



OCTOBER 2013

# First LIFE

## FROM THE PASTOR...



God is good. I know you already know that, but God is being so especially

good to us at First Baptist that I just felt like saying it. There have been many baptisms lately, all of which are special in different ways. We have seen some of our own children who grew up in Christian homes make their parents' faith their own and be baptized. We have seen some of our FBCitykids respond to God's love and the love of this church and be baptized. We have seen an outdoor baptism in a beautiful setting in a country pond. We even saw our own granddaughter baptized.

We have seen many of our guests officially unite with this church and become

members. They are beginning to sing in our choir, play in our band, and serve on our committees. They are sharing the love of God in them with us, and we are growing in our love for God and for them as a result.

We are seeing God prompt more and more people to give significantly of their financial resources to this church. This allows us to dream bigger and bolder dreams for our ministries and missions. We will move into the 2013-14 fiscal year with positive momentum that has been created by obedient and sacrificial giving of tithes and offerings.

And there are things we are not seeing. We are not seeing disputes and strife. We are not seeing cuts in ministries, missions, or personnel. We are not seeing as many empty

seats in worship.

Involvement is up. Serving is up. Attendance is up. Spirit is up. Giving is up. God is good. And by His good grace and your acceptance, my family and I are able to see what God is doing here at First Baptist and be a part of it. Every day I thank God for the privilege of serving this church. I will never take this opportunity for granted.

It's just too good!

Phillip Reynolds  
Senior Pastor



## IN THE PULPIT...

October 6 - 10:30am  
Lord's Supper  
Great Sentences of the Bible:  
This is my body. - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

October 13 - 10:30am  
Deacon Election  
Great Sentences of the Bible:  
Husbands, love your wives.  
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

October 20 - 10:30am  
Great Sentences of the Bible:  
God is love. - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

October 27 - 10:30am  
Great Sentences of the Bible:  
It is finished. - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS  
Wednesdays 6pm

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC

"Christmas is coming!" This provides an opportunity for adult singers to join the Sanctuary Choir for rehearsals, beginning Wednesday, October 2, 7:00-7:45pm. We have some lovely music for choir, organ and brass to welcome the coming of Jesus, the new-born King. The program will be on Sunday, December 15, at 3:00pm. Take this opportunity to make a sound of celebration at Christmas.

## TRAFFIC NEWS

Please be aware that on Sunday, October 6, the annual Brett's Ride fundraiser (now Carolina Cycle Challenge) will take place in Hickory. On that day, 4th Street which runs parallel to the church, will be closed. Please use 1st and 2nd Avenues to access any of our parking areas. This will be especially important for our Bible Study hour.



## PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

How many times have we begun our service with these words? How do you prepare yourselves? And what part does the prelude have in doing that? Until recently, you have been called to worship by one of the pastors giving a welcome and some announcements. But since that has moved elsewhere in the service, it is my job to begin the worship service by playing a prelude. Here we must answer the question: what is the prelude actually doing in worship? Do we include it because we always have? Is it time for the organist to show off?

I would answer a resounding NO to those questions! A prelude, according to the dictionary is "an action or event serving as an introduction to something more important." In a worship service, that is preparing ourselves to worship God. I would argue that we should also be worshipping God during the prelude.

Each week, I receive the hymns, scripture, and theme for the day. I try to choose organ music that will support that theme.

Some weeks it is more obvious than others: for instance, on those Sundays when I play a prelude based on one of the hymns in the service. But, each Sunday, the music is chosen with care to be a meaningful offering to God. Some Sundays it is loud because there are times when we experience the power and majesty of God, and some weeks it is softer because we also worship "in the beauty of holiness". As you approach Sunday morning worship, consider the prelude as part of that worship. My hope is that the prelude will bring you into the presence of the holy.

Fellowship and visiting each other are also important parts of being the church, but perhaps that can happen before you enter the sanctuary or as you are leaving. Let us have a few minutes before each worship service to let the music bring us into communion with God.

-Florence Jowers, organist, First Baptist Church, Hickory

## REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY

# LIFE GROUPS

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:15

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 3, we will give thankful remembrance to those saints whose homegoing in Christ has occurred since October 31, 2012. The names of all members of First Baptist who have died during this time will be included in our worship bulletin. If you have lost a loved one who was not a member but would like to have his or her name included in the bulletin, please give that information to the office. Please give the names and addresses of any family members of the deceased so that they can be invited to this special service.

After our morning worship services, there will be a luncheon in the fellowship hall for any family members of the deceased. If you plan to attend, call Kathy in the church office (328-2031) to make a reservation including the names of those planning to attend the luncheon. Reservation deadline for the luncheon is Friday, October 25, 5:00pm.



## HONORING OUR VETERANS

We will recognize all veterans on Sunday, November 10 in both services of worship.

Also, the Senior Adult Ministry will be sponsoring a Veterans Day Luncheon on Tuesday, November 12 at noon in the Fellowship Hall to honor our veterans.

