

JANUARY 2012

# First

# LIFE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PASTOR...



What will 2012 hold for us? Many things, but to begin with we will have a new face on our ministerial staff. At some point in 2012 we will welcome a new minister to lead us in music and worship. Hopefully this will be soon as the committee is working hard to find the person to whom God is leading us. However, with Jim Davidson's excellent interim leadership of our entire music program, we have not lacked for excellent music. He directs our traditional services, assists A. J. in the early

service, leads handbells and other choirs, and lends his wisdom in planning with our staff. When I pray for God to lead us to our next Minister of Music and Worship I also include a prayer of thanksgiving for sending Jim our way. What else will 2012 hold? Increased involvement in missions. During the first quarter of the year we will continue to consider new missions opportunities right here in Hickory and beyond our area. One thing I have never tired of is doing mission work outside of the church doors. Nothing rejuvenates me spiritually like a mission project or trip. I am excited when I think about building a Habitat house here in town or going with the Carolina Missions Team to

Tuscaloosa, hopefully towing new shower trailers behind us. Also, in 2012, our ongoing mission work will expand, especially our CITYKids ministry. Mission work in 2012 will be exciting and challenging. I can hardly wait! Anything else new for us in 2012? Growth in spirit and number. During Advent it was wonderful to see the sanctuary nearly filled for our combined worship services. The way God is moving among us I would not be surprised to see this continue even when we go back to our regular schedule of services in January. Nicely filled rooms add energy and a sense of God's enthusiasm to our worship experience. So whether you prefer the early contemporary service

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## IN THE PULPIT...

January 1 - 10:55am  
By Another Way - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

January 8 - 8:30 and 10:55am  
Jesus Was Baptized? - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

January 15 - 8:30 and 10:55am  
Follow Me - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

January 22 - 8:30 and 10:55am  
The Growing Kingdom - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

January 29 - 8:30 and 10:55am  
As One with Authority - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesdays 6pm

Partners in the Gospel: A Study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians  
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

ChristLIFE Studies - see insert

### \* INCLEMENT WEATHER

- \* In case of inclement weather, the most up-to-date information on closings or delays will be posted on the website at [www.fbc.cc](http://www.fbc.cc). The following TV and radio stations will also have information: WBTV Channel 3, WSOC Channel 9, WCNC Channel 36, and WHKY-1290am

or the later traditional service I expect we will be worshipping with increased attendance in 2012.

And who knows what else? There is no telling what new thing there will be in 2012 that God would have us engage in. I learned a long time ago that the God we worship is full of wonderful surprises. As God asks in Isaiah 43:19, "Behold I will do something new. Now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it?" I pray to be aware of the untold new things God leads us to in the coming year.

God is moving in this fellowship. Can't you feel it? New staff, new opportunities to serve, new members, a renewed spirit, it's all here at First Baptist. It is a joy to serve this church.



Dr. Phillip Reynolds  
Senior Pastor

## SABBATH SOUP January 29

Volunteers are needed to help feed our community friends the last Sunday of the



month. The following are items that are needed: bottled water, pop-tops (meat or protein), fruit cups, snack food (granola, peanut butter and crackers), coats, warm clothes, sleeping bags, blankets, gloves, and caps. Thank you for your donation.

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



**Don & Katherine Sessoms**  
Joined 12-4-11



**Nicholas Harding**  
Awaiting Baptism

# REACHING OUT TO OTHERS



## CITYKIDS Christmas

Wednesday, December 21, was a wonderful time to share God's gift of love and celebrate Christ's birth with the children from our CityKids ministry. Each child made presents for the parents, sang, played, and heard the story of Jesus' birth. Many thanks to our happy and loving volunteers of adults and youth.

## WHITE CHRISTMAS BOXES

We shared God's love in a practical way in 2011 with our annual White Christmas Boxes. With the donations of sugar, rice, canned goods, fruit, cereal, ham and other items from our Bible study classes, we were able to provide 50 boxes to be given to needy families in our community. Thank you for your donations.



## Church Conference - Wednesday, January 25, at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.



We are excited to announce two opportunities for FBC to take part in as a part of THE GREATER THINGS that are happening within our church fellowship. You will receive a letter from the Chair of Deacons, David Moore, this month announcing an opportunity to discuss these opportunities and below.

