

Good News

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Music Plus . . .

Anne Shu

Simply Sunday! or Supreme Sunday! or Super Sunday! You get the idea, help us come up with a name for our Sunday afternoon events beginning September 7. It all begins with Kay Greene's Children's Choir at 4:00, to be held in the children's music room upstairs in the main building. At 5:00 we'll be having fun with *The Legend of the Christmas King* in the Activity Building. A snack supper will be served around 6:00 each Sunday. Opening night will be a treat with delicious Tryon Youth Center Pizza! Our Youth Group then moves into the Refuge time. *If you build it, they will come!* We've built a terrific program involving the whole family and we hope you will be a vital part of the experience.

The "I-Team"

Anne Shu

It's musical time again. This year we've selected a Christmas presentation, *The Legend of the Christmas King* by Ruth Elaine Schram and Dennis Scott. It's a journey with the 4th Wise Man. Our church has the Be Team, the TT (Transition Team) and now the I-Team (Intergenerational). Rehearsal will be each Sunday 5 till 6 in the Activity Building with a snack supper provided, beginning September 7. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring yourself and join in the fun and hard work. If you don't want to sing there are many other areas in which we need your help and support.



Children's Corner

GNs Staff

- Q:** What did the teddy bear say when he was offered dessert?
A: No thanks, I'm stuffed!
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**Q:** Why was the baby ant so confused?  
**A:** Because all his uncles were ants (aunts)!



## Hand Bells

Sandy Frady

The Hand Bell Choir is back in the *swing* of things after a summer break! We will be practicing some well known spirituals and hymn arrangements and we hope to play in a church service soon.

We will also be rehearsing Christmas music. I want you to know what a dedicated group of bell ringers we have. They are great!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

.....Rollins Carter and Sydney Waldman - Foothills Gymnastics gymnasts! Competed Level One, NC State Games, Greensboro in July. Sydney (6) won the gold medal on vault, silver medals on beam and floor.

.....Jordan Stratford - State Employees Credit Union Foundation four year scholarship!

.....Tryon First Baptist Church Scholarship Recipients

## **From Your Pastor...**

### **IT OUGHT TO BE JOY**

**Church life is funny,** at least from my perspective as a longtime participant. I had a joyful childhood in which my church played a major role, no, the central role in my development. I know, you'd say I was a "church boy," which means I spent an enormous amount of time there, yet not all was to my liking. Nevertheless, there is a dimension of my heart that was specially crafted and developed by the careful convictions and efforts of my Baptist church making me attuned and alive to the heart of God. By the grace of God and much patient affection of the church folk, I am what I am. The memories are very strong and sweet; let me share a few with you.

### **There was a difficult side.**

I have been hauled out and spanked on the church steps, been shamed by the "little old ladies" for stealing cookies from the receptions kitchen, been told by my Sunday School teacher that I was impossible, been taken to my mother when I wouldn't behave, been warned about coming late from ball practice and disrupting youth choir, and finally caught by the ushers during prayer meeting when climbing in the attic of the sanctuary! But there was so much more about it!

**There was the beautiful side.** I have been watched over and accepted by many other families besides my

own. I was lovingly held and consoled by "Miss Frances" when my Mama left me in the nursery for WMU meetings, taught to use arts and crafts to explore and express my faith, counseled through my first romances at age 12-13 and those serious ones at age 17-18, taught to sing and to appreciate some of the world's greatest music, given money, letters and boxes of cookies for college days, taught and taken camping, swimming, skiing, helped to be in touch effectively with a full range of my emotions, allowed to cry when it was not a manly thing among boys but when God touched my heart, given opportunities to speak publicly, to act and perform, to stand before adults to share my thoughts and to discover my own individual gifts.

**The best part** was that all this was happening almost unnoticed by everyone else, right in the setting of God's house, while we were learning about God, getting the message about God's forgiveness and my real soul liberty, my salvation, and being taught how to read, interpret and understand the Bible, God's Holy Word. All of the human interaction that gave me such a joyful childhood was happening because I was in this place of God with others who wanted to be there, too.

