

MAY 2011

# First

# LIFE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PASTOR...



When you receive this newsletter, we will have just celebrated Easter together. We are Easter People. This means that because of Jesus' resurrection, and only because of Jesus' resurrection, we are bound together as a group. Think about it; if Jesus had not risen, He would have long since been forgotten. There would be no Christian religion, and if no Christian religion, then no church, and if no church, there would be no "us" called First Baptist Church, Hickory. We would not be together in this community of faith had Jesus not risen from the dead.

"But," to quote Paul in 1Corinthians 15:20, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of

those who have fallen asleep." So, we are a church body because of Him, and we live together in Him. And I am glad! Thanks be to God for the resurrection of His Son which gives us life and hope and life together!

As I write this, I have been here as pastor for exactly nine days, but in these nine days I have already begun to get a feel for the nature of this church to which I suddenly belong. Want to hear some first impressions? My first and biggest impression is that this is a church where the members take faith seriously. There is nothing "moderate" about the level of commitment to Christ here. I find this to be extremely refreshing. You seem to practice your faith the way Deuteronomy 6:7 calls us to: you talk about your faith "when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." I also sense a reverence for Scripture and a hunger

and thirst for the things of God found in the Bible. There is a confidence in the Bible that it is the Word of God and that it is trustworthy and true, deserving of our study and reverence. Again, that's refreshing.

Last Sunday, as I worshipped with you, I had an overwhelming feeling in my soul which said, if I can put it into words, "You belong here. This is what you have been seeking." So, thank you God. Thank You for raising Your Son from the grave so that He could raise up the church, so that First Baptist Hickory could come into being, so that I can have the privilege of being a part of this body of Easter People.

Phillip  
Dr. Phillip Reynolds  
Senior Pastor



## IN THE PULPIT...

May 1 - 8:30 and 10:55am  
What Easter People Do  
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

May 8 - 8:30 and 10:55am  
But Why the Cross?  
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

May 15 - 8:30 and 10:55am  
Looking Around  
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

May 22 - 10:30am - Children's Sunday  
A Firm Foundation  
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

May 29 - 10:30am - Combined Service  
The Heart of The Matter  
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesdays 6pm - Dr. Reynolds

From The Series Let's Talk About ...  
May 4 - Evangelism

May 11 - Missions in Far-off Places

May 18 - Children's Music Recognition

May 25 - Children's Missions Recognition



## CDC HELPS WITH EFFORTS IN JAPAN

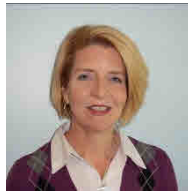
As our Child Development Center and Half-day Preschool celebrated The Week of the Young Child (April 11 - April 15), our children learned all about the children of Japan and the recent devastation there. All of our children emptied their piggy banks and brought in change to send to Japan to help with the relief and rebuilding. The CDC and Half-day Preschool raised approximately \$549. The Baptist men of First Baptist Church of Hickory matched that amount, and Transportation Insight donated \$1000, giving us a grand total of nearly \$2100. It always amazes me how giving, forgiving, and loving young children are. We are all so blessed to have these young children in our lives. As the Bible says "...and a little child shall lead them."

- Elaine Robinson, CDC Director

Children collected change each day to help Japan.

## A NEW FACE IN THE OFFICE

It is with pleasure that we announce that Shannon Rudisill has been chosen as administrative support for Rendell Hipps. Shannon, a mother to five, will bring her experience, skill and kind heart to serve the community of First Baptist. Please join us in welcoming Shannon to our FBC family.



## Welcome New to our church family:

As you see these NEW MEMBERS around FBC, be sure to welcome them to our family.



Phillip & Betsy Reynolds  
Joined 4-10-2011



Norma Flores  
Baptized 4-24-2011

## FBC TRIPLE PLAY!

May 22, May 29, and June 5  
We will have combined worship on each of these Sundays at 10:30 with Bible Study beginning at 9:15.

