

The Contact

First Baptist Church Newsletter

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Worship Highlights



**Sunday,
March 3, 2013**

Title:
"Perishing With Thirst"

Text:
Luke 13:1-9

**Wednesday
March 6, 2013**

Wednesday
Night Supper

Prayer Meeting
& Bible Study

Title:
"The Consequence of Sin"

Text:
Genesis 3:1-24

Children Handchimes,
Children's Choir,
Mission Friends,
Children In Action,
Youth SHARE,
Chancel Choir
Rehearsal

The Pastor's Voice

By Dr. Ron Hinson

Will Anyone Hear Us If Our Message Is Only About What We Oppose?

For a long time, I have pondered this question in light of the frequency of "opposition" that seems to pervade the Christian community in many forms. The answer to the above question is absolutely, yes. We will often and loudly be heard when we present to the world and those who will listen our statements of opposition over and against any number of things. We can be militant and full of invectives against many things and people and actions of the present world. But it strikes me as a great paradox that any Christian would stand to "throw stones" in any particular direction when Jesus could be in our midst writing in the sand about any or all of our faults and failures. I refer to the incident when a woman was brought before Jesus, said to have been "caught" in the act of an adulterous relationship. They came bringing her to Jesus in anticipation of his agreeing with them that she should be stoned to death (the penalty for adultery at the time). Jesus knelt and wrote in the sand and said, "He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone." Such words are trouble to our sensibilities that tell us justice is to be upheld. But Jesus notes the reality, that though they have brought the woman, the man involved is no where being held accountable; such are the marks of our imperfect "justice" as well. Too much of the time, we are the ones joining the crowd to oppose one thing or another without ever considering the truth about our own actions and attitudes. If you remember, all those who brought the woman left without throwing any stone at all. Only Jesus remained, and he said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more." (See John 8:11)

Scripture often warns, sets boundaries, and offers the word of God to us for our blessing and guidance. To disregard such truth and wisdom and instruction is to reap the consequences. At the same time, our judgments, while informed, may often be flawed. What do we lack in understanding? What are we blind to truly see? What factors may shape our opinions, but fail to guide our Christ-likeness?

Everywhere Christians are challenged to discover the "perfect will of God." That is best accomplished in the light of Jesus and his words and actions. To know Christ and to follow him requires a radical "re-centering" of our lives. To say, "Jesus is Lord" and to mean it, also means to follow his teachings. Over and over and over again Jesus insists that we forgive others as we know forgiveness in Christ. If we are forgiving, how can we then continue to berate sinners like ourselves, for not knowing the way of Jesus when we have been the ones called to share the love of Christ with them and have not?

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Someone once said, sharing our faith is like one hungry man telling another hungry man where to find bread. To acknowledge that we are personally sinners who received grace also means we have a responsibility to share with others where that grace is found --- in Jesus Christ.

It is disheartening to think that the things Christians are known for are too often, only what we are against. Especially when those things are so seldom the things standing in the way of people knowing Jesus. Too often what stands in the way of that is our silence, our quickness to judge, and our failure to be the bearers of the light and love of our Savior. Hiding behind our hates may serve to satisfy our pleasure in "choosing sides," but heaven help us if we think God isn't interested in something else. The last time I heard about Jesus, he was bringing down the walls of separation. He was healing and restoring and uplifting. He was loving and teaching and pointing us all to repentance and faith and vitality in relationship to Him. He went to the cross doing that. Even death was not able to keep him silenced, when His resurrection declared the power of God in our midst. If we offer the world evidence of our faith in Jesus, it likely will be recognizable by an unfailing demonstration of mercy, grace, forgiveness and love...like Jesus'.



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

February

27 Peggy FormyDuval

March

- 2 Janice Young
Grace Morningstar
Carson Lynn
- 3 Doris Hughes
Coburn Powell
Byron Ward
- 6 Haywood Corbett
Jan Hinson
Tricia Sanderson
Pierson Young

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 10th.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday, March 9th.

Music Ministry



Singing is the most human, most companionable of the arts. It joins us together in the whole realm of sound, forging a group identity where there were only individuals and making a communicative statement that far transcends what any one of us could do alone. It is a paradigm of union with the creator. It is what the words talk about. We need to sing well.

Alice Parker

Without music, life would be an error.

Friedrich Nietzsche (19th century)

Sing the LORD a new song. Let the sea with its creatures, the coastland and its people fill the world with praise.

Let every village and town, from Kedar on the plain to Sela in the hills, take up the joyful song. Sing glory to the LORD, give praise across the world.

Isaiah 42:10-12

It is a joy to be a part of a church who enjoys singing as much as the congregation of First Baptist. To God be the Glory!

Noel Trof

Join a Choir Today!

For Children

(Wednesday)

- Children's Handchimes** (grades 3-5) 4:15 p.m.
The Young Melody Makers (4 yrs-grade 1) 5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir (grades 2-5) 5:00 p.m.

