



I've been making my way through the book of Exodus in my own personal devotional reading. Great reading!

It's all about the powerful love of God for His people. That always makes for good reading in any day and time. I, for one, need to hear every day about how powerful God is and how God uses His unlimited power to free us from whatever binds us, enslaves us, or gets in our way on our journey to the Promised Land.

I was reading Chapter 4 of Exodus the other day and Moses was asking God about his own abilities to lead people. God responded to Moses' question with a question of His own. God asked, "What is that in your hand?" It was, of course, his shepherd's staff. From that time on God helped Moses serve Him and the people of Israel by using that simple stick.

I thought about us, as a church. What are we holding in our hands? All Moses had was his shepherd's staff, but what do we have? Goodness, we have a lot! Just think about it. We've got great Bible teachers and classes, children's ministry like I've never seen, student ministry like I've never seen, inspiring worship, grandest organ anywhere around, a caring fellowship, beautiful facilities . . .the list just goes on and on.

All Moses had was that stick and God used Moses and that stick to do wonderful things. We hold so much more. God has blessed us with so many resources to be His people and do His will that it's overwhelming.

So, tell people! We have much to talk about here. We do not need to keep all these blessings bound up inside ourselves. Unbind your church! Unbind your heart! Unbind the Gospel you have inside

you! Let's tell anyone and everyone who is not already in a church fellowship what God has for them here. Unbinding should never stop here at FBC.

Think and pray about who God would have you speak to and invite to church this week. I will too.

Phillip Reynolds
Senior Pastor



ALL SAINTS

On Sunday, November 1, we will give thankful remembrance for those saints whose homegoing in Christ has occurred since October 2014. 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 included 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 October 28.



BAPTIST MEN PARTNER WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Recently the FBC Baptist Men have been partnering with our local Habitat for Humanity on a rebuild/repair project of older Habitat homes that has been financially under written by Thrivent Financial.



The group has been a part of five projects with efforts focused on the first original habitat homes built and others in Hickory that have been in need of repairs and exterior maintenance and updating. For more information on this continuing project please contact Habitat for Humanity.



SNL

COMING OCTOBER 4
IT'S...
SUNDAY NOON LIVE!
FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

Call the Church Office to Make Your Reservations

SNL BUFFET LUNCH FEATURING: Blue Cheese Meatloaf, Baked Ham, Green Beans, Smashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cranberry Apple Casserole, Biscuits and Dessert. There is NO charge for the meal but donations will be accepted.

The Grammy Awards Luncheon

AN EVENT FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Monday, October 12
Noon ~ \$5
Fellowship Hall

FEATURING
GOSPEL SINGER
DENNIS BENTON

CALL THE OFFICE TO RSVP



Above: A fun pictorial review of the Summer's Last Hurrah Luau; a Senior Adult Event held in early September. Lorene Wilson and Myrtle Greene are featured on the left.

FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION

October 25 - 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 25, 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!

READING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The book of Revelation is one of the most misunderstood and misused books in the Bible, and yet it is the book in the Bible that promises a blessing to those who read and understand its message. One of the best resources I have found to help us begin to really understand and apply the true meaning of the book of Revelation is a short, readable book entitled "The Throne, the Lamb, and The Dragon: A Reader's Guide To The Book of Revelation" by Paul Spilsbury, InterVarsity Press, 2002. Copies of this wonderful resource are available for \$10 in the church office. Please see Rendell Hipps for your copy. I would encourage anyone who endeavors to read and study Revelation to do so with this companion resource in hand. You will come to know Jesus more fully through it. - Rendell

DISCOVERY TWO

Are you new to FBC, and looking for your next steps to connect us? You are invited to DiscoveryTWO, a seminar to learn more about FBC Sunday, October 18 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in room 163. Childcare provided. Sign up to attend on our website www.fbc.cc/nextsteps by Wednesday, October 14.

OKTOBERFEST OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

With your help, FBC's Children's Ministry will sponsor a booth at Oktoberfest on Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10. 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.

HELP GAS

"STAMP OUT HUNGER"!

October is World Hunger Month and our GAs (Girls in Action) want to help our community by collecting food for the



Cooperative Christian Ministry Food Pantry. Throughout the month of October, look for totes placed in the Portico and upstairs by the Library to donate non-perishable food and/or paper items. Thank you for helping us to "Stamp Out Hunger".



