



Seven years ago a young pastor at Port City Community Church in Wilmington, NC came up with the idea of “My One Word.” It was intended

to replace New Year’s resolutions because those kinds of resolutions so often fail. Instead of picking a “bad” behavior and resolving to stop it, the My One Word idea is to pick one positive word that represents what you most hope God will do in you in the year ahead.

Want to hear My One Word for myself and our church this year? It’s GROW. According to Ecclesiastes 3:1, “There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.” For me, and I hope for our church as well, it is time to GROW. I hope we can GROW in three areas. Here they are in ascending order, from good to greatest.

First, I hope we GROW in number. We’re off to a good start. We have added several new members already this year. Given the strength and care in this fellowship, the great programs and studies offered here, the staff, etc. we are poised for greater

growth. It won’t just happen, though. We have been trained in Unbinding the Gospel and we have practiced sharing our faith. When we open up to people and invite them to Christ and to our church, we will grow.

Second, I hope we GROW in giving financially this year. Again, we’re off to a good start in 2017. We’re actually in a little better shape financially than we have been in the last two or three years. This is good to see and a sincere “thank you” to all of you who have given to make this possible. Last year was a big year for us because we were able to pay off our remaining debt and catch up on our budget. But I hope to see each and every member learn to tithe (give 10%) of their income and enjoy all the benefits and blessing that comes with giving. I hope each one of us will GROW in giving this year.

Most importantly, I hope we all GROW in spirit this year. This is at the top of the list. If we GROW in spirit, we will naturally GROW in giving and number. Spirit-filled people give; it’s what they do. Spirit-filled people attract others who “hunger

and thirst after righteousness.” A church body that is maturing and growing in spirit will certainly GROW in giving and number.

There is a time for everything, the Bible says. It’s time to GROW. So, let’s open our mouths and talk about our faith with others and invite them to Christ and to our church. Let’s open our wallets and give to God’s work and receive the blessings of giving. And above all, let’s open our spirits to God’s Holy Spirit.

Time to GROW.

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Phillip Reynolds
Senior Pastor

FACE OF A CHILD PROJECT 2017

Our church is again sponsoring the Strasenji Orphanage in Moldova for the Face of a Child Project 2017. This project provides basic needs every year for a child in a very personal way that conveys to them that there is a God who loves and cares for them individually. The big ticket items this year are: sweat suits, athletic shoes, hygiene items, tube socks, and school supplies. Pictures are available now. Please contact the church office to sponsor a child. Please let us know if you want the same child if they are available.

BLOOD DRIVE

We will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, March 5 in the fellowship hall beginning at 12:30 – 5:00pm.



FBC SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are available in the church office. Members and grandchildren of members qualify to apply. Please note applications are due by March 1. Contributions above and beyond your regular tithes are tax deductible and can be made to the FBC for the FBC Scholarship Funds handled by the NC Baptist Foundation.

IT'S FESTIVAL SEASON

During March, the Refuge and Young Musicians Choirs have the opportunity to participate in two different choral festivals sponsored by CBFNC. Our Refuge Ensemble will be going to Winston Salem on March 3-4, for a learning and worship experience with other CBFNC youth choirs. Our Young Musicians Choir (grades 4-6) can participate in the Children's Choir Festival in Southern Pines, March 11, with other children choirs from across the state. More information will be given to parents and FBCitykids partners.

NC BAPTIST MISSIONS OFFERINGS

The Missions Council plans this year to consolidate all of our prayer/offering emphases for North Carolina state ministries during the month of September. The North Carolina Baptist State Convention schedules the emphasis for each of the following ministries during separate months: Baptist Retirement Homes in February, Baptist Hospital in May, Baptist Children's Homes in November, and NC State Missions (which supports primarily the work of NC Baptist Men and new church starts) in September. The Council felt that it would be helpful for our understanding of the multiple state ministries which our church family supports to consolidate our special offerings for each of them into a month of NC Baptist Missions emphases in September. WMU groups and other small groups may want to continue to have prayer emphases for each ministry in different months, and some may want to give offerings for the different ministries throughout the year. The Council certainly respects and honors that, and the Church will forward designated offerings for the support of these ministries to the Baptist State Convention in a timely manner, as they are received. Envelopes will be provided in September for use in specifying the amounts of gifts to these ministries.

