop smoking, get out of debt, spend more time with family, enjoy life more, organize yourself, help people, etc. Oddly enough, I did not see "make Sunday School a priority" on the list. (It must have been an oversight.)

For many of you, regular attendance and participation in Sunday School is already a priority. While I have not taken a formal poll, I imagine your reasons for regular Sunday School attendance and participation could fit in to these categories: education and community.

Education is the primary aim of Sunday School. Sunday School provides the weekly opportunity to examine Scripture in a systematic and in-depth way. The Bible is a complicated library of books, written in and to cultures and people very different from our own. In order to appreciate and comprehend the Bible, consistent study is

necessary. It is also helpful to read and study the Bible with other people, which brings us to the next word—community.

Reading the Bible in community is much more effective than reading it in isolation. The more eyes and minds reading, under the guidance of the Spirit, the better the chance of understanding and comprehending, but community is not just important for Bible reading. Through conversation, laughter, tears and prayer, community is formed and shared. I know that most folks are interested in studying the Scriptures, but I would guess it is the experience of community that brings them back.

I realize you already have several resolutions that are going to be difficult to keep, so may I suggest that you add "make Sunday School a priority" for 2011? Truth is, this one is not that difficult to keep, just be ready an hour earlier on Sunday mornings (which means that compared to weekdays you can still sleep in) and you will be thankful you did!

Grace and Peace,



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ORGANIZATION** **2011**

### **ADULTS**

Adult Men & Women IV  
Elizabeth Burrell  
Jerry Attwood

Adult Men & Women III  
Robert Lair

Adult Men & Women II  
Phil & Joyce Scoggins

Adult Men & Women I  
Cheryl Roach

### **YOUTH**

**Group 3:** (Grades 7-12)  
Phil Feagan  
Jeff & Julie Miller  
Marcus & Alice Prince

### **CHILDREN**

**Group 2:** (Grades 4 -6)  
Elizabeth Burrell and  
Kim Culbreth  
Phillip & Paula Edwards  
Kevin & Buffy Blackwell  
(Substitutes)

**Group 1:** (Grades 1 - 3)  
Terry Bishop  
Melanie Jackson  
(Substitute)

### **PRESCHOOL**

**Ages 4- Kindergarten**  
Kathy Ashley  
Linda Ligon  
**Ages 2 - 3**  
Phil & Marian Corn  
Suzanne Anagnos and  
Jodi Harris

### **NURSERY**

**Crib Babies/Toddlers**  
Donna Campbell  
Donna Littlefield

**Make Sunday School a  
Priority!**