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It was 15 years ago this month when in a 13 day span three commercial fishing vessels went down off the coast of New Jersey. In all, 10 crewmen died at sea. What

happened to the clam ships Cape Fear, Adriatic, and the Beth Dee Bob?

First, it was determined that none of the ships had experienced a hull breach. Also, all three ships were piloted by veteran captains, each having 10 years or more experience at the helm. Furthermore, all three accidents occurred close to home. Each ship went down within 15 miles of port.

So what happened? It was finally determined that two of the clam ships were carrying far too much weight and the other was carrying its weight improperly. A commercial clam trap weighs between 1 and 1.5 tons when full. The Cape Fear and the Adriatic were each carrying 10 extra, full traps or 10-15 tons of excess weight. When other fisherman were questioned as to why the captains would allow such dangerous overloading they just shrugged. It's common practice, they said. The more you pile on the more profit you make.

The Beth Dee Bob was carrying full traps stacked on top of empty traps, making the boat top heavy. Again, it is a common, but improper practice. It is done

to save time (and thus make more money) by not stopping to rearrange the traps in a properly loaded fashion, the way the ship architects designed it.

How like those ship captains we are! We are constantly overloading ourselves and our children with busy schedules, too many concerns, and too much to do. Problems, issues, and crises add to the loads we carry. Illness, grief, and anxiety weigh us down even further. But we just keep piling it on and/or carrying it improperly. We are in danger, like the Cape Fear, Adriatic, and Beth Dee Bob of going under. Still, those loads have to be carried, so what to do?

The answer lies in three Bible passages. Matthew 11:28-30 says, "Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Come to Jesus! The more closely we walk alongside him, the lighter our load becomes. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety upon him, for he cares for you." Everyday life is burdensome enough, but when grief, despair, and anxiety are added on top of it, it can become overwhelming. Again, take it to Jesus. He lived life under incredible stress and hardship and has overcome. He stands ready to share His power with you so that you may overcome as well. Finally, Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ." This will help

us avoid the error of the Beth Dee Bob, who didn't carry too much weight but carried her load improperly. The normal burdens of life can be too much for us if we try to carry them alone. It's not the way our Architect designed us. We are designed, in God's genius plan, to share our loads and help one another along life's weighty way.

A good healthy church body will re-enforce and offer all three of these things. Worship and Bible study in church will point you toward Christ's love and power, will provide opportunities to connect with Christ, and will rally around you to share your load and help bear your burden.

These are life saving reasons to bring yourself and your weary, over-burdened friends to church to experience fellowship with others and with Christ himself.

Phillip Reynolds, Senior Pastor



February 2014

MUSICIANS NEEDED

There are opportunities for musicians to join the Music Ministry at FBC Hickory. The Refuge (Youth) Handbell Choir has two openings that need to be filled. We always welcome new singers in each of our choral groups. And, we desire more instrumentalists for our instrumental ensemble that plays on the fourth Sunday of each month (especially trumpets).

IT'S FESTIVAL SEASON

During February and March our children and youth choirs and adult handbell ensemble will be participating in festivals around our state. The Young Musicians will travel to High Point on Saturday, February 8, to join with 100 children, working with an outstanding children's choral director. Our Refuge Ensemble will travel to Winston Salem on March 7-8, for a learning and worship experience with other NC-CBF youth choirs. Our Adult Handbell Ensemble will travel to Shelby, February 28-March 1, to join 37 other handbell groups to perfect their ringing skills. As our groups go and participate in these events, they return home better equipped to lead our worship, having had meaningful instruction and worship experiences. Pray for these groups as they travel.

REMODELING NEWS...

Many of you may have noticed the drywall dust and smell of fresh paint along our Fellowship Hall hallway. In order to be good stewards of our facility and to better utilize our space here at FBC, we have remodeled two rooms and added a short hallway that allows better access to two other rooms on that hallway. Much of this work has been accomplished by reallocating funds that were previously budgeted for "Trunk or Treat" which were not needed in funding this year's "Fall Harvest Celebration." Additionally, we received a \$4,000 donation designated for this project. Special thanks to our FBC maintenance team and volunteers for their labors. Come check out the remodeled rooms which are sure to provide us with some wonderful ministry opportunities.

FACEPAINTING FUN & GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

Learn more about Creative Ministry with these two sessions: "Facepainting Fun" and "Graphically Speaking" (aka 'chalk talk') with Becky Cortino. The sessions are for folks who are interested in learning more, exploring these mediums and learning technique. All ages are welcome. Children are asked to be accompanied by an adult, and must be able to draw and paint figures. No previous experience, nor artistic talent is necessary -- just an interest or desire to learn. All FREE, with NO strings attached.

Saturday, February 1. Session 1 at 10:00—11:30am and Session 2 at 12:30—2:00pm. In Room 163. Lunch break on your own. No cost for the class. Sign up by calling Heather in the office.

FACE OF A CHILD 2014

Sponsor a child from the Straseni Orphanage! We provide basic needs for these children showing God's love in practical and personal ways. Items needed: backpacks with school supplies warm-up suits, toiletries and athletic shoes. If you are interested in sponsoring a child please contact the church office. Thank you for sharing your love with a child.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR DEACON?

