

First Life

Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Hickory

September 2010

In The Pulpit . . .

September 5

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

September 12

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"The Narrow Way"

September 19

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"The Two Trees"

September 26

8:30am and 10:55am
Dr. Robert Canoy
"The Two Houses"

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesdays 6pm

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

ChristLIFE

continuing education
studies for growing Christians

Simple Truths: A Simple,
Natural Approach to
Discussing Sex with Your
Children

Boundaries: When to
Say Yes, When to Say
No, To Take Control of
Your Life



Hello First Baptist Friends,
Can it be September already? Of

course, the good news about September is that a different (and welcome) routine for most of us returns. With schools being back in session, our weekly rhythm of Sundays and Wednesdays will become more regular. But before we say goodbye to August, I know you join me in rejoicing over what a good month August was for Hickory FBC. To name just a few things: we had a great mission trip, terrific VBS, welcomed new members, approved the debt elimination campaign, and revised the constitution. Those kinds of accomplishments only happen when God's people listen to the Holy Spirit and say "Yes." Speaking of saying "Yes," from time to time I visit with

a man or a woman who shares stories with me about what they call a time of "running from God." While not everyone uses that exact language, most of them do. They talk about how God called them to do something some time ago, but that they avoided doing it. Now, they say, they are finally saying "Yes" to God. I smile and celebrate with them their renewed commitment, and I usually say something like: "Well, I'm glad that you finally said "Yes," because you know that God wasn't giving up and that He wasn't going away!" Fact is, we know that God is going to keep calling and calling and calling until you and I say "Yes." Hopefully, the longer we live the more easily we will learn to say "Yes" when God speaks to us. And although we may battle and battle and battle with

God, God is going to win! But this is the one battle in our lives that we really do want to lose. So, let's begin thinking (and praying) about those areas in our lives where we've tended to say "NO" to God, and then let's start saying "Yes" to God instead. We'll all be so much better off for having done so.

All God's Best,

Robert W. Canoy

P.S. See you Sunday and Wednesday where we continue learning to say "YES" to God and to become even better disciples.

THE VOTES ARE IN

On Sunday, July 25, First Baptist voted to proceed with the Debt "elimination" capital campaign. On Sunday, August 8, the church also approved the revised constitution and bylaws.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Sunday, September 12, at 11:00am and 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.

BUDGET VOTE

Called Church Conference, Sunday, September 26, at 10:45am in the Sanctuary.

NEW LOOK

Coming Soon!
Our new church logo will be revealed in the near future.
Stay tuned!

SENIOR ADULTS

CHARLOTTE, NC TRIP

The Senior Adults will travel to The Billy Graham museum on Monday, September 20.

While in Charlotte, we will also view an



IMAX movie at Discovery Place. The cost for this trip is \$10. To sign up for this trip, please call the office.

SMOKY MT RAILROAD

Take a beautiful, scenic tour of the Tuckasegee River on Tuesday, October 19. The four-hour tour has a layover in the town of Dillsboro. We will leave at 8:00am and return at 7:30pm. The cost is \$60 per person. Please call the office to make reservations. Deadline is September 12.

SECOND TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

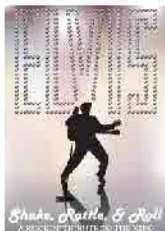
The Second Tuesday Luncheon and Fellowship will resume on September 14 at noon. Enjoy a delicious lunch provided by Chef Steve, for only \$5, or bring your own. We will meet in the Bridal Parlor room 179.



BOOMERS.....

Wear Your Blue Suede Shoes!

On Saturday, September 11, the Boomers will see "Shake, Rattle, & Roll" at the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA. This show will take you on a musical journey from Elvis' humble beginnings at Sun Records to his debut on the Ed Sullivan Show, through his Hollywood career and 1968 'comeback' television special. Sign up in the office. Cost \$35. Lunch on your own. Deadline Sunday, August 29.



SAMANTHA DOLLS - SEWING JESUS!

This June letter from a parent whose child received the blessing of a Samantha Doll, will prove that God's love is sewn into each one of these dolls and that He uses this ministry to share the truth of His son.

Dear Ladies of the First Baptist Women's Mission,

We wanted to thank you for the beautiful doll our daughter received while at Catawba Hospital from you! She was given the doll the night after surgery and it put a big smile on her face. She has since slept with the very special doll. I wanted you to know the nurse that presented the doll did it in such a special way. She showed her the writing and told her about Jesus, and that somebody very special made the doll for her that loved her too.

As a Christian, I want you to know what an awesome blessing this is and will be to children. I truly believe it will bring children and parents to Jesus.

So many may not even own a doll and to give this gift of the heart will be special to a child forever.

Thank you for what you do! How blessed you should feel for the love of Jesus you are spreading.

God Bless!

The Myers Family

Music Ministry Schedule 2010 - 2011

For I will sing to the Lord. I will make music to the Lord, the God of Israel. - Judges 5:3b

Sundays

Worship at 8:30 and 10:55am
Adult Handbells 4:30 - 6:00pm
Youth Instrumental Ensemble 4:30 - 5:00 (connected with Youth Choir)
Youth Choir - 5:00 - 6:00pm (grades 7-12)
8:30 Worship Team - 6:15-7:45pm

Wednesdays

Youth Handbells - 4:45 - 5:30pm (grades 7-12)
Children's Handbells - 5:20 - 6:00pm
Children's Choirs - 6:00 - 6:30 / 6:45 pm
 Music Friends 1 - ages 3 and 4
 Music Friends 2 - Kindergarten and First Grade
 Music Makers - Grades 2 and 3
 Young Musicians - Grades 4 through 6
8:30 Worship Vocal Team - 6:10 - 7:00pm
Sanctuary Choir - 7:00 - 8:30pm

Thursdays

Melodears (Sr. Adult Choir)
10:00 - 11:00(30)am
Gospel Choir - 6:30 - 7:30
(first and last Thursdays)

