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First LIFE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR...



In 1935 George Gershwin composed the musical Porgy and Bess. Its most memorable aria is Summertime. Remember the opening line? "Summertime, and the living is easy." That is not exactly how I would describe life around here at FBC this summer. Maybe we could rewrite Gershwin's lyrics and sing, "Summertime, and the living is BUSY!" We are busy, and it's all good. Both the middle and the high schoolers have been on their beach camps to Garden City. We can be proud of our youth praise team, 7th Time, who led worship for the middle schoolers during the first week of camp. Then the youth and adults leaders spent a week of hard work

on Johns Island, SC, on this year's mission trip. I had the privilege of being there for a brief part of the week. "Busy" does not come close to describing what went on. We had an ultra-impressive and hard working crew on Johns Island. Everyone tells me that this year's City Kids week was our best ever. This ministry continues to grow and expand. As soon as City Kids week wound up, Vacation Bible School was upon us. The last week of July was busy, busy, with teaching, crafts, and fun at VBS. On top of all this, we decided to continue Wednesday evening meals, prayer, and Bible study straight through the summer. This adds more busyness, but I am glad we are doing it. The food is great, the prayers are needed, and we grow spiritually through studying scripture together. We have been busy welcoming our two new

interim music leaders, Jim Davidson and A.J. Herrick, who are both bringing new gifts to our worship services. We have begun the search for a permanent Minister of Music and Worship. If you have ever been on a search committee, you know how busy this can be. I rehash all of this to say, in our busyness, let's remember to pray for one another, these ministries, and for the spiritual health of our church. We should never get so busy, even with good things, that we forget to pray. In fact, the busier we are doing the things of God, the more we need to pray. There is an old story about a minister in England who used to say that he prayed one hour before going to work every morning. Someone questioned if he really prayed that much. The minister assured him that he did. The questioner asked, "But what if you've got too much to do to pray for a

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IN THE PULPIT...

- August 7 - 8:30 and 10:55am
Becoming Christian
Dr. Phillip Reynolds
- August 14 - 8:30 and 10:55am
A Christ Who Listens
Dr. Phillip Reynolds
- August 21 - 8:30 and 10:55am
Confession Time
Dr. Phillip Reynolds
- August 28 - 8:30 and 10:55am
The Power of Love
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

- Wednesdays 6pm - Dr. Reynolds
From The Series Let's Talk About ...
- August 3 - The Doctrine of the Church
 - August 10 - Baptism and the Lord's Supper
 - August 17 - Life After Death
 - August 24 - Susan Coley, Pregnancy Care Center, guest speaker
 - August 31 - 1 John

whole hour?" The minister said, "On those days I pray two hours."

Now that story may sound a little too pious, but it makes a great point. We must not let ourselves ever become too busy to pray, even if we are busy doing God's good work. Let all of our busyness be supported by prayer.

Summertime, and the living is not easy. It's busy! But it's all good. It's God's work, and I am glad to be a part of it with you.

Phillip



Dr. Phillip Reynolds, Senior Pastor



On August 25, our Mature Adults will go, to the Flat Rock Playhouse and see Agatha Christi's The Mousetrap. The cost for each person is \$35.

Lunch will be at the Moose Café. The bus will leave at 9:45am. Only 25 tickets available. Sign up with your payment by August 23, in the office.

SING TO THE LORD AND BLESS HIS NAME

Summer will soon be over, and schools will reopen and filled with children. Life will be returning to a more normal schedule. I would encourage you to include time for singing praises to the Lord and worshipping together. This might include singing in one of our many graded choirs (preschool through senior adult), ringing handbells (youth and adult), and

playing an instrument.

As your interim minister of worship, I would welcome your participation in the one of your choir, handbell choirs or other musical activities listed below:

Children's Choirs (Aug. 31 – Libby Teague)
 Youth Choir (September 11 – Jim Davidson)
 Youth Handbells (Aug. 31 – Jim Davidson)
 Adult Handbells (Sept. 11– Jim Davidson)
 Sanctuary Choir (on-going – Jim Davidson)
 Gospel Choir (Aug. 25 – Carolyn Gray)
 Melodears (Sept. 8 - Nellie Pruitt)

Most important is the congregational choir and everyone is part of this group of singers. The only requirement for this choir is that you "make a joyful noise to the Lord" (at least that's what the Psalmist says). I look forward to your active participation in worshipping the Lord with your voice each and every Sunday.

