

First Life

Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Hickory August 2010

In The Pulpit . . .

August 1

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"Where Your Heart Is"

August 8

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"What You See is What You Get"

August 15

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"Wait to Worry"

August 22

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"On Judging"

August 29

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"Knock! Knock!"

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesdays 6pm

Discipleship:
A Study from the
Gospel of Mark
- Dr. Robert Canoy

Here and Now, There
and Then: A Study in
Revelation



August Greetings to Everyone, Summer is buzzing along

and will soon give way to fall. Probably most of us look forward to a little relief from the blazing heat that we have had this summer. Of course, having grown up in Mississippi (and its oppressive summertime heat) and having lived in Iowa (and its relentless cold), I don't much complain about the weather in North Carolina! But enough about the weather—after all it is summer. And ours is an amazing State. Wouldn't you agree?

And speaking of amazing, FBC Hickory is a pretty amazing church! Just think how God has strategically located us right here at precisely this time to bear witness to His amazing grace. Rejoice at how God has blessed us with great Sunday School teachers, children and youth workers, musical talent, deacons, all types of ministry and worship opportunities, and an excellent church staff.

Now to be sure, we aren't perfect, but I've rarely seen better (and, no, I'm not talking about the Interim Pastor!).

Which brings me to this, let's become even better by debt elimination. By now you all know that we have embarked on a plan which will soon free us to accomplish so much more for our Lord. While we are grateful for an economic system which enables us to buy what we need and to pay for it over a

reasonable period of time, once we are unburdened of our indebtedness, God will use us to do a great deal more. Moreover, our new pastor (whom God is busy preparing to join us) will be able to lead us in strategic ministries which will otherwise be financially impossible. To present a new pastor with a relatively clean financial slate is a great gift which will liberate him from preoccupation with budget anxiety and it will do the same for us.

To that end, God has placed some really wise people among us who will help us be His people more

efficiently and more effectively. And you are one of those wise people, who in coming days will learn to manage your own personal finances more effectively because you are helping FBC more effectively manage its finances.

I count it a joy to be among you.

All God's Best,

Robert W. Canoy
Interim Pastor

P.S. I look forward to getting back to our regular Wednesday routine—Praying and learning from Mark's Gospel how to be a better disciple.

Pastor Search Committee Report

Your pastor search committee continues to meet regularly seeking God's direction to a new minister. Please continue to pray for us, for our church, and the staff during this time. We need to stay faithful to God's calling, especially now.

MINISTERING AT JOHN'S ISLAND

On Saturday, July 10, 150 people (71 of which were from FBC Hickory) traveled to John's Island, SC for the annual mission trip. During the week, students and adults were divided among eight houses of construction and a vacation Bible school. Some of the homeowners had been on a waiting list for 18 years, and 85% of the kids in the VBS were unchurched. After a week of work in extreme heat and humidity, those eight homes received a fresh coat of paint, new roofs, and many other repairs; and the children in the VBS saw God through the love of the "camp counselors". God worked in a truly amazing way in John's Island through the 300 hands of his servants. We are excited to see where God leads us next summer.



REFUGE **SUMMER 2010 MENU**

- August 3rd - White Water Rafting. Cost \$20 — (Due by July 28th) We will leave the bus parking lot at 8:30am and will return at 5pm. Eat breakfast before arriving and bring a bag lunch and drink.
- August 10th - Linville Caverns. Cost \$5 - (Bring \$ with you) Leave bus parking lot at 9am and return at 3pm. Bring a bag lunch and drink. Wear shorts, tennis shoes, t-shirt.
- August 13th - Late Summer Lock-in. UGC, Food, Movies, Games, and more. Meet in the youth area at 10pm.
- August 20th - Back to school camping trip retreat. - Cost \$45 - (Due by August 15th) Leave the bus parking lot at 11am and return Sunday mid-afternoon. **NO ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ALLOWED**
- August 28th - Youth Lake Party. - Cost FREE - Leave the bus parking lot at 9:30am and return at 4:30pm. **UNLIMITED BUT PLEASE SIGN UP!**



