

First Baptist Church
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gladys Leonard has joined our church by transfer of letter from Pelham Baptist Church. She was married to Thomas Leonard for 60 years; he was a preacher in the Landrum area for most of his career, with his longest tenure at Oak Grove Baptist church. Upon his passing in 2005, Gladys moved closer to this area to be near her daughters. Gladys has always been a faithful Christian with a large part of her life spent as a preacher's wife. She enjoys reading and writing letters but mostly enjoys visits from her granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

Bruce and Stephanie Mathis come to us from Gowansville Baptist Church. They have one son, Campbell, who is 3 months old. Both Bruce and Stephanie are assistant principals at Greer High School and Chapman High School respectively. Bruce is an avid history buff and was a history teacher prior to becoming an assistant principal. Stephanie's background is in mathematics; she taught math before moving into Administration. Both enjoy exercising, reading and spending time with family. Their favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 and their favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace." Bruce and Stephanie are most proud of their family with their wonderful new son and are very excited about becoming involved with our church family. By the way... Stephanie is one of Gladys Leonard's granddaughters.

Ellis Fincher, Jr.

Our next *Get Acquainted Meal* will be February 20 in the activity building. If you have never been, please come and enjoy the food and fellowship. This is a great time to *get acquainted* with others from the church.

The serving will begin at 5:30 PM and last until 7:00 PM. The menu for February 20 is soup and cornbread. We will also have some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as a choice for younger participants.

There is *no* sign up sheet – just come and bring visitors. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Information

Good News Staff
Staying in touch with everybody is vital to the ministry of Tryon First Baptist Church. If you have a change of address or a new telephone number, please notify the church office. Having your email address would be extremely helpful. Thank you for *staying in touch*.

Nursery

Olivia Whiteside

Little Things

Ascribed to Julian A. F. Carney

Little drops of water
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean,
And the pleasant land.
Thus little moments,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity.
Thus our little errors
Lead the soul away
From the path of virtue,
Off in sin to stray.
Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make our earth an Eden,
Like the heaven above.

LIBRARY

Susan Smith

The library committee recommends these books by best-selling author Richard Paul Evans:

The Christmas Box

The Locket

The Looking Glass

Timepiece

We also have the new Jan Karon book: Home to Holly Springs.

The library is open *before*, *during*, and *after* Sunday School. Check it out!

Prayer

Sadie McKaig

“Let this be my chief object in prayer, to realize the presence of my heavenly Father.”

from Talking with God Andrew Murray

Bell Choir

Sandy Frady

Winter weather can be depressing for some of us. Sometimes we need to let the warmth of God enter our hearts. When Christ’s love is set to music, our hearts can bloom again like spring. The Bell Choir is practicing arrangements of hymns and spiritual songs which speak of God’s love and greatness. We hope to be playing some of these soon for the worship service.

Children's Corner

Q: What was the Pilgrims favorite music?

A: Plymouth Rock! (*_*)

When you think of LOVE in connection with Valentine’s Day, do you think red hearts, red candies, red cards and *Red Velvet Cake*? Well, if you think cake, the following recipe is for you.

Red Velvet Cake

A simple Southern recipe

CAKE

1 package German chocolate cake mix
1 C sour cream ½ C water
1 bottle red food coloring
¼ C oil 3 eggs 1 t vanilla extract
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray pans with Pam or grease and dust with flour. Put cake mix, sour cream, oil, water, food coloring, eggs and vanilla in large bowl. Mix on low 1-2 minutes. Scrape sides of bowl. Mix on medium 2-3 minutes. Pour into pans. Bake 25-30 minutes. Let cool in pans on wire rack 10-15 minutes. Run a knife around edge of layers and turn upside down on wire rack, then turn layers right side up on another rack. Cool 35-40 minutes.

FROSTING

1 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese at room temperature
8 T butter at room temperature
3 ¾ C confectioners’ sugar, well sifted
1 T vanilla extract
Put cream cheese and butter in a large bowl. Mix on low 30-45 seconds. Stop, add sugar a little at a time, mixing on low speed until sugar is well mixed--1-2 minutes. Add vanilla. Mix on medium until fluffy, 1-2 minutes.

Place one cake layer right side up on a dish. Spread top with frosting. Put on second layer, frost top and sides.

January 12 the Christian Education Committee met at Bob and Judy Lair’s home. We discussed several new ideas for Sunday School. We are pleased to announce that the young adults class (I) has resumed and is being led by Cheryl Roach and Phillip Feagan, *and* the high school class (Group 3) is meeting in the activity building and being taught by Joe and Frances Wray.