– Jim Davidson, Interim Minister of Worship



Johns Island Round II



July 9-16 we had the opportunity to team with First Baptist Church, Mooresville NC, and New Hope Baptist Church to work with eight households doing much needed construction projects and hosting a VBS with the Stono Baptist Church family at Johns Island, SC.

We discovered is that we had what seemed to be an impossible task in front of us: totally replacing three roofs; repairing two other roofs that had been leaking for years; renovating four other houses which consisted of replacing a kitchen floor all the way to the joist, stripping the exterior of a home's paint and rotted siding, then replacing that siding and repainting the house; and many other projects consisting of window repair, air conditioning repair, electrical and plumbing work. We went armed with 143 students and adults. We were eager to not only prove that the job could be done, but that it could be done in just under five days. Our days,

welcome

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



Jerry & Alice
Long
Joined 6-26-11



Wanda
Sigmon
Joined 7-10-11



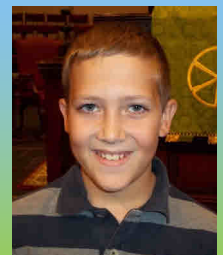
Bonnie
Opdyke
Baptized 7-24-11



Emily
Nelson
Baptized 7-24-11



Cole
Featherstone
Baptized 7-24-11



Carson
LaBo
Awaiting Baptism



with 100+ degree temperatures, started at 5am for some and ended at midnight for others. Our nights were spent in worship and fellowship with each.

Throughout the week, we discovered that we could not complete the task by ourselves, but if we gave God just a little bit of ourselves, He would take care of the rest. God provided us with energy that should not have been present, God provided our mission team with laughter that melted away those unbearable temperatures, and God provided us with the ability to do what the author of Hebrews wrote, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..." Hebrews 12:1

Chris



Kids' Corner

Welcome to Kids' Corner! Please look here each month for Children's Ministry activities, teacher information, outreach plans and more.

Children's Church Changes Starting in August

Once Sunday each month, children grades K thru 3rd will remain in worship in both 8:30am and 10:55am services to experience preaching, communion, and opportunities for discipleship commitments. This will be an important time of growing, listening, learning, absorbing, and experiencing for each child. Wiggles are to be expected! We'll all be surprised to find out what our children absorb during this time of hearing God's word proclaimed through preaching. Also, say a word of "thanks" to each person who leads or shepherds during Children's Church. Volunteers are needed.

Movie night and Ice Cream

Friday, August 12, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Rm 228
RSVP by Wednesday, August 10

RA Cookout at Winkler's Park and Crawdad's Game

Saturday, August 20, 5:30pm (cookout),
7:00 pm (game)

Music/Missions Kick-off

"Sprout 'n' Shout"
Sunday, August 28, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Gray Activities Building, Register for fall Music/Missions, Ice Cream party included!

Music/Missions Activities Begin

Wednesday, August 31
4:45-6:00pm - Family Night Supper
5:20pm - Children's Handbells
6:00pm - Music Activities for all ages
6:50pm - Mission Friends, RAs, GAs

Children's Worker Meeting

Sunday, August 21, 4:00 - 5:30, CR-105
For all adults who will be working with children grades 1st thru 6th in Bible study, music, or missions programs in the fall.

CITYKIDS Ministry Is Ongoing... CityKids Summer Camp 2011 was awesome! Our largest turn-out of children (and volunteers) so far. Children learned about God through the parables that Jesus told. The pictures below tell only a little of the story. If you have not yet been part



of the CityKids church-wide ministry, other opportunities are coming soon.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CITYKIDS MINISTRY

Your Bible Study class will be receiving info on how you can contribute by bringing school supplies to the church office. Please mark them "CityKids." Deadline for supplies is Sunday, August 14. These supplies will be hand-delivered on August 16 to our CityKids. Watch for info in Bible Study!

CityKids Flier distribution - Friday, August 12, 2:00pm

CityKids School Supply Delivery - Tuesday, August 16, 2:00pm, Hillside Gardens & Terrace Hills.

CityKids Back to School Party - Thursday, August 18, 2011, 12:30 - 4:30pm - FBC Fellowship Hall. Volunteer to help by contacting Christy Greene (rncgreene@charter.net).



BLOODMOBILE

Sunday, August 7

12:30 - 5:00pm - Fellowship Hall
Sign up in Bible study or call the office.



