

AUGUST 2012

First LIFE

FROM THE PASTOR...



Dr. Reynolds takes break from roofing in Tuscaloosa, AL, to get in a five mile run!

What a summer it has been! City Kids, Carolina Mission Team work in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Vacation Bible School, and so many other ways in which we have engaged in ministry and worship.

All through the summer I have been preaching a series entitled, "A Time to Grow." It is obvious that we are growing in spirit and service, and there have been some new members too. I have been encouraged that we have avoided the "summer slide" (for the most part) that is so common in so many churches.

What's going on here echoes and heeds Paul's advice to the church at Thessalonica, "As for you, brothers, do not grow weary of doing good." Maybe we should be weary, as busy as we have been, but I do not sense that we are.

I got a dose of this myself on the mission trip to Tuscaloosa. Chris Gillespie, at my silly request, put me on the crew that was roofing a church. The roofing crews had to be up early and on the roof by about 6am! I got up every morning before 5 so I could get some coffee and get to the job site early with our crew chief extradonaire, Scott Johnson. We would work hard until it got too hot to be on the roof in mid afternoon. Everyone would be hot, dirty and extremely weary. But here's the thing: For myself, and for most everyone else, the weariness led to more and more enthusiasm. The more

tired I became, the more excited and thankful I was to be involved in God's work. I could not get enough of it. I returned from the trip more eager than ever to serve.

Once again, walking with Christ proves to be a great paradox. The more you follow him, worship Him, and serve Him, the more you want to praise Him and be on mission with Him. Mission trips, which should by all rights turn us into worn out grumps, transform us into more-eager-than-ever servants of God.

So, it has been quite a summer. Instead of wearing us out, we have grown in spirit and service. Now, what will the harvest of all this growth bring this fall? I can only imagine.

Phillip Reynolds, Senior Pastor



IN THE PULPIT...

August 5 - 8:30 and 10:55am

Let's Grow Forever
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

August 12 - 10:55am

MISSION TRIP SUNDAY
- Chris Gillespie

August 19 - 8:30 and 10:55am

If We Want to Live - Communion
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

August 26 - 8:30 and 10:55am

Making the Most of Time
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

August 1 - Church Conference

Beginning August 8 - 6:00pm
Beyond All That We Ask or Think :
A Study of Ephesians
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

QUARTERLY CHURCH
CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 6:00pm
FELLOWSHIP HALL

BLOODMOBILE
Sunday, August 5

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

REFUGE MISSION DAY AND LOCK-IN August 3-4

Each Refuge Life Group will be doing a variety of mission projects in our community. (Just like we do on our big CMT Mission Trips). We will polish the day off with an all night lock-in at our church. To do the lock-in, you have to help with the mission projects! For the lock-in: Bring a change of clothes, towel, toiletries, air mattress, sheets, blanket, and pillow. We will use our church's shower trailers when we return to the church to shower off.

Meet at Gray Building parking lot at 8am on the 3rd. Mission Trip work clothes need to be worn.



March 28 – April 6, 2013

Deposit of \$250 per person is due by Saturday, September 15, 2012.

Join Dr. Reynolds as he follows Paul's 2nd missionary journey through Greece and Turkey.

TOUR FEATURES:

- Half day tour of Thessaloniki, full day tour to Philippi and travel to Athens,
- Four night cruise to the Greek islands & Turkey onboard the "Olympia,"
- Tours of Ephesus, Patmos and Rhodes and MUCH MORE

Detailed information regarding the trip is available on flyers throughout the church, on the church website, and by contacting Noelle Wachter at 828-244-6640.



On July 7, we set out with two other churches for Tuscaloosa, AL, on our 2012 mission trip. Joining FBC Mooresville and Mountain View Baptist, we completed construction work and VBS as a way of ministering to those who were impacted directly and indirectly by the April 2011 tornadoes. Splitting into various

teams, we tackled construction projects: building porches, painting walls, renovating houses and completing the roofs for one church and two houses. We also provided VBS for a church in the area who had not had the budget for many years to provide this service to the local community. Please join us on August 12, for a full mission trip report. We look forward to sharing how God spoke to us as we followed His calling to Tuscaloosa. A special thanks goes to those teenagers, interns, and adults who gave up their summer vacation time to do God's work.



MUSIC NOTES - THE SUMMER IS ENDING. . . and (what's ahead?)