Adult Women (Teacher Elizabeth Burrell, Substitute Judy Lair)

Adult Men and Women III (Teacher Bob Lair, Substitutes Chuck Huneycutt, Joe Wray)

Adult Men and Women II (Teachers Phil and Joyce Scoggins, Substitute Phillip Pleasants)

Adult Men and Women I (Teacher Cheryl Roach and Phillip Feagan)

Group 3, Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 (Teachers Joe and Frances Wray, Substitute Julie Miller)

Group 2; Grades 4, 5, 6 (Teachers Gerry and Johnny Taylor, Substitute Debby Covil)

Group 1; Grades 1, 2, 3 (Teacher Terry Bishop, Substitute Barbara Batchler)

Preschool; Ages 2, 3, 4, 5 (Teachers Marian Corn, Renae Waldman)

Nursery: Crib Babies/Toddlers (Donna Campbell, Wendi Jordan)

Music (Teacher Kay Greene)

Crafts (Teacher Gerry Taylor)

Thanks to everyone who is involved with the TFBC Christian Education Program.

As we start a new year WMU (Group 1) is again dedicating its efforts to reaching out to those in Polk County who need a helping and loving hand.

At our February 5 meeting we plan to identify our projects for the year. We invite all ladies to join us and become a part of determining the greatest needs and how we can "Live the Call".

Group 1 meets the first Tuesday of each month at the church at 10:00 AM. Please join us for warm fellowship, delicious refreshments and a short program that is always interesting and meaningful.

My recent baptism was an *end* to a long process of procrastination and hard-headedness that has led to a new and exciting *beginning*.

I grew up in a Presbyterian church which my parents made sure I attended every Sunday. I formally accepted Christ when I was 13 years old and was baptized, the "Presbyterian way" which was water being sprinkled on my head. As years went by and I was on my own, I attended church off and on, as much as I thought necessary which ended up being less and less. My mother always asked whether I was going to church and whether I was involved with my church's work. On one occasion I tried to get around her question, since I had not really been attending church, by answering that I really didn't get a lot out of church. She was very quick to ask me, "Well, what are you putting into it?"

When Hilda and I moved to Lynn and started our family we searched for a church home. Tryon First Baptist offered what we needed for our growing family. All these 30 years we have attended and been a part of our church. Hilda was baptized in a Baptist church when she was younger, so she became a full member by transfer of letter and I thinking it was no big deal became an associate member, because I had been baptized. What was the big deal about being baptized as a Baptist and being baptized as a Presbyterian.

Several members of our church would from time to time ask about my getting "Baptist baptized", but no one was at all pushy, just encouraging. I want to thank everyone for your support, encouragement, prayers and caring.

As time went by the decision to go ahead and get baptized would surface and I would find an excuse. With a lot of soul-searching, prayer and support of many church members, I made the decision to become a full-fledged Baptist by being baptized in our church. I had come to realize that once again my mother was correct about putting yourself totally into your church and its work for the Lord. Once the decision was made, it was simply a matter of being baptized the "Baptist way" and becoming a full member of Tryon First Baptist Church, but you know what? It has been much more than that.

Once I made the decision I started to think more about the actual baptism and what it means to me, what the immersion and my rebirth to a new life can do for me

and how it was a lot more than just the "Baptist way". I quickly came to realize and accept the true meaning of baptism. What had started out, in my mind, as a requirement to become a Baptist, turned into a reawakening within me of my commitment to God, to Christ and to His church. Being baptized in the Baptist church brought a renewed understanding of the meanings of being baptized; cleansing of my sins, the symbol of being reborn and brought into a new life, my public declaration of choosing Christ as my personal Savior and the rededication of myself to Christ and His church.

I would strongly encourage anyone of any age to go ahead and make the decision and follow through to publicly accept Christ as your personal Savior and be baptized or rededicated. It does bring a whole new light to your life.

COMMITTEES

Ellis Fincher, Jr.

At the deacons meeting in January I was elected chairperson for 2008. During the month of January many of you were also elected as chairpersons of your respective committees.

I urge the chairpersons to keep the other committee members informed about what your committee is doing. This is mentioned for several reasons. The chairperson should not have to make all the decisions nor do all the work for the committee. All members should share the responsibilities and decision making for their committees.

In the January *Good News* I wrote about being a participant. I believe that being on a committee at First Baptist Church of Tryon gives us an excellent chance to be a participant. Will you be that participant? In His service, let us have a great year!



Anne Shu

While pondering what I might write for the February newsletter, words concerning the church were popping into my mind with a description of each word. The words included pastor - spiritual leader, deacons - servants and congregation - fellowship of believers. When the word choir came to mind the descriptions seemed to flow freely - worship leaders, friends, laughter, fun, intense rehearsals and prayer.