**Building a Habitat House** - Habitat offers affordable homeownership opportunities to an average of 10-12 families a year. Our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate has placed over 150 Catawba Valley families in affordable homes over the last 26 years. The Kanau Family wishes to see their dream of homeownership for their family to become a reality. First Baptist has an opportunity to sponsor and help build their new home, just blocks from FBC. Brochures are available around the church.

**Purchasing Two Shower Trailers** - Among other things, these portable showers can offer service to mission work within our city, county, state and region. They can also offer hot showers to our 5th Sunday Sabbath Soup friends.

For more information on these projects, please come to the quarterly church conference on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

**Want to help light the candles?** Children who are interested in becoming an Acolyte should come to the January 8th meeting with Mrs. Bootsie Seabock. She will have a pizza lunch and there will be an opportunity to learn more about this ministry and to sign up for 2012.

# RS, GOD'S LOVE TO SHARE.



## RA Angel Tree Gifts Bless Children (and adults!)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, thirty-two of us delivered your RA Angel Tree gifts to the young men and women at Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville, NC. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to share God's love with them this Christmas through your gifts and our time spent with them as they unwrapped (and tried out!) the gifts you purchased. We received a blessing by going! What a joy it is to give in the name of Christ, the Savior of the world.

## MUSIC NOTES

**WITH A GRATEFUL HEART** As we reflect of Advent and Christmas 2011, we want to express our gratitude to everyone who had a part in making it SO meaningful and memorable. We say a special thanks to those who worked behind the scenes, like our Decorating Committee, our office staff, and our Maintenance Department. And, we extend a big "Thank You" to all of our musicians and singers for the gift of their time and talents, leading us in worship. Thanks to all, as we look forward to "Greater Things" in 2012.

### THE SINGERS ARE COMING! THE SINGERS ARE COMING!

The North Carolina Baptist Singers and Orchestra will be in concert at First Baptist Church of Hickory on Monday, March 5, 2012. The orchestral prelude will begin at 6:45pm. The group consists of about 100 singers and 30 instrumentalists, all ministers of music and church music leaders, from Baptist churches across our state. Mark your calendars now to attend.

### A NEW YEAR OF MUSICAL OFFERINGS

As we enter 2012, you have a wonderful opportunity to be a part of the music ministry at First Baptist Church. All areas of music ministry are open to new "musical servants."

Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm

The Bells of First Baptist, rm. 301

Sundays, 5:00-6:00pm

The Youth Choir, Music room

Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30pm

Children's Handbells, rm. 302

Wednesdays, 6:00-6:45

Children's Choirs

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm

The Sanctuary Choir, Music room

The Gospel Choir and Melodears also welcome new members. Please see Carolyn Gray or Nellie Pruitt for information on these choirs. If you can make a joyful noise, there is a place for you in the music ministry. Contact Jim Davidson, our Interim Minister of Worship, for further information.

## Kids' Corner

### SIMPLE TRUTHS...

As a parent, you work hard to prepare your children for the future. You want them to enjoy long, healthy and happy lives. You strive to nurture them in a loving family. You carefully make tough decisions about doctors, schools, activities, entertainment and playmates. You enthusiastically introduce them to sports, art, science and literature.

You also recognize the importance of developing your children's character. Values like honesty, respect, kindness, responsibility, loyalty, perseverance and courage are very important and they warrant intentional efforts for growth.

You are in a unique position of influence to shape your kids' hearts and minds before the rest of the world gets their chance to try, and it's clear that the things you instill in them early will have an impact on their thoughts and actions for the rest of their lives.

Despite this exciting opportunity to influence, however, many parents are gripped by fear when it comes to shaping one key part of their children's lives; their sexual values. I understand that talking to your children about sex can be daunting. The good news that I have for you is this: it does not have to be so frightening...in fact it can be very simple.

- an excerpt from Mary Flo Ridley's book *Simple Truths*.

## simpletruths

*A Simple, Natural Approach to  
Discussing Sex with Your Children*

**Beginning Wednesday, January 11**  
Facilitated by Esther Weathers  
Room 203 ~ 6:00-7:00pm  
No Cost ~ Childcare



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WMU SOCIAL Our December social, Salsa, Salmon and Secrets was largely attended on December 9. All the ladies in attendance enjoyed a great time of fellowship and fun. Please join us for our next social.



