

First Life

Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Hickory May 2010

In The Pulpit . . .

May 2

8:30am and 10:55am
Rev. Chris Gillespie

May 9

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"Our Heavenly Father"

May 16

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"Our Holy Father"

May 23

10:30am
Rev. Rendell Hips
Children's Sunday

May 30

10:30am
Dr. Ron Williams
Gardner-Webb University

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesdays
6pm

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



Greetings
Everyone!

I was just reminded that this May marks

the 140th Anniversary of FBC Hickory. I hope that you will pause while reading this letter to thank God for the great gift He has preserved for us called First Baptist Church. I hope also that in your praying you will remember all of those who have gone before and all of those who still gather faithfully at First Baptist. Think with me for just a few moments about all the love and sacrifice that has been poured out through the years which have sustained FBC so that we might continue to be a shining light in this community. Now, last but not least, think about how God has included you in His great mission!

Come to think of it, anniversaries are great times

for self-examination. In one church I served, one outstanding married couple unexpectedly called to schedule an appointment with me. I must confess that I had a lump in my throat hoping that their marriage wasn't in trouble. At the outset of the meeting they put my mind at ease. They shared with me that each year on their wedding anniversary that they would be calling to schedule an appointment with me for what they called a "marital check-up." That is, they wanted me to question them about how things were going in their marriage. Such things like: How much time were they spending together? How much time were they spending together at church? How well were they communicating with each other? What annoying habits had they been developing that

needed attention? Those questions, and others, were what we spent an hour together talking about on their anniversary. Not a bad practice, huh? So, why not let this month be an occasion for evaluating our relationship with our Lord and with His church? How faithfully have we been in our praying, sharing the Good News, encouraging another member, Sunday School participation, worship attendance, giving, working, and inviting others to join us at FBC? Considering how much our Lord has given us, and how much others have done the same for us, what a privilege is ours to join with others in giving back to God.

Blessings (and Happy Anniversary!),
Robert

Dr. Robert Canoy
Interim Pastor

Celebrating 140 Years

First Baptist
CHURCH
ANNIVERSARY

Remembering the Past ~ Envisioning the Future

May 2, 2010
Regular Sunday
Morning Schedule

Worship Celebration
5:00pm - Sanctuary

Anniversary Dinner &
Ice Cream Social
Bring your favorite
homemade flavor

5:30pm - Fellowship Hall

BEACH CAMP 2010
June 13 - 18 ~ Junior High
June 20 - 25 ~ Senior High

Students will learn how they can develop & grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, evangelism, discipleship, and ministry.
SIGN UP TODAY!



SUMMER SCHEDULE
COMING SOON



The Boomers had a great first outing on Saturday night, April 17. There were 40 plus in attendance. The planning committee will be meeting soon to plan for other activities. Watch for details on a trip to the Barter Theater in Abingdon, VA to see *Shake, Rattle and Roll* on Saturday, September 11.



FBC Triple Play!

We will have three services using our alternate schedule at the end of May and beginning of June. Each Sunday we will have one worship service at 10:30am preceded by Bible Study at 9:15am. Sunday, May 23, will be Children's Sunday. Our speaker will be the Rev. Rendell Hipps. On Sunday, May 30, we will be in service with Dr.

Ron Williams from Gardner-Webb University. Finally, on Sunday, June 6, we will celebrate with and honor our 2010 Graduates. The Rev. Chris Gillespie will deliver the sermon on Graduate Sunday.

Sabbath Soup Day - May 30 - Noon

We are collecting bottled water, pop-top food items, and desserts! **Volunteers needed and welcomed. Contact Dacia Jones for more information.**

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Plans are moving forward to enhance the security of our preschool hall on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. This is a plan that has been being worked on for over a year. Our first step was to open the "Preschool Registration Room" where all parents check-in upon their arrival to receive pagers and name badges. This room has been open for several weeks. The next few steps we will be implementing are outlined below:

- 1 - The Preschool Hall from the main portico lobby will be locked. Parents will enter the preschool hall from the main portico lobby by passing through the "Preschool Registration Room."
- 2 - Until other arrangements can be made, the two doors near the TI entrance will remain open. Our Deacons of the Week will help make sure parents are familiar with this new routine and to help secure this entrance.
- 3 - Eventually, we will secure these two doors to the Preschool Hallway nearest the TI lot entrance. We will continue to work out the details of this step in the process.
- 4 - All guests with preschoolers or first-graders will be directed to the "Preschool Registration Room" for check-in purposes.
- 5 - For adults who need to get from the fellowship hall to the portico lobby, it is possible that foot-traffic can use the courtyard to get from the preschool doors at the TI entrance to the portico entrance.

It will take some time for all of us to get used to these changes. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work out any "kinks." The safety of our children is of utmost importance as we seek to provide a safe and secure place where they can grow in Christ.

Rendell

