

Good News

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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From Your Pastor...

“9 Months of Work and Anticipation!”

The time to **wrap-up the transition experience** is now approaching. It has been an invigorating time for many, a needed break for some but mostly just a very important time of reflection and study for those who would take the time to be engaged. Of course, the group that has had the greatest focus has been your elected Transition Team members. Elected by **2** standards which would make them blush with an appropriate humility, they have really worked hard at their tasks and at being spiritually alive to God's leading.

The **2** qualifiers I first asked you to consider were seriously needed during these last **9** months of work. These were to be, (1) good representation of the congregation, and, (2) spiritual maturity. In these last **9** months of work your choices were proven to be right on target. Now our wrap-up will produce the considerations and

recommendations that reflect their observations of the mature will of the congregation.

2 dates will give shape to the conclusions of our teamwork.

PLEASE HOLD THESE 2 DATES:

OCTOBER 15, GET ACQUAINTED MEAL, 5:30-7:00PM At this time the deacons will lead in a discussion of our mission monies through Baptist denominational channels. A denominational sub-team led by Charles McKeller will present results of studies that preserve options for your giving plans.

OCTOBER 19, SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP, 11:00AM This Sunday we will have “A Call to Prayer” for the entire congregation. The Pastoral Search Committee will be introduced, charged with responsibilities of re-engaging in their task and commissioned with prayer from the congregation. Your Transition Team has been a joy to work with. They have proven to be a significant encouragement to each other in the issues of

the church life with which they have wrestled. They have made the time to engage in brief Bible study each meeting. Their patience and diligence has been wonderful. We will have several final meetings ourselves, and we intend to put together a notebook of all of our work for church records. As we finish, let me challenge each of you to make every effort to be fully aware of the recommendations from the studies of **YOUR** team. One word of challenge: only if you carefully and intentionally follow through on these actions suggested will this study bear its best fruit for Christ!

Your Pastor in the Interim

EVERYONE URGED TO COME!
~~A NEW BIBLE STUDY~~

Wednesday Bible Study,

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Beginning October 8:

A 5-week study

“The Will of God” - Activity

Building

Wrap-up in early November

with a Day Trip

to Black Mountain

Library News

Susan Smith

New Books

Fiction

Bateman, Tracey: Claire knows best

Billerbeck, Kristin: With this ring, I'm confused

Clark, Mindy: Blind dates can be murder

Daley, Margaret: Light in the storm

Daley, Margaret: When dreams come true

Gray, Alice (compiler): Stories for the heart

Gunn, Robin Jones: Sisterchicks in Gondolas

Hart, Beth Webb: The Wedding machine

Rue, Nancy: "B" is for bad at getting into Harvard

Walker, Laura J.: Miss Invisible

NonFiction

Boyd, Jeffrey: Reclaiming the soul

Cloud, Henry: Rescue your love life (changing those dumb attitudes and behaviors that will sink your marriage)

Coleman, William: When someone you loves dies

Green, Cheryl: Child of promise: one woman's journey from tragedy to triumph

Hollingsworth, Amy: The Simple faith of Mister Rogers

Lucado, Max: Just like Jesus

Malone, Gracie: Still making waves - creating a splash in midlife and beyond

Palmer, Adam: Here I am to worship devotional

Pollock, John: The Master: a life of Jesus

Warren, Rick: God's power to change your life

The church library is now open during the week. You are welcome to browse and borrow books any time the church is open. Just write your name and the date you borrow the book on the card in the back, and leave the card on the desk.



~ARE YOU FILLING A SHOEBOX? The Missions Committee is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child.

Brochures explaining this mission are in the church foyers. Shoeboxes will be collected through **October 19**. Filled boxes should be placed on the altar in the sanctuary. Everyone—especially youth—are encouraged to participate in this effort. Any questions should be directed to *Rick McCullister*.



BROTHERHOOD OF BAPTIST MEN

John Spinks

The Brotherhood of Baptist Men celebrated another meeting by hearing an inspirational talk by Phil Scoggins. Phil spoke on The Humor of Jesus, citing several references throughout the Bible where Jesus used humor as points in his parables.