A walk for life fundraiser benefiting the Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley is set for

September 10, at 9:00am. Church groups are challenged to raise money for this local program. For more information contact PCCCV at 322-4272 or www.pcchickory.com

*Ladies of the Church,
Please join us for a
floating bridal shower
honoring*

Bria Cook

fiancé of Eric Ballhausen

*Saturday, August 27
2:00-5:00pm*

In the bridal parlor room 179

*The bride is registered at Bed, Bath
and Beyond and Amazon.com*

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FALL CLASSES STARTING MID SEPTEMBER

CDC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Our child development center is an extension of Christ's hand to the parents and children who enter the doors each day. Currently, we have families who would benefit from help from our scholarship fund. Prayerfully consider if you will make a donation to this ministry.

OUTREACH - LESOTHO

Clothing donations are being collected in the office for children ages 5-10 of the community of Lesotho. Mike Fullbright, Jan's son, is currently teaching in that country. For more information, please contact Jan Fullbright at 327-2058.

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September 30 ~ October 1

Friday 6:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-12noon
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messages are filled with humor,
real-life issues, and practical
applications from God's Word.



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First Life Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

August 6-8

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

August 13-15

Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

August 20-22

Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

August 27-29

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30-AUGUST 5

Eddie Icard, Coordinator 495-2763

Doug Allen 322-8015

Gary Harding 256-6848

Sheree Watson 495-8768

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6-12

Bernie Whitmer, Coordinator 328-9191

Cliff Moore 322-4552

Jack Pressly 324-9681

Doug Frei 294-1428

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13-19

Marvin Smith, Coordinator 322-6618

Jim Woolf 294-0605

Alan Bennett 326-9187

Alan Breazeale 327-6868

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20-26

Lloyd Bost, Jr., Coordinator 294-0585

Terry Johnson 328-1613

Mark Knuckles 328-2476

Tom Foster 322-3313

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2

Allen Tallent, Coordinator 256-7226

Bob McCormack 294-9628

Dwight Hastings 322-5633

David Moore 327-4349

Children's Workers

Extended Session and Children's Church

August 7

8:20: Babies & Ones—Joy Knuckles

Twos thru Fours—Dona Cowan

10:30: Babies & Ones—Betsy Reynolds & Tiffany Hightower

Toddlers thru Twos— Ed LaBo & Michelle Morgan

Three's and Fours— David Lawrence & Mary Beth Reynolds

Coordinator: Valerie LaBo

Children's Worship: Judi Tucker & Clay Buchanan

August 14

8:20: Babies & Ones—Jim Elliott

Twos thru Fours—Mary Elliott

10:40: Babies & Ones— Thomas Hand and Elizabeth Sledge

Toddlers thru Twos— Charity Hand & Allen Wittenberg

Three's and Fours— Mack Barger & Kara Wittenberg

Coordinator: Janice Barger

Children's Worship: Candace, Katie & Emma Johnson

August 21

8:20: Babies & Ones— Lucy Whitmer

Twos thru Fours—

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: David & Christy Taylor

August 28

8:20: Babies & Ones—Sheila Brown

Twos thru Fours— Gerry Brown

10:40: Babies & Ones— Laurie Johnsey & Nancy Hicks

Toddlers thru Twos— Walt Johnsey & Lydia Gillespie

Three's and Fours— Susan Blackwell & Lisa Meade

Coordinator:

Children's Worship: James & Donna Adams

C A R E

August 7 - Hinson, Epperson & Melton/Bost Classes

August 14 - Allen & Foster Classes

August 21 - Wachter Class

August 28 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes



Wednesday Night Meals

August 3, 2011

Potato Crusted Cod
Mexican Corn
Slaw and Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

August 10, 2011

Beef Stroganoff
Green Beans
Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

August 17, 2011

Chicken Pot Pie
Cooked Apples
Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

August 24, 2011

Tropical Fruit Pork Loin
Macaroni Bake
Cooked Carrots
Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

August 31, 2011

Pizza
Hot Veggie Bar
Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

Summer Dinner Reservations...

With summer vacations and holidays plans, please remember to notify the church of your Wednesday dinner plans. Reservations should be made or cancelled by Monday of each week. Thank you for your help as we strive to be good stewards of our food budget.

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Lena Robbins, Abernethy Laurels, 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

Mr. Russell & Mrs. Emily Roper, 780 18th Avenue Drive NW, Hickory, NC 28601

Please keep these special members in your prayers. Send a card or visit them this week.

In Memoriam:

Marie Williams
July 7, 2011

In Christian Love & Sympathy to...

Laura Saenger upon the death of her father, on 7-12-11.

Jay Adams upon the death of his sister, Becky Hill, on 7-19-11.