JANUARY MISSION PROJECT FOR WMU: School Supplies are needed again for students beginning the second semester of school.

- ◆ non-spiral composition notebooks
- ◆ pencils (not mechanical)
- ◆ loose-leaf paper

You may leave these supplies in the church office!



### SEW SPECIAL2 - 2012

Saturday, January 22, 2012 from 8:30-11:30am in the fellowship hall.

Sewing Agenda: Pocketed Pillowcases and Fabric Bookmarks (see attached photos) Bring: yard fabrics, grosgrain ribbon, scissors, and lots of energy. No special skills needed.

COFFEE CHAT has a new location. We will be moving to the Gray Building beginning in January. We will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

## *With Much Appreciation*

The clergy and staff would like to send a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who showed their love to us this Christmas season through cards, hugs, words of appreciation and all the many delicious baked goods. Our hearts are full!

*We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.*  
-1 Thessalonians 1:2

# Rent-A-Kid 2012

## February 4 - March 3

## April 7 - May 5

**Proceeds from Rent-A-Kid support the youth summer mission trip to Tuscaloosa, AL. Look for sign ups in Bible study.**



# First Life Pull Out & Post

## Numbers to Know

### MINISTER ON CALL

January 7  
Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

January 14  
Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

January 21  
Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

January 28  
Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

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### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 6

Alan Bennett, Coordinator	326-9187
Dwight Hastings	322-5633
Eddie Icard	495-2763
Terry Johnson	328-1613

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

Lisa Kakassy, Coordinator	324-5929
Austin Moody	256-6821
Jack Pressly	324-9681
Sheree Watson	495-8768

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

Ed Auten, Coordinator	324-5057
Lloyd Bost, Jr.	294-0585
Alan Breazeale	294-1513
Doug Frei	294-1428

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

Mark Knuckles, Coordinator	328-2476
David Moore	327-4349
Chris Tanner	324-4373
Bernie Whitmer	328-9191

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3

Peter Ballhausen, Coordinator	326-9233
Brenda Bost	294-0585
Dee Blackwell	294-3522
Ruth Ann Carreira	256-5616

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## Children's Workers

### Extended Session and Children's Church

#### January 1

10:40: Babies & Ones—Jill Pernelle & Carla Burns  
Toddlers thru Twos— Lisa Cox & Aaron Ballengee  
Three's and Fours— Ruth Hastings & Tony Cox  
Coordinator: Fran Ballengee  
Children's Worship: Children In Service

#### January 8

8:20: Babies & Ones—Rene Stilwell  
Twos thru Fours—Scott Stillwell  
10:40: Babies & Ones— Clay Buchanan  
Toddlers thru Twos— Sheila Taylor & Jerry Long  
Three's and Fours— Roger Taylor & Noelle Wachter  
Coordinator: Terry Starnes

#### January 15

8:20: Babies & Ones—Beth Watson  
Twos thru Fours— Mechele McCormack  
10:40: Babies & Ones— Renea Featherstone & Debby Cook  
Toddlers thru Twos— Carol Lupton & Carla Ingram  
Three's and Fours— Yvonne Adams & Matt Ingram  
Coordinator: Sandra Moody

#### January 22

8:20: Babies & Ones—David Moore  
Twos thru Fours—Sara Moore  
10:40: Babies & Ones— Tiffany Hightower & Phillip Bumgarner  
Toddlers thru Twos— Rose Bondi  
Three's and Fours— Dave Bondi & Christy Greene  
Coordinator: Shellie Bumgarner

#### January 29

8:20: Babies & Ones—Lisa Bowne  
Twos thru Fours—Doug Sullivan  
10:40: Babies & Ones— Steve Palmer & Robin Parish  
Toddlers thru Twos— Traci Palmer & Gary Harding  
Three's and Fours— Greg Watson & Julie Harding  
Coordinator:

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### C A R E

January 1 - Hinson, Epperson & Melton/Bost Classes  
January 8 - Allen & Foster Classes  
January 15 - Wachter Class  
January 22 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes  
January 29 - Short/Huffman

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Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
Mrs. Lee Benson 322-5086