The Committee of Deacons has received their new family ministry assignments and should be contacting their "family" shortly to introduce themselves. In the meantime, please call the office if you need to know which Deacon or Deacon Family Minister will be serving your family.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, the most up-to-date information on closings or delays will be posted on our website at www.fbc.cc.

Senior Adult Luncheon Friday, February 14

12noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost is \$5.00 per person

Call the office
to Sign up

Featuring Comic
and Ventriloquist
Steve Brogan



The Kingdom of God: The Where, Who, What & Why of it



Sunday Mornings @10:30am



Mark Your Calendars Now
Ash Wednesday Service - March 5
Children's Sunday - June 1
Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt - April 19
VBS - July 7-11

FBCitykids

Partnering Together In Love



We are still in need of church members who will "partner" with a child as part of our FBCitykids ministry. Please

contact Christy Greene or Rendell Hipps for more information or to volunteer. Information brochures are available around the church building.

Our FBCitykids Summer Camp will be held June 23-27. Times are Monday through Thursday, 12:30 - 3:00 and Friday, 10:30 - 1:30. Mark your calendar now to volunteer.

DISCOVERY ONE

Discovery **ONE** - February 16, 2014
11:45am - 1:30pm, Room 163
Luncheon for newcomers to FBC.
At this informal two-hour luncheon, you will:

- ◆ Enjoy a fabulous meal, on us
- ◆ Meet all of our ministers
- ◆ Hear the basics of FBC
- ◆ Q&A about FBC
- ◆ Take a tour of the church
- ◆ Childcare is offered.

DISCOVERY TWO

Discovery **TWO** - March 2, 2014
3:30-5:30pm. Room 163
Seminar for newcomers to FBC. At this two-hour seminar, you will:

- ◆ Learn how we go about helping you follow Jesus daily
- ◆ Discover ways to think about God's design for your life
- ◆ Learn how you can follow Jesus by getting plugged-in at FBC
- ◆ Childcare is offered

FBC's Ministry Philosophy for Children's Bible Study

The Children's Sunday morning Bible Study ministry of FBC consists of the following three key ingredients:

Bible Content - Help children hear and understand stories from the Bible, know how to use the Bible, and know specific verses in the Bible.

Bible Application - Help apply Biblical truths to the immediate lives of the children, including the decisions they make.

Relationships and modeling - Help guide the formation of each child's faith through relationships with teachers and with the church by modeling discipleship and Christ-likeness.

Please pray for your children, their teachers, and all that goes on during Sunday morning Bible Study for children!

Children's Resources Available

Find these helpful resources in the children's lobby on the 2nd floor:

- "Children and Conversion: How To Present Salvation to Children" by Janice Haywood
- "Is Your Family #Hooked on Digital Media" by Greg Jantz
- "Helping Your Children Learn To Pray" (author unknown)
- "Children, God, Jesus, and Salvation" by Rendell Hipps

First Sunday is Family Day at FBC
Enjoy "First Sunday Fellowship" as a family on your Bible Study class hallway - bring the kids!

Anyone who does not love
does not know God, because...

GOD IS LOVE

I John 4:8

Our cover this month features a look at the worship area in our Freedom Worship Service.

Sundays

February 2 - 10:30am

Kingdom of God: The Where, Who, What & Why of it: What is the Kingdom of God Like? Part II

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

February 9 - 10:30am

Kingdom of God: The Where, Who, What & Why of it:

Why Are We in it? Part I

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

February 16 - 10:30am

Kingdom of God: The Where, Who, What & Why of it:

Why Are We in it? Part II

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

February 23 - 10:30am

Communion

Kingdom of God: The Where, Who, What & Why of it:

Why Are We in it? Part III

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Wednesdays

Bible Study & Prayer

6:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday - February 7, 6:30 -

9:00pm. A monthly gathering of single adults in their 20's and 30's featuring - music, message, meal & more. Meal is \$6.00 per person. Register online at

www.fbc.cc/firstfriday

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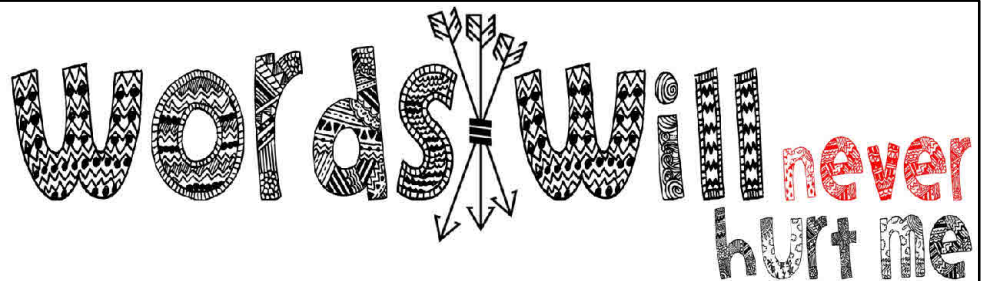
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DON'T LET THE WORDS OF THE WORLD HOLD YOU BACK
New Sermon/Teaching Series during 7th Time Worship
@ 9:15am Sundays 5 Weeks Refuge Student Ministry

Heck-Jones® Offering WEEK OF PRAYER for WMU of North Carolina

The missions and ministries of WMU NC are made possible by gifts to the Heck-Jones® Offering during the week of February 10-16. The First Baptist Goal is \$1,000.

