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Happy New Year!

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ISSUE 1

FROM THE PASTOR...

Opportunities for 2009:

A Pastor's Sanctuary Class

will begin for the NEW YEAR. For those who are hurried or need an abbreviated Lesson, this class will be offered with hopes of reaching those who have been unable to enjoy the Sunday School Hour. This will be led by the Pastor with a regular Sunday School Curriculum to be announced.

Time will be 10:10 through 10:40. Phil Feagan will assist.

Leadership Team and Educational Committee will be providing two special **Sunday School Leadership Opportunities** this Winter.

1. EDUCATIONAL

DIAGNOSTIC EVENT for all workers and teachers. Sunday afternoon, January 11, 5 PM, basement SS Classroom.

Conference with a leading Educational Minister, presenting our existing educational program and seeking an objective reflection of strengths and weaknesses and opportunities for growth.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLINIC

FOR WORKERS AND TEACHERS by age group. A learning event to offer new ideas, curriculum, teaching styles and outreach opportunities. Open for anyone, this will challenge us all to more effective classes for the Lord.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Q: What do snowmen have for breakfast?

A: Snowflakes!



Sunday School--Grades 1-4

Terry Bishop

Grades 1-4 has finished the Joy Builders lesson book. We studied our Bible verses: Proverbs 16:20, 1 Peter 4:8, Psalm 119:41, and Psalm 92:4. We discovered a lot of things about joy. We learned where joy comes from, how joy helps us through hard times, how joy can be spread to others, and that joy lasts a lifetime.

The children have made lists of ways to help others and their parents and even cleaned up their classroom! We have discussed making choices by using different types of fruit and how we should make good choices every day at home and at school.

We have discussed temporary and permanent things, and the concept of infinity and that Jesus' love is never-ending. The children realize that the joy from Jesus lasts a lifetime and that because of Jesus' great joy, we have joy.

Praying is like calling home....often. Anonymous

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Bob Lair

The Pastor Search Committee is currently conducting interviews with candidates. The committee has considered over fifty resumes. The screening process has involved reading resumes, viewing DVDs, VHSs and listening to CDs and cassettes of sermons. Personal interviews and committee discussions will precede any recommendation of a candidate to the Deacons and congregation. Your committee is committed to finding the best potential pastoral leader. Pray for us, and be patient with the process.



Congratulations!

Alyssa Fincher, Mary Elizabeth Prince and Megan Stone - many awards at **Dance Explosion** Dance Competition in Orlando, Florida

Belle McFarland - graduated - U of Tennessee-Saturday-December 13

Martha Nobles - graduated - Spartanburg Methodist - will attend Gardner-Webb

Mary Kathryn Hemphill - one of two PCHS recipients of *Wendy's High School Heisman Award* - award for athletic/academic accomplishments

Alyssa Fincher - **PCHS Cheerleaders** - cheered at Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas - Wofford College

KATHY'S

KIDS

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MISSION

Sadie McKaig

There are about 125 needy children at Tryon Elementary School who benefit from the caring and generosity of Kathy Ashley. Kathy is a mission-minded individual who has a great love for children. Her love opens an avenue for Tryon First Baptist members to minister to God's younger children at Christmas.

Sisterhood contributed funds and set up a "gift tag" tree with children's names and their needs, enabling us to buy gifts for specific children. In response Kathy wrote the following thank you note to *Sisterhood*: "With your help of the Christmas tree names and the money, we helped 125 children. Many thanks for your part in helping. Everyone was all smiles when bags were delivered. The ones I bought for all got shoes, jeans, top, socks and a main toy along with fill-ins. You all made it possible with your donations.

The teachers all took names and we farmed out to friends in town and then of course all the church people picked up. Thank you doesn't sound like enough, but we sure appreciated all you did so Thank You Again!"

Tryon First Baptist Church is fortunate to have so many mission minded members, and there are 125 TES children who would surely attest that Kathy Ashley is at the top of the list.



Nursery Committee

Olivia Whiteside

The Nursery Committee is pleased to add two new members: Susan Smith and Stephanie Mathis.

We are so excited that we will now be opening three classrooms for the preschoolers! The first is the Crib Nursery for 0-2 year olds. Donna Campbell and Wendi Jordan will continue caring for our babies. The second class will be 2-5 year olds with two teachers, and the third will be grades K-2 with one teacher. These will be open during the church service.

