



ONE SERVICE!

I have some important and exciting news to share. Our Deacons, our Future Development Committee, and our ministerial staff

have all come to one unanimous conclusion: we all feel that God has spoken and has led us to worship together on Sunday mornings in one unified service. All other options were considered and thoroughly discussed.

All possible feedback from our members was sought, heard, and given great weight. Two things emerged from these processes which are abundantly clear. The first is that the vast majority of our members want to worship together in one unified service. The second, and more important, is that we sense that this is God's will for our church for the immediate future.

We feel that God has led us to continue worshipping together because of several reasons, some of which are practical and some of which are more spiritual in nature. As for the practical, this just makes sense. By worshipping together we can pour our resources into one service instead of two. This helps us accomplish our goal of worshipping with excellence. By focusing on one

service we can concentrate on bringing our very best to the Master and not be spread too thin. We can have one music staff instead of two. The preacher can focus on one service and one sermon instead of two. No more running up and down the hall preaching in two different rooms!

The spiritual side is even more important. We come together as one in one service. We begin to appreciate and understand one another's differences. Younger contemporary worshippers will learn the powerful messages of some of our cherished hymns and anthems. Traditional worshippers learn to "sing to the Lord a new song," as Psalm 96 commands. Ephesians 4:4-6 says, "There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." In a single sentence the word one appears seven times! God is all about one. Spiritually, we believe God is calling us to one service.

Does this mean everyone should think alike and enjoy the same kinds of music and expression in worship? Of course not. We are unique individuals and naturally have

different taste and likes and dislikes. But we can come to appreciate our brothers and sisters in worship. More than that, we can learn and grow in our love for one another's uniqueness. And no one will be left out. Each service will include both traditional elements of worship and newer expressions of worship. All of our worship will be Biblically based, Christ-centered, and done with excellence. It will be broad and inclusive, creating a space for everyone so that we may worship as one body in Christ.

I look forward to worshipping with all of you on Sunday mornings.

Phillip Reynolds
Senior Pastor



MUSICAL NOTES

Please consider including your church's Music Ministry in your family schedules. There are exciting musical opportunities being planned.

Sundays

Beginning September 13
4:00pm Refuge Ensemble
5:00pm Refuge Handbell Ensemble

Beginning September 20
11:45am Adult Handbell Choir

Instrumental Ensemble Band & Orchestra - Stay "tuned" - Details to Come

Wednesdays

7:00pm Worship Choir
8:30pm - Worship Team/Band

Melodears rehearse each Thursday at 10am. Contact Nellie Pruitt for more information.

Gospel Choir rehearses the last Thursday of each month. Contact Carolyn Gary for more information.

CALLING ALL VOICES FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

On Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 25-26, the Worship Choir will hold its annual choir retreat which will include preparation for our coming Christmas presentation *Soaring to the Heavens*.

We will begin rehearsal at 5:30pm at the Church of the Ascension followed by fellowship dinner at Vintage House featuring our Choir Speaker. Saturday will be at First Baptist starting with a continental breakfast followed by rehearsal until noon. The cost for the retreat will be \$20 per person. Scholarships are available.

If you are interested in joining the choir for this ministry or have any questions, please contact Steve Clarke. We will present *Soaring to the Heavens* on Sunday, December 13, at 10:30pm.

MISSION GROUP UPDATE

The Bowman Mission Group led by Marcella Fullbright, met with their new missionary, Katie Bowman (niece of Kay Bowman—member of the mission group) on August 10 in Taylorsville to learn more about Katie's new mission to the Peoples Tribes of Indonesia.

Katie (pictured front row) has asked for payers for her new journey in serving God. Pray for strength and comfort for her family as she goes. Pray for wisdom for Katie as she prepares to leave in November and her adjustment to a new culture, conditions, and language. If you would like to know more or contribute to Katie's support (she is self supporting), contact Marcella Fullbright.

Special thanks to Mike Ramsey our bus driver that day.



All Senior Adults Welcome

SUMMER'S LAST HURRAH LUAU

Fellowship and Lunch

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
12:00 noon
FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Call the Church Office
for Reservations*

Cost: 5.00 per person - Invite a Friend. First time guests are no charge.

Lunch Menu: Hearts of Palm Green Salad, Pork Loin, Roasted Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls & Dessert

Call the office to make your reservation.

Magazine Swap: Bring that magazine or paperback you've already read and leave it for someone else to take home to read. Please remove any mailing addresses as left over magazines will be donated.

FALL **ChristLIFE** **2015**
 continuing education
 studies for growing Christians

This fall there are two ChristLIFE opportunities for continuing education for growing Christians. A study on using the Bible will be taught by Rendell Hips on Wednesday evenings, and a ladies Tuesday morning study will be led by Robin Hinson. For further information and to sign up, please visit www.fbc.cc.

Using the BIBLE like Jesus

How Jesus used His Bible tells us a lot about how we should use ours.

6:00-7:00 pm, Wed., Sept. 23 - Oct. 21 ♦ Teacher: Rendell Hips ♦ Room 164

EXPECTING to see JESUS
 ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

Ladies Bible Study
 Beginning Tuesday, September 8
 Facilitated by Robin Hinson
 9:30 to 11am ■ Room 207 ■ Cost \$15



CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2

MUSIC

- 5:20-6:00pm
Beginning Handbells (4th-6th Grade)
Room 301
- 6:00-6:30pm
Music Friends I (3-4 year old) Room 140
Music Friends II (5 yr/Kinders-1st Grade)
Room 135
- 6:00-6:45pm
Music Makers (2nd-3rd Grade) Room 232
Young Musicians (4th-6th Grade)
Room 229

MISSIONS

- 6:30-7:00pm
Mission Friends I (3-4 year old) Room 140
Mission Friends II (5yr/Kinders-1st Grade)
Room 138
- 6:50-7:30pm
GA's Grades 1-3 & GA's Grades 4-6
Room 231/233
RA's Grades 1-3 & RA's Grades 4-6
Room 163/167

**REFUGE ENSEMBLE
 Ice Cream Social &
 Rehearsal**

Sunday, September 13
 4:00-6:00pm
 Choir Room
 Rehearsal at 4:00pm
 Meet & Greet with Dr. Clarke at 5:00pm
 Parents welcome at Meet & Greet

2015-2016 BUDGET - Budget Discussions for the proposed 2015-2016 budget year will be on Wednesday, September 9, at 6:00pm. A Called Church Conference to vote on the proposed budget will be Sunday, September 20 at 10:20am.