- ◆ May 22 - Children's Sunday Preschool/Children and Family Breakfast at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ May 29 - Combined Worship Celebration
- ◆ June 5 - Graduate Sunday - Graduate luncheon following service

## MATURE ADULT WEEKEND

Saturday, April 30

4:30pm - Cookout and Fellowship  
In the fellowship hall and courtyard

Sunday, May 1

Worship service led by our senior adults featuring music from our Melodears and Gospel Choir

## BENEVOLENCE

Missions Council has blessed the following change in how assistance applications are handled. Beginning on May 10, all non-member applications will be handled by CCM. FBC member applications will still be received by the church. Any benevolence contributions that come into the church will be portioned out to CCM to support those that we formally supported here. The other portion will be held in our own benevolence fund to help FBC church members as needed.

## CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT!



Tuesday, May 17, 5:00-8:00pm at the highway 70 location. All proceeds go to Refuge Student Ministries' mission trip.

## GRADUATE SUNDAY!

On Sunday, June 5, we will honor our high school and college graduates. We will have a combined service that day at 10:30am. Bible Study classes will meet at 9:15am. A luncheon for graduates and their families will be held immediately following the service in the fellowship hall. Graduates will receive further details soon.



## BEACH CAMP 2011



June 12 - 17 ~ Junior High  
June 19 - 24 ~ Senior High

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

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 11 Final regular Music/Missions Wednesday Night activities  
 Wednesday, May 18 6th grade hymnal presentation, plus music from youngest  
 choirs, 6:00 in the FH  
 Sunday, May 22 Children's Sunday: 8:30 breakfast, 9:15 Bible Study, 10:30  
 Worship, RA Soiree following worship at the Gray Activities  
 Building  
 Wednesday, May 25 Missions Recognition, 6:00 in the FH  
 Friday, May 27 Music/Missions Year End Celebration, YMCA, 5:30-7:30pm



**Cosmic City VBS 2011**  
**July 25-29**  
**6:00pm nightly**  
 For kids age 4 by July 25 through completed 5th Grade  
 Pre-register on-line at [www.fbc.cc](http://www.fbc.cc)

## CITYKIDS LOCAL MISSIONS

On Saturday, April 16, a group of dedicated volunteers shared God's love with our CityKIDS children and their families. At Taft/Broome Park and the Ridgeview gym, we dyed eggs, enjoyed a hot dog, lunch, shared the Easter story, and had an egg hunt. If you are interested in more information about this local missions opportunity, please contact Christy Greene.



Dying Easter eggs is always fun.



## CityKIDS SUMMER CAMP

Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 25

This week-long camp/VBS experience is part of our ministry to our community and in particular to our neighbors who reside in the Terrace Hills and Hillside Gardens communities in Hickory. Be in prayer about how you will be involved. Volunteers are needed for this week of fun. Pick up a "CityKIDS" brochure located throughout the church for more information about this outreach ministry.

## ATTENTION ALL PAST AND PRESENT RA'S!

We are doing a bulletin board that will show activities, RA's and leaders from the past and present. If you have pictures that you could donate, please label them with your name, the name of the RA or leader and place them in an envelope and bring them to the office or give them to Diane Johnson. This will be a wonderful way to travel down the RA memory lane.



## RA SOIREE

Sunday, May 22

Immediately following service at the Gray Activities Building.

Fellowship meal for all RA's, leaders, and parents

## NEW PRESCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR MAY 8, 2011

Thank you for your help and patience as we institute these new procedures to ensure the safety of our preschool children.

1. The double doors at the south entrance to the pre-school hall will be locked. Entrance will be through the registration room off the portico foyer.
2. There will be gates at the doors to the baby room and the toddler-two room. Parents should hand their child and diaper bag to the teacher/caregiver without entering the room.
3. Each child will be wearing a new type of nametag which will list care instructions, allergies, and persons authorized to pick up the child. Parents will have a matching name badge.
4. Upon the parents return to pick up the child, the teacher/caregiver will deliver the child to the parent at the door to the room, along with the tracking card, diaper bag, coat (if applicable).



## EAT FOR LIFE

The monthly meeting will be on May 9. Eat For Life meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Each meeting begins with a vegetarian covered-dish fellowship dinner. A program follows at 7:15pm.

## WMU CELEBRATION OF AGE

Honoring those who are 80 and above!