All of us have a story to tell of our first experiences and impressions of church or lack of them. A recent conversation with a friend reminded me that many

had no such pleasant experiences. Though there have always been some sick churches, mostly there are many people who never had any warm family of God to love and nurture them. Many shy away from such closeness because they have never known a place where love reigns in everything people do together, and real trust grows out of genuine selflessness and a commitment to love and serve one another because God has loved us first. Many people just cannot trust that this is real.

*I believe we are continually called on to change that for those people who didn't have it, or do not trust it. I want to challenge each of you* to reclaim that gift of God's love which provides such a basic human need, real belonging and acceptance. This means to give up the indulgences of suspicion, fear and doubt. Faith is risky business, but it is the victory that overcomes the world. After all, something inside, something so strong, says it really should be joy! You and I can prove again that it is!

**I love the church,** as I believe it is God's dearly loved project, God's own dear family, a work in progress. I invite you to dust off your tired, weak commitments and get serious about a fresh new experience of **JOY**. I think that is what God planned all along for every one of us through His church, you just have to come give it your best! His best is worth

it, as I am sure you will  
discover.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Spinks

Mark and Laura Smith recently joined our church and were married here not too long ago. Mark is the son of Frances and Benny Smith and is originally from Tryon. Laura is from Blacksburg, SC. Mark transferred his letter from Morgan Chapel Baptist Church and Laura transferred hers from Rock Springs Baptist in Blacksburg.

Mark is an instructor at Spartanburg Community College and enjoys hunting, fishing and the entire outdoors. Laura is the children's librarian at the Henderson County Public Library. She enjoys shopping, fishing, riding four-wheelers, baking, reading and scrapbooking.

Both are huge history buffs and their curiosity about the Civil War has been high since returning from their honeymoon trip to Virginia where they visited many museums and exhibits.

Mark and Laura both enjoy any verse from Psalms and Laura's favorite hymn is "Standing on the Promises".

While being interviewed for this article and being asked the question what act of random kindness have you recently performed that you would like to share, Laura immediately turned the tables and wanted to share her feelings about the kindness shown to her. Laura's quote: "When I got this question, I couldn't help but think how the First Baptist Church of Tryon has been nothing but wonderful to me since joining the church. The people here at this church have been the kindest and most generous people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I will always remember how thoughtful this church was when Mark and I got married here. There were so many people who volunteered to help us with anything we needed. We have never had a church that made us feel this welcome!"

We welcome Mark and Laura into membership.



## BROTHERHOOD OF BAPTIST MEN

John Spinks

The Brotherhood of Baptist Men enjoyed a fantastic program by Skip Williams this past meeting. Skip presented his program on the Sinai Desert. With his vast knowledge of the region, his power point presentation and his huge array of artifacts Skip was able to stage a museum quality show and exhibit. He topped off his presentation by passing around a bucket full of shards of pottery and glass, indigenous to the area and most pieces well over 2000 years old. Each member present was allowed to take home a souvenir.

We were able to learn more about what biblical life was like before and after Jesus' time on earth. As you can well imagine it was much different than our life today.

Once again we wish to thank everyone who participated in our auction held earlier in the month. We exceeded our goal many times over and have already started distribution of funds.

Our next meeting will be held September 15, 2008 and Phil Scoggins has the program. All men of the church are encouraged to attend.

## RIDGECREST

Grant Jordan

Thank you Tryon First Baptist Church so much for the opportunity to go to camp at Ridgecrest. I want to share a recipe with you. It is called **RC Blob**. The ingredients are hamburger meat, Worcestershire Sauce, diced precooked potatoes and baby carrots. Put in aluminum foil, mush it all together and cook on the grill.

An important thing I learned is that you cannot depend on God to do everything for you; you have to get up and do some things for yourself. Our trust in God helps us do this.

