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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR...



TV. Preachers say a lot. But of all the things we say and do in the pulpit, nothing comes close to the majesty and mystery and power of the three simple words that will be spoken on April 8. HE IS RISEN!

I feel that I can barely wait for that day, to say those words with you, and to hear your loud and faithful voices shout in response, HE IS RISEN INDEED!

"I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say," so goes one of our old hymns. We sure do serve one who is living, for HE IS RISEN!

Phillip Reynolds,
Senior Pastor

Just a week after you receive this newsletter we will gather for worship on Easter Sunday morning. The service will begin with the three most important words uttered in history, and you know what those three words are: HE IS RISEN!

I say a lot of things as a preacher. I put together sermons that are sometimes too long, having too many quotes from commentaries, my own musings, literature, movies, music lyrics, poems, etc. I have even been known to quote from commercials on

P.S. On a personal note, Betsy and I want to thank you for what has to be one of the most wonderful years of our lives. A year ago you allowed me to begin serving this church. You quickly embraced Betsy and our daughter Mary Beth into this fellowship and made us feel welcomed and loved from the moment we arrived. We have grown spiritually by being here, knowing you, learning from you, and serving alongside you. It is evident to us that God's Spirit prevails the atmosphere of this place. Every morning, literally every morning, I thank God for bringing us to Hickory to be a part of First Baptist Church. Thank you.



IN THE PULPIT...

April 1 - 8:30 and 10:55am
For The Living of These Days - Dealing with Burdens - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

April 8 - 8:30 and 10:55am
EASTER SUNDAY
Fear and Joy - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

April 15 - 8:30 and 10:55am
SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY
Times of Refreshing - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

April 22 - 8:30 and 10:55am
YOUTH SUNDAY - Adam Ballhausen

April 29 - 8:30 and 10:55am
The Church is Born - We Cannot Stop
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesdays 6pm
April 4 - Family Communion Service
April 11 - The Twelve Resurrection Appearances of Christ - Dr. Phillip Reynolds
April 18 - Church Conference
April 25 - The Twelve Resurrection Appearances of Christ - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

YOUTH SUNDAY APRIL 22

8:30AM - 7TH TIME WORSHIP & KELSEY RODRIGUEZ PREACHING

10:55AM - YOUTH ENSEMBLE SINGING & ADAM BALLHAUSSEN PREACHING



THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

On Easter Morning the family of First Baptist Church is invited to bring fresh cut flowers, from your own yard or ones you have purchased, to place on the Easter Cross. The wire cross will be at the main sanctuary entrance on 2nd Avenue NW.



WITH "JOY"FUL GRATITUDE



On behalf of the student ministry, we want send a special thank you to Joy Knuckles for serving as Student Ministry Bible Study Director for over 18 years.

As you transition into other areas of ministry, we thank you for your hard work, dedication, and loving spirit that you have shown to the thousands of students that have come through First Baptist Church

over these years. Your love can still be found in the hearts of these students as some of them have teenagers of their own now, some raising children in our children's ministry, while others find themselves studying for college exams. We thank you and love you, Joy!

MUSICAL NOTES

As we approach Easter 2012, the Music Ministry has been deep in rehearsals preparing for meaningful worship experiences. On Palm Sunday (April 1), the Children's and Sanctuary Choir will help us experience the joyful "hosannas," reminiscent of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. During the Holy Week Communion Service (April 4), the Sanctuary Choir and Trombone Quartet will provide musical meditation during the serving of the Lord's Supper. Then, on Easter (April 8), we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with music by the Sanctuary Choir, brass, organ and piano. Come and anticipate the drama of the season as we worship together.

Mark Your Calendar for a Patriotic Concert by the Sanctuary Choir and First Baptist Bells on Sunday afternoon, May 27, at 4:00pm. You won't want to miss it!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Senior Adult Sunday will be held on April 15. Join us as we celebrate and recognize the gifts and talents of our Senior Adults. There will be a Senior Adult luncheon in the fellowship hall immediately following the 10:55am service. The menu will include: herbed pork loin, potatoes, green beans, asparagus/blueberry salad and desserts. Please RSVP to Helen Catt at 328-2031 by Monday, April 9 if you plan to attend.

BOOMERS



The Boomers - a fellowship group for those born in the baby boomers generation, will meet on Saturday, May 5, to travel to Northlake Mall in Charlotte. The group will travel together. Those interested are asked to make a reservation with Helen Catt at 328-2031.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00pm
in the fellowship hall.