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## Wednesday Night Meals

"I ate too many wonderful treats during Christmas"  
Extended Salad Bar Month

### January 4, 2012

Baked Ham and Hoppin John  
Salad Bar featuring Copper Penny Salad  
Biscuits and Dessert

### January 11, 2012

Chili  
Baked Potato Bar  
Salad Bar featuring Fruit Salad  
Rolls and Dessert

### January 18, 2012

Chicken and Pasta Bake  
Barbados Vegetable Medley  
Salad Bar featuring Mandarin Orange Salad  
Rolls and Dessert

### January 25, 2012

"Now I'm ready for a Warmer Weather LUAU"  
Pulled Pork with Orange Glazed Sweet Potatoes  
5 Bean Baked Beans  
Salad Bar featuring Key West Salad  
Buns and Dessert

Each week we will offer as an additional choice to the listed menu the following:  
Cheese, Pepperoni and Chicken Alfredo Pizzas  
Chicken Nuggets, French Fries or Tatar Tots

## From the Chef

Broccoli Salad -18 to 20 servings

2 ½ to 3 pounds broccoli florets cut into bite sizes  
12 oz dried cranberries  
12 oz dried apricots diced  
1 small purple onion diced  
½ cup sunflower seeds  
½ cup real bacon bits  
Mix all together

Dressing:

2 cups mayo  
¾ cup sugar  
½ cup apple cider vinegar  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper

Mix together and add to broccoli mixture,  
toss well, cover and chill at least 2 hours

## Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Pat Barlow Lutheran Home #601, 1265 21st Street NE,  
Hickory, NC 28601

Mr. Alfred Bowman 4047 5th Street NW, Hickory, NC 28601

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

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In Christian Love & Sympathy to...

Lisa Kakassy and Adison upon the death of their father and grandfather, Louis Hamby, on 11-22-11.

Scott Crosby upon the death of his sister, Joyce Cox, on 12-5-11.

Christine Mullinax upon the death of her sister, Peggy Whitener, on 12-23-11.

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TRANSPORTATION HELP/ Driver Needed:

The Melodears are in need of a driver Thursdays from 9:45 - 11:30am. No CDL required. If interested, please call Jerry Rodgers in the office 828-328-2031.

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16th Annual Father/Daughter Valentine Gala

February 10, 2012 ~ 7:00-10:00pm

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Tickets: \$30.00 go on sale January 3 in the FBC Office

*Please join us for a Bridal Shower*

*in honor of Hannah Parish,  
(daughter of Ken & Robin Parish)*

*Sunday, January 15, 2012*

*2:00-4:00pm*

*in the Bridal Parlor*

*Hannah is registered at  
Sur La Table, Pottery Barn, Target & Amazon*

*Please bring a recipe card with your favorite recipe for  
Hannah to add to her collection.*

# Calendar for January 2012

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

## Sunday, January 1, 2012

9:15am First Sunday Fellowship  
9:45am Combined Bible Study  
10:55am Combined Worship

## Monday, January 2, 2012

New Year's Holiday - Church Closed

## Tuesday, January 3, 2012

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

## Wednesday, January 4, 2012

4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)  
5:00pm Media Center Open  
5:15pm Youth Drama Team (258)  
5:20pm Children's Handbells (301)  
5:20pm Youth Handbells (302)  
6:00pm Young Musicians (229)  
6:00pm Music Friends I (137)  
6:00pm Music Friends II  
6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study (FH)  
6:00pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (Music)  
6:16pm 7th Time Worship  
6:30pm Mission Friends I & II (140)  
6:50pm RA's (158)  
6:50pm GA's (233)  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

## Thursday, January 5, 2012

10:00am Melodears  
7:00pm Gospel Choir to Pinecrest

## Friday, January 6, 2012

## Saturday, January 7, 2012

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

## Sunday, January 8, 2012

8:30am Worship  
9:00am Children's Church (167)  
9:15am Media Center Opens  
9:45am Bible Study  
9:45am Journey 201 (228)

10:55am Worship  
11:30pm Children's Church (189)  
4:00pm CARE  
5:00pm Youth Choir  
5:00pm ChristLIFE - 4 Perspectives of Jesus (260)  
6:00pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

## Monday, January 9, 2012

10:30am Williams Group (CR179)