Thursday, May 12, 2011

3:00 - 4:00pm

First Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall

RSVP by Monday, May 9

Transportation provided if needed

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## MT. AIRY TRIP FOR MATURE ADULTS

Take a trip to visit the hometown of Andy Griffith. Join us on Thursday, May 19. We will leave the bus lot at 8:30am. The cost for this adventure is \$8.00, lunch not included. Come with us to see the hometown, museum, Floyd's Barber Shop, Wally's Service Station, the Mayberry Jail and more. Sign up with your payment in the office by May 16.

## Sabbath Soup Day - May 29 - Noon

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

## NEW "STARTING TOGETHER" CLASS

A new Bible study class led by Steve and Traci Palmer will begin Sunday, May 1, in room 210. The class is for young couples who are "starting together," whether engaged or married. This class will focus on application of Biblical principles for growing together as a couple and as committed Christians. Invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives.

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...a hard look at the world's temptations and God's salvation  
written by refuge worship arts

**PRODIGAL**  
refuge student ministry  
6:30pm  
may 21, 2011

free admission



# First Life Pull Out & Post

## Numbers to Know

### MINISTER ON CALL

April 29 - May 1

Phillip Reynolds on call (601-466-0021)

May 7 - 9

Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

May 14 - 16

Phillip Reynolds on call (601-466-0021)

May 21 - 23

Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

May 28 - 30

Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30-MAY 6

Gary Harding, Coordinator 256-6848

Sheree Watson 495-8768

Bernie Whitmer 328-9191

Cliff Moore 322-4552

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7-13

Jack Pressly, Coordinator 324-9681

Doug Frei 294-1428

Marvin Smith 322-6618

Jim Woolf 294-0605

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14-20

Alan Bennett, Coordinator 326-9187

Alan Breazeale 294-1513

Lloyd Bost, Jr. 294-0585

Terry Johnson 328-1613

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21-27

Mark Knuckles, Coordinator 328-2476

Doug Allen 322-8015

Allen Tallent 256-7226

Bob McCormack 294-9628

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28 - JUNE 3

Austin Moody, Coordinator 256-6821

David Moore 327-4349

Van Pernell 322-5908

Lisa Kakassy 324-5929

## Children's Workers

### Extended Session and Children's Church

#### May 1

8:20: Babies & Ones— Joy Knuckles

Twos thru Fours—Dona Cowan

10:40: Babies & Ones—Anne Reece & Tiffany Hightower

Toddlers thru Twos— Ed LaBo & Michelle Morgan

Three's and Fours— David Lawrence & Valerie LaBo

Coordinator:

Children's Worship: Tom & Dee Warren

#### May 8

8:20: Babies & Ones—Jim Elliott

Twos thru Fours—Mary Elliott

10:40: Babies & Ones— Thomas Hand

Toddlers thru Twos— Charity Hand & Allen Wittenberg

Three's and Fours— Mack Barger & Kara Wittenberg

Coordinator: Janice Barger

Children's Worship: Phillip & Shellie Bumgarner

#### May 15

8:20: Babies & Ones— Lucy Whitmer

Twos thru Fours— Doug Sullivan

10:40: Babies & Ones— Terry Johnson & Brooke Johnson

Toddlers thru Twos—John Johnson & Tiffany Hightower

Three's and Fours— Kitty Herman & Ashley Hightower

Coordinator: Diane Johnson

Children's Worship: Ed & Valerie LaBo

#### May 22

8:20: Babies & Ones—Sheila Brown

Twos thru Fours— Gerry Brown

10:40: Babies & Ones— Jim Weathers & Lydia Gillespie

Toddlers thru Twos— Esther Weathers & Rose Bondi

Three's and Fours— Susan Blackwell & Lisa Meade

Coordinator:

Children's Worship: Children's Sunday

#### May 29

8:20: Babies & Ones—Lisa Bowne

Twos thru Fours— Tom Foster

10:40: Babies & Ones— Steve Palmer & Robin Parish

Toddlers thru Twos— Traci Palmer & Gary Harding

Three's and Fours— Julie Harding

Coordinator: Terry Starnes

Children's Worship: Tera Booker & Mary Lou Wiltcher

### C A R E

May 1 - Hinson, Epperson & Melton/Bost Classes

May 8 - Allen & Foster Classes

May 15 - Wachter Class

May 22 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

May 29 - Short/Frei



## Wednesday Night Meal

MAY 4

Cinco De Mayo Beef Casserole (mild)  
Mexican Corn  
Water Melon  
Salad Bar  
Dessert  
Hamburgers for the Kids