Welcome

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



Eric & Sally Johnson
Baptized 3-25-12 & Joined 2-26-12



Chad & Lisa Burel
Joined 2-26-12

Holy Week Services

Wednesday, April 4
Family Communion at 6pm

Sunday, April 8
Celebrate Easter at 8:30 & 10:55am

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Friday, April 27th
6:00-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
Barbeque & Line Dancing
\$10 each
Invite your friends
RSVP by April 20th

TREASURES FROM THE VAULT

Upon direction from our Finance Committee we are planning to sell several items that have been donated to First Baptist Church as follows:

One ladies necklace with rope chain and butterfly pendant, emeralds, sapphires and ruby diamonds. There is one stone missing. This item has been appraised at \$2,000 on the used market and \$1,375.00 scrap value.

One ladies ruby ring that appraised at \$150.00 on the used market and has a scrap value of \$70.00.

22 pieces of Graham sterling silverware totaling 884 grams that have been appraised at \$398.00 as scrap.

2 Crypts in the Chapel Mausoleum, Annex North at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens that are valued at \$9,400.00.

The Finance Committee will accept sealed bids for these items until Monday, April 30, 2012. If you would like to view the items, please contact Kim Hutchison or Jerry Rodgers in the church office. Each item will go to the highest bidder over the scrap value of the item.



Kids Corner

The 2012 RA Race results are in:

Lads	Crusaders
1st Jonathan Lawrence	1st Jake Burns
2nd Jonathan Bennett	2nd Daniel Bennett
3rd Reid Weathers	3rd Quinn Weathers
Hayden Hughes, Best Design	Carson LaBo, Best Design

GA's	Adults
1st Meredith Ingram	1st Geoffrey Johnson
2nd Anna Lawrence	2nd Thomas & Chase Hand
3rd Sarah Harding	3rd Logan LaBo
Emma Ingram, Best Design	Donna Burns, Best Design

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ RA Camp-out at Mr. Terry's - Friday, April 20
- ◆ NO children's activities on Wednesday, April 11 due to Spring Break
- ◆ Children's Sunday - May 20th - Children will lead in combined worship at 10:55; Children's lunch following worship in the fellowship hall
- ◆ Wednesday night Music/Missions Finale - 6:00 pm, May 23rd in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Preschool and Children's Day-Camp - "Under Construction! A Habitat for Humanity Camp Experience" - Saturday, June 30, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Designed specifically for FBC's preschoolers and children. For children in the four-year-old preschool class through completed 5th grade.
- ◆ VBS 2012 - "100 Percent Chance of Rain" Musical VBS, July 23-27. This year's VBS will involve children in a music camp experience that features Bible learning, crafts, recreation, worship, and lots of music! The week will end with a finale performance on Friday night for all. For children who have completed 1st thru 5th grades. Rising 1st graders are invited with guardian supervision.

CITYKIDS

CityKids Partnership Ministry Update...

Our CityKids Partnership Ministry has gotten off to a great start! We currently have more than 25 children paired with about 15 FBC families or individuals. Through reaching out to these children and families, we are sharing the love of Christ with our words and with our actions! We may never know the true impact we make in the life of a child simply by giving of ourselves and sharing our time. If you are considering becoming involved in this outreach ministry, please know it is not too late! To become involved or for more information, contact Christy Greene.

MISSION EVENTS

2012 Baptist Missions Conference

April 13-14

Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC 28215

Registration Fee per person: \$10.00

This event is open to ALL men, women, and students. Keynote speakers for this year are Leonard Sweet, Henry Blackaby, and David Nasser. The Annie Moses Band will lead worship.

Inasmuch Ministry Day

April 28 and May 5

Operation Inasmuch, INC, will collaborate with the Baptist Men of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to promote and equip churches for another statewide Inasmuch United for 2012. FBC Hickory will participate in this wonderful event with two dates : April 28 and May 5. We will begin at 8:00am and breakfast will be provided. Want to purchase an OPERATION INASMUCH T-shirt or Cap? Please send your money and order to the church office by April 8. T-shirts are \$8.00 for sizes Children M-L and Adult Small-XL; \$10.00 for XX and XXX; \$5.00 for caps. Shirts and caps will be returned in time for the Inasmuch Day. (Visit www.operationinasmuch.org/t-shirt-order-form to view the shirt design.

