



Dr. Steve Clarke will be presented for approval in church conference on June 28, as Minister of Music and Worship. You will have an opportunity to meet Dr. Clarke and his family the day before. A reception for the Clarkes has been planned for Saturday, June 27, from 4:00-5:00pm in the fellowship hall. I hope you are able to come and meet Steve and his family on that day and can be in church the following day and experience his music and worship leadership. I believe you will be blessed. Let me tell you a little about Steve Clarke.

Steve has all the credentials and then some. He has an undergraduate degree in music education and business administration. He also has a masters and a doctorate degree in choral conducting. He has served churches in North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Alabama, and Texas. He has also been a professor and director of music ministry at a University in New Brunswick, Canada.

The obvious question is, having done all of that, how is it that we are able

to present him as a candidate for our music and worship here at First Baptist Hickory? I want to save the details of Steve's journey for a time when he can tell you himself. But, it appears to me that God has answered the prayers of our Music Search Committee who began every meeting asking that God lead us to the right person in music and worship. We believe God has led us to the right person and has led the right person to us. It makes me want to quote from Matthew 21:42, "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes."

What does Steve value and appreciate in church music? Here is what he has to say, "I have spent most of my life giving leadership to worship in schools and churches. I have enjoyed large settings with large orchestral forces. I have also led music for retreats and other smaller gatherings. I have managed multiple staff members and have negotiated the demands of balancing traditional and contemporary sensibilities. With six children to raise, Debbie and I value an environment conducive with strong family values. We also desire a church family that

appreciates and employs a wide range of worshipful expressions while protecting the long-standing traditions of choral and orchestral music."

It certainly sounds to me that First Baptist and Steve Clarke are a fit. Come and meet him on Saturday, June 27 and experience his worship and music leadership on Sunday, June 28. You will have the opportunity to vote to call Steve as our new Minister of Music and Worship immediately following the service.

It feels to me, deep in my spirit, that God is bringing many things together here at First Baptist.


Phillip Reynolds
Senior Pastor



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July 2015

GRADUATE SUNDAY 2015

gcbc june 14-19

Lazer Quest June 21

Sliding Rock June 25

Lock-In June 28



CMT July 10-18

Defy Gravity July 23

Pool Party July 26

Sleepover At Ripley's Aquarium August 2




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SAINT LOUIS
MISSOURI

Be in prayer for our youth, adults and all of the CMT as they minister in St. Louis, July 10-18.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. The office will reopen at 8:30am on Monday, July 6.

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday July 1, July 8, and July 15 there will be no Wednesday evening family meal or activities. Wednesday night fellowship and prayer meeting will resume on July 22 with our Quarterly Church Conference.

FAITHFUL SERVICE

In June the following were recognized for their years of service at First Baptist Church; Facility Manger Bill Sherrill - 5 years, Minister to Students Chris Gillespie - 10 years, and CDC Director Sylvia Lail - 15 years.



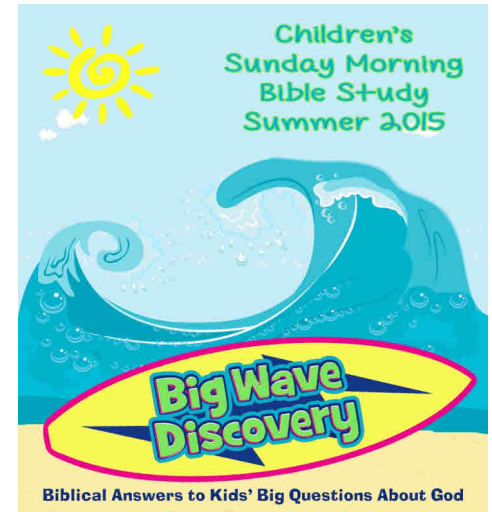
UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICES IN JULY

Your deacons met to discuss the feedback you shared with them in your Bible study classes regarding the two unified worship services we held on May 31 and June 7. Many of you made comments that it would be beneficial to have several more unified services to continue to evaluate our worship schedule options. With that in mind, your deacons and staff agreed to have unified worship services during the entire month of July as we continue to evaluate and receive feedback from church members. The deacons and future development committee will continue to receive your feedback as they evaluate our next steps in determining our future worship schedule. Please plan to worship together as one church family each Sunday in July at 10:30am in the sanctuary.

DISCOVERY TWO

Are you new to FBC, and looking for your next steps to connect us? You are invited to DiscoveryTWO, a seminar to learn more about

FBC Sunday, July 12 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in room 163. Childcare provided. Sign up to attend on our website www.fbc.cc/nextsteps.



Children's Summer Bible Study – For twelve weeks children will be invited on a beach adventure to discover biblical answers to their big questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, Prayer, the Church and more. Meet in room 228 for music, games, activities, Bible story, and more as we jump in the Big Wave of God's love!