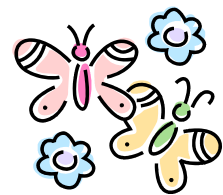
The group decided to contribute some of our "auction money" to the NC Mission Initiative by sponsoring an inflatable for the Children's Festival.

Be sure to mark your calendar for October 20th when our program topic will be "The Impact of Gangs in Polk County". The Sisterhood will prepare dinner. A sign up sheet is in the Sunday School foyer and the cost of the meal is ONLY \$5.00. All men and women of the church are urged to attend.



Children's Corner

GNs Staff



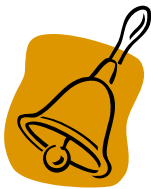
"Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly."
Anonymous

CONGRATULATIONS!

....Dance Dynamics dominated the Southern Council of Dance Masters competition in Charleston, SC. The Senior tap team including Alyssa Fincher and Megan Stone won a Gold Award with their routine **Weird Science**. Missy Fincher is the instructorJordan and Tiffany Covil upon the birth 8-11 of Skylar Joseph and Grandparents Joe and Gigi Covil.

NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS INITIATIVE

On October 25, we are joining 100 Baptist churches across North Carolina to address the needs of poverty in one of the poorest areas of the state, in nearby Rutherford County. We are seeking at least 40 participants from TFBC: families and individuals, SS classes and youth, etc., to share the love of Christ in this multi-faceted approach. There are many different needs and many different teams to share the work. This week is the deadline to sign-up for good pre-planning. Info brochures are available at entrances. Sign up ASAP!



Hand Bells

Sandy Frady

As I have mentioned before, I am blessed to work with a dedicated, thoughtful and talented group of bell ringers. One of our members, Kay Greene, gave me a little devotional book entitled Ringin' True. One of the prayers compares the ringing of bells to the autumn colors. I want to share just a section of this prayer with you.

" ---- *May the colors of your autumn leaves sound in each note of our music.*

May our largest bells chime the deep, rich tones of bronze and burgundy.

May our middle bells ring the bright, warm texture of red and gold.

May our smallest bells echo the light, delicate grace of yellow and orange.

As your leaves transform the landscape with a joyful noise of color, so may our bells transform hearts with a joyful peal of prayer. ----"

We hope to play for the church service soon and I pray we will relate this feeling as we play..



Featuring Jarrett Culbreth

GNs Staff

The *Good News* staff plans to feature our college student from the *Prayer Concerns – College Students* list. We are pleased to feature Jarrett Culbreth.

Jarrett is the son of Kim Burrell Culbreth who is a local business owner/operator and Craig Culbreth who is a Polk County public school teacher. He is a grandson of Harold and Elizabeth Burrell.

Jarrett graduated Polk County High School in 2007. He was an avid talented soccer player for PCHS and now plays for Emory and Henry College. Jarrett has a brother, Heath, who now plays soccer for Polk County. Jarrett states that the most exciting thing ever

to have happened to him was being asked to play college soccer.

Jarrett's major study at Emory and Henry College is *Environmental Studies*. In his application to Tryon Youth Center for a scholarship he wrote, "As Polk County grows, so does the need for a multi-disciplined team to analyze complex environmental problems....." He plans to return to Polk County and address this need.

When Jarrett has time he enjoys playing Frisbee and golf. A nap now and then is nice.



The Plan

Ellis Fincher, Jr.

I am sure that many of you remember the popular television adventure series of the 1980s called *The A Team* starring George Peppard. Near the end of the show when the A Team was obtaining their objective Hannibal (George Peppard) would almost always say, "I love it when a plan comes together." I believe that God also loves it when a plan comes together. Since last year the First Baptist Church of Tryon has been working on a plan. The objective of our plan is to call a new pastor to follow the successful 27 year ministry of Dr. Darryl Maxwell.

