



“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.” – Psalm 133:1

I just can’t get that verse out of my mind since the Sunday in May when about 200 of us came together to hear from Kenny Lamm about worship and to discuss worship options here at First Baptist. There was a palatable spirit of unity at work in the room that I think was the presence of His Spirit. The unity was not that everyone suddenly agreed on one single best option for worship. Instead the unity seemed to be more like (if I may try to sum it up in a short phrase), “We all want to do God’s will and we’ll work together to find what is best.”

Kenny Lamm used the word “unity” to describe a kind of worship service in which worshippers from different perspectives can all worship together. There seemed to be a lot of interest in exploring this style. Thankfully, we have two combined worship services coming up soon that give us an opportunity to do just that. So, for Children’s Sunday

on May 31 and Graduate Sunday on June 7, I have asked our music leaders to work together to fashion Unified worship services for those two Sundays so that we can experience Unified worship.

These combined worship services are usually well attended and it seems like a perfect time to give the Unified style our attention. Following these services I hope to hear from as many of our worshippers as possible. Let’s talk about what we experience on those Sundays. Let’s talk about if we sensed God’s presence. Let’s talk about the content. Let’s reflect on these questions: 1) Were the services Christ-centered?, 2) Were they Biblically based?, 3) Were they done with excellence?

Pray for our music leaders, choir, organist, instrumentalists, band, and vocalists. So much of this will fall upon them. Pray that they feel the mantle of worship leadership and lead us to worship “in spirit and truth, for such people the Father

seeks to be His worshippers.” (John 4:23)

It will be good to celebrate together what God has been doing in our Children’s Ministry and to celebrate the accomplishments of our students on Graduate Sunday and to worship together in Unified services while doing so.

These are wonderful days here at First Baptist Church Hickory. I am so thankful that God allows me to be a part of this fellowship.

Phillip Reynolds
Senior Pastor



Dear FBC Members,

Thank you so much for the lovely reception and monetary gift upon my retirement. In spite of such a dreary day outside, it was warm and welcoming inside! I certainly have enjoyed being at FBC these last 10+ years! This has been the longest period I have ever stayed at one church job, and the beautiful organ and wonderful choir have made me want to stay.

I will always remember my time here and think of all of you fondly. Thank you for allowing me to serve and for giving me such a beautiful send-off!

In Christ,
Florence Jowers

CAMP ANGEL TREE

We need your help!!! Each year the Women's Missionary Union of NC has a Camp Angel Tree at Camp Mundo Vista for girls age 8-14 who have one or more parents in the prison system. This year camp is June 28-July 1.

They need:

--TOWELS AND WASH CLOTHS for each girl to use that week and then take home with them.

--MONEY to pay for part of the camp fee, or canteen and camp store vouchers, and ministry needs.

--PRAYERS for the campers, camp staff and families of the campers.

Please bring the towels, wash cloths and/or money to the church office by Wednesday, June 24. Please call Lessie Pearce, 322-6813, if you have any questions. Thank you for participating.

BENEVOLENCE

Our benevolence funds are extremely low because we have met several urgent needs for members of our church. If you have a heart for benevolence, please consider making a contribution and write "benevolence" on the check or envelope. Thank you.

BLOOD DRIVE - 6/11

Thursday, June 11 3:00-7:30pm.
Fellowship Hall. Give the gift of life.
Sign up online to make an appointment to give blood at www.redcross.org.

HONORING THE 2015 FBC GRADUATES

We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 7, with one service in the sanctuary.

High School
Alexis Marie Burns
Zachary Edwin Crowl
David "Cole" Featherstone
Geoffrey Martin Johnson
Adison Marie Kakassy
Logan Edward LaBo
Connor Wells McCormack
Nathaniel James Meade
Danielle Rebecca Morton
Katie Elizabeth Wilson

College
Rachel "Emily" Auton
Brandon "BJ" Jeremè Cortino
Hannah Camille Cox
Jonathan "Brett" Featherstone
James Matthew Gibson
Kaitlyn Ann Johnson
Mark Christopher Padgett
David Luke Wachter
Mary Helen Yount



Dear Phillip and people of First Baptist Church of Hickory,

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this letter. For nearly four years, I have had the joy and privilege to minister through music with the wonderful staff and people of First Baptist Church of Hickory. Who would have thought that at this phase of my life I would have had this opportunity? But, we serve a gracious God, who never is finished with us. He continues to give us chances to serve Him with the gifts and experiences He has placed within us.