Farewell Reception & Ice Cream Social

In Honor of

Jim Davidson

July 26, 3:00-5:00pm, Fellowship Hall



Young Musicians Choir sings during this year's Children's Sunday on May 31.



SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2015 - July 6-10
6:00pm to 8:15pm Nightly

On the cover... Graduate Sunday
The graduating seniors from High School
and College from our church family.

Sundays

July 5 - 10:30am

- Chris Gillespie

July 12 - 10:30am

What Does Jesus Say: (To His Friends)

I Do You No Wrong

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

July 19 - 10:30am

What Does Jesus Say: (To His Friends)

Give and Receive

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

July 26 - 10:30am

What Does Jesus Say: (To His Friends)

Trust, Word, and Worship

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Wednesdays

Bible Study & Prayer at 6pm

July 22 & 29

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MEET AND GREET



The church family is invited to a meet and greet for Dr. Steven Clarke and Family on Saturday, June 27 from 4:00-5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come meet our candidate for Minister of Music and Worship at FBC Hickory. Light refreshments will be served.



Register today online at www.fbc.cc

Watch the trailer at www.fbc.cc/VBS2015 to learn more about our awesome 2015 Vacation Bible School.

July 2015 - Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

July 4 - Chris Gillespie on call (828-320-2741)

July 11 - Rendell Hipps on call (828-228-8639)

July 18 - Jerry Rodgers on call (828-217-2597)

July 25 - Phillip Reynolds on call (828-455-8678)

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 27 - JULY 3

Van Pernel, Coordinator	381-0162
Vic Paquin	409-0832
Bob Parlier	312-2881
Steve Palmer	781-1293

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4 - 10

Rick Travis, Coordinator	514-3642
Jack Pressly	381-6015
Chris Tanner	381-8943
Rebecca Tanner	381-1924

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11 - 17

Marvin Smith, Coordinator	381-0654
Allen Wittenberg	320-9456
Bernie Whitmer	781-9283
Dwight Hastings	244-8708

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18-24

Dana Bennett, Coordinator	244-1944
Ed Auten	302-0739
Lloyd Bost, Jr.	320-1485
Nathan Bowman	302-9689

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25 - 31

Kelly Clark, Coordinator	729-6793
Jim Elliott	461-0162
Tom Foster	781-3409
Dennis Gaines	302-5669

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Special Menus

No Wednesday Night Dinners

July 1, 8, & 15

July 22

Apricot Glazed Ham

With Your Choice of 2 Sides

Macaroni & Cheese,

Broccoli, Tropical Fruit Salad,

Tossed Salad,

Rolls and Dessert

July 29

Blue Cheese Meatloaf

With Your Choice of 2 Sides

Garlic Smashed Potatoes/Gravy,

Green Beans, Fresh Fruit Salad,

Tossed Salad

Biscuits and Dessert



Children's Workers

July 5

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Sara Moore 10am - Sara Moore

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Rene Stilwell & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Melissa Rhodes & Phillip Bumgarner

Threes — Carla Ingram & Brian Rhodes

Fours - Kelly Clark & Matt Ingram

Coordinator: Fran Ballengee

Children's Church: Children in Worship

July 12

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Jan Rodgers 10am - Lydia Gillespie

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Clay Buchanan & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Sandra Foster & Adriane Oxford

Threes — Susan Tallent & Linda Meares

Fours — Kara Wittenberg & Paid Worker

Coordinator: Terry Starnes

Children's Church Leader: Lee Bogle

Shepherds: Greg Watson / Tiffany Hightower

July 19

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Kristin Herring 10am - Betsy Reynolds

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Pam McCall & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Beth Watson & April Teague

Threes — Jill Pernelle & Christy Greene

Fours — Mary Elliott & Dana Bennett

Coordinator: Shellie Bumgarner

Children's Church Leader: Beth Watson

Shepherds: Angela Lawrence / Candace & Emma Johnson

July 26

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Vonda Paquin 10am - Dana Woods

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Glenda Foster & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Vonda Paquin & Paid Worker

Threes — Tom Foster, Sara Moore & Rachel Paquin

Fours — David Moore & Gail Ford

Coordinator: Mechele McCormack

Children's Church Leader: Fran Ballengee

Shepherds: Brian Bogle / Brooke Johnson

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Jennett Wester - Brian Center #503, 3031 Tate Blvd SE, Hickory NC 28602

Mrs. Joyce Smith - Kingston Residence #239, 904 2nd Street NE, Hickory NC 28601

Mrs. Jean Lambert - Kingston Residence #337, 904 2nd Street NE, Hickory NC 28601

Mrs. Arybell Hatley - Kingston Residence #202, 904 2nd Street NE, Hickory NC 28601

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

C A R E

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

July 12 - Palmer & Foster Classes

July 19 - Available

July 26 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes



Congratulations to

The 2015 preschool graduating class of the FBC Child Development Center.

CHURCH WIDE
breakfast

Sunday, July 5
8:45am
Courtyard