Please pray regularly for all of these ministry opportunities that God has provided for us to work cooperatively with our Christian brothers and sisters across our state. Also, please pray that God will open our eyes to see opportunities for Him to minister through us each day.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina Annual Gathering
Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, 2017 at FBC Hickory

as you go 

Therefore, as you go, disciple people in all nations...

- Matthew 28:19

Along with the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention), the CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) is a missions partner of FBC Hickory and is one of the major Baptist missions agencies that members of FBC Hickory financially support in sharing the Gospel at home and around the world. This past summer, the deacons of FBC approved the request made by CBF of North Carolina (CBFNC), the state CBF missions organization, that FBC Hickory serve as the "host church" for the CBFNC Annual Gathering on March 30 - April 1, 2017. FBC hosted this gathering 10 years ago.

The CBFNC Annual Gathering features workshops, guest speakers, worship, an exhibit hall, and times of fellowship. It also convenes annual business meetings related to the CBFNC organization. All of the event's content, including speakers and workshop leaders, is determined solely by the CBFNC staff and their planning team. The role of FBC Hickory, as "host church," is to oversee the logistics of this meeting including parking, hospitality, on-site registration, use of church technology, shuttle transportation to meals, etc. Area churches will also provide assistance.

We at FBC want to be the very best "host church" we can possibly be. To do that, we truly need your help. Please complete a "volunteer sign-up form" soon to be available in your Bible Study class and on the back of a Connection Card, or by calling the church office.

Couples Night Out Dinner and Dancing

Friday, February 10, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church, Hickory

Tickets are \$25 per married couple for a delicious meal and a fun night of dancing in an inviting environment. Tickets are limited and can be purchased in the church office January 16 - February 3. Payment is required at time of purchase.

Please indicate names and ages of children.

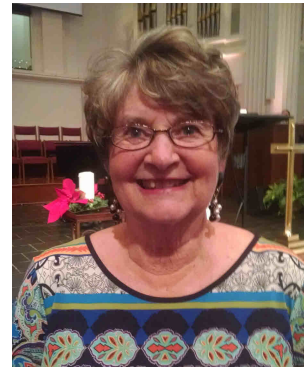
Childcare and meal provided free for infants thru sixth grade

Dance lessons will be provided and will include couples line dancing, swing, cha-cha, and more. No experience needed.

All tables seat two couples. When you purchase your ticket, please indicate if you prefer to sit with a particular couple.

A ministry to enrich marriages and families provided by FBC Hickory

NEW MEMBER



Welcome Susan Smith who joined our church family on January 22, 2017.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 5, FBC will take part in the national Souper Bowl of Caring.

Soup pots will be outside of worship space as you exit. A suggested donation of \$1 per person will benefit the Hickory Soup Kitchen.



BAPTIST MEN

The Baptist Men are attending the Region 8 Missions Rally on February 13 in Statesville from 6 pm til 8:30 pm. We are taking a group down and leaving from FBC at 5pm on that day. The cost is FREE, but we need to RSVP for the free meal. Please call in your RSVP to the church office no later than February 3. Please see Terry Johnson or Dwight Hastings for additional information

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Friday, Feb 17

6:00 - 9:00 pm

More Information to Come

Primetimers Valentine's LUNCHEON

February 14
11:30am - \$5

Primetimers Valentine's Luncheon: Celebrating God's Love for Us and Our Love for Each Other
RSVP by calling the church office. Please indicate if transportation is needed.

This Month's Cover:
The beauty of Baptism.

Sundays

February 5 - 10:30am

Believe It or Not!

No one comes to the Father but through the son.

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

February 12 - 10:30am

Believe It or Not!

The Dead will be Raised.

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

February 19 - 10:30am

Rooted Deep as a Follower of Jesus

What You Think About God Matters

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

February 26 - 10:30am

Rooted Deep as a Follower of Jesus

Why Should I Trust the Bible?

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Wednesdays

Through February 22

Believers In Action: The Book of Acts

Dr. Robert Canoy

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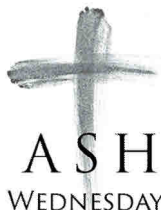


WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

Mark your calendar for the annual World Community Day ecumenical worship service at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Saturday, March 11 at 1:00pm. This service is prepared by over 12 area churches. Childcare will be provided. Refreshments will be served following service. For more information, ask Nellie Pruitt or call Carole Marmorato at 828-256-8956.