Through the dedication of many, the self study, teaching and informing, the questioning for information and direction of some, the leadership of Dr. Bill Henderson guiding us in this process and most importantly with all the prayers, we are close to reactivating our Pulpit Search Committee to finish our plan. I feel confident that we are now a congregation that will search with a new found authority and understanding. We know where we have been and have a Christian confidence of where we want to go. I love it when a plan comes together. Don't you?



Nursery Happenings

Olivia Whiteside

The nursery and preschool department is FULL of good news! Things are coming right along with the nursery class and we have had a few new babies visiting with us. The preschool class is completely revamped, and we are extremely happy to announce that we have several new teachers who are going to be helping with the preschool class: Linda Ligon, Kathy Ashley, Hilda Pleasants, Peggy Edwards, and Stephanie Mathis. Several others may be coming on board later this year. We have lessons for several months ready for these wonderful ladies to teach with substitutes in place. Wendi Jordan is helping with curriculum and Linda Fincher is in charge of cleaning and supplies.

Please let these teachers and other volunteers know how much you appreciate their help. If you are interested in volunteering we do need some more folks, so let me know! If you have items such as art supplies, age appropriate toys and dress up clothes to donate, please let Linda Fincher know. We will be purchasing many new supplies for the classroom. One change that we have made is the age for this class which will be two to six years. Parents please observe this age limit.

We will be starting Mother's Morning Out very soon! Shelvie Foust and Paula Edwards have graciously volunteered to keep children one Monday morning a month. If we can get a volunteer to help me one Tuesday morning a month we can reach many more families! Please let me know if you can help. We have decided to start small with one or two mornings a month and see how successful it is! Please contact Olivia Whiteside if you or a family you know wants to participate.

Sisterhood

Di Greene

On September 9 sixteen women gathered for Sisterhood. We were blessed with a program by Beth McCallister. Prayer concerns were shared and we joined our hearts to pray for our families, church families and our mission projects.

We reviewed some of our upcoming projects and are pleased with the Book Bag Drive. Please continue to look for book bags on sale and fill our box for the next school year. We look forward to meeting the new Blanton Cottage girls in November at the Finchers for a hot dog lunch. We will also present them with items the VBS children collected.

There are two upcoming opportunities for our church. October 20 Brotherhood and Sisterhood will have a joint meeting complete with a meal. It will begin at 6:30 and we welcome all men and women of our church. November 2 Sisterhood will sponsor a Soup/Sandwich/Salad meal after worship. All proceeds from the meal will go toward Kathy's Kids. Kathy Ashley will begin shopping for Tryon Elementary Kids for Christmas. We already know we will service 80 children, so we could use your donations and you will enjoy a great meal and fellowship.

As you see, Sisterhood is busy and we would welcome you to the group to help with Missions. If you have a question about any of the Sisterhood projects, contact Judy Lair or Di Greene.



W M U

Shelvie Foust

Woman's Missionary Union's Mission for 2008-2010 "is to inform and inspire the contemporary Baptist woman to influence her world for Christ."

Our group meets at the Church the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM and is looking for new opportunities to expand this mission beyond what we have achieved in the past. We will continue to support the same local missions, but we feel challenged to grow in strength and number in order to reach out to those waiting for a helping hand. We plan to support Habitat for Humanity in 2009 and to become more active in the North Carolina Mission Initiatives.

We need the women of the Church to join our effort in order to expand our reach. All are welcome to become a part of our WMU group. We have warm fellowship, meaningful programs, delicious refreshments and the greatest of all – an opportunity to reach out to those who need someone to help feed them, clothe them and love them. Our goal is to influence our world for Christ.



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Johnny & Gerry Taylor
- 11 Joey & Olivia Whiteside
- 22 Ken & Barbara Batchler
- 22 Bob & Peggy Constance



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kim McFarland
- 6 Johnny Taylor
- 8 Evelyn Chapman
- 10 John Hanson
- 10 Kathyanne Harding
- 12 Laura Laughter
- 12 Kent Smith
- 14 Ken Batchler
- 17 Terry Bishop
- 18 Joe Covil
- 18 Mary F. Greene
- 19 Lucas Scoggins
- 22 Abigail Constance
- 24 Rick McCallister
- 27 Caitlin Britton
- 27 Sally Jo Carter
- 28 Louise Powell
- 28 Nicholas Stott
- 28 Luke Walker
- 30 Meredith Harding
- 31 Mary Sherman



Join us in this simple but powerful act of love for

Christmas!

