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Easter has come and gone this year and we are still Easter people. What are Easter people? Well, Easter people are different from non-Easter people for several reasons. Here are some of the reasons Easter people are different: Easter people live with a sense of forgiveness. They accept the fact that Jesus Christ died for their sins. They are "not guilty," not because they did not sin, but because their guilt has been placed on Jesus Christ. Easter people believe what the prophet Isaiah (53:6) said about this, "All we like sheep have gone astray, each one has turned to his own way but the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of all."

Easter people have power. Peter, who personally knew Jesus and saw him alive after the resurrection explains that we are "born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," and that we "are kept by the power of God through faith." (1 Peter 1:3, 5) Easter people have this power of God at work in their lives to help them keep the faith, carry on Christ's work, and meet the

challenges of life. We call this power of God in our lives the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ "receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you," as the risen Jesus himself promises in Acts 1:8. Easter people have power in this life. But, as great as this is, Paul said (1 Corinthians 19:9) that "if we have hoped in Christ in this life only we are of all people most to be pitied." Why did he say that? Because Easter people have even more power available to us. Because Jesus rose from the grave and lives again and forever following his death here on earth, Easter people will too.

Easter people are eternal. This life is not all there is for Easter people. That's Good News because this life can be hard and heartbreaking, even for Easter people. But Easter people get to live again after this life is over, just as Jesus lives again. Easter people go to heaven and live with God in a perfect dwelling place that is infinitely better than this world. "I go to prepare a place for you," Jesus said in John 14:2.

Who are the Easter people who live

forgiven lives, powerful lives, and eternal lives? They are anyone and everyone who believes the Easter story that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died for their sins and rose again to give them the power of the Holy Spirit and eternal life.

At First Baptist Church there are Easter people roaming the halls everywhere! Forgiven, powerful, eternal Easter people. And there is room for many, many more.

Phillip Reynolds
Senior Pastor



May 2014

MUSICAL NOTES

THANKS TO OUR MUSIC AND ARTS

Throughout this Lenten/Easter season, many people have provided uplifting contributions to our Faith Filled Services. We want to say "THANK YOU" to each and every one: our decorating committee, our Lenten Focus families, our drama team, our instrumentalists, our handbells, and our choirs. Thank you for the gift of your time and talents as you have prepared for your leadership roles in worship.

COMBINED YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT JUNE 1

On Sunday, June 1, at 6:00pm, the youth choirs of First Baptist Church of Lincolnton and First Baptist Church of Morganton will combine their voices with our Refuge Ensemble in concert. This 40-voiced combined choir will be presenting the anthem which they sang together at the NC Baptist CBF Youth Choir Festival, plus several other works. This will be a wonderful youth-led worship experience. Mark your calendar and plan to support our youth.

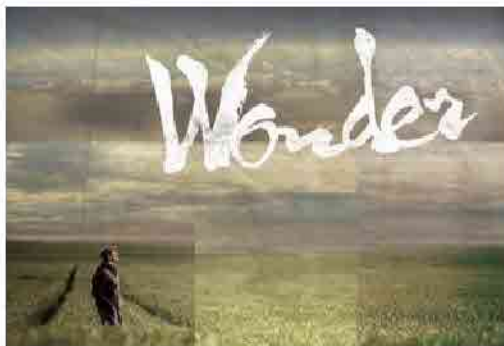
CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP IS COMING JULY 28-AUGUST 1

The dates have been set for Children's Music Camp 2014 (for children who have completed first grade through fifth grade). It will be held July 28-August 1. The musical will be "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics." It is based on the story of Moses freeing the Israelites from Pharaoh's control. Please include this in your child's summer plans.

CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS TO PLAY ON MUSIC & MISSIONS NIGHT

The Children's Handbells are hard at work on a very special presentation of "Joseph and the Coat," a handbell drama. They will be presenting it on Wednesday evening, May 28 at our annual Music and Mission Finale. This year's Children's Handbell Choir is among the best we have ever had. Great job, children!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO SING ON CHILDREN'S SUNDAY



GCBC June 15-20

\$180 per student

www.fbc.cc/students to sign up

GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 8 with one service in the sanctuary. Graduation time is quickly approaching. If you have a child graduating this year from high school OR college, please call Amanda in the office at 328-2031. Please give FULL name, date of graduation, the degree and school. This information is needed by May 4. We will have a special recognition time during the service on Sunday, June 8.

MISSIONS BLITZ - MAY 31

Missions Council has chosen May 31 for Missions Blitz for First Baptist Church. To promote total church involvement the council voted to rename this FBC Mission Blitz Day. The idea is to continue to reach out to the needs of our members but include our community. There will be the usual hands-on spring yard work; however to get everyone involved, we can visit the homebound, organize prayer walks and for folks that can not walk the streets some could meet and pray at the church. You may sign up to help on Mission Blitz Day in your Bible study class or by emailing Heather at lockman@fbc.cc.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 1st and will be held at the **Hickory Metro Center**.

