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On a recent Sunday afternoon I was driving home after church. It was right after our "Back to Church" Sunday services and meal at The Roasted Tater. What a great day that was. So many of our members got into the action and invited friends who were not currently attending a church. I had a couple of guests myself. Hey, it wouldn't be good if the pastor wasn't doing outreach like everyone else, would it?!?!? So, here I was driving home after dropping off my guests at their apartments and I saw a church bus from another church in town dropping off a load of visitors at CCM. Know what was the first thought to pop into my head? I thought, "Way to go church!"

I don't mean just our church or the church whose bus I saw that day. I mean THE CHURCH, made up of all those congregations and their members who worship Jesus Christ and obey His command to go and make disciples. We're out there trying! In our own ways and according to our own specific callings, we're trying to fulfill Christ's Great Commission. Some

do so by building one-on-one relationships, some do so by filling up church buses, some do so with satellite services offered in coffee shops and store fronts. It doesn't matter so much how a particular congregation tries to be Christ's witnesses, what matters is that a congregation is involved their community and the world being Christ's witnesses. That's what I saw that Sunday. God's people were out there spreading the Good News found in Jesus Christ! I was pleased about our church that day, and the church whose bus I saw pulling away from CCM.

I had been involved in ministry for 26 years before I came here as pastor. All of my ministerial life I had searched for a place that was serious about outreach and growth. All congregations say they want to grow but very few mean it. I understand that. Growth means change, unfamiliarity, and possibly giving up some things we may hold dear. It takes a bold and faithful congregation to embrace outreach and become obedient to Jesus' command to go and make new disciples. At First Baptist Church I have found

such a congregation. FBC Hickory says it, means it, and practices it: Reaching Up, Reaching In, and Reaching Out. I'm in a church that really does Reach Out. Way to go, Church!

Phillip Reynolds
Senior Pastor



October 2014

MUSICAL NOTES

A GREAT START TO THE 2014-15 MUSIC MINISTRY!

What a wonderful start we are having to the 2014-15 Music Ministry season! But, there still is room for YOU! Below is the schedule of our music groups, and we would encourage you to find your place in one of these ministries. We are rejoicing with the 14 children who are ringing handbells and the 19 older children who are singing as Young Musicians. There is room for more ringers in the adult and youth bell choirs.

INTERESTED IN SINGING

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH - PART I"

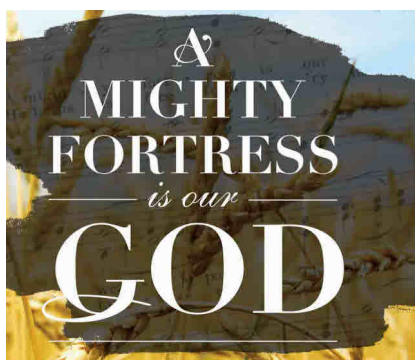
The Sanctuary Choir already has begun work on the choruses of Handel's MESSIAH. If you would like to sing with the choir, the choruses are being rehearsed at the beginning of the Wednesday evening rehearsals (7:00-7:30). Please make your commitment by October 15. The presentation of MESSIAH, with soloists and orchestra, will be Sunday afternoon, December 14, at 3:00pm.

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY OCTOBER 6 AT 6:45pm



On October 6th at 6:45pm, the North Carolina Baptist Singers and Orchestra will be in

concert at Western Avenue Baptist Church 1206 Museum Rd. in Statesville. The theme of the concert is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." This particular concert will incorporate some of the faith stories from the horrible accident involving the Front Street Baptist Senior Adults, last year. You will be most blessed if you come. This will be their closest concert in the 2014-15 season.



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

"Reaching Up... Reaching In... Reaching Out..." First Baptist Church truly lived this calling last Sunday with our first Back To Church Sunday. Part of the National Back To Church Sunday® effort, FBC joined over 25,000 churches across the country, including over a dozen here in Hickory to invite folks without a church family here in our community to come and worship with us!

