



MAY 2013

First LIFE

FROM THE PASTOR...



If you have been paying even a smidgen of attention to what's going on at

First Baptist Church then you know something new is coming on Sunday, May 12. On that day we will begin our new SimulService worship schedule. Both the traditional service ("Faith-Filled Worship") and the contemporary service ("Freedom Worship") will begin at 10:30am.

Why are we doing this? Easy answer: everyone we have asked and all of our research shows that a later start time for contemporary worship works much better. I was reading a book just this week by John Ed Mathison, pastor of the country's

fastest growing United Methodist Church, who wrote "Young couples with small children do not get up early on Sunday morning and bring them to Sunday school or worship." (Tried and True, p.11) He wrote that in 1989. 1989! What was true 24 years ago is even more true today. So, we took the long overdue step to move the contemporary service to 10:30, where it should be. But, here's the thing I am concerned about: simply moving the early service to a more appealing hour will not bring a sudden increase in attendance and membership. This new schedule is not a "magic bullet" for church growth. We will see a rise in attendance and membership only one way

and that is to obey Jesus' command to go and make disciples. Personally, one on one, word of mouth invitation to come and visit First Baptist Church is the best tried and true method of church growth. This is up to each one of us and it will work. Here's a great example. Last winter, Margaret Ann Breazeale invited her friend and former classroom volunteer, Darlene Wescott, to come to church with her. The friend accepted the invitation and visited with her husband and grandchildren. Margaret Ann made a special effort to personally introduce the friend and her family to me and the rest of the staff. Several contacts were made by the staff after the visit to thank the family for coming. The oldest grandson, Jason



IN THE PULPIT...

May 5 - 10:30am Combined Worship
Greater Things Celebration Service
Great Sight - Dr Phillip Reynolds

May 12 - 10:30am
SimulServices Begin
The Battle - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

May 19 - 10:30am
Graduate Sunday
Faith-Filled Worship
Graduate Message - Chris Gillespie
Freedom Worship
For All People - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

May 26 - 10:30am
Children's Sunday
Faith-Filled Worship
Children of the Light - Rendell Hipps
Freedom Worship
The Fall - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Beginning
Sunday,
May 12

SimulServices

two services. one time. one church.

— 10:30 am • FAITH-FILLED WORSHIP • Sanctuary

— 10:30 am • FREEDOM WORSHIP • Fellowship Hall

Bible Study for all ages at 9:15 am every Sunday



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesdays 6pm
Prayer and Bible Study
Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Wescott, made a profession of faith and wanted to talk to me about baptism. Margaret Ann set up the visit and even came with the Wescotts to my office so Jason and I could talk about his faith and plan his baptism. A few weeks later Jason joined the church and will be baptized on May 5.

I am not trying to make a hero or heroine out of Margaret Ann, but this is a text book example of the best way to grow a church: a member invites a friend to church, the staff and the member follow up together, and a new disciple is born into the Kingdom of God forever and ever. Amen and hallelujah! Now, every member of FBC has a reason to talk to friends about our church. We can say, "Hey, something new is happening at our church. It's called "SimulServices." Come and see how it works. I think you will like it. Will you come to church with me on May 12?" If we do this we will see church growth, I have no doubt. But more than that, we will find ourselves obedient to Jesus' commandment to go and make disciples. More than anything in this world, I want to please Jesus and obey him. This is a great opportunity to do so. I hope to see you, and a friend, in one of our SimulServices soon.



Dr. Phillip Reynolds,
Senior Pastor

WOMEN SENDING THE WORD

Do you have a Bible or Bibles that you are not using and would be willing to give to someone who doesn't have one? WMU will be collecting Bibles, used in good shape or new. These Bibles will be taken to the Shelby Missions Camp for shipment to people who desire a copy of God's word to call their own. Look



around FBC for collection tubs this month.

HONORING OUR 2013 FBC GRADUATES

'May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you His favor and give you His peace.'