ASH WEDNESDAY FAMILY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1, 6:00pm,
Sanctuary. The family Lenten service will include the imposition of Ashes. Children 1st - 6th grade and students are encouraged to attend with their families. Preschool childcare will be provided.



CAROLINA MISSION TEAM RENT-A-KID



FEB 4 MAR 4 APR 1 MAY 6
8:00am - 12noon

February 2017 - Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

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| February 4 | Rendell Hipps on call (828-228-8639) |
| February 11 | Phillip Reynolds on call (828-455-8678) |
| February 18 | Butch Farrah on call (910-206-1887) |
| February 25 | Steve Clarke on call (334-332-8171) |

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4-10

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| Allen Wittenberg, Coordinator | 320-9456 |
| Gary Woods | 455-2516 |
| Ed Auten | 302-0739 |
| Dana Bennett | 244-1944 |

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11-17

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| Brenda Bost, Coordinator | 320-1265 |
| Dana Bennett | 244-1944 |
| Lloyd Bost, Jr. | 320-1485 |

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18-24

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Norma Flores, Coordinator | 449-6095 |
| Ashley Hightower | 455-3623 |
| Greg Watson | 308-3024 |
| Tom Foster | 781-3409 |

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Tom Guthrie, Coordinator | 446-0007 |
| Daniel Lucaciu | 256-7903 |
| Cliff Moore | 312-0120 |
| Jason Herring | 381-8257 |

Wednesday Night Meals

FEBRUARY 1

Choose 1 Entrée:

Pepper Jack & Spinach Chicken,
Pizza, Chicken Salad on Croissant, Turkey

Choose 2 Sides:

Succotash, Green Beans,
Warm Cherry Fruit Salad

Rolls and Dessert

FEBRUARY 8

Choose 1 Entrée:

Roasted Pork Loin with Raspberry Chipotle Glaze,
Spaghetti, Chicken Salad on Croissant, Turkey

Choose 2 sides:

Broccoli, Green Beans,
Rice and Barley Medley

Rolls and Dessert

FEBRUARY 15

Choose 1 Entrée:

Beef Stroganoff, Ham,
Chicken Salad on Croissant, Turkey

Choose 2 Sides:

Apricot Carrots, Caesar Salad,
Green Beans

Garlic Bread Sticks and Dessert

FEBRUARY 22

Choose 1 Entrée:

Blue Cheese Meat Loaf,
Chicken Fettuccini,
Chicken Salad on Croissant, Turkey

Choose 2 Sides:

Green Beans, New Potatoes,
Cooked Apples

Biscuits and Dessert

Children's Workers

February 5

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Kara Wittenberg 10:15am - Kara Wittenberg

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Betsy Reynolds & Adair Bowman

Walkers & Two's — Danielle Paulsen & Caroline Trado

Three's & Four's— Church Trado & Gail Ford

Coordinator: Valerie LaBo

Children's Church: Children in Worship

February 12

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Ashley Dyson 10:15am - Gail Ford

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Kara Wittenberg & Pam McCall

Walkers & Two's — Jill Pernel & Sheryl King

Three's & Four's— Linda Jones & Kimo Mullinax

Coordinator: Janice Barger

Lead Teacher: Lee Bogle Shepherd: Kim Buchanan

February 19

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Kristin Herring 10:15am - Betsy Reynolds

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Clay Buchanan & Fran Ballengee

Walkers & Two's — Adriane Oxford & Beth Miller

Three's & Four's— Lisa Meade & Dana Woods

Coordinator: Carol Ann Keller

Lead Teacher: Cindi Morrison Shepherd: Tiffany Hightower

February 26

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Melanie Wingler & Carla Ingram

Walkers & Two's — Matt Ingram & Kelly Clark

Three's & Four's— Cody Wingler & Sonya Brown

Coordinator: Shellie Bumgarner

Lead Teacher: Norma Flores Shepherd: Susan Haire

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Margaret Passmore - Abernathy Laurels #809A,
102 Leonard Avenue, Newton NC 28658

Mrs. Mary Pace – Brookdale Hickory Northeast #45,
2530 16th Street NE, Hickory NC 28601

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

C A R E

February 5 - Tucker, Faith & Hope, &
Melton/Bost Classes

February 12- Palmer & Foster Classes

February 19 - Available

February 26- Woolf & Powers Classes