Under the leadership of Ronny Skinner, our congregation was challenged to "invest and invite" family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and others in Hickory to come see how great our church is and, most important, how awesome God's forgiving love and grace can be. Dozens of guests filled our parking lot, greeted and guided by

our welcoming team to join us for worship. Many of our guests joined us for a down-home yummy Sunday dinner at the Roasted Tater afterward.

With such success, we can't wait until next year... and maybe we shouldn't! Let's make it a point to follow up with our guests and invite them back again, and keep inviting others in the coming weeks. It's the starting point for us to "go and make disciples" as we are commissioned to do!"

—Tony Cox



ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 2, we will give thankful remembrance for those saints whose homegoing in Christ has occurred since October 2013.

Those 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 of First Baptist and would like to have their name included in the bulletin, please fill in the information that will be include in each Sunday's worship guide during October.

You, and any other family members of the deceased, are invited to a luncheon after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Reservation deadline for the luncheon is Friday, October 24, at 5:00pm.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Be sure to welcome these new members to our family.



Sarah Goelling
Joined 9-7-14



Chuck & Caroline
Trado
Joined 9-7-14

DISCOVERY ONE

DiscoveryONE - October 19, 2014 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.

FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION

October 26 - 4:00 - 6:30pm

Our Preschool and Children's Ministry Team will be hosting the Fall Harvest Celebration. The event will be held on Sunday, October 26, 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.



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!

SABBATH SOUP

We will host the needy in our community on Sunday, November 30. Donations are needed for pop top food items, non perishables and bottled water.

A promotional graphic for a Women's Conference. The word "HOPE" is written in large, black, serif font. Below it, in smaller black text, is "in the seasons of a woman's heart". To the right, "Women's Conference" is written in a large, pink, cursive font. A blue diagonal banner in the upper right corner contains the text "November 14-15". At the bottom right, "Tickets On Sale NOW" is written in a black, sans-serif font. The background features floral and leaf patterns.

Ladies, you are invited to a weekend of worship, laughter and sharing from the heart as we challenge one another to experience contentment in every season of a woman's heart. Bring your girlfriends along for a weekend you will not soon forget.

Tickets are \$15 for the 2014 FBC Women's Conference. Your ticket includes: Friday night's dessert, Saturday's breakfast and lunch along with a conference goodie bag. Each session you will enjoy praise and worship followed by Bible teachings by Sandy Dunbar who will examine the lives of four Biblical women the different seasons of their lives.

You don't want to miss this time of renewal, reflection and fellowship. Contact Amanda Holland in the office to purchase your tickets or visit www.fbc.cc. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us on November 14 & 15 as we learn to look to Jesus in every season of our heart.



OKTOBERFEST OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY



With your help, FBC's Children's Ministry will sponsor a booth at Oktoberfest on Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11. 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.



On our cover this month... The First Baptist Sanctuary Choir sing praises to God in their new choir robes. (photo credit: Rick Bell)

Sundays

October 5 - 10:30am
World Communion Day
The Breaking of Bread
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

October 12 - 10:30am
Faith-Filled Worship
A God who Hears & Remembers
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds
Freedom Worship - Rev. Chris Gillespie

October 19 - 10:30am
Faith-Filled Worship
A God Who Keeps Promises
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds
Freedom Worship - Rev. Chris Gillespie

October 26 - 10:30am
Faith-Filled Worship
Come Before Winter
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds
Freedom Worship - Rev. Chris Gillespie

Wednesdays

Wednesday Evenings at 6pm

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual church conference will be on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:00pm following family supper. The meeting will feature the nominating committee report.

First Friday^{1ST} at First Baptist

**A Monthly Gathering of Single
Adults in their 20's and 30's**

**Meet, Music, Message,
Meal & More**

October 3 - 6:30-9:00pm

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

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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.



An Operation Christmas Child Kick off Event, will be held in our sanctuary on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00pm. Hear testimonies of shoebox deliveries and build excitement for our November collection. Our goal this year is 400 boxes.