- Numbers 6:24-26 (NLT)

High School

Joshua Collin Booker
Lindsey Lail
Colten McDowell
Emily Nelson
Kelsey Rodriguez



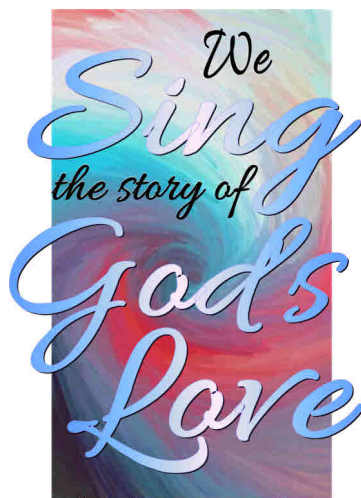
College

Elizabeth Reid Adams
Alicia Johnson
Greg Johnson
Graham Philip McRary
Sarah Christine McRary
Megan Elizabeth Meade
Sara McKinnon Mofford
Mark Padgett
Wyatt Hunter Starnes

MUSICAL NOTES

A Creative Summer Children's Opportunity - July 22-26

The Music Ministry of FBC Hickory will be hosting a music camp for children who have completed grades 1st-5th. It will run from 2:30 to 5:30pm each afternoon, with a final presentation at 6pm on Friday. The theme for the week will be "David and the Giants." Reserve this date on your family's calendar. Contact Ronny Skinner or Jim Davidson for further information.



A Celebration in Song
Led by Dr. John Ferguson, St. Olaf College



A SPECIAL HYMN FESTIVAL - MAY 19, 2013 at 3:00pm

On Sunday afternoon, May 19th, we have the awesome opportunity to celebrate the David Byler Memorial Organ with a hymn festival designed and led by Dr. John Ferguson, organist and professor emeritus from St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.

Dr. Ferguson is internationally known for his creative hymn festivals. They are unique in every way. The theme for this festival will be "We Sing the Story of God's Love - a celebration in song." He will be incorporating our Sanctuary Choir, handbells, brass, piano and organ. In fact, our choir will have a three-hour workshop with Dr. Ferguson on Saturday morning in preparation for the service. Begin inviting your friends and neighbors to this unique worship experience.

Ferguson is married to Ruth Hofstad, an organist herself, and their son, Christopher, teaches history at Auburn University. In his spare time, John enjoys his Corvette, his dirt bike and driving and caring for his collection of antique military vehicles.

Greater Things
first baptist church stewardship campaign

Sunday, May 5
Combined Worship

9:00am - First Sunday Fellowship
 9:15am - Bible Study
 10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary
 12:00pm - Fellowship Lunch
 (RSVP by calling the office)

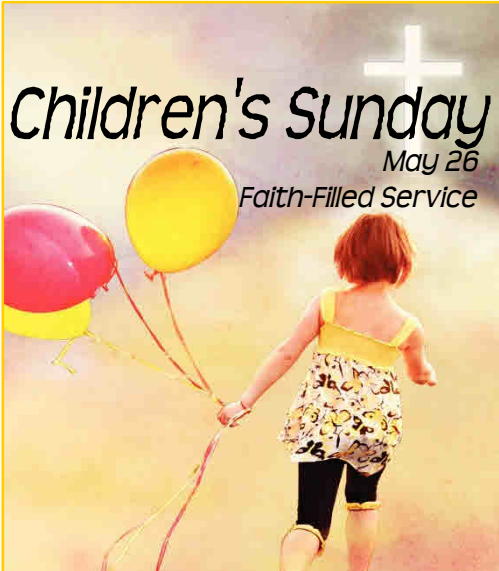
Senior Adult Ministry

On May 13 the Senior Adults will travel to Samaritans Purse in Boone, NC. The cost is \$4.00 per person and includes lunch and a free book written by Franklin Graham. The bus will leave FBC at 8:45am. The tour will begin at 10:00 followed by lunch at 11:30 in the Samaritans Purse dining room. Spots are limited, please make your reservation with Kim Hutchison by Wednesday, May 1.



