

THE GOOD NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TRYON

JULY

2012

CHAT WITH THE PREACHER

To Eat or Not To Eat . . .

On several occasions I have been asked, “When it is appropriate for children to receive communion?” Since I have not responded to that question in a public way, I thought this would be a good time and a good place—a conversation starter, if you will.

While this question is usually focused on children receiving communion, there is a wider context than just age to consider. In fact, the question should be reframed as this: “Is communion only for the baptized?”

Historically, baptism has preceded communion. The Baptist Faith and Message (1963) states that baptism is the “prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord’s Supper.” Limiting communion to the baptized stresses the sacredness of the meal. It communicates that communion is only for those who have publicly committed (through the act of baptism) to follow Jesus. This is historically what most Baptists (and other Christians, too) have believed about communion.

On the other hand, there are those who believe the Lord’s Table should be open to anyone who wishes to come. (After all, no matter your perspective we do not “police” communion by asking for baptismal certificates.) Since the Scriptures say nothing specific about baptism as a prerequisite for communion these persons believe the table should be open, especially to children. Because children are such concrete learners and thinkers it can be a helpful way to teach children about the faith, and perhaps lead them to baptism. Christian education is one the benefits of this view, but that education only occurs if parents properly prepare their children to receive communion.

This is a simple overview of an important conversation about an important subject—The Lord’s Supper. These words are meant to encourage thought and conversation, specifically theological conversation. And since we are a church, theologically conversation is a good thing.

Jeff

Ushers for July:

Dee Huneycutt and
Wilson Edwards,
Kaya Bishop (side),
Dawn Campbell (hall)

Ushers for August:

Don Iaffaldano and
Hilda Pleasants,
Bob Scruggs (side),
Kathryn Smith (hall)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Clark and Hannah Sorrells concert at the church, Sunday, July 15th at 4 pm.
- Passport Camp from 7/15 until 7/20.
- Vacation Bible School July 27th, 28th, and 29th.
- Youth and children leading worship on July 29, picnic at 5 pm in Gibson Park.

July Birthdays

1 Megan Edwards
3 Evelyn Bradley
5 Ruth Taylor
6 Ashlyn Green
7 Kayla Tennant
9 David Thompson, Storie Lane Whiteside, Ron Frady
10 Evan Maxwell
11 Jeff Harris
12 Olivia Miller
12 Ellis Fincher
13 Shea Snow, Justin Covil
17 Alice Tennant
18 Brent Scoggins
19 Shelvie Foust
20 Annette Stafford
21 Pat Brown

22 Jordan Covil
23 Trish Culbreth
25 Louise Radford
26 Donna Zeigler
29 Ellie Eichler
31 Keith Collins, Gingi Green, Belle McFarland, Oakley Whiteside

July Anniversaries

1 Jimmy & Kathy Campbell
1 Harold & Ruth Taylor
3 Dick & Anne Tauber
4 Xan & Suzanne Anagnos
8 Ethan & Renae Waldman
12 Geoff & Alice Tennant
12 Jeff & Jodi Harris
18 JT & Cathy Johnson
23 Skip & Reva Williams
24 Phil & Joyce Scoggins

26 Mark & Laura Smith
28 Billy & Kim McFarland
30 Chuck & Dee Huneycutt
31 Hub & Joyce Arledge

Student Birthdays

9 Jordan Stratford
10 Jarrett Culbreth

Military Personnel Birthdays

2 Randy Stillinger
24 Tom Santa

Military Wedding Anniversary

2 Tracy & Kellie Payne

Congratulations to our College Graduates!

Casey Collins (daughter of Keith & Debbie Collins) - UNC Charlotte, with a BSN in Nursing.

Phillip Feagan (son of Phillip and Joan Feagan) - UNC Chapel Hill, School of Law, J.D.

Martha Nobles (daughter of Gary and Carol Nobles) - Gardner-Webb University, with a BA in History.

Michael Nobles (son of Gary and Carol Nobles) - USC Upstate, with a BA in History.