## Tuesday, January 10, 2012

8:00am Men's Prayer Group (179)  
9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)  
10:30am Clergy Staff Mtg (CR-105)  
1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group (179)  
1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)  
5:30pm Missions Council (179)

## Wednesday, January 11, 2012

4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)  
5:00pm Media Center Open  
5:15pm Youth Drama Team (258)  
5:20pm Children's Handbells (301)  
5:20pm Youth Handbells (302)  
5:20pm Youth Ministry Council  
6:00pm Young Musicians (229)  
6:00pm Music Friends I (137)  
6:00pm Music Friends II  
6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study (FH)  
6:00pm ChristLIFE Revelation (207)  
6:00pm ChristLIFE Simple Truths (203)  
6:30pm Refuge small groups  
6:30pm Mission Friends I & II (140)  
6:50pm RA's (158)  
6:50pm GA's (233)  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

## Thursday, January 12, 2012

10:00am Melodears  
7:00pm Coffee Chat Women's Group (Grey Bldg)

## Friday, January 13, 2012

## Saturday, January 14, 2012

Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

## Sunday, January 15, 2012

8:30am Worship  
9:00am Children's Church (167)  
9:15am Media Center Opens  
9:45am Bible Study  
9:45am Journey 201 (228)  
10:55am Worship  
11:30pm Children's Church (189)  
1:30pm Parish Wedding Shower  
4:00pm CARE  
5:00pm Youth Choir  
5:00pm ChristLIFE - 4 Perspectives of Jesus (260)  
6:00pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

## Monday, January 16, 2012

## Tuesday, January 17, 2012

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)  
9:30am Samantha Dolls (158)  
10:30am Clergy Staff Mtg (CR-105)  
1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group (179)  
1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)

## Wednesday, January 18, 2012

4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)  
5:00pm Media Center Open  
5:15pm Youth Drama Team (258)  
5:20pm Children's Handbells (301)  
5:20pm Youth Handbells (302)  
6:00pm Young Musicians (229)  
6:00pm Music Friends I (137)  
6:00pm Music Friends II  
6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study (FH)  
6:00pm ChristLIFE Revelation (207)  
6:00pm ChristLIFE Simple Truths (203)  
6:30pm Refuge small groups  
6:30pm Mission Friends I & II (140)  
6:50pm RA's (158)  
6:50pm GA's (233)  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, January 19, 2012

10:00am Melodears

Friday, January 20, 2012

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

8:30am Sew Special2 (FH)

Sunday, January 22, 2012

8:30am Worship

9:00am Children's Church (167)

9:15am Media Center Opens

9:45am Bible Study

9:45am Journey 201 (228)

10:55am Worship

11:30pm Children's Church (189)

4:00pm CARE

5:00pm Youth Choir

5:00pm ChristLIFE - 4 Perspectives  
of Jesus (260)

Monday, January 23, 2012

5:45pm Baptist Men Supper/Mtg  
(FH)

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)

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

1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group  
(179)

1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen &  
CDC Staff (CR-105)

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)

5:00pm Media Center Open

5:15pm Youth Drama Team (258)

5:20pm Children's Handbells (301)

5:20pm Youth Handbells (302)

6:00pm Young Musicians (229)

6:00pm Music Friends I (137)

6:00pm Music Friends II

6:00pm Quarterly Church

Conference (FH)

6:00pm ChristLIFE Revelation (207)

6:00pm ChristLIFE Simple Truths  
(203)

6:30pm Refuge small groups

6:30pm Mission Friends I & II (140)

6:50pm RA's (158)

6:50pm GA's (233)

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, January 26, 2012

10:00am Melodears

5:30pm Finance Committee (179)

6:30pm Gospel Choir (Choir Rm)

Friday, January 27, 2012

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:30am Worship

9:00am Children's Church (167)

9:15am Media Center Opens

9:45am Bible Study

9:45am Journey 201 (228)

10:55am Worship

11:30pm Children's Church (189)

12:00pm Sabbath Soup Sunday (FH)

3:00pm 2nd Annual RA Chili Bowl

4:00pm CARE

5:00pm Youth Choir

5:00pm ChristLIFE - 4 Perspectives  
of Jesus (260)

5:00pm ChristLIFE - Techniques  
Seminar #1 (189)

Monday, January 30, 2012

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)

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

1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group  
(179)

1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen &  
CDC Staff (CR-105)