HOLLYWILD ANIMAL PARK

Our Children's Ministry will go to HollyWild Animal Park on Saturday, June 1st. This is an event for the entire family. Travelers will leave FBC Bus Lot at 8:30am and return in the afternoon. The cost (Group rate): Children under 24 months: free; Children (2-14): \$6.80; and Adults: \$10.20. Pack a picnic lunch and come along for a Safari Ride. Register in the church office by Friday, May 24.



Children's Sunday
 May 26
Faith-Filled Service

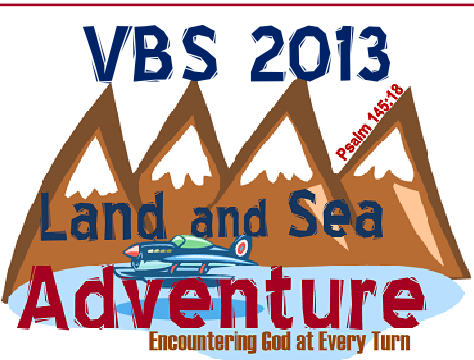
A family luncheon and children's awards ceremony will follow the service. Please RSVP for your family by calling the office by Wednesday, May 22.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Rising 2nd - 6th graders
9:15am - Room 228
Begins June 2 for 12 weeks

MUSIC & MISSIONS FINALE
 Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



VBS 2013
 Vacation Bible School
 Monday - Friday
June 24 - June 28
6:00 - 8:30 pm
 First Baptist Church, Hickory
 For children age 4 (by June 24)
 through rising 6th grade
 Register online at www.fbc.cc



1st MOMS started meeting in April. This is a new ministry of FBC to connect and encourage mothers of young children and to provide a place for sharing the joys and challenges of parenting in a Christ-centered environment. The group meets periodically on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm in the Parlor to spend time with each other studying God's word. There is no cost. For more info please see Jennifer Summerlin.



Friday Night Family FRENZY

May 17, June 21 & July 19
 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Fun event for families with children. Featuring kid-friendly meal and family entertainment. Cost: \$6 - 1st adult, \$5 - 2nd adult, \$4 - 1st child, \$3 - 2nd child, \$2 - 3rd child, \$1 - 4th child
 1/2 off coupon for May 17 available on our website or in the church office.

First Friday^{1ST} at First Baptist

A Monthly Gathering of Single Adults in their 20's and 30's
Music, Message, Meal & More

May 3 - 6:30-9:00pm

www.fbc.cc/firstfriday to register
Meal is \$6.00 per person

We thank God for these new additions to our church family. As you see our NEW MEMBERS around FBC, be sure to welcome them.



Donald Abernethy
3-24-13



Frank & Harriett
Stephenson
3-24-13



Linda Wike
3-24-13



Jason Wescott
3-24-13



Jason & Kristen Herring
3-31-13



Mark & Mara Peters
3-31-13



Erica Sarnelli
4-14-13



Dana Woods
4-14-13



Melissa Knight
4-21-13

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Our cover photo this month is of our Living Lord's Supper presented by our Sanctuary Choir and Drama Team. This musical drama was presented as part of our celebration of Holy Week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY
MAY 6

12:30 LUNCH; 1:15 TEE TIME
CATAWBA COUNTRY CLUB

REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY
PROCEEDS GO TOWARD YOUTH BALTIMORE MISSION TRIP



garden city beach camp 2013
**ADVENTUROUSLY
EXPECTANT**

JUNE 9-14 (middle school)
16-21 (high school)



May 2013 - Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

May 4
Jerry Rodgers on call (217-2597)

May 11
Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

May 18
Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

May 25
Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27 - MAY 3

Vic Paquin, Coordinator	409-0607
Van Pernell	322-5908
Bob Parlier	328-6712
Ken Parish	324-2932

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4 - 10

Berry Whitmer, Coordinator	328-9191
Gary Woods	327-3172
Chris Tanner	324-4373
Greg Watson	294-1670

