



Question: If you could give any particular gift to the people of this church what would it be? Think hard before you answer. What do you suppose is

needed most here? I wish we were all sitting in room together right now because I'm sure there would be a wide variety of very good answers.

My answer? Hmm, this is tough. There are so many things, but here goes: If I had it, I would give to everyone of us the gift of a deep desire to pray. I don't mean to pray a little bit, or to pray for one thing in particular. I mean the gift of having a daily, deep period of time spent with God and only God, waiting on God's presence to become real, waiting to know that you are loved, forgiven, gifted, and wanted in God's kingdom.

Luke 11:1-4 says, "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place." His prayer life wasn't an accident. It wasn't because of a crisis. It wasn't because his camel stopped at a traffic light and he had a brief moment. In another place Luke writes that Jesus, "would often slip away to the wilderness and pray." Jesus' prayer

life was regular. It was planned. It was solitary.

Look what happened after Jesus' times of prayer in the Bible: Jesus prayed before going out to preach, and then he knew where to go (Mark 1:35-38). After Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, "full of the Holy Spirit" (Luke chapters 4 and 5) he knew whom to call as his disciples. Before his arrest Jesus prayed in the garden, and then his heart was filled with love and forgiveness even for those who nailed him to the cross (Luke 22:39-46 & 23:33-34). Knowing where to go, with whom to go, forgiving his enemies – these things followed Jesus' purposeful, regular times of solitary prayer.

What would happen to us and in us if we all prayed as Jesus prayed in purposeful, regular, solitary times with God? I think much the same things as resulted from Jesus' prayer time. We would know more clearly what to do, with whom to minister, and be filled with more forgiveness toward others. Good things follow prayer time!

We do not talk to each other much about our deep times in prayer. Maybe this is because it's private and we just don't want to talk about it and not because most of us have not found the time and place to meet God daily in prayer. If purposeful, regular, solitary time spent with God is missing, and if I could, I'd give the gift of discovering the joy and reward that comes through this kind of prayer life.

Yeah, I think that's what I'd most like for everyone to have.

Phillip Reynolds  
Senior Pastor



## THE BUCKET PROJECT: HOSPICE KITS **UPDATE**

The Bucket Project - developed by The Baptist Global Response, a component of Southern Baptist international ministries, provides Hospice kits full of medical/hygiene supplies for needy people overseas who are in the last stages of terminal illness. Each bucket of supplies costs about \$100.

On August 14, FBC Hickory raised \$7,479.00 to support this global outreach!

## 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.

## DEACON NOMINATIONS

Deacon nomination packets have been mailed to all members. As you determine someone to nominate, you must review the information on the card with them and have them sign the nomination card showing their willingness to perform the duties required. Be sure all other information is filled out including your signature, and turn the card in to the church office no later than noon on Sunday, September 11. You may pick up additional nomination cards in the church office. When nominations are closed, a list of nominated persons will be distributed to all church members.