UPCOMING CHILDREN'S CALENDAR

- ◆ Sunday, October 25 - Fall Harvest Celebration; 4:00 - 6:30pm
- ◆ October 31, 2015 – RA's to Football Game @ L-RU
- ◆ Week of Monday, November 23 - NO ACTIVITIES
- ◆ Saturday, December 5 - Christmas Camp, 9:30 - noon, Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Wednesday, December 9 - Family Night at Christmas
- ◆ Saturday, December 12 - Angel Tree gift delivery to Baptist Children's Home
- ◆ Sunday, December 13 - Children's Caroling, 4:00 - 5:30pm
- ◆ Wednesday December 16 - "LoveFeast" Intergenerational Christmas Night, 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Wednesday, December 23 - NO ACTIVITIES
- ◆ Wednesday, December 30 - NO ACTIVITIES

SUMMER SNEAK PEAK

VBS 2016 Dates: Sunday, June 26 - Thursday, June 30

UNCLAIMED DISHES

There is a collection of unclaimed dishes behind the counter in the 2nd Avenue foyer. These are most likely from bereavement dinners and church potlucks. Please stop by to see if any belong to you.

This Month's Cover:
A glimpse of fun from the Senior Adult Summer Luau.

Sundays

October 4 - 10:30am

Good Out of Bad: Difficult Choices
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

October 11 - 10:30am

Good Out of Bad: When We Fail
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

October 18 - 10:30am

Good Out of Bad: When Burdens Are Great
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

October 25 - 10:30am

Good Out of Bad: When We Wait
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Wednesdays

Studying the Book of Isaiah
Bible Study & Prayer at 6pm

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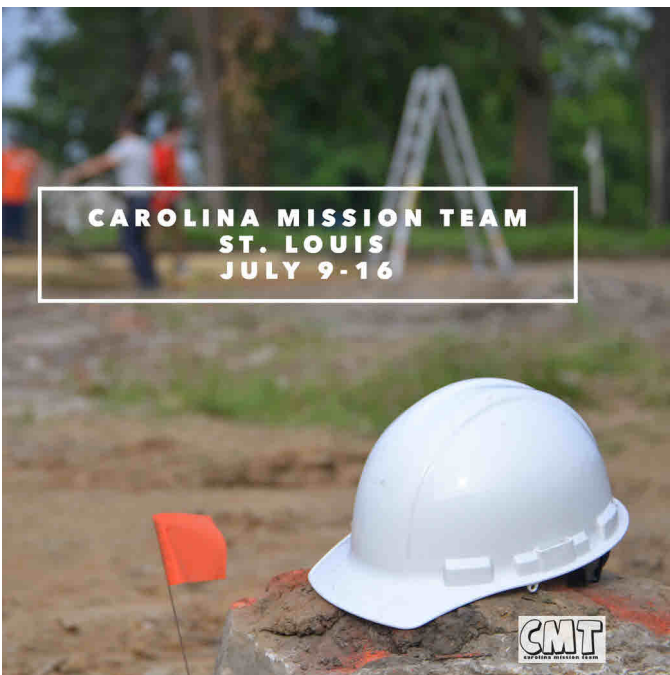
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ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual church conference will be on
Wednesday, October 28 at 6:00pm
following family supper. The meeting
will feature the nominating committee
report.



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.



October 2015 - Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

October 3	Chris Gillespie on call (828-320-2741)
October 10	Steve Clarke on call (334-332-8171)
October 17	Phillip Reynolds on call (828-455-8678)
October 24	Rendell Hipps on call (828-228-8639)
October 31	Chris Gillespie on call (828-320-2741)

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3-9

Bob Parlier, Coordinator	312-2881
Steve Palmer	781-1293
Van Pernell	381-0162
Vic Paquin	409-0832

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10-16

Chris Tanner, Coordinator	381-8943
Rebecca Tanner	381-1924
Rick Travis	514-3642
Jack Pressly	381-6015

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17-23

Allen Wittenberg, Coordinator	320-9456
Bernie Whitmer	781-9283
Marvin Smith	381-0654
John Johnson	409-1163

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24-30

Lloyd Bost, Jr., Coordinator	320-1485
Nathan Bowman	302-9689
Alan Bennett	244-1944
Ed Auten	302-0739

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 6

Tom Foster, Coordinator	781-3409
Dennis Gaines	302-5669
Kelly Clark	729-6793
Jim Elliott	461-0162

Wednesday Night Meals

RESERVATIONS

As our weekly activities continue, we hope you will join us for family supper on Wednesday evenings. Please join us for food and fellowship by calling Amy Moore in the office to make your reservation by Monday of each week. If you are unable to make a meal reservation, please call to cancel. Thank you for helping us be good stewards of the food we prepare.