**FILLED BOXES DUE
OCTOBER 19.**



SHOES

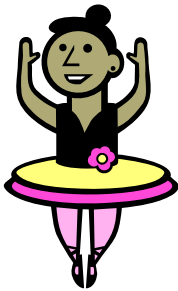
FOR AFGHANISTAN

Sadie McKaig

The need for women's shoes continues in Afghanistan and we continue to bring our gently used serviceable shoes to help fill the need. Approximately 120 pairs of shoes have been shipped. The total postage is \$76.62, less than one dollar per pair. How is that for economy and the ultimate in recycling. Six people have contributed \$80.00 to pay for shipping leaving us *in the black* by \$3.38.

We will continue this ministry as long as we receive shoes. At the moment we have six pairs of shoes, so check your closets again. If you have questions please call 817-1459 or email mckaig@charter.net.

Even though the women who receive our shoes do not know us, we know they have thankful hearts.



The Wacky Talent Show

Anne Shu

A good time was had by all! This phrase takes on new meaning when talking about our Wacky Talent Show! It was such fun. Seeing Phil Pleasants cavorting across the stage as a ballerina had us all in stitches. Laura Laughter and John Spinks singing "Side by Side" seemed to have the most rehearsal. Steven Brady made a terrific straight man for our country preacher, Dr. Henderson. Again Dan Kimble came up with funny characters, Clem and his brother Noggin. Thanks to everyone who was willing to do silly things to make us laugh and enjoy. I can't wait to see how everyone tops this show for the next one!



FEATURING AARON GOFORTH

GNs Staff

In an effort to help us become better acquainted with our college students the **Good News** staff will be writing articles about the young people on our *Prayer Concerns – College Students* list.

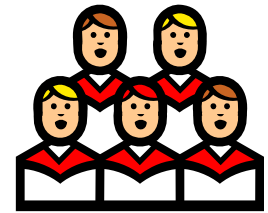
Aaron Goforth who served as our summer youth minister and has continued working with our youth group **Refuge** is the son of Craig and Mary Alice Goforth. Aaron's father is the dean of students at Mars Hill College and his mother is a middle school math teacher. He has two older biological brothers, Devon and Daniel. In addition to these two brothers are "so many other siblings" because his family has fostered many children.

Aaron is a second year student at Gardner-Webb University majoring in Religion and Spanish, and he works as a Residence Advisor. His most recent community service was the Big Sweep River Clean-up. Aaron's activities include soccer, tennis and guitar.

A wry sense of humor was expressed with Aaron's "most interesting thing that has happened to you" revelation. He said, "Threw my shoulder out one time when I was getting a hanger out of my closet and I sneezed." And again with his response to "plans for life after college", "Travel the world, maybe try to sprint through the Korean DMZ?"

"Our church is so blessed to have such a strong bereavement committee. They are most gracious in assisting bereaved families at a moment's notice. Shirley Edwards and her committee are so good to accommodate the family's needs, whether it be serving food at the church, or delivering to the home. They take care of all of the details that are needed. In time of need, they are a wonderful source of comfort."

Joyce and Phil Scoggins



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Kay Greene

Though few in number, the Children's Choir has been full of enthusiasm. Kaya Bishop, Wilson Edwards, Nora Jordan, Carl Campbell and Jonathan Edwards have "Passports to Adventure." Besides learning new songs, these youngsters have taken an imaginary plane ride (complete with on board snacks!) each week to visit missionaries in different countries. These children plan to be missionaries themselves in October, filling two shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Hopefully, they will sing their Operation Christmas Child songs in a church service.

We are hoping to do our annual Christmas program at the dinner on December 7 but we need more singers. This year's program will be "Christmas Around the World." All boys and girls—kindergarten through 5th grade—are urged to join us on Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