2014 RENT-A-KID

February 1, March 1,
April 5, May 3

Sign up in Bible Study, call Amanda in the office or www.fbc.cc/students. Proceeds from Rent-A-Kid go to fund this summer's Refuge Mission trip to Baltimore, MD.



February 2014 - Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

February 1

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

February 8

Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

February 15

Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

February 22

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-7

Vic Paquin, Coordinator 409-0832

Ken Parish 324-2932

Bob Parlier 328-6712

Van Pernell 322-5908

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8-14

Jack Pressly, Coordinator 324-9681

Rick Travis 238-1316

Greg Watson 294-1670

Kara Wittenberg 234-9046

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15-21

Steve Palmer 304-0358

Gary Woods 327-3172

Dwight Hastings 322-5633

Eddie Icard 495-2769

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22-28

Peter Ballhausen 326-9233

Dana Bennett 326-9187

Brenda Bost 294-0585

Dee Blackwell 294-3522

Wednesday Night Meals

February 5

Salmon & Asparagus Crust-less Quiche

Sweet Potatoes

Salad Bar

Rolls & Dessert

February 12

Will You Be Our Valentine

Manicotti with a Rosa Sauce

Honey Glazed Baby Carrots

Salad Bar

Rolls and Dessert

February 19

Chicken & Rice with Italian Cheeses,

Apple & Dried Cherries

Broccoli

Salad Bar

Rolls and Dessert

February 26

Fried Chicken

Green Beans

Mashed Potatoes

Salad Bar

Biscuits and Dessert

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Sunday,

February 2 there will be opportunities to give at both worship services to the Souper

Bowl of Caring. All monies

donated will support the

Hickory Soup Kitchen ministry.



Children's Workers

February 2

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9:00am - Jan Rodgers 10:15am - Lydia Gillespie

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Betsy Reynolds & Paid Worker

Ones & Twos— Nathan Bowman, Tom Foster & Adair Bowman

Threes & Fours— David Lawrence & Mary Beth Reynolds

Fives— Family Day

Coordinator: Valerie LaBo

Children's Church: Children in Worship

February 9

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9:00am—Beverly Crosby 10:15am - Betsy Reynolds

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Vic Paquin & Paid Worker

Ones & Twos— Vonda Paquin & Lydia Gillespie

Threes & Fours— Mack Barger & Betty Long

Fives— Dana Bennett & Paid Worker

Coordinator: Janice Barger

Children's Church Leader: Norma Flores

Faith-Filled Shepherd: Jan Rodgers

Freedom Shepherd: Charity Hand

February 16

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9:00am - Vonda Paquin 10:15am - Dana Woods

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Jan Rodgers & Paid Worker

Ones & Twos— John Johnson, Rachel Paquin & Tiffany Hightower

Threes & Fours— Jennifer Summerlin & Rebecca Tanner

Fives— Chris Tanner & Brooke Johnson

Coordinator: Carol Ann Keller

Children's Church Leader: Carolyn Icard

Faith-Filled Shepherd: Rebecca Tanner

Freedom Shepherd: Ashley Skinner

February 23

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9:00am - Sara Moore 10:15am - Sara Moore

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Nancy Hicks & Paid Worker

Ones & Twos— Sandra Foster & Paid Worker

Threes & Fours— Gerry Brown & Lisa Meade

Fives— Greg Watson & Mary Elliott

Coordinator: Sheila Brown

Children's Church Leader: Cindi Morrison

Faith-Filled Shepherd: Tera Booker

Freedom Shepherd: Steve Palmer

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Lena Robbins - #611 Abernathy Laurels, 102
Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

Mrs. Evelyn Swatzel- #703 Abernathy Laurels, 102
Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

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

In Memoriam...

Betty Fisher - December 22, 2013

Stephen Poe - December 23, 2013

Kitty Herman - January 20, 2014

In Christian Love & Sympathy to...

Denise Poe and family on the loss of their husband
and father.

Terry Johnson on the death of his sister.

Thank You Notes

Thank you notes have been received from
Cooperative Christian Ministries and The Pregnancy
Care Center. These notes have been placed on the
board across from the chapel.

C A R E

February 2 - Hinson, Faith & Hope, &
Melton/Bost Classes

February 9 - Allen & Foster Classes

February 16 - Wachter Class

February 23 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

FLOATING BRIDAL SHOWER

In Honor of

Greg Johnson & Layla Triplett

(son of Terry & Diane Johnson)

Sunday March 2

2:00-4:00pm - Bridal Parlor

Registries at: Target, Belk & Bed, Bath & Beyond

Given by : Beth Ballhaussen, Melissa Bolick,
Sheree Watson & Virginia Travis