We give our congratulations to these young men and women, as well as our prayers and support, as they begin the next step in their lives.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION—JUNE 3, 2012

Sunday, June 3rd, was a special occasion for First Baptist Church. We celebrated Sunday School Promotion before worship, and honored our high school and college graduates during the worship service. The church also awarded thirteen scholarships to those students wishing to pursue their college studies further. The First Baptist family wishes congratulations to all of their graduates and students, as well as love and prayers for the strengthening and expanding of young minds.

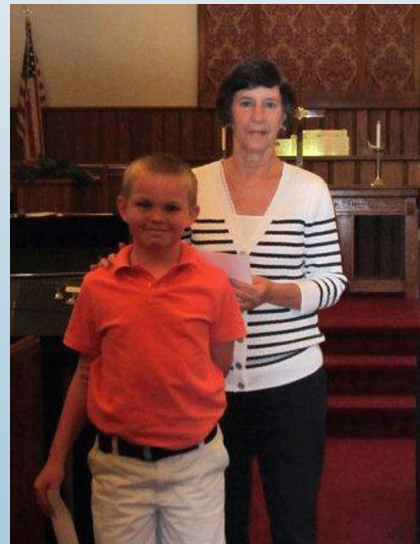
Olivia Miller was promoted from Toddlers to the Happy Hearts class, but is not pictured here.



Michael Amitrano and Wilson Edwards (pictured here with teacher Buffy Blackwell) moved up to the Youth Group from Harambe. Also promoted but not pictured is Hannah Emory.



New Bible Readers, promoted from Happy Hearts: Caleb Anagnos, Jonathon Edwards, Phoebe Anagnos, Hayden Blackwell, David Amitrano, and Luke Miller. Not pictured: Lawson Carter, Storielane Whiteside.



Jonathon Edwards (here shown with teacher Terry Bishop) was promoted from Bible Readers to Harambe. Also promoted (but not pictured) are Rollins Carter and Jessie Emory.

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MORE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION PICTURES



Reverend Harris presenting Bibles to Wilson Edwards and Michael Amitrano, who were promoted to the Youth Group.

Promotion was celebrated in the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 3rd. Ms. Shelvie Foust presented each graduate with a certificate as John Spinks read off their names. Reverend Harris read the Scripture, we all sang, and then went back to our classrooms for some much-needed refreshments.



Teacher Linda Ligon, with a few of the new Bible Readers (from left): StorieLane Whiteside, Phoebe Anagnos, David Amitrano, and Luke Miller.



Some of our Sunday School youth (from left): Harper Harris, Ramey Martin, StorieLane Whiteside, Caleb Anagnos, Jonathon Edwards, Phoebe Anagnos, Hayden Blackwell, David Amitrano, and Luke Miller.

Refuge Happenings

July is going to be an event-filled month for the youth of our church. We will be tending the "Garden" at the Pleasants farm, tubing, and attending Passport Camp. Please keep the youth of our church and community in your prayers! Thank you for your support.

REFUGE CALENDAR

July 1—Refuge at 5 pm—Devotion, Farm & Food at the Pleasants Farm

July 8—Tubing at 3pm with other members of our church (Family Life) - open to all ages.

July 15-20—Passport Camp

July 22—No Refuge—we're going to recoup from the week of camp!

July 27, 28, & 29—Youth will assist with Vacation Bible School.



Congratulations to Rachel Vining and Kathryn Smith, who graduated this year from Polk County High School. Our Church family is proud of these young ladies!



PASSPORT CAMP BEGINS

JULY 15

"Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less like this." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

With that quote, you have just learned the theme of this year's Passport Camp, to be held July 15 until July 20. Several of our young adults will be attending PASSPORTChoices, offering a sample of the larger community in Christ. From the Passport website comes this apt description:

"Youth are unique. And God is at work in each of our lives in unique ways."