Calling the community to come together in unity and seek our Father's face, "so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:6)

This event will be held from 6:00am- 8:00pm. Each hour there will be a different prayer focus.

Welcome

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

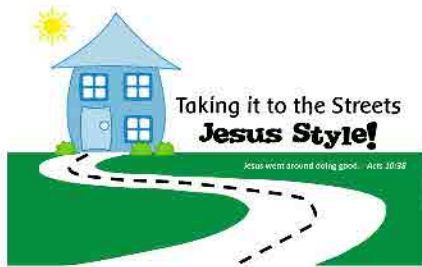


Alana Gay
Awaiting Baptism



Ellen Greene
Awaiting Baptism

IMPACT CHILDREN'S LIVES THIS SUMMER



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 23 - 27, Monday through Thursday, 12:30 - 3:00 pm, and Friday, 10:30 - 1:15 pm. This is local missions at its best! This year, our theme is "Taking It to the Streets, Jesus Style!" Kids at the camp will discover how Jesus took his message to the streets, and we can too! They will learn about

wisdom, compassion, love, second chances, and what it means to follow Jesus. We need your help! Volunteer by calling Amanda in the church office or by contacting Sandra Moody or Rendell Hipps.

Children's Sunday

On Sunday, June 1, worship will be led by our children! Our Children's ministry, the various children's choirs and bells will be presenting music throughout the service. We will come together as a church family for one worship service in the sanctuary at 10:30 am. Following worship, our children's ministry luncheon and awards recognition will be held in the fellowship hall. All preschoolers, children, parents, grandparents, Bible Study teachers, and Music/Missions leaders are invited. Lunch cost is \$6.50 per adult; preschoolers and children through 6th grade eat free. Parents are requested to bring a dessert. Please register for the meal no later than Wednesday, May 28 by calling the church office or emailing holland@fbc.cc.



Music and Missions Finale

On Wednesday, May 28, 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, come hear our preschool choirs and our children's handbells, and don't miss the end-of-year report from our RA's, GA's, and Mission Friends! It's always a joy to hear how our children are learning about missions and are doing missions! Call the church office to be sure you are on the supper list that evening!

Children's Summer Calendar

- ◆ No children's Wednesday Night Activities beginning June 4
- ◆ VBS - July 7-11, 6:00 - 8:15 pm
- ◆ Bo's Bodacious Entertainment, Friday, July 18, 5:30 - 9:30 pm
- ◆ Music Camp, July 28-August 1
- ◆ Family Fun Night (Pizza, Games, Ice Cream) - Friday, August 8, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- ◆ Promotion Sunday, Sunday, August 24
- ◆ Music and Missions Kick-off - Wednesday, August 27

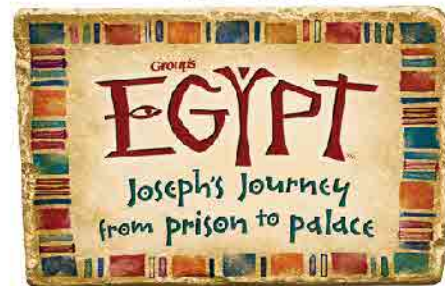


EASTER CELEBRATION



A "mission" can be defined as an assigned duty or obligation. God has given us the assignment of spreading his love to ALL people. FBCitykids Easter Celebration was a great "mission" success. Thanks to the blessing of beautiful weather, wonderful volunteers and many attending families in our community, our church was able to carry out His mission...by sharing the love of Jesus and the meaning of Easter with our words and actions!

VBS 2014



July 7-11, 2014 from 6:00 - 8:15pm
Visit the land of Egypt where children explore firsthand the world of Joseph. God's Word comes alive as children enjoy traditional Bible-times customs, occupations, food, and games! Mark your calendar now! For preschoolers age 4+ and children through rising 6th grade.



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On the cover this month...FBCitykids enjoying their Easter Celebration which included the Easter Story, games, fun and an egg hunt.

Sundays

May 4 - 10:30am

Where Wisdom Begins

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

May 11 - 10:30am

Mother's Day

The Death of the Messiah

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

May 18 - 10:30am

Slow to Anger

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

May 25 - 10:30am

Be A Friend

- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Wednesdays

Bible Study & Prayer

6:00pm

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Click on "Give"
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Your first time click on "Need A Login?"

Enter your current e-mail address, first name and last name.

For more information, brochures are located throughout the church.

FIRST FRIDAY First Friday - May 2, 6:30 - 9:00pm. A monthly gathering of single adults in their 20's and 30's featuring - music, message, meal & more. Meal is \$6.00 per person. Register online at www.fbc.cc/firstfriday

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