## MILITARY PERSONNEL

Sadie McKaig

Several Tryon First Baptist Church families have family in the United States military services. These personnel are listed in our *Prayer Concerns - Military Personnel*. They are very important to all of us and we keep them in our prayers everyday along with those listed who do not have TFBC families.

The military personnel feel and appreciate our prayers. Prayer is so powerful and we know it makes a difference. Another important contact we have with these who are serving us is writing cards and letters. Our list is updated as we receive new addresses when orders change service persons' locations!

Many of us have been in the military or had loved ones serve, so we know how much it means to have family, friends, even strangers show support.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY

Gerry & Johnny Taylor

Sunday, August 24, was Sunday School promotion day. Each child was awarded a Certificate of Promotion and a Bible.

StorieLane Whiteside was promoted to Pre-school (ages 2-5 and Kindergarten); Kaya Bishop, Chase Constance, Isabella Jackson and Sydney Waldman were promoted to Group 1 (grades 1-4); Caitlin Britton was promoted to Group 2 (grades 5-8); Casey Collins graduated high school and is invited to the Young Adult Class when she is home from college.



# VBS

Shelvie Foust

As our pastor wrote in last month's *Good News*, "I have heard nothing but enthusiastic attitudes and joyful spirits! This is a wonderful demonstration of our love for children and for our church!" VBS was a success because of each and every volunteer. Everyone was willing to do whatever was needed each night whether he/she had volunteered for that particular part of VBS.. It was truly a team effort – a team of caring and loving people.

Now to detail information that we all are interested in knowing:

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|-------------------------------------|----|
| Registered children                 | 57 |
| Nursery                             | 5  |
| Preschool                           | 16 |
| Ages 6 and 7                        | 10 |
| Ages 8 and 9                        | 17 |
| Ages 10 and 11                      | 9  |
| Children from our church            | 24 |
| Children from other churches        | 18 |
| Children with no church affiliation | 15 |

*Take a Hike* through God's Word was a wonderful theme and allowed the children to be involved in the *hike*. The group loved participating in the opening and closing each night. Hey! We all did! Pastor can really blow a bugle!!!

We are Baptists after all and everyone declared we should continue each year to serve those delicious meals we enjoyed every night.

Is it time to plan for next year?!?



## Transition Team

Transition Team

Your transition team led the August 17 worship. Ellis Fincher, Jr. welcomed visitors and introduced the transition team. The team is divided into five subgroups responsible for researching TFBC history, leadership/decision making, denominational relations, church identity and readiness for new leadership.

The scripture passage 1 Corinthians 13 introduced the worship theme faith, hope and love and was read by John Spinks. John also led in a prayer for the church. "Heavenly Father, we come to you today with hearts full of thanksgiving for our church and the direction it is going. Help us to stand firm in our faith, make it strong, make it pure that we may persevere through this time of transition. We ask that you make us joyful in our hope. Assured that you will lead us in the right direction. Let all that we do be done in love. Love for our church and especially love for one another. We ask this in Jesus Christ's name. Amen."

Elizabeth Burrell gave a testimony of faith, Sadie McKaig gave a testimony of hope and Frances Wray gave a testimony of love. Phil Scoggins brought a meditation following the testimonies, and the service was concluded with a benediction led by Shelvie Foust.

After the lay members led worship a covered dish luncheon was served and enjoyed celebrating Tryon First Baptist Church's 117<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## WMU

Shelvie Foust

WMU's new year begins September 1, and we are preparing our new yearbook. Our WMU emphasis for 2008-2009 is *Call to Love*, change a life, change the world. Our focuses are:

- Pray for missions
- Learn more about missions
- Engage in mission action and witnessing
- Participate in work of the church
- Develop spiritually
- Support missions

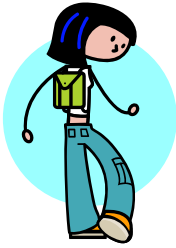
North Carolina Missions offering (NCMO) and week of prayer are September 7-14. This is our church's opportunity to contribute toward the two million dollars needed to continue the work of the Baptist Men, church plantings, evangelism, mission education, mission camps and other programs that will make a difference in our state and throughout the world.