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING OFFERED

May 18-19, REGION 8 (MCDOWEL COUNTY) NCBM Disaster Relief Training is available to all believers who have a passion to serve others. Disaster response is a unique mission experience because of the sudden nature of the event, difficult conditions, and high expectations from other relief organizations and survivors. Visit them at www.baptistsonmission.org for more information including training sessions, scheduling, etc.

EASTER MISSIONS GIVING

Our 2012 Easter Missions Offering Goal is \$21,000. Please indicate on your check or envelope if you wish for your monies to go to the CBF or SBC mission work.

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GRADUATION -2012

Graduation time is quickly approaching. If you have a child graduating this year from high school OR college, please call Helen in the office at 328-2031. Please give FULL name, date of graduation, the degree and school. This information is needed by May 1. We will have a special recognition time during the service on Sunday, June 3.



**Kids' Easter Celebration
and Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 7

10:30am - 12:30pm Fellowship Hall

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Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

April 7
Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

April 14
Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

April 21
Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

April 28
Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31-APRIL 6

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

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7-13

Lisa Kakassy, Coordinator	324-5929
Jack Pressly	324-9681
Wink Gaines	874-0158
Sheree Watson	495-8768

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 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 APRIL 21-27

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

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28-MAY 4

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

Children's Workers

Extended Session and Children's Church

April 1

8:20: Babies & Ones—Susan Eggers
Twos thru Fours—David Eggers
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

April 8

8:20: Babies & Ones—Rene Stilwell
Twos thru Fours—Scott Stilwell
10:40: Babies & Ones— Clay Buchanan & Pam McCall
Toddlers thru Twos— Sheila Taylor & Jerry Long
Three's and Fours— Roger Taylor & Noelle Wachter
Coordinator: Terry Starnes
Children's Worship:
8:30 - Jan Barger, 10:55 - Phillip & Shellie Bumgarner

April 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— Matt Ingram
Coordinator: Sandra Moody
Children's Worship:
8:30 - Robin Parish, 10:55 - Judi Tucker & Alan Bennett

April 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 & Scott Crosby
Three's and Fours— Dave Bondi & Beverly Crosby
Coordinator: Shellie Bumgarner
Children's Worship:
8:30 - Diane Johnson, 10:55 - John & Johnnie Melton

April 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: Christy Greene
Children's Worship:
8:30 - Kara Wittenberg, 10:55 - Tom & Dee Warren

C A R E

April 1 - Hinson, Epperson & Melton/Bost Classes

April 8 - Allen & Foster Classes

April 15 - Wachter Class

April 22 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

April 29 - Short/Huffman Class

Wednesday Night Meals

April 4

Orange Glazed Baked Ham
Roasted Carrots
Asparagus
Ambrosia
Salad Bar, Rolls and Dessert

April 11

Chicken ala King
Warm Honey Glazed Apricots topped with Blue Cheese
& Walnuts
Salad Bar, Biscuits and Dessert

April 18

Spaghetti Pie
Barbados Vegetable Mix
Cooked Apples
Salad Bar, Bread Sticks and Dessert

April 25

Pistachio Crusted Pork Loin
Balsamic Cherry Green Beans
Cheesy Smashed Potatoes
Salad Bar, Rolls and Dessert

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

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Olivia Field Kingston Residence - #106, 904 2nd Street NE
Hickory, NC 28601

Mr. Adrian Garren Cambridge House #301, 114 10th St NE
Hildebran, NC 28637

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

In Memoriam:

Donnice Abernethy - March 3, 2012

Rosemary Deaton - March 4, 2012

Samuel H. Yancey - March 13, 2012

In Christian Love & Sympathy to...

Betty Fisher upon the death of her husband, Ed Fisher,
on 2-27-12.

Lee Benson upon the death of her sister, Florence Benthin,
on 2-26-12.

Paula Ingram upon the death of her father, Oris Ingram,
on 3-6-12.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Mrs. Lee Benson 322-5086

From the Chef

African Curry Chicken

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
1 bay leaf
1 (14.5 ounce) can whole peeled
tomatoes, drained 2 teaspoons curry powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 (2 to 3 pound) whole chicken, bones
and skin removed, cut into pieces
1 (14 ounce) can unsweetened coconut milk
1 lemon, juiced

Directions

1. Heat olive oil in a large, heavy skillet over medium heat. Stir in the onion, garlic, and bay leaf, and sauté until onion is lightly browned. Mix tomatoes, curry powder, and salt into the skillet, and continue cooking about 5 minutes. Mix in the chicken, and cook 15 to 20 minutes, until no longer pink and juices run clear.
2. Reduce skillet heat to low. Stirring constantly, gradually blend in the coconut milk over a period of about 10 minutes. Mix in lemon juice just before serving