We are also very excited to be hiring three new teachers for the 2-5 and K-2 classes. These are paid teaching positions and we would love to fill them with TFBC members or folks who come highly recommended by our members. These are extremely important positions making it possible for the children to have consistency, love and a Christian education while parents attend services. If you or someone you know would be interested in a teaching position, please let the church office or a member of the Nursery committee know. We need to fill these positions as soon as possible. Applicants need to be 18 years old or older with a Christian background and love for young children.



Shoes for Afghanistan

Sadie McKaig

Did you get new shoes for Christmas or maybe you need space in your closets? As you are sorting and cleaning, please stack your clean serviceable shoes and bring them to the church. We'll box them and send them to Afghanistan.

You have provided enough shoes to send five boxes providing approximately 150 women with a pair of shoes.

Sunday School – Young Adults

Cheryl Roach

The Young Adults' Class is one of the fastest growing groups in the church. Not only do we have a regular membership of 30, that means we also have about that many children coming regularly to Sunday School as well. We thank the class for the idea of a Christmas Candlelight Service (and of course, Dr. Henderson for putting it together!). We also enjoyed having a "Birthday Party for Jesus" on December 20. The children and parents came to the Rock House where Joey Whiteside read the Christmas story. The children then wrapped baby gifts they had brought, we sang "Happy Birthday to Jesus" and had birthday cake (thank you Phillip and Paula!) The next day, the children and parents processed into church with those gifts which we later took to Thermal Belt Ministries in remembrance of Ellis Fincher, Sr.

January 4 we will begin meeting Sunday evenings (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) and will be studying The Purpose Driven Life. Thank you to all who have loaned their books for this study. Our plan is to meet from 5:30 – 7:00. During that time, Kaye Greene has generously volunteered to have her music program for the children, young parents will be having GA/RA classes for the school children, and Linda Fincher is looking for someone to help her with Mission Friends for the pre-school children. We will finish with a light meal and have kids ready to go home in time for a good night's sleep for school the next day.

If you are a young adult and have not yet attended the class, make it your New Year's Resolution to attend. You will find it enriches your spiritual life while you develop friendships that will last you for years to come. Age? Anyone young at heart.



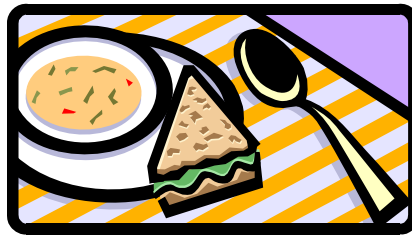
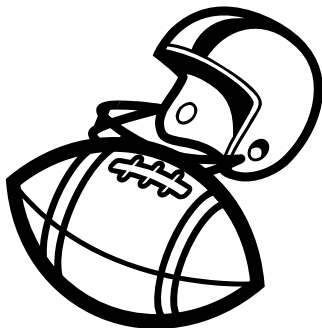
Featuring Student Greg Lair

GNs Staff

Greg Lair is possibly the busiest student on our **Prayer Concerns – College Students** list or any other list! He is not only a student at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary but a husband, father, teacher, coach and volunteer! Greg is working toward his Master of Theological Studies – Christian Leadership and is considering work at the college level or church planting.

Greg is the son of Bob and Judy Lair and lived in Tryon when his dad was the minister of the Tryon United Methodist Church. He and his wife Michelle along with their two sons Drew and Luke make their home in Monroe. Presently he is a physical education teacher at Porter Ridge Middle School in Union County and a football and track coach at Porter Ridge High School. He is a volunteer with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes during the school year and a sports camp volunteer during the summer.

He enjoys exercise and outdoor activities, watching movies and college football.



Sisterhood Luncheon

Beth McCallister

The Sisterhood is planning to have another wonderful **SOUP, SALAD and SANDWICH** luncheon on January 25, 2009 immediately after the worship service. The luncheon will be held in the **ACTIVITY BUILDING** and all of the church family is invited. The cost is \$5 per person (\$20 max per family), and all of the proceeds will go to various mission projects that are planned by the Sisterhood during the new year. Please help us help others! Mark your calendars: **JANUARY 25, 2009.**



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

27 Steve & Cathy Stott



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Frances Smith
- 2 Marian Corn
- 2 Alyssa Fincher
- 2 Barbie McCoy
- 5 Peggy Edwards
- 8 Gerry Taylor
- 13 Phil Corn
- 15 Harold Taylor
- 19 Linda Martin
- 23 Sean Durham



Featuring Tom Santa

GNs Staff

Tryon First Baptist Church knows Tom Santa because he is married to Michelle Goodwin the youngest daughter of Bennie and Gwen Goodwin. Tom, Michelle, Alysse and Lauren come to church when they are visiting Michelle's parents, and we are always delighted to visit with this young military family.