MAY 11

Kentucky Hot Brown  
Smashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Baked Apples  
Dessert  
Chicken Nuggets for the Kids

MAY 18

Pizza and Spaghetti  
Fruit and Salad Bar  
Bread Sticks  
Dessert

MAY 25

Pecan Crusted Pork Loin  
Orange Scented Green Beans  
Roasted Potatoes  
Rolls  
Salad Bar and Dessert  
Hot Dogs and French Fries for the Kids

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## Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Amelia Nichols, Abernethy Center #142, 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton NC 28658

Mrs. Mary Pace, Pinecrest #307, 915 29th Avenue NE, Hickory NC 28601

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In Memoriam

Helen Stogner  
April 12, 2011

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In Christian Love & Sympathy to...

Lydia Gillespie upon the death of her grandmother, Thelma Johnson, on 3-30-11.

Eva Teague upon the death of her sister, Ellen Childers, on 4-2-11

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Congratulations to...

Van & Jill Pernell upon the birth of a grandson, Caleb Joshua Elston, born 3/25/11.

Lola and Bill Bumbarger upon the birth of a granddaughter, Marisa May Willis, born 3-24-11. She is also the great-granddaughter of John and Johnnie Melton.

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Thank you ...

Thank you notes have been received from Andrew and Lynn Lewis, the family of Dottie Byler, Pregnancy Care Center, Hickory Soup Kitchen and Family Care Center. These notes have been placed on the bulletin board across from the chapel.

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Nursing Home Update

Dottie Byler - Room 111B  
1500 Sawmill Road  
Stewart Health Center  
Raleigh, NC 27615

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Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Mrs. Lee Benson 322-5086



# Calendar for May 2011

Weekly calendar updates will be located at the Welcome Centers on Sunday Mornings.

## Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:30am Fellowship Worship  
 9:00am Children's Church  
 9:30am First Sunday Fellowship  
 9:45am Bible Study  
 9:45am Journey 301  
 10:55am Sanctuary Worship  
 11:30am Children's Church  
 4:00pm Preschool/Children's Mtg  
 5:00pm CARE  
 5:00pm Youth Choir  
 6:00pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

6:30pm Samaritan's Purse Mtg (260)  
 7:00pm Gospel Choir to Pinecrest

5:30pm Youth Drama (258)  
 5:30pm Youth Ministry Council (265)

5:30pm CDC Committee (105)  
 6:00pm Bible Study (FH)  
 6:00pm Music Makers (232)

## Friday, May 6, 2011

## Saturday, May 7, 2011

Rendell Higgs on call (228-8639)

## Sunday, May 8, 2011

### Mother's Day

8:30am Fellowship Worship  
 9:00am Children's Church  
 9:45am Bible Study  
 9:45am Journey 301  
 10:55am Sanctuary Worship  
 11:30am Children's Church  
 3:00pm Refuge on Mission (263)  
 5:00pm Youth Choir (Music Ste)  
 5:00pm CARE

Young Musicians (229)  
 Music Friends I (137)  
 Music Friends II

6:10pm 8:30 Worship Vocals  
 6:30pm Middle School Bible Study (265)

6:30pm High School Bible Study (263)

6:30pm Mission Friends I & II (140)  
 6:50pm RA's (158)  
 GA's (233)

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

## Monday, May 2, 2011

Refuge Golf Tournament  
 10:30am Pearce Group (189)

## Tuesday, May 3, 2011

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)  
 10:30pm Clergy Staff Meeting (CR-105)  
 12:00pm Ladies Knitting Class (189)  
 12:30pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff  
 2:00pm AARP (FH)

## Monday, May 9, 2011

10:30am Williams Group (CR-179)  
 5:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg (CR-105)  
 6:30pm Eat for Life (FH)

## Thursday, May 12, 2011

10:00am Melodears (lobby)  
 3:00pm WMU 80+ celebration  
 6:30pm Poe Group (CR-179)

