

JULY 2012

First

LIFE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR...



A year ago in First Life, I quoted a line from Porgy and Bess, "Summertime and the livin' is easy." I did so because our church life was the exact opposite last summer; the livin' was busy! But goodness, this summer is busier by far.

July will be a blur of service, excitement and great things. We will be right in the middle of building the Habitat for Humanity house near the church. This will be busy but good, worthwhile work. It's quite literally part of building the Kingdom of God. As a church we can feel good about this project. It is funded by our Greater Things contributions to

retire our debt. The promise of the debt elimination campaign has been that when we are free of debt we will be able to do greater things for God. We are at about the half way point in our campaign, but the greater things have already begun. Building a safe and comfortable home for a family that does not currently have one is a greater thing.

Also in July our Refuge Student Ministry will be part of the Carolina Mission Team trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama where they will rebuild homes destroyed by the tornadoes that ripped through that area a little over a year ago. One of our rebuilding projects will be re-roofing a church. Helping people get back in their homes and a church repair it's sanctuary is going to be

good, worthwhile work there in Alabama, just like the Habitat build right here in Hickory.

Another major thing going on in July is Vacation Bible School, and I don't need to explain to anyone how busy VBS can be. Our VBS will be different this year. It will take the form of a music camp and will culminate with a children's musical. It's great to see Rendell Hipps, Jim Davidson and so many volunteers working so hard and so well on this together. VBS this year will be fun, exhausting, and uplifting. Nothing invigorates me like serving and worshipping the Lord. And it is a pleasure to serve and worship alongside you. It's good to be at FBC.

Sincerely,



IN THE PULPIT...

July 1 - 8:30 and 10:55am
Let's Grow in Service - Dr. Phillips Reynolds

July 8 - 8:30 and 10:55am
Let's Grow in Kingdom Thinking
- Rendell Hipps

July 15 - 8:30 and 10:55am
Let's Grow in Freedom - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

July 22 - 8:30 and 10:55am
Let's Grow in Forgiveness
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

July 29 - 8:30 and 10:55am
Let's Grow in Wisdom - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday night activities will be on "hiatus" in July and will resume August 1.



Greater Things

first baptist church stewardship campaign

BUILDING HAS BEGUN!

Saturday, June 2, started the excitement of building the Kamau family home. The foundation has been poured and the walls are going up. How can you get involved? We need workers for the site and people to provide homemade snacks and lunch items. Contact Frances Hilton for more information. Together and with God's help, we are doing GREATER THINGS!



MUSICAL NOTES On Sunday, May 27, the Sanctuary Choir and First Baptist Bells presented a concert of patriotic music in celebration of Memorial Day honoring all branches of the military. The concert was followed by a fellowship of hamburgers, hot dogs, and homemade ice cream. This community event featured a full color guard and celebrated the freedom of America.



CAFÉ NEWS

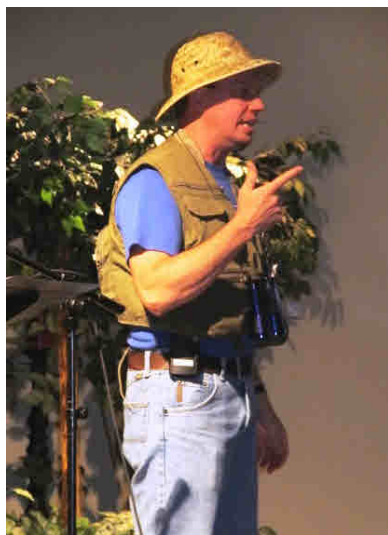
Please note that the Garden of Eaten Café will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 and Thursday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.



CityKids Summer Camp 2012

"Where do I go?" That's the question we asked all week during CityKids Summer Camp as we followed the story of Moses

in the Bible. Children learned they can go to God for love, for care, for guidance, and for provision! Children learned that they can love God and serve God just like Moses. And, children experienced the love of God through songs, crafts, recreation, and our many wonderful volunteers. They learned the words to what became one of our favorite songs: "I am never separated from God's love. There is nothing any greater; it's wonderful. He promised me in his word that nothing in heaven or earth will separate me from God's love." Thank you, First Baptist Church, for the impact you are having in the lives of children in our community.