October 2014 - Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

October 4 - Rendell Hips on call (228-8639)

October 11 - Chris Gillespie on call (320-2741)

October 18 - Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

October 25 - Phillip Reynolds on call (455-8678)

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 - 10

Vic Paquin, Coordinator 409-0832

Bob Parlier 328-6712

Van Pernell 322-5908

Carolyn Gray 325-0509

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11-17

Rick Travis, Coordinator 238-1316

Dee Blackwell 294-3522

Kara Wittenberg 234-9046

Jack Pressly 324-9681

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24

Brenda Bost, Coordinator 294-0585

Steve Palmer 304-0358

John Johnson 495-7981

Kelly Clark 729-6793

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25-31

Gary Woods, Coordinator 327-3172

Dee Blackwell 294-3522

Peter Ballhausen 326-9233

Dana Bennett 326-9187

Wednesday Night Meals

October 1 German Oktoberfest

Chicken & Spinach Strudel or
Grilled Bratwurst & Sauerkraut
Hot German Potato Salad
Fresh Pretzels & Rolls
Salad Bar & Desserts

October 8 Back on the Farm

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Biscuits, Salad Bar & Desserts

October 15 Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Kansas Ribs or Chicken Breast
Rainbow of Veggies & Tornadoes
Emerald Fruit Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing
Auntie Ems Corn Bread
Scarecrows Salad Bar
Tin Mans Apple Turnovers & Desserts

October 22 Prehistoric Party

Chili & Potato Volcanoes
Jurassic Coleslaw
Herbivore Salad Bar
Caveman Bread Clubs
Yabba Dabba Do Desserts

October 29 Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkin Soup
Chicken & Dressing Bake
Granny Smith Baked Apples
Harvest Salad Bar
Biscuits
Treats not Tricks Desserts

C A R E

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

October 12 - Allen & Foster Classes

October 19 - Available

October 26 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

Children's Workers

October 5

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Rene Stilwell & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Ashley Skinner & Paid Worker

Threes — Lisa Cox & Paid Worker

Fours - Kelly Clark & Tony Cox

Fives— Family Day

Coordinator: Fran Ballengee

Children's Church: Children in Worship

October 12

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Clay Buchanan & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Allen Wittenberg & Beverly Crosby

Threes — Susan Tallent & Paid Worker

Fours & Fives— Kara Wittenberg, Paid Worker,
Scott Crosby

Coordinator: Terry Starnes

Children's Church Leader: Lee Bogle

Shepherds: FF– Robin Parish, FW– Melanie Wingler

October 19

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Renea Featherstone & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Beth Watson & Paid Worker

Threes — Jill Pernel & Carla Ingram

Fours & Fives— Mary Elliott, Rachel Paquin & Matt Ingram

Coordinator: Shellie Bumgarner

Children's Church Leader: Beth Watson

Shepherds: FF– Jeanne Davis, FW– Joy Knuckles

October 26

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9:00am - Vonda Paquin 10:15am - Dana Woods

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Glenda Foster & Paid Worker

Walkers & Twos— Mara Peters & Phillip Bumgarner

Threes — Mark Peters & Sara More

Fours & Fives— David Moore, Paid Worker &
Linda Meares

Coordinator: Mechele McCormack

Children's Church Leader: Beth Watson

Shepherds: FF– Kim Buchanan, FW– Ruthann Waters

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Arybell Hatley - Kingston Residence #202, 904 Second Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Mrs. Judy Finney - Trinity Ridge #801, 2140 Medical Park Drive, Hickory, NC 28601

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 and The Pregnancy Care Center.



families in our area.

Catawba Regional Hospice is currently in need of patient support volunteers to provide companionship, support & friendship to patients and

Training classes are available: October 28 & 30 and November 4 & 6. Training is each evening 5:30 - 8:30pm and is held at 2975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658. For more information or questions, please call Sara Waugh at 828-466-0466.