FOR CHILDREN - Children's music ministry resumes on Wednesday, September 5

- ◆ Children's handbells 5:20-6:00pm in room 302
- ◆ Children's choirs from 6:00-7:00pm

FOR YOUTH - Youth music resumes on Sunday, September 9

- ◆ Youth Handbell Choir to be announced
- ◆ Youth Choir at 5:00pm in the Choir Room

FOR ADULTS -

- ◆ Sanctuary Choir will resume Wednesday rehearsals, August 1 at 7:00pm
- ◆ Adult Handbell Choir will meet at 4:00pm room 301, beginning September 9. (New ringers are needed as the youth will have their own bell choir)

SENIOR ADULTS - Both senior adult choirs rehearse in the choir room

- ◆ Melodears rehearse Thursday at 10:00am beginning September 7
- ◆ The Gospel Choir (southern gospel) rehearses the last Thursday of each month at 6:30pm and sing the first Thursday of the month at Pinecrest at 6:45pm

These ministry groups welcome new participants. Please make your plans to join with other believers in praising the Lord together and lifting up His name.

SANCTUARY CHOIR RETREAT IS COMING

On August 24-25, the Sanctuary Choir will hold its Fall In-House Retreat. The purpose of this time is to preview and work on the music for our Fall worship services. Dr. Greg Parker, professor of choral activities at Chowan University, will be our clinician. He is an outstanding Christian musician, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with him. This is a great time for new members to join the choir. The retreat begins with an evening meal at 6:15pm on Friday evening, and ends on Saturday morning at 11:30am. Contact Jim Davidson or Jim Woolf for more information.

New School Year Means New Challenges and New Opportunities!

As the new school year begins in early August for most of our kids, use the new year to start something new with your child that will become a part of the routine throughout the year. Along with academic and athletic activities, make sure that spiritual activities are a consistent part of their days and weeks. Here are some suggestions (choose one or more, or invent your own): 1) set a time together, either morning or evening, for a family prayer time and/or family Bible reading time; 2) insert a scripture one day out of the week into their lunch box or back pack, along with a note of spiritual encouragement; 3) spend time together at supper discussing the day, being sure to include ways that God was part of the day; 4) work together to determine the best ways to make Sunday a special day of the week, including plans on how to be up and ready for church in a non-hurried manner. It will take some effort, but with a little thought and intentionality, you can help your child be more spiritually prepared for the new opportunities and new challenges of the new school year.



CITYKIDS "Back To School" Event

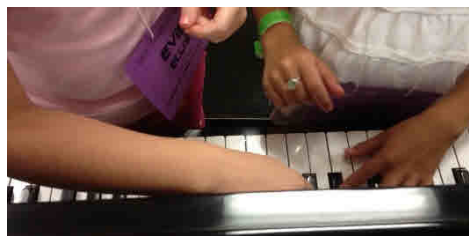
Thursday, August 2, 2:00 - 5:00pm in our "CityKids"

communities. Come be part of this wonderful ministry as we deliver backpacks of school supplies to our CityKids children. We will provide a snack to the children and spend some time wishing them a great new year of school. Meet at the Gray Activities Building at 1:45pm to carpool to our CityKids communities. Contact Christy Greene for information or to volunteer.

BEEP, BEEP, BEEP... We are missing two pagers used in the preschool ministry. If anyone sees pagers #9 or #15, please return them to the preschool welcome center on Sunday or drop them by the office during the week. Thank you for your help.

VBS 2012

This year, through the story of Noah we all learned about the joy of worshipping and praising the Lord. The week was full of memory verses, singing, drama, musical instruments, daily Bible truths, games, crafts, snacks, and lots of fun! The finale of the week was a memorable program performed by our VBS campers for their friends and family. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for all your efforts and time in impacting the lives of children this year during VBS.



Music and Missions Kick-off

Wednesday, August 29, 5:00 - 7:00pm at the Gray Activities Building Food and Fun for the whole family! Come prepared to register your children for Music and Missions!

Is Your Family #Hooked?

Do you know how much is too much? Find brochures around the church entitled "Is Your Family #Hooked on Digital Media?" It is a must-read for all parents by helping to determine ways to evaluate the effects of digital media on your children. It also makes some great suggestions on ways to ensure that your children are engaged in the use of digital media in healthy ways. Pick-up your FREE copy in the displays around the church.