However, after four years of traveling three times a week from Winston Salem to Hickory, and with the encouragement of my family, I offer my resignation as your Minister of Music, effective July 30, 2015.

Truly, these years have been a rich blessing for me. I have enjoyed working with the older children's choir, seeing them develop musically and spiritually. I have treasured every rehearsal and the loyalty of the youth singers as we have made music together. Working with the handbell ensembles and instrumentalists also has been a joy. And, it has been an honor for me to prepare the Sanctuary Choir for worship leadership each week, and preparing worship opportunities for the congregation.

Thank you Phillip, Chris, Rendell, Jerry and all of the support staff for sharing your lives with me during my tenure with you. Wow, what a great team you are!

It is my prayer that the Lord will continue to bless the ministry of the people of First Baptist Church of Hickory in the years ahead. I believe God has great things for you all in the work of His kingdom. Through you He will be glorified.

Singing His praises,

Jim Davidson, Minister of Music

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His name! - Charles Wesley, 1739

We can't thank Jim Davidson enough for how he has ministered to this congregation during these past four years. Jim, you will be missed! Personally, I have enjoyed working with Jim enormously and he has become a close friend.

Now we are in the process of finding a new person to lead our Music Ministry. A "Music Search" committee has been at work for some time now. We have studied several résumés and already conducted one interview. A recommendation to the Deacons and congregation will be coming soon. Please pray that this committee will be able to identify the person God would have lead the Music Ministry here at FBC.



On the heels of examining the Wonder of God we're going a little old school this summer. We will examine how "Old School" people answer present day questions in our lives. Questions that we all encounter about faith, doubt, love, hope, fears and Jesus. June 14 - 19, 2015 at Garden City Beach Chapel. Spaces are limited. Deposits are due now.



Children's Summer Bible Study – Beginning Sunday, June 7 at 9:15am all children who have completed 1st - 5th grades are invited to Big Wave Discovery. 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!



FBCitykids Partnering Together In Love



FBCitykids Summer Camp

You don't have to go far to impact lives this summer! Our FBCitykids Camp is right here in Hickory at FBC the week of June 22 - 26, Monday through Thursday, 12:30 - 3:00pm, and Friday, 10:30 - 1:15pm. This is local missions at its best! This year, our theme is "Treasure Seekers!"

Kids at the camp will take part in an exciting adventure of seeking after God, the real treasure that lasts forever! We need your help! There are many ways to get involved with camp through Bible Story time, music, crafts, recreation, food, shepherding, or transportation. So volunteer by contacting Sandra Moody.



CELEBRATING 80+

Our annual celebration and recognition of members 80 and above was held on May 14. The gathering included light refreshments, singing favored hymns, fellowship and fun with friends.

On the cover... Celebration of Age
Our annual gathering to celebrate and honor our members that are age 80 and above.

Sundays

June 7 - 10:30am

Graduate Sunday
- Chris Gillespie

June 14 - 10:30am

What Does Jesus Say:
(To His Friends) You Are My Kin
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

June 21 - 10:30am

Father's Day
What Does Jesus Say:
(To His Friends) Ask Seek Knock
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

June 28 - 10:30am

What Does Jesus Say: (To His Friends)
Plant, Harvest, Bake
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Wednesdays

Bible Study & Prayer at 6pm

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SAINT LOUIS
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Be in prayer for our youth, adults and
all of the CMT as they minister
in St. Louis, July 11-18.



VBS 2015
JOURNEY OFF THE MAP
UNKNOWN TO US. KNOWN TO HIM.
ISAIAH 50:21

JULY 6-10
6:00 - 8:15 NIGHTLY

DISCOVERYONE

DiscoveryONE - June 14, 2015
Luncheon for newcomers to FBC. Sign
up online. 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.

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.