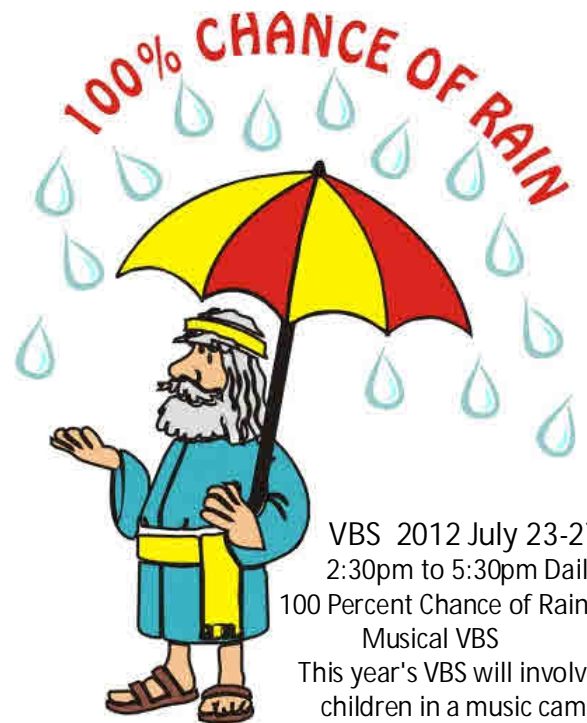


Kids Corner



Sunday Mornings – Summit Seekers
Following Joshua in amazing adventures with God. Each week at 9:45am in room 228. For children who will be entering 2nd - 6th grade.

July 13 – Kool Park Pool Day 10:00am to 3:00pm
Pack a picnic lunch and come be apart of a fun day at Kool Park Pool! Everyone benefits if we have at least 25 people going! The group rate (25 person minimum) is \$5.50 for 12 and under; \$8.50 for 13 and over—a savings of \$2.50 on a regular ticket. Please call to RSVP by Wednesday, July 11th.



VBS 2012 July 23-27
2:30pm to 5:30pm Daily
100 Percent Chance of Rain,
Musical VBS

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! This year's VBS is open to all children who have completed 1st through 5th grade. Rising 1st graders are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent in order to take part.

Friday, August 10 – Back to School Party
Watch for details coming soon.

SENIOR ADULTS

Later this summer on Tuesday, July 24, our Senior Adults will travel to the Barn Theatre in Greensboro. For \$38, each person will enjoy dinner and a show. They will see Smoke on the Mountain. The bus will leave at 9:30am. The deadline to sign up with payment is July 1.



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Welcome

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



Julie
"Jewels"
Hampton

Joined
6-17-12

I regret to inform you that David Crowe has resigned his position on our maintenance staff effective Monday, June 25th. David joined our staff in October of 2011 and has been a tremendous blessing to our staff, our CDC, and our membership. David received an unexpected job offer that allows him to work very close to his home with a work schedule that better suits his family.

David will be sorely missed. I hope you will join me in congratulating David on his new position and wish him the very best of God's richest blessings for him and his family in the future.

—Jerry Rodgers

July 7-14 - 2012
TUSCALOOSA, AL

CMT
CAROLINA MISSION TEAM

refuge student ministry

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2012

Middle School
Beach Camp
June 10-15
\$180

High School
Beach Camp
June 17-22
\$180

Atlanta
Braves Game &
Six Flags
July 18-19
\$48

Drive-In
Movie
July 22
\$5

Virginia
Creeper Trail
July 30
\$25

Mission Trip
& Lock-in
August 3-4

SEE DETAILS AT fbc.cc/students



First Life Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

July 7
Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

July 14
Jerry Rodgers on call (217-2597)

July 21
Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

July 28
Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7-13

Lisa Kakassy, Coordinator	324-5929
Dee Blackwell	294-3522
Jack Pressly	324-9681
Sheree Watson	495-8768

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 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 JULY 21-27

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

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

CARE

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

Children's Workers

Extended Session and Children's Church

July 1

8:20: Babies & Ones—Susan Eggers
 Twos thru Fours—David Eggers
 10:40: Babies & Ones— Jill Pernell & Carla Burns
 Toddlers thru Twos— Lisa Cox & Aaron Ballengee
 Three's and Fours— Ruth Hastings & Tony Cox
 Coordinator: Fran Ballengee
 Children's Worship: Children are in worship.

July 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 - Diane Johnson, 10:55 - Chris & Rebecca Tanner

July 15

8:20: Babies & Ones— Beth Watson
 Twos thru Fours—Mechele McCormack
 10:40: Babies & Ones— Renea Featherstone & Elizabeth Sledge
 Toddlers thru Twos— Carol Lupton & Carla Ingram
 Three's and Fours— Matt Ingram
 Coordinator: Sandra Moody
 Children's Worship:
 8:30 - Kara Wittenberg, 10:55 - Tera Booker & Mary Lou Wilcher

July 22

8:20: Babies & Ones—David Moore
 Twos thru Fours—Sara Moore
 10:40: Babies & Ones— Tiffany Hightower & Phillip Bumgarner
 Toddlers thru Twos— Scott Crosby
 Three's and Fours— Ashley Hightower & Beverly Crosby
 Coordinator: Shellie Bumgarner
 Children's Worship:
 8:30 - Jan Barger, 10:55 - Gary & Julie Harding

July 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 - Robin Parish, 10:55 - Libby Teague & Mindy Sherrill



Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Amelia Nichols Abernethy Center - #108, 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

Mrs. Mary Pace Pinecrest - #307, 915 29th Avenue NE, Hickory, NC 28601

In Christian Love & Sympathy to...