My first thoughts of the choirs are who we are and what we do. Each rehearsal seems to be a gathering of good friends who are delighted to see each other. We work hard to learn music with laughter and joy. We end each rehearsal asking for whom we need to pray and someone leads us in a closing prayer. This gathering of friends loves and supports each other and warmly extends the same to new singers and to the congregation.

We invite you to join us as we begin learning new Easter music.

We had a beautiful Christmas season. The trees, poinsettias, and greenery made the sanctuary shine. Thank you for your contributions.

We are fast approaching the season of Lent. Since Easter is early this year, on March 23, Lent is also early. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 6, the day after all the revelry of Mardi Gras in our more southern states. It marks the time we turn our thoughts toward the cross. We will be putting our cross out in front of the church, reminding our community that Easter is coming.

This year the Flower Committee is considering offering varied spring flowers as remembrances at Easter, instead of just lilies. The lilies are lovely, but they affect an allergic reaction in some that is noteworthy. So we are considering adding azaleas, tulips, daffodils, etc. Let Mona, Hilda, or Dan know what you think. Let's make our sanctuary shine once again.

The Flower Committee

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----|----------------|
| 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 |



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Ed & Vicky Justice |
| 14 | John & Estella Hanson |

ADULT CHOIR



ADULT CHOIR

Anne Shu

Positions open in soprano, alto, tenor and bass: No others need apply.

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.

Experience: No applications will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some time.

Beginning Wage: Increased satisfaction and joy in the service of God.

Fringe Benefits: Social Security. We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members.

Hours: Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 and Sunday mornings. There is occasional opportunity for overtime.

Retirement: Generally determined by the printed notes getting too small, the hymnal too heavy, notes too high, the sanctuary too hot or too cold, or the organist unable to play the notes you sing.

We are an equal opportunity employer!



SISTERHOOD

Judy Lair

Nine adults and six children from our church went to Ridge Rest on Sunday, September 30 to present music to the residents. Phil and Joan Feagan provided an ice cream party following the program which was planned by Kay Greene and presented by the children.

Wednesday, October 10, bottles of shampoo that were collected by members of the Sisterhood were delivered to the Carolina Baptist Association in Hendersonville. This shampoo will be used to fill 1500 red boxes for Christmas to send to women incarcerated in two NC prisons. Immediately following worship,

Sunday, October 14, Cheryl Roach coordinated a baby shower for Bruce and Stephanie Mathis who are expecting a boy. Over thirty people enjoyed the event.

Saturday, October 27 Ellis and Linda Fincher hosted the youth of our church and residents of Blanton Cottage at their White Oak Mountain home for hiking, hay rides and a cookout. A service of worship and appreciation for our active duty military will be recorded on a CD on Sunday, November 11.

The CD will be mailed to members of the military who are listed on our prayer concerns list. Our choirs and soloists will be participating; comments from Dr. Maxwell, Rev. Glass and Dr. Lair will be included.

This idea originated in our Sisterhood meeting.

Sisterhood meets on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. All women of the church are encouraged to participate in this mission driven supportive group of women.



Hand Bells

Sandy Frady

It is hard to believe that the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are just a short time away. The hand bell choir members have been faithfully practicing in order to play for the church service in a few weeks as well as during the Christmas holidays.

We now have a full choir of ringers and a couple of substitutes, but if you are interested in playing please let me know and I will happily add you to our list. We do need substitute ringers sometimes. We meet on Wednesday at 6:00 PM and would love to have you come and see how we practice.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brooke Scoggins
- 3 Olivia Whiteside
- 4 Donna Littlefield
- 5 Jerry Barnette
- 5 Vicky Justice
- 5 Ethan Waldman
- 8 Casey Collins
- 8 Matthew Covil
- 8 Joyce Scoggins
- 9 Estella Hanson
- 11 Edith Vehorn
- 13 Ruth Ann Arledge
- 13 Katherine Garrett
- 19 Edward Culbreth
- 21 Alvin Hayes
- 24 Charles Huneycutt
- 24 Frank "Boat" Williams
- 25 Trey Dusenbury
- 25 John Spinks
- 29 Conner Dusenbury



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Tommy & Edith Vehorn
- 19 Tommy & Sharon Burrell



Prayer

Sadie McKaig

"The purpose of prayer is not to influence God to grant you special favors, but rather to remind yourself that you are always connected to God."

This quote found in *Guideposts* magazine is from Dr. Wayne W. Dyer.

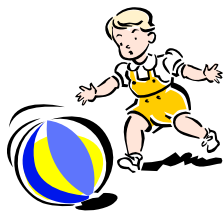


Bible Class

Sadie McKaig

The Tryon First Baptist Church Bible class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 in the activity building. Over the years the class has numbered fifteen to twenty people who have met regularly to learn more about the Bible under the direction of Dr. Maxwell. We have been so blessed to have such a learned person as Dr. Maxwell to guide us through the pages of the Holy Scriptures.