Welcome

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

Not pictured - Mae Honeycutt 6-24-12



Kristen Keener

Joined
7-1-12



Jim Davidson,
Minister of Music

Joined
7-15-12

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Our cover photo this month is of a Carolina Mission Team (CMT) group beginning their day with prayer at a job site. It was taken during the Carolina Mission Team (CMT) recent trip to Tuscaloosa, AL in July.

IMPORTANT WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER INFORMATION

We are requesting that EVERYONE make a new reservation for fall.

In May and June, we had as many as 40 reservations per dinner for people that did not make it to the dinner and forgot to cancel their standing reservation. The overage of food prepared cost the kitchen money and un-needed tables, chairs & linens were set up and taken down by our maintenance staff.

Please help us as we start our standing reservation list over so we will have a more accurate count. Contact Helen in the office @ 828.328.2031 or catt@fbc.cc and update your reservations for the fall season. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Maybe we can help you. We know in this busy world that it is easy to forget things. We will be happy to send you an email each week reminding you of your Wednesday Night Family Dinner reservation and you will only need to respond if you need to cancel. Just call or email Helen to be put on this list.

2012 Women's Conference
Love Stories and Songs
From A Woman's Heart

First Baptist Church - Hickory
339 2nd Avenue NW — Hickory, NC 28601

September 28-29
Friday 6:00pm, Saturday 8:30-11:30am
Cost: \$10 - Register at www.fbc.cc
Conference Includes: dessert bar Friday evening,
journal, and continental breakfast Saturday morning.

What's Your Story?

Everyone has a personal God Story; stories of struggles, love, death, children, divorce, illness, heartache, and peace. We will share those stories and remember God's enduring love through all of life's circumstances. *Love Stories & Songs* will be unforgettable! Mark this date on your calendar: You don't want to miss it!

My lips will praise You for Your love is better than life. - Psalms 63:3

For more information 828.328.2031 or www.fbc.cc

First Life Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

August 4

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

August 11

Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

August 18

Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

August 25

Jerry Rodgers on call (217-2597)

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 28-AUGUST 3

Wink Gaines, Coordinator 874-0158

Brenda Bost 294-0585

Dee Blackwell 294-3522

Ruth Ann Carreira 256-5616

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4-10

David Eggers, Coordinator 325-0533

Peter Ballhaus 326-9233

Tom Guthrie 256-8266

Ken Parish 324-2932

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11-17

Lisa Kakassy, Coordinator 324-5929

Gary Woods 327-3172

Alan Bennett 326-9187

Dwight Hastings 322-5633

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18-24

Eddie Icard, Coordinator 495-2763

Terry Johnson 328-1613

David Eggers 325-0533

Greg Watson 294-1670

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25-31

Jack Pressly, Coordinator 324-9681

Sheree Watson 495-8768

Mark Knuckles 328-2476

Peter Ballhaus 326-9233

Children's Workers

Extended Session and Children's Church

August 5

8:20: Babies & Ones—Tom Foster

Twos thru Fours—Dona Cowan

10:40: Babies & Ones— Betsy Reynolds & Nathan Bowman

Toddlers thru Twos— Ed LaBo & Adair Bowman

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

Coordinator: Valerie LaBo

Children's Worship: Children are in worship.

August 12

8:20: Babies & Ones—Jim Elliott

Twos thru Fours—Mary Elliott

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

Toddlers thru Twos— Charity Hand & Allen Wittenberg

Three's and Fours— Mack Barger & Kara Wittenberg

Coordinator: Janice Barger

Children's Worship:

8:30 - Diane Johnson, 10:55 - Candace & Emma Johnson

August 17

8:20: Babies & Ones— Lucy Whitmer

Twos thru Fours—Dana Bennett

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

Toddlers thru Twos— John Johnson & Tiffany Hightower

Three's and Fours— Kelly Clark & Ashley Hightower

Coordinator: Diane Johnson

Children's Worship:

8:30 - Kara Wittenberg, 10:55 - David Eggers & Judi Tucker

August 26

8:20: Babies & Ones—Sheila Brown

Twos thru Fours—Gerry Brown

10:40: Babies & Ones— Nancy Hicks & Sally Johnson

Toddlers thru Twos— Lydia Gillespie & Eric Johnson

Three's and Fours— Susan Blackwell & Lisa Meade

Coordinator:

Children's Worship:

8:30 - Jan Barger, 10:55 - James & Donna Adams

C A R E

August 5 - Hinson, Epperson & Melton/Bost Classe

August 12 - Allen & Foster Classes

August 19 - Wachter Class

August 26 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

Wednesday Night Meals

August 1

Apple Butter Pork Loin
Succotash
Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

August 15

Beef, Rice and Bean Mexican Casserole
Tortilla Chips
Water Melon
Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

August 8

Chicken and Spinach Strudel
Cooked Apples
Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

August 22

Baked Ham
New Potatoes
Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

August 29

Pizza and Pasta
Salad Bar
Rolls and Dessert

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Elaine Poats - 65 36th Avenue, NW Hickory,
NC 28601

Mrs. Josephine (Jo) Pruitt - 560 1st Street, NW
Hickory, NC 28601

In Christian Love & Sympathy to...

Peggy Yancey upon the death of her nephew, Tommy
Lane, 7-11-12.

Thank You...

A note has been received from Family Care Center.
The note has been placed on the bulletin board across
from the Chapel.

Congratulations to...

Phillip and Betsy Reynolds upon the birth of two
grandsons, Charles Carr Reynolds, born 6-8-12 and Luke
Emerson Reynolds, born 7-5-12.

In Memoriam

Becky Hamilton - June 29, 2012
C. D. Poole - July 11, 2012

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Mrs. Lee Benson 322-5086

Calendar for August 2012

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

- 4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
- 5:30pm Budget Sub Committee Mtg (105)
- 6:00pm Church Conference
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, August 2, 2012

- 2:00pm CityKids Back to School Event
- 7:00pm Gospel Choir to Pinecrest

Friday, August 3, 2012

- 8:00am Youth Mission Trip/Lock In

Saturday, August 4, 2012

- Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)
- 8:00am Youth Mission Trip/Lock In

Sunday, August 5, 2012

- 8:30am Worship
- 9:15am Media Center Opens
- 9:30am First Sunday, Fellowship
- 9:45am Bible Study
- 10:55am Worship
- 11:30am Children's Church (189)
- 12:30pm Bloodmobile
- 5:00pm CARE
- 5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Practice

Monday, August 6, 2012

Tuesday, August 7, 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, August 8, 2012

- 4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
- 5:00pm Media Center Open
- 6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, August 9, 2012

Friday, August 10, 2012

Saturday, August 11, 2012

- Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)
- RA Swim Party

Sunday, August 12, 2012

- Combined Worship
- 9:15am Media Center Opens
- 9:45am Bible Study
- 10:55am Worship
- 11:30am Children's Church (189)
- 5:00pm CARE
- 5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Practice

Monday, August 13, 2012

- 10:30am Williams Group

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

- 8:00am Prayer Breakfast (179)
- 9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)
- 10:30am Clergy Staff Mtg (CR-105)
- 12:00pm Sr. Adult 2nd Tuesday Fellowship
- 1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group (179)
- 1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

- 9:00am Graham Group (179)
- 4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)
- 5:00pm Media Center Open
- 5:30pm Youth Ministry Council
- 6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, August 16, 2012

- 5:30pm Finance Committee (179)

Friday, August 17, 2012

Saturday, August 18, 2012

- Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

Sunday, August 19, 2012

- Lord's Supper
- 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)
- 5:00pm CARE
- 5:00pm RA's to Crawdad Game
- 5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, August 20, 2012

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

Tuesday, August 21, 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, August 22, 2012

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

Thursday, August 23, 2012

Friday, August 24, 2012

- 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir Retreat (Choir)

Saturday, August 25, 2012

- Jerry Rodgers on call (217-2597)
- 8:00am Sanctuary Choir Retreat (Choir)

Sunday, August 26, 2012

- Promotion 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)
- 5:00pm CARE
- 5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, August 27, 2012

6:00pm Deacon Dinner (FH)

6:40am Deacon's Mtg (FH)

Tuesday, August 28, 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, August 29, 2012

4:45pm Family Dinner (FH)

5:00pm Media Center Open

5:00pm Music & Missions Kickoff

5:00pm Refuge Missions

6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (Music)

Thursday, August 30, 2012

6:30pm Gospel Choir (Choir)

Friday, August 31, 2012