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11 - 17

Mark Knuckles, Coordinator	328-2476
Ed Auten	324-5057
Peter Ballhausen	326-9233
Dee Blackwell	294-3522

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18 - 24

David Eggers, Coordinator	325-0533
Lloyd Bost	294-0585
Brenda Bost	294-0585
Ruth Ann Carreira	256-5616

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25 - 31

Wink Gaines, Coordinator	874-0158
Jim Elliott	294-4747
Doug Frei	294-1428
Dennis Gaines	874-0158

Wednesday Night Meals

May 1

Kentucky Hot Brown Bake
(Inspired by The Hot Brown Open Face Sandwich from The Brown Hotel in Louisville KY)
Green and Shelly Beans
Parsley New Potatoes
Salad Bar & "Derby" Chocolate Pecan Pie

May 8

Herbed Chicken with Mushroom Sauce
Baked Asparagus
Salad Bar, Croissants and Dessert

May 15

Beef Stroganoff
Basil Lima Beans & Tomato
Salad Bar, Texas Toast and Dessert

May 22

Baked Tilapia with a Creamy Dill Sauce
Broccoli Casserole
Salad Bar, Rolls and Dessert

May 29

Garlic Roasted Pork Loin with Raspberry Chipotle Glaze
Wild Rice and Barley Dressing
Roasted Carrots
Salad Bar, Rolls and Dessert



Refuge Student Ministry would like to thank Brian & Lee Bogle, Tony & Lisa Cox, Chris & Lydia Gillespie, Myrtle Greene, Dwight & Ruth Hastings, Becky Hedrick, and David & Noelle Wachter for their support of 2013 Rent A Kid in April.

Children's Workers

May 5

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Extended Session

10:15: Babies & Ones— Betsy Reynolds & Nathan Bowman
Toddlers thru Twos— Dana Bennett, Tom Foster, Adair Bowman
Three's and Fours— David Lawrence, Suzanne Cowan,
Mary Beth Reynolds

Coordinator: Valerie LaBo

May 12

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9:00am - Diane Johnson
10:15am - Dana Woods

Extended Session

10:15: Babies & Ones— Thomas Hand
Toddlers thru Twos— Charity Hand, Jim Elliott, Allen Wittenberg
Three's and Fours— Mack Barger, Mary Elliott, Kara Wittenberg
Coordinator: Janice Barger

May 19

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9:00am - Jean Lambert
10:15am - Dale Uptegraft

Extended Session

10:15: Babies & Ones— Jan Rodgers & Brooke Johnson
Toddlers thru Twos— John Johnson, Sonya Brown,
Tiffany Hightower
Three's and Fours— Jennifer Summerlin, Harriett Stephenson,
Frank Stephenson
Coordinator: Carol Ann Keller

May 26

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Extended Session

10:15: Babies & Ones— Nancy Hicks, Vonda Paquin
Toddlers thru Twos— Lydia Gillespie, Sheila Brown, Vic Paquin
Three's and Fours— Betty Long, Gerry Brown, Lisa Meade
Coordinator:

C A R E

May 5 - Hinson, Faith & Hope, Melton/Bost Classes

May 12 - Allen & Foster Classes

May 19 - Wachter Class

May 26 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mr. Adrian Garren - Brockford Inn, 56 N. Highland
Avenue, Granite Falls, NC 28630

Mrs. Mary Jane Hefner - Camelot Manor, 100 Sunset
Street, Granite Falls, NC 28630

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

In Memoriam...

Ralph Hinson - March 28, 2013

In Christian Love & Sympathy to...

Robin Hinson and the John Johnson family on the loss
of their husband, father and grandfather

Congratulations to...

Doug & Mary Allen upon the birth of their grandson,
Wyatt Grady Canipe on 4-3-13

Thank You Notes

A thank you note has been received from the family
of Ralph Hinson.

Thank you notes have also been received from The
Hickory Soup Kitchen, Pregnancy Care Center and The
Family Care Center. These notes have been place on
the board across from the chapel.