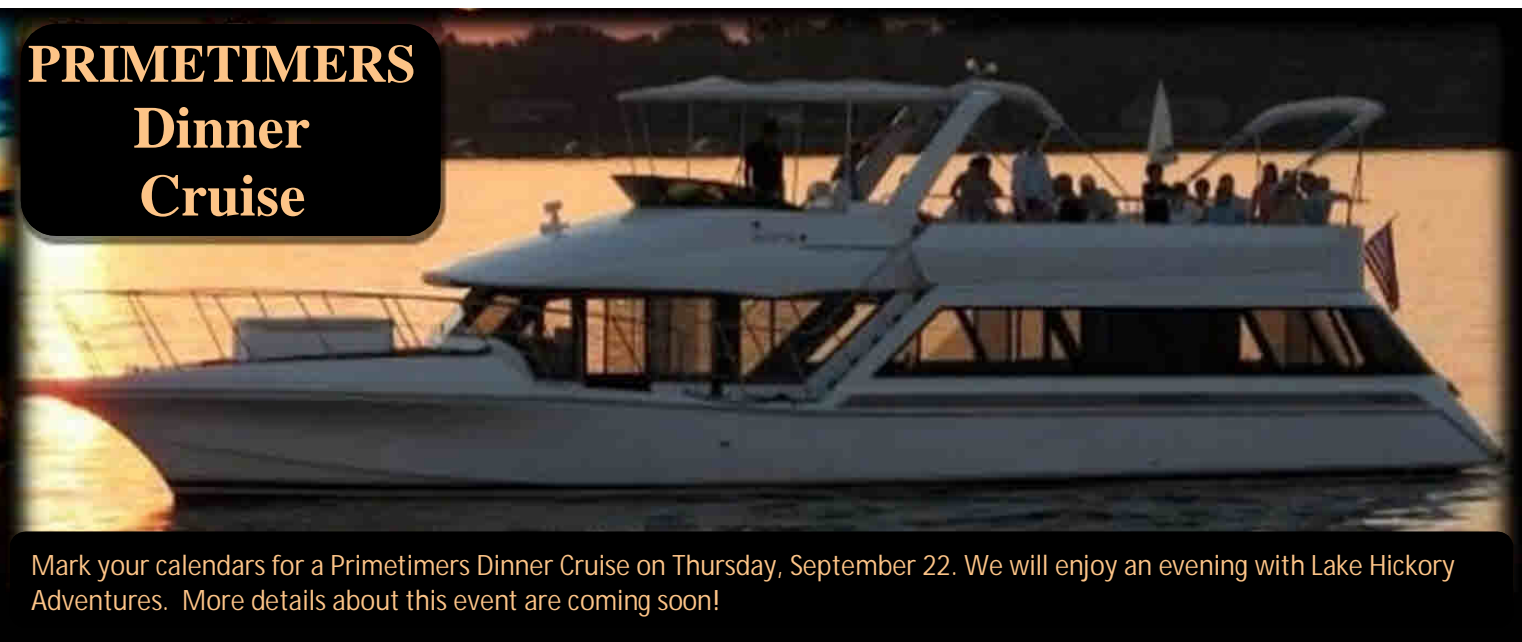
## LADIES' TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



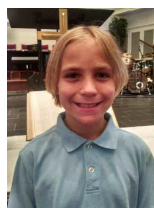
*Covenant*  
*Kary Arthur*

Beginning Tuesday, September 20 - November 15  
Led by Sandra Foster in Room 201 at 9:30am  
No Cost. Please RSVP by calling the office.

## PRIMETIMERS Dinner Cruise



Mark your calendars for a Primetimers Dinner Cruise on Thursday, September 22. We will enjoy an evening with Lake Hickory Adventures. More details about this event are coming soon!



## NEW MEMBER

We welcome Cole Summerlin who joined our church and is awaiting baptism.



# ChristLIFE

Continuing Education Classes for Growing Christians  
Wednesdays at 6:15 pm ♦ Fall '16 through Spring '17

Supper 4:45 - 5:55pm ♦ Prayer Time 5:55 - 6:10pm ♦ ChristLIFE Classes 6:15 - 7:10pm



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MUSIC

No Children's Handbells

5:55 - 6:35 pm

\_\_\_ Music MINIs - children age 3 and under - Room 133

\_\_\_ Music Friends - 4's and 5's/ Kindergarten - Room 140

\_\_\_ Music Makers - 1st through 3rd grade - Children's Church Room (1st floor)

\_\_\_ Young Musicians - 4th through 6th grade - Room 229 (2nd floor)

### MISSIONS

6:40 - 7:15 pm

\_\_\_ Missions MINIs - children age 3 and under - Room 133

\_\_\_ Mission Friends - 4's and 5's/ Kindergarten - Room 138

\_\_\_ GA's Grades 1-3 - Room 231

\_\_\_ RA's Grades 1-3 - Room 167

\_\_\_ GA's Grades 4-6 - Room 233

\_\_\_ RA's Grades 4-6 - Room 163

### Wednesday Night Programs

Resume

Wednesday, September 7

RA's to Baptist Children's Home

Fall Workday planned for Saturday, September 10. More details to come.