June 2015 - Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

June 6 - Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

June 13 - Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

June 20 - Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

June 27 - Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6-12

Dennis Gaines, Coordinator 302-5669

Kelly Clark 729-6793

Jim Elliott 461-0162

Tom Foster 781-3409

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13-19

Jason Herring, Coordinator 381-8257

Carolyn Gray 446-9434

David Haire 244-4417

Dwight Hastings 244-8708

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20-26

Cindi Morrison, Coordinator 291-6492

Eddie Icard 234-3783

John Johnson 409-1163

Cliff Moore 312-0120

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

Wednesday Night Meals

June 3

Swiss Chicken & Dressing Bake

Your Choice of 2 Sides:

Roasted Potato Medley

Green Beans

Pear Halves Salad

Tossed Salad

Rolls & Dessert

June 10

Baked Tilapia

Your choice of 2 Sides:

Warm Barley Salad

Corn Pudding

Orange Glazed Carrots

Tossed Salad

Rolls & Dessert

June 17

Hoppin John

Pork, Rice & Black Eyed Peas

Your Choice of 2 Sides:

Baked Asparagus

Watermelon

Slaw, Tossed Salad

Biscuits & Dessert

June 24

Pizza & Pasta Buffet

Tropical Fruit Salad

Salad Bar

Dessert

Children's Workers

June 7

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Sara Moore 10am - Sara Moore

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Debby Cook & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Jewell Mabery & Susan Mofford

Threes — Jeanne Davis & Sara Mofford

Fours - Becky Icard & Sam Mabery

Coordinator: Ruth Ann Carreira

Children's Church: Children in Worship

June 14

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Jan Rodgers 10am - Lydia Gillespie

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Lauren Bliss & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Lee Bogle & Jerry Long

Threes — Brian Bogle & Kim Buchanan

Fours — Aaron Bliss & Alice Long

Coordinator: Jennifer Summerlin

Children's Church Leader: Norma Flores

Shepherds: FF— Jan Rodgers FW— Charity Hand

June 21

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Kristin Herring 10am - Betsy Reynolds

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Elizabeth Sledge & Becky Hedrick

Walkers & Twos— Tiffany Hightower & Traci Palmer

Threes — Steve Palmer & Stephanie Macchia

Fours — Bob McCormack & Ruth Hastings

Coordinator: Mechele McCormack

Children's Church Leader: TBD

Shepherds: FF— Rebecca Tanner FW— Caroline Trado

June 28

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Vonda Paquin 10am - Dana Woods

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Eric Johnson & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Ashley Dyson & Jason Herring

Threes — Katie Little, Matt Dyson & Mary Beth Reynolds

Fours — Frank Stephenson & Kristin Herring

Coordinator: Sally Johnson

Children's Church Leader: Cindi Morrison

Shepherds: FF— Melissa Rhodes, FW— Chuck Trado

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mr. Adrian Garren- 56 North Highland Avenue,
Granite Falls, NC 28630

Mrs. Mae Honeycutt - Brian Center #107, 3031 Tate
Blvd SE, Hickory NC 28602

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

Thank You Notes

Thank you notes have been received from
Cooperative Christian Ministries, Hickory Soup
Kitchen, The Pregnancy Care Center.

C A R E

June 7 - Tucker, Faith & Hope, &
Melton/Bost Classes

June 14 - Palmer & Foster Classes

June 21 - Available

June 28 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

"LOOKING AHEAD" CHURCH- WIDE MEETING INFO AVAILABLE

If you were unable to attend the "Looking Ahead" meeting on Sunday evening, May 17, the videos of the presentation made by Kenny Lamm can be found at <https://vimeo.com/channels/renewingworship>. Other articles and information can be found at blog.ncbaptist.org/renewingworship. All handouts given at the meeting are available in the church office along with CD's of the meeting. The handout entitled "Worship Schedule Options" that was given out at the end of the meeting is also available in the church office and at information centers around the building.

PRAYER WALK MINISTRY

A Prayer Walk Ministry will begin in June and will meet weekly to pray for our church and our community. Our first meeting will be in the parlor on Saturday, June 6 at 10am. Please see Maria Aldridge for more information.