Joy Knuckles upon the death of her mother, Elsie Barnes, on 5-23-2012.

Sara Starnes upon the death of her brother, Tommy Capshaw, on 5-28-12.

Valerie LaBo upon the death of her grandfather, John Laymon, in May 2012.

Brenda Bost upon the death of her father, Hubert Hoyle, on 6-4-12.

Ben Rawls upon the death of his father, Benjamin Rawls, on 6-4-12.

Thank You...

A Thank You note has been received from Peggy Yancey. The note has been placed on the bulletin board across from the Chapel.

Congratulations to...

Scott & Candace Johnson upon the birth of a granddaughter, Ellysetta McCloy, born 6-01-12.

In Memoriam

Max Padgett - June 21, 2012

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Mrs. Lee Benson 322-5086

SABBATH SOUP July 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! bottled water! bottled water! and pop-tops (meat or protein), fruit cups, snack food (granola, peanut butter and crackers), Thank you for your donation.

BLOOD DRIVE

FBC Blood Drive will be held Sunday, August 5, from 12:30 – 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We need donors, snacks and volunteers. Look for sign ups in Bible Study boxes or call the church office at 328-2031.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

GA's Mission Leader and Co-Leaders.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Missions Leaders for girls grades 1-6. Meets every Wednesday night at 6:50. Curriculum is provided. If interested, please see Dacia Jones for more information. This is a very important ministry for First Baptist.

CCM FOOD PANTRY

July is our month to help stock the CCM Food Pantry. The following are their most urgent needs: beef stew and canned soups; canned pasta dinners; spaghetti noodles, macaroni and lasagna noodles, pasta sauces; bread and cake mixes, oatmeal, cereal, grits, Pop Tarts, granola bars and other instant breakfast foods; canned tuna, chicken, Treet and Spam; canned green beans, peas and corn; pork and beans; baked beans; canned pinto and kidney beans; black eye peas; dry beans or peas; dry soup mixes; applesauce; canned fruit; macaroni and cheese; rice; peanut butter, canned sweet potatoes; saltine crackers and powdered milk.

Calendar for July 2012

Sunday, July 1, 2012

8:30am Worship
9:15am Media Center Opens
9:30pm First Sunday Fellowship
9:45am Bible Study
10:55am Worship
12:30pm 8:30 Worship Team
5:00pm CARE

Monday, July 2, 2012

GA Mother/Daughter Camp
10:00am Senior Adult Committee (179)

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

GA Mother/Daughter Camp
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, July 4, 2012

Facility Closed for Independence Day

Thursday, July 5, 2012

7:00pm Gospel Choir to Pinecrest

Friday, July 6, 2012

Saturday, July 7, 2012

Rendell Hips on call (228-8639)
Youth Mission Trip

Sunday, July 8, 2012

Youth Mission Trip
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)
12:30pm 8:30 Worship Team
Practice
5:00pm CARE

Monday, July 9, 2012

Youth Mission Trip
10:30am Williams Group (179)

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Youth Mission Trip
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, July 11, 2012

Youth Mission Trip
6:00pm "Radical" Bible Study (189)

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Youth Mission Trip

Friday, July 13, 2012

Youth Mission Trip
10:00am Kool Park Pool

Saturday, July 14, 2012

Jerry Rodgers on call (217-2597)
Youth Mission Trip

Sunday, July 15, 2012

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)
12:30pm 8:30 Worship Team
Practice
5:00pm CARE

Monday, July 16, 2012

GA Camp
12:30pm CityKids Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

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

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

GA Camp

9:30am WMU Graham Group (179)
5:45pm Boomer's Committee Meeting (105)
6:00pm "Radical" Bible Study (189)

Thursday, July 19, 2012

GA Camp
5:30pm Finance Committee (179)

Friday, July 20, 2012

GA Camp

Saturday, July 21, 2012

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

Sunday, July 22, 2012

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)
5:30pm VBS Setup

Monday, July 23, 2012

2:30pm VBS
6:00pm Deacon's Supper (FH)
6:40pm Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

9:30am Staff Mtg (CR-105)
9:30am Sr. Adults to Barn Theatre
10:30am Clergy Staff Mtg (CR-105)
1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group (179)
1:00pm Maintenance, Kitchen & CDC Staff (CR-105)
2:30pm VBS

Wednesday, July 25, 2012


2:30pm VBS
6:00pm "Radical" Bible Study (189)

Thursday, July 26, 2012

2:30pm VBS

Friday, July 27, 2012

2:30pm VBS



7:00pm VBS Finale (Sanctuary)

Saturday, July 28, 2012

Chris Gillespie on call (217-2597)

Sunday, July 29, 2012

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)
5:30pm 8:30 Worship Team
Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, July 30, 2012

Tuesday, July 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)