We would like to compile a list of all men and women who served in the military. Please contact Kathy Jachowski in the church office by October 20 and provide your name, and the branch of service you in which you served.

if you plan to attend the luncheon on November 12 please make your reservation with Kathy as well.

## THE GIFT OF LIFE



American Red Cross  
FBC Blood Drive -  
Sunday, October 6, in  
the Fellowship Hall.  
PLEASE NOTE THE NEW

TIME - from 1:00 – 5:30pm. Sign up in Bible study or on Wednesday evenings to give the gift of life.

## INASMUCH WORKDAYS

Saturdays, October 26 & November 2  
8:00am – 12:00noon

The MISSIONS COUNCIL is sponsoring "Inasmuch" workdays to assist our members and neighbors with minor repairs, maintenance, and clean-up chores around their homes and yards. We will try to prioritize projects based on urgency of need and do as many as we can from 8:00am until 12:00noon. If you have chores or projects with which you need the help of fellow church members, or if you know of a need that another person has which he or she may be reluctant to identify, please sign up in Bible Study or contact the church .



## OKTOBERFEST OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

With your help, FBC's Children's Ministry will sponsor a booth at Oktoberfest on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12. Our booth will feature fun activities for children and will provide us with an opportunity to reach out to neighbors and new friends just blocks from FBC. Please sign-up in Bible Study or contact the church office to volunteer for a two-hour block Friday evening or any time on Saturday. Contact Cindi Morrison or Rendell Hipps for details.



### Shoe Box Time is HERE!

Fill a shoebox and change the life of a child. Boxes will be available at the beginning of October. Our church goal is 400 boxes. Please return your filled box to church by November 17. For more information contact Sandra Moody.

## FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 27, 2013, 4:00 - 6:30pm

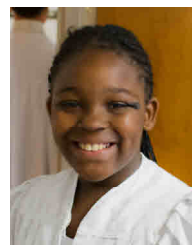
Our Preschool and Children's Ministry Team will be hosting a new event called Fall Harvest Celebration. The event will be held on Sunday, October 27, 4:00 - 6:30 pm and is open to all preschoolers and children and their families in our church and in our community. The celebration will be a night of fun, interaction, learning, refreshments, and celebrating God's goodness in giving us a bountiful fall harvest. You will want to bring the kids out to ride the 40 foot miniature train and to enjoy all the activities! Events will be held in the TI parking lot just off 1st Avenue.

Our Preschool and Children's Ministry Team recently met and spent some time evaluating our ministry events in light of our church's mission of Reaching Up, Reaching In, and Reaching Out. The team has come to the conclusion that our annual Trunk or Treat event is no longer fulfilling our mission as a church and that the costs associated with this event are not the best use of our church's resources. We also came to the conclusion that as a church, it is important for us to focus our efforts on events that support a Christian worldview. Over the past few years, Halloween has become the second most consumerized "holiday" in America. In large measure, evil and darkness are at the center of what the day celebrates. Because our "Trunk or Treat" event has been held on Sunday nights rather than Halloween night for logistical reasons, it has not been a Halloween alternative as such, and therefore does not replace "Halloween" for most of the families who have come to the event. While we leave it to parents to determine how their children participate in Halloween activities, the Team felt that our church should offer an event which celebrates the goodness and light of God that is missing in this broken world. The team unanimously voted as follows: Instead of Trunk or Treat, that we have a Harvest Celebration that has a Biblical theme on Sunday evening, October 27.

Please mark your calendar for this "Fall Harvest Celebration." Invite friends and family and neighbors! It will be a wonderful celebration of the goodness and light of God who has given us a harvest not only of great foods and grains, but also a harvest of eternal blessings!

## WELCOME

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



Saleia Izzard  
Joined 9-8-13



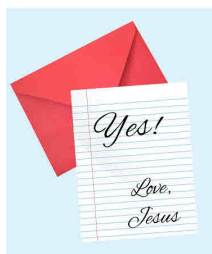
Don & Debbie  
McAlexander  
Joined 9-8-13

Not Pictured  
Lee & Shirley DeArmond  
Joined 9-18-13

Ted Chandler  
Joined 9-22-13

## FIRST FRIDAY

A monthly gathering of single adults in their 20's and 30's featuring - music, message, meal & more.



October 4  
6:30-9:00pm

[www.fbc.cc/  
firstfriday](http://www.fbc.cc/firstfriday) to  
register  
Meal is \$6.00 per  
person

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hickory Soup Kitchen is in need of volunteers from First Baptist. If you would like to serve in this ministry please contact Betty Long, Coordinator of Hickory Soup Kitchen for First Baptist at 244-2290.

## SOCKS & SHOE DRIVE

The WMU sock and shoe drive is nearly at an end. We have been collecting new socks and new or gently worn shoes for children in our area during the month of September. "THANK YOU!"



Now it's time to fill care packages. On Monday, October 7, at 9:30 am in Room 163 you can come help sort, size, and package these items to give to the schools.

## ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual church conference will be on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00pm following family supper. The meeting will feature the nominating committee report.

Our cover photos this month feature three recent baptisms: Emma Ingram with Dr. Reynolds, Saleia Izzard with Rendell Hipps, and Allison Reynolds with "Pop".

## CCM FOOD PANTRY

October 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. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the collection boxes in the lobbies next to the church office and fellowship hall, or take them directly to CCM. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

## DISCOVERY ONE

DiscoveryONE - October 13, 2013  
Luncheon for newcomers to FBC.  
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.

## DISCOVERY TWO

DiscoveryTWO - October 20, 2013  
Seminar for newcomers to FBC. At this two-hour seminar, you will:

- ◆ learn how we go about helping you follow Jesus daily
- ◆ discover ways to think about God's design for your life
- ◆ learn how you can follow Jesus by getting plugged-in at FBC
- ◆ Childcare is offered

Sign up at [www.fbc.cc/nextsteps](http://www.fbc.cc/nextsteps)

## Children's Workers

### October 6

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9:00am - Sara Moore 10:15am - Sara Moore

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Jill Pernel & Mara Peters

Ones & Twos— Lisa Cox, Sheryl King & Mark Peters

Threes & Fours— Kelly Clark & Tony Cox

Fives— Family Day no preschool worship care for fives

Coordinator: Fran Ballengee

Children's Church: Children in Worship

### October 13

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Clay Buchanan & Pam McCall

Ones & Twos— Allen Wittenberg, Beverly Crosby & Kristen Keener

Threes & Fours— Jerry Long & Paid Worker

Fives— Kara Wittenberg & Scott Crosby

Coordinator: Terry Starnes

Children's Church Leader: Norma Flores

Faith-Filled Shepherd: Ken Parish

Freedom Shepherd: Traci Palmer

### October 20

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Renea Featherstone & Carla Ingram

Ones & Twos— Beth Watson, Elizabeth Sledge & Paid Worker

Threes & Fours— Linda Meares & Julie Hampton

Fives— Carol Lupton & Matt Ingram

Coordinator: Shellie Bumgarner

Children's Church Leader: Sherrie Wells

Faith-Filled Shepherd: To be filled

Freedom Shepherd: Nathan Bowman

### October 27

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Tiffany Hightower & Phillip Bumgarner

Ones & Twos— Rene Stilwell, Rachel Paquin & Paid Worker

Threes & Fours— Scott Stilwell & Sara Moore

Fives— David Moore & Sandra Foster

Coordinator: Mechele McCormack

Children's Church Leader: Cindi Morrison

Faith-Filled Shepherd: Susan Haire

Freedom Shepherd: Christy Greene

## Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Evelyn McKinnon - Kingston Residence #326, 904  
Second Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601

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

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

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In Memoriam...

William Tallant, Jr. - September 8, 2013

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Thank You Notes

Thank you notes have been received from Cooperative Christian Ministries, The Pregnancy Care Center, and The Family Care Center. These notes have been placed on the board across from the chapel.

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C A R E

October 6 - Hinson, Faith & Hope, &  
Melton/Bost Classes

October 13 - Allen & Foster Classes

October 20 - Wachter Class

October 27 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

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# October 2013 - Pull Out & Post

## Numbers to Know

### MINISTER ON CALL

October 5

Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

October 12

Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

October 19

Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

October 26

Rendell Hipps on call (228-8639)

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### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 4

Dennis Gaines, Coordinator 874-0158

Wink Gaines 874-0158

Jim Elliott 294-4747

Steve Jones 267-0099

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5 - 11

Vic Paquin, Coordinator 409-0832

Doug Frei 294-1428

Tom Guthrie 256-8266

Steve Palmer 304-0358

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12 - 18

Mark Knuckles, Coordinator 328-2476

Van Pernell 322-5908

Bob Parlier 328-6712

Ken Parish 324-2932

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19 - 25

Bernie Whitmer, Coordinator 328-9191

Gary Woods 327-3172

Chris Tanner 324-4373

Greg Watson 294-1670

### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1

Alan Breazeale, Coordinator 294-1513

Ed Auten 324-5057

Dee Blackwell 294-3522

Peter Ballhausen 326-9233

## Wednesday Night Meals

### October 2

Chicken Boudine

Baked Tilapia

Broccoli

Salad Bar

Rolls & Desserts

### October 9

Apple Butter Pork Loin

Chicken Vegetable Soup

Succotash

Salad Bar

Rolls & Dessert

### October 16

Potato Crusted Cod

Herbed Chicken

Confetti Corn

Cole Slaw

Salad Bar

Cheddar Baked Biscuits & Dessert

### October 23

Fig and Pear Brie Chicken

Turkey Stuffed Bell Peppers

Roasted Baby Carrots

Salad Bar

Rolls & Dessert

### October 30

Beef Stew

Baked Apples

Salad Bar

Vidalia Onion Corn Bread

Dessert

Cheese Pizza and Chicken Nuggets will be available each Evening as an alternative

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