PASSPORTchoices is specifically designed with this in mind. Some youth are artists, others are into the environment. Some express themselves through cooking, while others will travel the world. As always, youth need to be given the opportunity to impact the lives of those around them through hands on missions. *PASSPORTchoices* is designed to help campers explore the reality that they are uniquely and wonderfully made and encourage them to make great choices as they discover who God is creating them to become!

You can learn more at: http://www.passportcamps.org/home/youth/Youth_2011/Choices.html

Hannah Sorrells,

violinist and vocalist



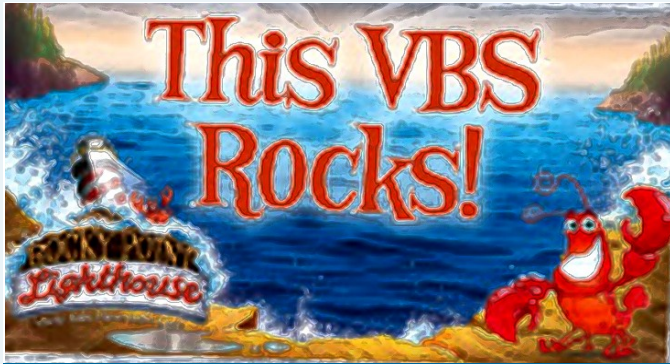
Songs of the Blessed

. . . an experience of worship through music

Date: _____ SUNDAY, JULY 15TH _____
Time: _____ 4:00 PM _____
Place: _____ FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TRYON—SANCTUARY _____

Hannah Sorrells is a rising junior violin performance major at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. She is a member of the famed St. Olaf Orchestra which this last year appeared with Garrison Keilor on *Prairie Home Companion*, performed in the PBS National Broadcast of the *St. Olaf Christmas Festival*, and won critical acclaim for their highly successful fourteen-day tour of China. Raised in a very musical family, Hannah loves many types of music, excelling in classical music. Having grown up in the mountains of Western North Carolina, she also loves to play the fiddle, both in bluegrass and Celtic styles. She sings, plays the mandolin, and most importantly, sees music as a sacred gift from God— a gift to be shared and ultimately reconnect all of us with the one from whom all good and perfect gifts come.





RECOGNITION AND AWARDING OF
SCHOLARSHIPS TO FIRST BAPTIST TRYON
STUDENTS, JUNE 3, 2012

VBS NOTES

This year for Vacation Bible School we will take a trip to Rocky Point Lighthouse—where kids shine God’s light. We will learn that even in our own darkness—God gives us light.

We’re trying a new concept this year by having a weekend Vacation Bible School on July 27th and July 28th. On Sunday, July 29th, the VBS kids will be singing and telling about their “trip.” We will conclude VBS with a church-wide picnic and swimming party at Gibson Park Pool from 5pm until 8 pm.

Don’t miss being a part of VBS this year. I think the adults who help get just as much out of VBS as the kids do. There is a place for you at Vacation Bible School no matter what your talent is.

We need leaders—registration greeters, photographers, actors, and anyone who loves to share their love of Christ with our children. Please join us and shine God’s light!

- VBS Directors Paula & Phillip Edwards



Several of our scholarship recipients were in church on Sunday, June 3rd. Front row: Brandon Britton, Rebecca Laughter. Back row: Jordan Stratford, Emily McFalls, and Emily Brady.

First Baptist Tryon is pleased to announce that thirteen scholarships were awarded for the 2012-2013 school year. We are very proud of our young adults, and wish them well on their journey through life. The recipients are listed below:

Jennifer Appleyard

Emily Brady

Brandon Britton

Heath Culbreth

Alyssa Fincher

Carrie Greene

Maryanne Henderson

Rebecca Laughter

Emily McFalls

Andrew McKaig

Ashley Monk

Mary Patterson

Jordan Stratford

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

June 11, 2012

Some photos and highlights of our trip to see the Greenville Drive play the Asheville Tourists—after the rain stopped and the field was uncovered, we enjoyed a great night of fellowship with youth, church family, and friends. A good time was enjoyed by all!