Dr. Maxwell is very humble and shuns the idea that he is a scholar but indeed he is, and every person who has been in the Bible class and/or Dr. Maxwell's Sunday School class has not necessarily become a scholar but certainly has become more knowledgeable and gained a greater understanding of the Holy Spirit's inspiration in the writing of the Words.

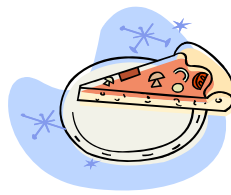


Nursery

Olivia Whiteside

The Nursery is functioning well. With the addition of Emily Brady as a helper, there are now six young ladies to care for and work with our little ones.

The committee would like to have some *Veggie Tales* videos and other videos which have a good message and are suitable for young children.



Hospice House Chapel Fundraiser

Shelvie Foust

Thank you to all who participated in the church's Hospice House Chapel fundraiser Saturday, October 13. Thank you to Terry Bishop, Tommy and Sharon Burrell, Marian Corn, Don and Jan Iaffaldano, Rick and Beth McCallister, Sadie McKaig, Jeff and Julie Miller, Phil and Joyce Scoggins, John Spinks, and Joe and Frances Wray who worked in the booth; Franklin McKaig and his helpers Becky Perry, Andrew McKaig and Ingram Willis for making and delivering the pizza to Harmon Field; Ellis Fincher, Jr., Dan and Mona Kimble, Bob and Judy Lair, Georgia and Bud Pace, Harold and Ruth Taylor for their assistance with logistics and supplies and to all who made donations. The \$1,100.00 we raised for the Hospice House Chapel fund has been given to Hospice. Again, thank you.



CHILDREN MAKE FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Sunday, October 28, the children of the church made flower arrangements for the Lord's Supper table. The preschoolers, and Groups 1 and 2 were those participating. The lesson for them was that it takes many hands and talents to function as a church, and everyone's gifts are appreciated.

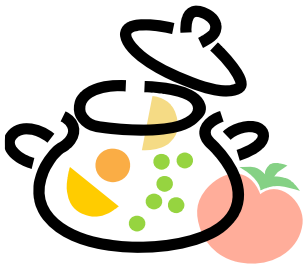
Library

Susan Smith

The church library has a number of reference books and study guides available for check-out, including:

- Atlas of the Bible: An Illustrated Guide to the Holy Land
- Barclay, William: 16 volumes in the Daily Study Bible series
- The Book of Life – a 24 volume set published by Zondervan
- Broadman Bible Commentary
- Illustrated Manners and Customs of the Bible
- Interpreter's Bible
- Layman's Bible Book Commentaries, 24 volumes
- Layman's Library of Christian Doctrine, 12 volumes
- Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible
- Wight, Fred H.: Manners and Customs of Bible Lands

Please come by the library to browse, read and "check out" books



Visitation

June Brady

In October the Visitation Committee and the Sisterhood decided to make soup for some members of our church. We went over our church roll and decided on fourteen people who might enjoy soup and a visit. Six people volunteered to make soup and eight people volunteered to visit. All the committee members who participated found this activity worthwhile and those receiving the soup appreciated it. We plan to do this again early in December.

If anyone is interest in visiting or being involved in various projects connected with visitation projects, please call June Brady at 859-9573. This year a number of people have joined the Visitation Committee which has been a great help. We really appreciate the church's interest in visitation.



Each month beginning with the November issue of *Good News*, we will celebrate God's bounty with a column entitled *A Recipe for the Season*. If you have a recipe you think is especially good for a particular month or season, please let us know.

A Recipe for the Season

Butternut Squash Soup

Terry Bishop

2 lb. Butternut squash
1 medium onion
1 Granny Smith apple
2 T butter
2 (14 oz.) cans chicken broth
Saute chopped onion in butter.
Peel squash, cut into large cubes. (Can microwave or bake and scrape squash from peel.)
Peel and cube apple.
Add apple, squash & onion to chicken broth, cook until tender.
Puree in blender and return to pot.
Add salt and pepper to taste.
May add herbs such as thyme, chives or others to taste.

Frances Wray is both beautiful and useful.

Our WMU group dedicated the yearbook to Louise Powell for her 50 plus years of constant devotion to and love of missions. Louise demonstrates her love of missions through generous giving of her time, monies and prayers. We recognized Louise at our October meeting for her leadership and dedication.

We welcome all ladies to join our group and *Live the Call* with us. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at the church, 10:00 a. m.



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Shelvie Foust

Live the Call is our WMU emphasis for September 2007 – September 2008. *Live the Call* is a reminder that we are to daily live out the call of Christ in our lives – to understand, embrace and live the mission of God. Our yearbook designed by Ruth Ann Arledge and