For Youth

(Sunday)

- Youth Ensemble** (grades 6-12) 5:15 p.m.
Handbells for Youth and Adults, 4:30 p.m.

For Adults

(Tuesday)

- The Singing Seniors** (55 yrs. & up) 11:00 a.m.

(Wednesday)

- The Chancel Choir** (adults-all ages) 7:15 p.m.

(Sunday)

- Handbells** for Youth and Adults 4:30 p.m.





SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

The plans are beginning for Operation In As Much!

Be thinking about what YOU can do to help.

The Missions Committee needs suggestions for projects and your input to identify needs in the community. Does your neighbor need a handrail added or repaired, yard raked, light bulbs replaced, a hot meal, a visit, a prayer, etc.? Remember, this is a Church-Wide project and everyone is capable of helping in some way. Many of the projects require purchasing supplies, so donations are appreciated. Let's make Operation In As Much 2013 a big deal!

WMU NC Missions Extravaganza 2013

Mission Project

Together at Missions Extravaganza, we will have the opportunity to respond to the needs of women's prisons across our state. We will collect items for the visitor lobbies of the women's correctional facilities. These items will be used for the children and teens as they come to visit their mothers.

The following is a list of items that would help the Women's Correctional Facilities to make the children and teens a little more comfortable in visiting with their mothers:

- Books (preschool, children, preteen, teen)
- Coloring books
- Crayons, pencils, markers
- Puzzles (preschool, children, preteen and teen)
- Puzzle Books
- Games (preschool, children, preteen and teen)

These items will help the mother's interact with their children and help their children to be more comfortable. If you would like to help with this ministry please place your items on the missions table in the fellowship hall.

**MARCH
WMU
MEETINGS**

**Monday,
March 11th**

The Flora Heath & Prayer Group will meet at 6 pm in the Conference Room. This will be a planning meeting for Operation In As Much.

Please plan to attend.

March 3-10, 2013
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
North American Missions

**WHATEVER
IT TAKES
REACHING THE ONE**



National Goal: \$70 Million
AnnieArmstrong.com



Sunshine Group - Charleston Trip

**Saturday, March 9th, the church bus will
LEAVE the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.**

Wednesday March 6, 2013



Shrimp Creole,
Fluffy Rice,
Cole Slaw,
Corn Muffins,
and
Assorted Lemon Desserts

Janice Young, Chairmen
Charlotte Collins, Ida Smith,
Glenda Turbeville, Joann Hinson
Jimmy & Virginia Greer,
Legrande & Pearl Thompson

**SHUT INS
OF THE
WEEK**



Ellen Walters
Room 601
and
Bertha Elliott
Room 307A
Liberty Commons
1402 Pinckney St.
Whiteville, NC 28472

Our Financial Stewardship

February 24, 2013

This Week

Budget Rec'd	\$12,654.26
Budget Needed	\$9,171.66
Over	\$3,482.60

This Year

Budget Needs.....	\$192,604.86
Budget Received.....	\$192,428.83
Under Budget	\$176.03

Sunday School Attendance 99

MARCH

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

Sunday, March 3, 2013

Children's Church

Grayanna Young

Sunday Morning Church Greeters

Donny Viets

Deacons of the Week

Frances Price and Jerry Gore

Offering Tellers

March Chairs: Kirby & Tricia Sanderson

3rd- Eric & Betty Gail Kronenwetter

10th- Joe & Mary Hooks

17th- Stan & Ida Smith

24th- David & Pat Coble

31st- Wayne & Sandra Barker

Nursery

3rd- Betty Jo Spivey & Peggy FormyDuval

10th- Bennett & Belinda Jayroe

17th- LouAnn Butler & Delores Harrison

24th- David & Linda Heath

31st- Peggy Walters & Deborah Jordan

Sound

Jason Schoolcraft

Video

Wil Ezzell

Sunday School Greeters

Clint & Carolyn Grainger, Genie Carter

Tape Distribution

Peggy Walters, Hilda Butler

Ushers

March Chairperson, Haywood Corbett

Revice Butler, Ellis Jordan, Jerry Wilson,

Charlie Duncan, Donny Viets, Glenn Waters

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 3

9:30 a.m. Welcome Center

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up

11:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**, Children's Worship

4:30 p.m. Youth and Adult Handbells

5:15 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Connect and LIVE

7:00 p.m. Youth Committee & Council Meeting

Monday, March 4

10:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 5

11:00 a.m. Singing Seniors

Wednesday, March 6

4:15 p.m. Children's Handchimes

5:00 p.m. Children's Choirs

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Children In Action, Mission Friends and Youth SHARE

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Children's Committee Meeting

Friday, March 8

4:00 p.m. Youth Choir will depart for Festival by the Sea in Myrtle Beach, SC

Come to me,
all you who are
WEARY AND
BURDENED,
and I will give you
REST.
Matthew 11:28

CHURCH OFFICE- 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Minister to Children, Youth, and Families, Rev. Travis Russell

Organist

Ministry Assistant, Paula Thompson

Financial Ministry Assistant, Dinah Reaves



Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com

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