Tom is Commander Thomas N. Santa serving in the United States Navy and now assigned to Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia. He has been in the military for 18 years and is Assistant Director of Medical Services. Tom has served in several locations, but his and Michelle's favorites are Guam and Jacksonville, Florida. While stationed on Guam they visited Japan, Hong Kong, Saipan and Australia with the children.

Tom and Michelle met when they were students at UNC-Chapel Hill, Michelle having arrived on campus from Tryon and Tom from Eli Whitney. They have been married sixteen years. Alysse was born when they were stationed on Guam eleven years ago and Lauren was born when they were stationed in Jacksonville seven years ago. Alysse is a sixth grader at Moyock Middle School where she plays clarinet in the band, Lauren is a second grader at Moyock Elementary School and plays soccer, and both girls are scouts.

The Santas hope to live in Moyock until Alysse and Lauren graduate high school.

Getting to Know Western North Carolina Baptist Network

Frances Wray (Member of
WNCBN Steering Committee)

The Western North Carolina Baptist Network (WNCBN) had its beginnings when several pastors in Western North Carolina led a group of people in rethinking a new direction for Baptists in Western North Carolina. Since this beginning in 2002 there are now 15 churches participating in missions, social outreach, educational resources and fellowship. Tryon FBC will become the 16th church to associate. Among the churches affiliated with WNCBN are Calvary Baptist in Asheville, FBC of Asheville, FBC of Marion, FBC of Black Mountain, Harmony Baptist Church of Asheville, Mars Hill Baptist Church, and Cullowhee Baptist Church.

Today, a budget of over \$60,000 supports missions in Haiti, Bosnia, Ukraine, Urban Missions in Washington, DC, Local Habitat, new church starts, youth and children's events, leadership training and local mission initiatives in Madison and Rutherford Counties. At this time, the steering committee is reviewing future mission projects, and Polk County is being considered for a work project similar to the one in Rutherford County in which TFB participated.

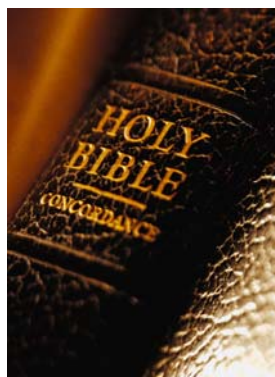
The WNCBN is an open autonomous body of Baptist churches and individuals who desire to cooperate in a unique way to seek new avenues to serve Christ and

to carry out His Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20.

There are three WNCBN gatherings a year at various churches. Perhaps you remember they met with us in February last year. The Fall Gathering is in October, and a Winter Gathering is in February. An Annual Meeting for Business and Fellowship meets in May. You may plan to go with a group from our church and enjoy the worship and fellowship together with people from other Baptist churches of western North Carolina.

The Network welcomes any and all Baptist churches and individuals to be a part of its missions, fellowship, education and worship.

(This Network is similar to 'Associations', yet with voluntary leadership, it has minimal administrative costs and covers a broader area than a single county. We will contribute \$200 annually for administration. WGH)



**JOIN US for
ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
Beginning Wednesday,
January 14, 2009
**JOB: INTO THE FIRE
OUT OF THE ASHES**
10:00 a.m. – Activity Building
[Snacks to follow]



NEW

GIVING PLANS!

Beginning in 2009, all members of the congregation are expected to **MAKE A CHOICE** of giving plans available for **MISSIONS MONIES**.

The purpose is to preserve the freedoms of every Baptist to choose among the varied Baptist groups that represent slightly different forms of Baptist mission work. Three areas have been approved by the Deacons. Note carefully that these are no longer the A, B, C, D or E options of the past.

These are now Plans 1, 2 and 3. Please consider these plans and ask any questions necessary to make your choice.

Plan 1: is to use the "Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Mission Resource Plan."

Plan 2: is to use the "Baptist State Convention of North Carolina" distribution.

Plan 3: is to give to local missions only.

Your Choice must be made by **January 30,**

Friday, in order that our office can make the needed contributions to the state offices. If you do not

indicate a choice, your gifts will be designated with the majority of all giving. Our missions giving follows a church-wide commitment to **give 8% of all our gifts** to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through out the world. Thank You.