October 7

African Curry Chicken

Choose 2 Sides: Coconut Rice, Grilled Pineapple, Broccoli, Green Beans, Tossed Salad
Rolls & Dessert

October 14

Bratwurst or Pork Sauerbraten (German Pork Roast)

Choose 2 Sides: Creamed Spinach, Hot German Potato Salad, Green Beans German Style, Tossed Salad
Pretzel or Roll & Dessert

October 21

Salmon & Asparagus Quiche or Baked Chicken

Choose 2 Sides:
Whole Wheat Pasta with Cauliflower Sauce, Apricot Glazed Carrots, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Tropical Fruit Salad
Blueberry Muffins or Roll & Dessert

October 28

Beef Stew in a Bread Bowl

Choose 2 Sides: Rice, Whole Baked Apples, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Tossed Salad
Corn Bread & Dessert

Children's Workers

October 4

Preschool Reception Volunteers:
 9am - Jan Rodgers 10:15am - Lydia Gillespie
 Preschool Worship Care
 Infants — Betsy Reynolds & Adair Bowman
 Walkers & Two's — Brooke Johnson & Caroline Trado
 Three's & Four's— Chuck Trado, Betty Long & Danielle Paulsen
 Coordinator: Valerie LaBo
 Children's Church: Children in Worship

October 11

Preschool Reception Volunteers:
 9am - Kristin Herring 10:15am - Betsy Reynolds
 Preschool Worship Care
 Infants — Kara Wittenberg & Pam McCall
 Walkers & Two's — Vonda Paquin & Sheryl King
 Three's & Four's— Linda Jones, Kimo Mullinax & Susan Tallent
 Coordinator: Janice Barger
 Children's Church
 Lead Teacher: Lee Bogle Shepherd: Joy Knuckles

October 18

Preschool Reception Volunteers:
 9am - Vonda Paquin 10:15am - Dana Woods
 Preschool Worship Care
 Infants — Clay Buchanan & Melanie Wingler
 Walkers & Two's — Adriane Oxford & Cody Wingler
 Three's & Four's— Gail Ford, Lisa Meade & Dana Woods
 Coordinator: Carol Ann Keller
 Lead Teacher: Cindi Morrison Shepherd: Ashley Dyson

October 25

Preschool Reception Volunteers:
 9am - Sara Moore 10:15am - Sara Moore
 Preschool Worship Care
 Infants — Fran Ballengee & Carla Ingram
 Walkers & Two's — Jill Pernell & Kelly Clark
 Three's & Four's— Beth Miller, Sonya Brown & Matt Ingram
 Coordinator: Shellie Bumgarner
 Children's Church
 Lead Teacher: Norma Flores Shepherd: Scott Sledge

Thank You
 A "Thank You" was received from Linda Wike and Donald Abernethy for the support from the church during the loss of their mother and grandmother

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month
 Mrs. Mae Honeycutt— Brian Center #107,
 3031 Tate Blvd SE, Hickory NC 28602
 Mr. Adrian Garren - Brockford Inn,
 56 N. Highland Avenue, Granite Falls, NC 28630
 Please keep these special members in your prayers.
 Send a card or visit them.

C A R E
 October 4 - Tucker, Faith & Hope, & Melton/Bost Classes
 October 11 - Palmer & Foster Classes
 October 18 - Available
 October 25 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

A graphic with a dark blue background and white text. At the top, it says "Deacon Election" in a large, serif font. Below that, "Sunday, October 11" is written in a similar font. To the left, there is a red and white banner that says "DEACON ELECTION 2015". The graphic is framed by a red border with small white stars.

A graphic with a yellow background and white text. It says "CALLED Church Conference" in a large, serif font. Below that, "Wednesday, October 7 5:30pm" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. The text is centered and there are small black dots above the date.