## Friday, May 13, 2011

## Saturday, May 14, 2011

Phillip Reynolds on call (601-466-0021)  
 12:00pm Baptist Children's Home Workday

## Wednesday, May 4, 2011

4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)  
 4:45pm Youth Handbells (301)  
 5:00pm Media Center Open  
 5:20pm Beginning Handbells (302)  
 5:30pm Youth Drama (258)  
 5:30pm Youth Ministry Council (265)  
 6:00pm Bible Study (FH)  
 6:00pm Music Makers (232)  
 Young Musicians (229)  
 Music Friends I (137)  
 Music Friends II  
 6:16pm 7th Time Worship (260)  
 6:30pm Mission Friends I & II (140)  
 6:50pm RA's (158)  
 GA's (233)  
 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

## Tuesday, May 10, 2011

8:00am Men's Prayer Group (CR-179)  
 9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)  
 10:30pm Clergy Staff Meeting (CR-105)  
 12:00pm Ladies Knitting Class (CR-179)  
 12:00pm Senior Adult 2nd Tuesday Fellowship (CR-179)  
 12:30pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)  
 5:30pm Missions Council (CR-179)  
 7:00pm "Coffee Chat" Women's Group (Gray Building)

## Sunday, May 15, 2011

8:30am Fellowship Worship  
 9:00am Children's Church  
 9:45am Bible Study  
 9:45am Journey 301  
 10:55am Sanctuary Worship  
 11:30am Children's Church  
 5:00pm CARE  
 6:00pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

## Thursday, May 5, 2011

10:00am Melodears (lobby)

## Wednesday, May 11, 2011

4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)  
 4:45pm Youth Handbells (301)  
 5:00pm Media Center Open  
 5:20pm Beginning Handbells (302)

## Monday, May 16, 2011

## Tuesday, May 17, 2011

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)  
 10:30am Clergy Staff Meeting (CR-105)



9:00am Samantha Dolls (158)  
 12:00pm Ladies Knitting Group (CR-179)  
 12:30pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

9:00am Thomas Group at Jessie's Diner  
 4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)  
 5:00pm Media Center Open  
 5:30pm CD Committee Meeting (CR-105)  
 6:00pm Children's Music Recognition (FH)  
 6:30pm Middle School Bible Study (265)  
 6:30pm High School Bible Study (263)  
 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, May 19, 2011

10:00am Melodears (Music Ste)  
 5:30pm Finance Committee (CR-179)  
 7:00pm Youth Play Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 20, 2011

6:30pm Youth Play Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)  
 6:30pm Prodigal Drama (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 22, 2011

8:30am Children's Ministry Breakfast  
 9:15am Bible Study  
 10:30am Combined Worship  
 11:00am Children's Church  
 11:30am Children's Church  
 12:00pm RA Soiree  
 2:00pm Teague Piano Recital  
 5:00pm CARE  
 5:00pm Youth Choir  
 6:00pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, May 23, 2011

2:00pm Pinecrest Group  
 6:30pm Deacon Outreach (FH)

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)  
 12:00pm Ladies Knitting Group (CR-179)  
 12:30pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)  
 7:00pm "Coffee Chat" Women's Group (Gray Building)

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

3:30pm Clergy Staff Meeting (CR-105)  
 4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)  
 5:00pm Media Center Open  
 6:00pm Properties Committee Mtg (CR-105)  
 6:00pm Mission Recognition (FH)  
 6:30pm Middle School Bible Study (265)  
 6:30pm High School Bible Study (263)  
 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 26, 2011

10:00am Melodears (Music Ste)  
 6:30pm Gospel Choir (Choir Rm)

Friday, May 27, 2011

10:00am CDC Graduation  
 11:00am CDC Reception  
 5:30pm Music/Mission Year End Celebration YMCA

Saturday, May 28, 2011

Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

Sunday, May 29, 2011

9:15am Bible Study  
 10:30am Combined Worship  
 11:00am Children's Church  
 11:30am Children's Church  
 12:00pm RA Soiree  
 12:00pm Sabbath Soup  
 5:00pm CARE  
 5:00pm Youth Choir  
 6:00pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)  
 12:00pm Ladies Knitting Group

(CR-179)  
 12:30pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)