### Oktoberfest

Downtown Hickory

Friday and Saturday, October 7 - 8

### Fall Harvest Celebration

Sunday, October 23

4:00 - 6:30 pm

## Wednesday Evenings Beginning August 31

Whether you have regularly attended our Wednesday night Bible Study or not, this Fall you will want to get plugged in! From the Fall of 2016 to the Spring of 2017, there are lots of various options to pick from, including in-depth Bible Studies, marriage enrichment studies, financial planning studies, and more. Guest facilitators will include Dr. Terry Casino and Dr. Robert Canoy. See our ChristLIFE brochure for details. And make it a point to be here beginning August 31 for our ChristLIFE classes, all of which will help us better live out the life of Christ in us! Be sure to call the church office to sign-up you and your family for supper.

### Our New Wednesday Night Schedule Beginning

#### August 31

4:45 to 5:55 pm—Family Supper, Fellowship Hall

5:55 to 6:10 pm—Prayer Time, Fellowship Hall

6:15 to 7:10—ChristLIFE classes, various locations with one study always held in the Fellowship Hall

The new schedule is a slight change from our previous schedule, as prayer time will begin at 5:55. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this important prayer time. After prayer time, you may choose to participate in any of the ChristLIFE class being offered each quarter. ChristLIFE classes begin at 6:15 and will conclude at 7:10. Children's activities conclude at 7:15.

## Gracious Truth: How the Gospel Speaks to Islam

Beginning September 7 - 28. In a world of chaos, uncertainty, anger, and competing claims on truth, come discover how the Gospel speaks to Islam. As we are briefly introduced to Islam's teachings, history, and modern practice, we discover how the Church of Jesus Christ can better model and share the gracious truth of the Gospel with the Muslim world. Hear how Christ is miraculously at work. Skype with Christian missionaries in Iraq and Egypt. Taught by Dr. Terry Casino, Professor of Missiology, GWU School of Divinity.

## 2016-2017 BUDGET - Budget Discussions for the proposed 2015-

2016 budget year will be on Sunday, September 11, immediately following service.

A Called Church Conference to vote on the proposed budget will be Sunday, September 25.

This Month's Cover:  
A view of this year's CMT trip to St. Louis.

# Sundays

September 4 - 10:30am

Down Some Roman Road:  
The Power of the Gospel  
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

September 11 - 10:30am

- Rev. Chris Gillespie

September 18 - 10:30am

Down Some Roman Road:  
The Wrath of God - What Is It?  
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

September 25 - 10:30am

Down Some Roman Road:  
It's Always Been Faith  
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

# Wednesdays

Wednesday Evenings at 6pm  
Beginning September 7

Gracious Truth: How the Gospel Speaks to  
Islam presented by Dr. Terry Casino,  
Professor of Missiology, GWU School  
of Divinity.



## American Red Cross

### BLOOD DRIVE - 9/18

Sunday, September 18, 12:30 - 5:00pm  
Give the gift of life. Sign up online at  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to make an  
appointment or after worship.

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## DEBT CANCELLATION CELEBRATION

We recently announced the retirement of all debt at First Baptist. To celebrate, we will be having a Debt Cancellation Celebration on Sunday, September 25 immediately following worship. The entire church family is invited to share this meal and note burning celebration together.

# September 2016 - Pull Out & Post

## Numbers to Know

### MINISTER ON CALL

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

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### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

#### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3 - 9

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Brenda Bost, Coordinator | 320-1265 |
| Dee Blackwell            | 455-3477 |
| Nathan Bowman            | 302-9689 |
| Lloyd Bost               | 320-1485 |

#### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10-16

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Dana Bennett, Coordinator | 244-1944 |
| Tom Foster                | 781-3409 |
| Carolyn Gray              | 446-9434 |
| Ed Auten                  | 302-0739 |

#### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17-23

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| David Haire, Coordinator | 303-7911 |
| Dwight Hastings          | 244-8708 |
| Jason Herring            | 381-8257 |
| Tom Guthrie              | 446-0007 |

#### DEACONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24-30

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| John Johnson, Coordinator | 409-1163 |
| Rebecca Tanner            | 381-8943 |
| Cliff Moore               | 312-0120 |
| Eddie Icard               | 234-3783 |

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## Children's Workers

### September 4

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Kara Wittenberg 10:15am - Kara Wittenberg

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Debby Cook & Phillip Bumgarner

Walkers & Two's — Jewell Mabery & Susan Mofford

Three's & Four's— Jeanne Davis & Sara Mofford

Coordinator: Ruth Ann Carreira

Children's Church: Children in Worship

### September 11

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

9am - Ashley Dyson 10:15am - Gail Ford

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Aaron Bliss & Becky Icard

Walkers & Two's — Christy Greene & Jerry Long

Three's & Four's— Kim Buchanan & Brian Bogle

Coordinator: Jennifer Summerlin

Lead Teacher: Beth Watson Shepherd: Adair Bowman

### September 18

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

Preschool Worship Care

Infants — Renea Featherstone & Glenda Foster

Walkers & Two's — Traci Palmer & April Teague

Three's & Four's— Tiffany Hightower & Ruth Hastings

Coordinator: Mechele McCormack

Lead Teacher: Fran Ballengee Shepherd: Caroline Trado

### September 25

Preschool Reception Volunteers:

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

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: Carolyn Icard Shepherd: Cody WIngler

# Wednesday Night Meals

## A NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN

Welcome back to a new Wednesday Fall Season! We are very excited about the new season's programs along with a new look for our dining room. We are also excited to be offering some new choices again for fall. Each menu will feature 4 entrées to choose from, hopefully something for everyone. We will also be offering 3 or 4 sides for you to choose 2 from. As always a Roll, Beverage and a Dessert are included with Your Meal. You can substitute your Dessert for an Additional Side on any Meal.

For Families with Little Children we will be offering at least one Entrée Selection that we hope you will find to be Kid Friendly for your Children. Applesauce will be available each week, as an additional side choice for kids, please just ask one of our servers. For your convenience we will have carts available for you to roll your dinners out to your table. Please let us know if you need any additional assistance

We look forward to serving you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Blessings,

Chef Steve  
spivey@fbc.cc

### September 7

Choose an Entrée

African Curry Chicken with Coconut Rice  
Spaghetti

Chicken Salad on Croissant  
Chef Salad (no sides included)

Choose 2 Sides

Green Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots,  
Tossed Salad, Tropical Fruit Salad,  
Apple Sauce available for the Kids

Served with a Roll, Beverage &  
Your Choice of a Dessert

### September 14

Choose an Entrée

Herb Roasted Pork with a Mushroom Sauce  
Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo  
Chicken Salad on Croissant  
Chef Salad (no sides included)

Choose 2 Sides

Green Beans, Baked Asparagus,  
Rice & Barley Medley, Cooked Apples  
Apple Sauce available for the Kids

Served with a Roll, Beverage &  
Your Choice of a Dessert

### September 21

Choose an Entrée

Beef Sheppard's Pie  
Ham

Chicken Salad on Croissant  
Chef Salad (no sides included)

Choose 2 Sides

Green Beans, Tossed Salad,  
Tropical Fruit Salad,  
Apple Sauce available for the Kids

Served with a Biscuit, Beverage &  
Your Choice of a Dessert

### September 28

Choose an Entrée

Chicken Boudine  
Pizza

Chicken Salad on Croissant  
Chef Salad (no sides included)

Choose 2 Sides

Broccoli, Green Beans,  
Roasted Carrots, Cooked Apples,  
Apple Sauce available for the Kids

Served with a Garlic Bread Stick, Beverage &  
Your Choice of a Dessert

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## Take Note

Our Special Members This Month

Mr. Morris Greene – Brian Cneter #507, 220 13th  
Avenue Place NW, Hickory NC 28601

Mrs. Themla Wright - Kingston Residence #305, 904  
Second Street NE, Hickory NC 28601

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

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