Calendar for April 2012

Sunday, April 1, 2012

Palme Sunday

- 8:30am Worship
- 9:30am First Sunday Fellowship
- 9:15am Media Center Opens
- 9:45am Bible Study
- 10:55am Worship
- 4:00pm Adult Handbells (301)
- 5:00pm CARE
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, April 2, 2012

- 10:00am Pearce Group (CCR-179)

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

- 9:30am Resolution for Women Bible Study (Rm 189)
- 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, April 4, 2012

- 4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
- 5:00pm Media Center Open
- 5:20pm Children's Handbells (301)
- 6:00pm Holy Week Communion (Sanctuary)
- 6:30pm Refuge small groups
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, April 5, 2012

- 10:00am Melodears
- 2:00pm Easter Celebration Setup
- 7:00pm Gospel Choir to Pinecrest
- 7:00pm Coffee Chat Women's Group (Grey Bldg)

Friday, April 6, 2012

- 2:00pm Easter Celebration Setup

Saturday, April 7, 2012

- Rendell Hips on call (228-8639)
- 8:00am Rent-A-Kid
- 10:30am Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 8, 2012

Easter Sunday

- 8:30am Worship
- 9:00am Children's Church (167)
- 9:15am Media Center Opens
- 9:45am Bible Study
- 10:55am Worship
- 11:30am Children's Church (189)
- 4:00pm Adult Handbells
- 5:00pm CARE
- 5:00pm Youth Choir

Monday, April 9, 2012

- Easter Monday Holiday Church Closed

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

- 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (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, April 11, 2012

- 4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
- 5:15pm CDC Committee Mtg
- 6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, April 12, 2012

- 10:00am Melodears
- 6:00pm Poe Group (179)

Friday, April 13, 2012

Saturday, April 14, 2012

- Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Senior Adult Sunday

- 8:30am Worship
- 9:00am Children's Church (167)
- 9:15am Media Center Opens
- 9:45am Bible Study
- 10:55am Worship
- 11:30am Children's Church (189)

- 12:00pm Senior Adult Lunch (FH)
- 4:00pm Adult Handbells
- 5:00pm CARE
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, April 16, 2012

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

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

- 9:30am Samantha Dolls (158)
- 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, April 18, 2012

- 9:00am Graham Group (179)
- 4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
- 5:00pm Media Center Open
- 5:20pm Children's Handbells (301)
- 6:00pm Music Makers
- 6:00pm Young Musicians (229)
- 6:00pm Music Friends I (137)
- 6:00pm Music Friends II
- 6:00pm Church Conference (FH)
- 6:00pm ChristLIFE Revelation (207)
- 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, April 19, 2012

- 10:00am Melodears
- 5:30pm Finance Committee Mtg (179)
- 7:00pm Coffee Chat Women's Group (Grey Building)

Friday, April 20, 2012

- 6:00pm RA Campout - Hickory

Saturday, April 21, 2012

- Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)
- RA Campout - Hickory



Sunday, April 22, 2012

Youth Sunday

- 8:30am Worship
- 9:00am Children's Church (167)
- 9:15am Media Center Opens
- 9:45am Bible Study
- 10:55am Worship
- 11:30am Children's Church (189)
- 12:00pm Preschool Ministry Team (105)
- 4:00pm Adult Handbells
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Rendell Higgs on call (228-8639)

Sunday, April 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
- 11:30am Children's Church (189)
- 4:00pm Adult Handbells
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, April 23, 2012

Week of the Young Child

- 6:00pm Deacons' Supper (FH)
- 6:40pm Deacons' Meeting (FH)

Monday, April 30, 2012

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Week of the Young Child

- 9:30am Planning at Hollifield
- 10:30am Clergy Staff Mtg (CR-105)

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Week of the Young Child

- 4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
- 5:00pm Media Center Open
- 5:15pm Youth Drama Team (258)
- 5:20pm Children's Handbells (301)
- 5:30pm Youth Ministry Council (265)
- 6:00pm Music Makers
- 6:00pm Young Musicians (229)
- 6:00pm Music Friends I (137)
- 6:00pm Music Friends II
- 6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study (FH)
- 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, April 26, 2012

Week of the Young Child

- 10:00am Melodears
- 6:30pm Gospel Choir

Friday, April 27, 2012

Week of the Young Child

- 6:00pm Ladies' Night Out (FH)