Worshipping together with unity.

Sundays

September 6 - 10:30am

What Does Jesus Say: (To His Followers)
Don't Stumble
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

September 13 - 10:30am

- Rev. Chris Gillespie

September 20 - 10:30am

What Does Jesus Say: (To His Father)
Your Will
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

September 27 - 10:30am

What Does Jesus Say: (To His Father)
I Praise You
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Wednesdays

Bible Study & Prayer at 6pm

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please prayerfully consider where you can serve at FBC. The nominating committee is beginning its work, and there's a place at FBC for everyone to serve. Before getting a call from the nominating committee, pray in advance for God to lead you to the place He wants you to serve.



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE - 9/10

Thursday, September 10, 3:00-7:30pm.
Fellowship Hall. Give the gift of life.
Sign up online at www.redcross.org. to
make an appointment.

FIRST FRIDAY SINGLES GATHERING SEPTEMBER 4 @ 6:00PM



DINNER AT "FRESH DEPOT" FOLLOWED BY "MUSIC UNDER THE SAILS"
(FEATURING TELIGO - A BLUEGRASS BAND FROM ASHEVILLE)

MEET AT 5:55PM AT FIRST BAPTIST'S 1ST AVE. PARKING LOT AND WE WILL WALK TO THE RESTAURANT.
BE SURE TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR FOR THE CONCERT.

September 2015 - Pull Out & Post

Numbers to Know

MINISTER ON CALL

September 5 Chris Gillespie on call (828-320-2741)
September 12 Rendell Hipps on call (828-228-8639)
September 19 Phillip Reynolds on call (828-455-8678)
September 26 Steve Clarke on call (334-332-8171)

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5 - 11

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

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12-18

Jim Elliott, Coordinator	461-0162
Tom Foster	781-3409
Dennis Gaines	302-5699
Kelly Clark	729-6793

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19 - 25

David Haire, Coordinator	244-4417
Dwight Hastings	244-8708
Jason Herring	381-8257
Carolyn Gray	446-9434

DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2

John Johnson, Coordinator	409-1163
Cliff Moore	312-0120
Cindi Morrison	291-6492
Eddie Icard	234-3783

Wednesday Night Meals

September 2

Mediterranean Tilapia

Choose 2 Sides:

Orzo, Zucchini, Green Beans,
Watermelon, Tossed Salad,
Rolls & Dessert

September 9

Chicken Florentine Fettuccini Alfredo

Choose 2 Sides:

Roasted Carrots, Green Beans,
Warm Fruit Compote, Tossed Salad,
Garlic Bread Sticks & Dessert

September 16

Pot Roast

Choose 2 Sides:

Green Bean/Carrot/Potato Mix,
Fried Okra, Cooked Apples, Tossed Salad,
Corn Bread & Dessert

September 23

Baked Rosemary Chicken Breast

Choose 2 Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli,
Green Beans, Fresh Fruit Salad,
Tossed Salad,
Rolls & Dessert

September 30

Oven Baked Pork Chops

Choose 2 Sides:

Garlic Smashed Potatoes with Gravy,
Baked Asparagus, Green Beans,
Tropical Fruit Salad, Tossed Salad,
Biscuits & Dessert

Children's Workers

September 6

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Debby Cook & Phillip Bumgarner

Walkers & Two's — Jewell Mabery & Susan Mofford

Three's & Four's— Jeanne Davis, Sara Mofford & Becky Icard

Coordinator: Ruth Ann Carreira

Children's Church: Children in Worship

September 13

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Kristin Herring 10:15am - Betsy Reynolds

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Lauren Bliss and Rene Stilwell

Walkers & Two's — Christy Greene & Jerry Long

Three's & Four's— Aaron Bliss, Kim Buchanan & Brian Bogle

Coordinator: Jennifer Summerlin

Children's Church

Lead Teacher: Beth Watson Shepherd: Scott Sledge

September 20

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Renea Featherstone & Glenda Foster

Walkers & Two's — Traci Palmer & April Teague

Three's & Four's— Tiffany Hightower, Bob McCormack &
Ruth Hastings

Coordinator: Mechele McCormack

Lead Teacher: Fran Ballengee Shepherd: Ruthann Waters

September 27

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Eric Johnson & Mary Elliott

Walkers & Two's — Ashley Dyson & Jason Herring

Three's & Four's— Katie Little, Matt Dyson & Frank Stephenson

Coordinator: Sally Johnson

Children's Church

Lead Teacher: Norma Flores Shepherd: Kelly Clark

Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mrs. Estelle Brendle— Springs of Catawba,
2010 29th Avenue Drive NE, Hickory NC 28601

Mr. Rick Wallace - Springs of Catawba #202,
2010 29th Avenue Drive NE, Hickory NC 28601

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

C A R E

September 6 - Tucker, Faith & Hope, &
Melton/Bost Classes

September 13 - Palmer & Foster Classes

September 20 - Available

September 27 - Blackwell/Woolf & Powers Classes