More information about the NCMO and the goal for Tryon First Baptist Church will be provided before September 7. In the meantime, let each of us pray the NCMO will exceed the goal through generous giving.

"Shoot for the moon . Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

Les Brown

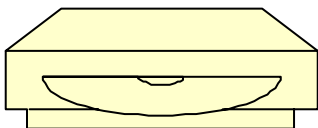




## BOOK BAGS FOR TBOM

Beth McCallister

In September the Sisterhood will begin a year-long collection of book bags to be donated to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry for their annual school supplies distribution (July 2009). The goal of the Sisterhood is to collect approximately 300 school bags (used and new) to assist the TBOM in this wonderful mission to needy children in Polk County. These bags will be given to students in grades K - 12, and should be the type that can be worn on the back. Yard sales and resale stores are great places to find "gently" used bags for a great price. Please check your closets at home! Plus, after the beginning of school, bags in the major discount stores will be greatly reduced. REMEMBER! This project will go through July of 2009! Help us help others! A collection box will be placed in the hallway between the kitchen downstairs and the old fellowship hall. No time to shop? Donations of money will be greatly appreciated! Checks should be written to First Baptist Church of Tryon (marked Sisterhood/book bags). Again, thank you for helping us to help others!



*CDs of morning worship for August 10 with Dr. Tony Cartledge are available as well as August 17 with the Transition Team. If you would like one of these CDs, or a CD of any Sunday morning worship service, contact the church office.*



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Eric & Dana Ponder
- 10 Charles & Lib McKeller
- 11 Lewis & Georgie Hawkins
- 12 Eric & Melinda Walker
- 15 Bob & Judy Lair
- 24 Jimmy & Donna Littlefield



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Robert Earl Arledge
- 1 Ed Justice
- 1 Don Ponder
- 3 Sue Thompson
- 5 Jimmy Littlefield
- 6 Di Greene
- 8 Trey Fincher
- 12 Doris Maxwell
- 12 Anne Shu
- 14 Izabella Jackson
- 15 Peggy Constance
- 16 Charles McKeller
- 19 Elizabeth Burrell
- 26 Ethel Dusenbury
- 26 Cheryl Roach
- 28 Franklin McKaig

*"One should count each day a separate life."*

Seneca (BC 3-65 AD)



## SHOES FOR AFGHANISTAN

Sadie McKaig

Ron and Sandy Frady's neighbor Anita Wilson who has been serving in Afghanistan will soon be stateside. We have kept in touch with Anita through snail mail and email, and we responded to her request for women's shoes by sending at last count three boxes of shoes which have been distributed. Thanks to your generosity, about ninety Afghan women will be better able to safely navigate the debris in their war torn country, keep their feet more comfortable in the 120 degree summer heat and warm in the below zero winter temperatures.

We continue to collect shoes and will soon send another box to Anita's unit in Afghanistan. Her fellow soldiers will distribute our shoes. If you would like to contribute to this humanitarian effort, please bring your good used serviceable shoes and leave in the downstairs closet located behind the folding doors. If you have questions, call 817-1459 or email [mckaig@charter.net](mailto:mckaig@charter.net).

## Memorial

GNs Staff

In loving memory and as a tribute to Clarence and Doris Scoggins' service and dedication to Tryon First Baptist Church the Scoggins Family has given three directional signs for the church campus. The signs will enable visitors to more easily find the memorial garden and the office, and the third sign will identify the church parking area.

The Scoggins family wanted to memorialize Clarence and Doris in a way that would benefit Tryon First Baptist Church members and visitors for many years. These beautiful functional signs are definitely a fulfillment of this desire.