Thank you...

Thank You notes have been received from John and Johnnie Melton, Family Care Center and Pregnancy Care Center. The notes have been placed on the bulletin board across from the Chapel.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Mrs. Lee Benson 322-5086

Attention All Veterans
We are compiling a list of all FBC veterans including their rank and branch of service. Please call the office with that information at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



Calendar for August 2011

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

Monday, August 1, 2011

10:00am CDC Chapel

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)
10:00am Youth Six Flags
10:30am Clergy Staff Meeting (CR-105)
1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group (179)
1:00pm Maintenance, CDC, Kitchen Staff Mtg (105)

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Youth Six Flags
4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
5:00pm Media Center Opens
6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study (FH)
6:00pm "David" Bible Study

Thursday, August 4, 2011

Friday, August 5, 2011

Saturday, August 6, 2011

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

Sunday, August 7, 2011

8:30am Fellowship Worship
9:15am Media Center Opens
9:30am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45am Bible Study
10:55am Sanctuary Worship
10:55am Children's Church Leaders Mtg (FH)
12:30pm Bloodmobile (FH)
5:00pm CARE
5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)
7:00pm Youth Drive In movie

Monday, August 8, 2011

9:30am Clergy Planning at Hollifield
10:00am CDC Chapel (Sanctuary)
10:30am Williams Group (179)

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

8:00am Men's Prayer Group (179)
9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)
10:30am Clergy Staff Meeting (CR-105)
12:00pm Senior Adult 2nd Tuesday Lunch/Fellowship (179)
1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)
7:00pm Coffee Chat Women's Group (Grey Bldg)

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
5:00pm Media Center Open
5:30pm Youth Ministry Council (265)
6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study (FH)
6:00pm Ladies "David" Bible Study (Chapel)
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, August 11, 2011

Friday, August 12, 2011

2:00pm CityKids Flier Distribution
6:30pm Kids IceCream & Movie Night

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

Sunday, August 14, 2011

8:30am Fellowship Worship
9:00am Children's Church
9:15am Media Center Opens
9:45am Bible Study
10:55am Sanctuary Worship
11:30am Children's Church
4:00pm Discipleship Ministry Team (105)
5:00pm CARE
5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, August 15, 2011

10:30pm Sr. Adult Committee Mtg (179)
5:30pm Food Service Committee (105)

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

8:00am Youth Beanstalk Journey
9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)
9:30am Samantha Dolls (158)
1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group (181)
1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)
2:00pm CityKids Flier Pickup

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

9:00am Graham Mission Group
Jessie's Diner
4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
5:00pm Media Center Open
6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study (FH)
6:00pm Ladies "David" Bible Study (Chapel)
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 18, 2011

12:30pm CityKids Back-to-School Event
5:30pm Finance Committee (179)

Friday, August 19, 2011

Saturday, August 20, 2011

Rendell Hips on call (228-8639)
9:30am Youth Lake Party
5:30pm RA's to Crawdads

Sunday, August 21, 2011

8:30am Fellowship Worship
9:00am Children's Church
9:15am Media Center Opens
9:45am Bible Study
10:55am Sanctuary Worship
11:30am Children's Church
12:00pm WMU Annual Luncheon

4:00pm Children's Teacher
Training Mtg (105)
5:00pm CARE
6:15pm 8:30 Worship Team
Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, August 22, 2011

5:45pm Baptist Men
7:30pm Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)
10:30am Clergy Staff Mtg (CR-105)
1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group
(181)
1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen &
CDC Staff (CR-105)
5:30pm Personnel Committee
Mtg (105)

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
5:00pm Media Center Open
5:30pm CDC Committee Mtg
6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study (FH)
6:00pm Youth Arts Kick Off
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, August 25, 2011

9:45am Sr. Adults to Flat Rock
6:30pm Gospel Choir (Music)

Friday, August 26, 2011

Saturday, August 27, 2011

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

Sunday, August 28, 2011

Promotion Sunday

8:30am Fellowship Worship
9:00am Children's Church
9:15am Media Center Opens
9:45am Bible Study
10:55am Sanctuary Worship
11:30am Children's Church
4:00pm Music & Missions KickOff
5:00pm CARE
5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team
Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, August 29, 2011

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)
10:30am Clergy Staff Mtg (CR-105)
1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group
(181)
1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen &
CDC Staff (CR-105)

Wednesday, August 31, 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)
6:00pm Bible Study (FH)
6:00pm Music Makers (232)
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