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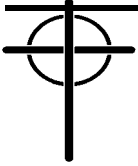
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**October 2009**

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## From the Pastor's Pen

### **Renewal Services, October 4-5**

We are grateful that Dr. Cleo LaRue will be returning to First Baptist to lead us in our renewal services, beginning Fellowship Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. Cleo is an incredibly gifted preacher, who both stirs the heart and engages the mind in the proclamation of the gospel.

Cleo is the Francis Landey Patton Associate Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Baylor University, his M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton Seminary. Cleo is an ordained minister in the National Baptist Convention of America, and is the former pastor of two churches in Texas as well as the former interim pastor of churches in Harlem and Jamaica Queens, New York. He is a frequent speaker at churches, seminaries, and conferences throughout the country and is a member of the Academy of Homiletics.

The schedule for renewal services are:

- ▶ **Sunday, Oct. 4, at 11:00 a.m.**  
Fellowship Picnic follows on the grounds.
- ▶ **Sunday, Oct. 4, at 6:00 p.m.**  
Light supper in the Church Hall begins at 5:15
- ▶ **Monday, Oct. 5, at 6:00 p.m.**  
Light supper in the Church Hall begins at 5:15

I believe God will bless us in these services, drawing us closer to Christ. Let's be here for all three of these services. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

### **Mission Trip to Hazleton, PA.**

Our mission team will be heading out to Hazleton, Pennsylvania on Monday, **October 5**, to Hazleton Community Church. We will be doing a variety of mission activities, construction, prayer-

walking, handing out flyers in the surrounding community, and visiting prospects. I plan to join the mission team, on Tuesday evening. Please pray for our effective work in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

### **The Book of Revelation**

We are continuing our study of the Book of Revelation on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30**. We are currently examining the messages to the seven churches of Asia Minor and how those themes to the seven churches are relevant to our life and times. We do believe this book must be understood historically before it can be rightfully interpreted for our own times. The message of Revelation, nevertheless, is timeless both in its warnings against Christian apathy and its encouragement to those who faithfully endure persecution for the sake of Christ. This great book holds out tremendous hope for Christians who are faithful to their calling. Join us for this time of songs, prayer, and Bible study.

### **Balancing Our Lives**

As we begin a new season, I want to encourage each of us to pay attention to our lives, discerning where we've slipped out of balance. In our time-starved world, we as Christian people can feel the pressures mounting on us so that we lose sight of what's important. We become distracted by insignificant and trivial matters. Or as T. S. Elliott famously put it: distracted from distraction by distraction (T.S. Elliott, *Four Quartets*, 17). Often the solution to our imbalance is simply recognizing it and resolving to restore our balance. In the Christian life, there is no substitute for the discipline of reading scripture devotionally and praying to God for wisdom. That daily discipline has a remarkable way of increasing our sense of joy and peace. Join me in this sacred commitment to the Christian devotional life.

In grace and peace,

Many thanks to all,  
Inez Davenport



Welcome, New Members

*Coming by Profession of  
Faith and for Baptism:*

Maggie Jackson

*Coming by Transfer of Church Letter:*

Annette M. Galbrieth

Ginger Vicars



Thank you for all of your  
support,  
Robin Burke

*Thoughts and  
Reflections*

*on Stewardship*

How much money should we give to the Lord? If we struggle with this question, perhaps we have missed one of the more important concepts of stewardship – God’s Ownership.

Very few Christians deny ownership of all. Yet, we sometimes act as if our homes, land, and money are truly ours. Shall we give God a little bit?

Paul put our relationship with God into order when he wrote in Romans 14:8: “If we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” We can conclude that if we belong to Him, He is owner of all we possess.

If we actually believe in God’s ownership, it will be much easier to give more generously each year. If we pay God first and really believe He will provide for our needs, then our lesser priorities (which are endless) will dwindle in importance. The 19<sup>th</sup> century hymn, “Something for Thee” puts it this way:

*All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,  
In joy, in grief, thro’ life, Dear Lord, for Thee!  
And when Thy face I see, My ransom’d soul shall be  
Thro’ all eternity, Something for Thee.*

While we can never match God’s grace and generosity, we can make it a point to increase our giving each year until we no longer have to ask what percentage is appropriate.

May we be remembered to Him in life and in death for what we have given.

Larry L. Weeks  
Stewardship Committee



**Adopt A College  
Student Ministry**

For the past two years our church has performed an “Adopt a college student” ministry for kids that are members of our church or were active members of our Youth program. It is time to restart that ministry since our kids are now back at school.

For those members who have participated in this in the past and would like to continue or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, there will be a table outside the Fellowship Hall during supper for the next couple of weeks so you can sign up. For those who have had a student and would like to keep that student, you also need to sign up at this table.

**Remember:** This ministry is not about sending the student a present, it is about corresponding with them through email, notes, texts (if you know how to do that sort of thing), and most importantly, praying for them in this critical time in their lives.

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**Caregivers’ Support Group**



The purpose of this group is to provide prayer and support to those who care for loved ones. Our October meeting is *Monday, October 5, 11:45-12:45.*

Bring a bag lunch to eat as we meet. Call Myra Robinson at 692-8750 or 692-8323 for more information.

## Preschool & Children's News

### Learning to Worship Begins October 4

Kindergartners will begin a class during the 11:00 worship service each week to learn about the different elements of a worship service.

Please let me know if you would like to sign your kindergartner up for this special class.



### CROPWalk - October 18, 2:00 pm

Join people from all over our community as we walk to raise money and awareness about hunger in our world. Several groups from RAs, GAs, and Sunday school are participating. Consider walking with your family. Registration forms will be available from the church office or Bryan Moore.

### We Thank God for Animals October 25, 2:30 pm

Join us on the grassy area off of New York Avenue at the side entrance to the church as we thank God for the pets that bless our lives.

### Sonshine Learning Center Spirit Lunch October 27, 11:00-2:00 pm

Grab a friend and head to lunch at Moe's.

Please put your receipt in the Sonshine Learning Center box by the cash register for Sonshine to receive credit.

### Trunk or Treat October 28

Children are invited to dress up in non-scary



costumes and trunk or treat at the decorated car trunks of church members! Please let me know if you are willing to decorate a trunk.

#### Trunk or Treat Schedule:

5:15 - Dinner (regular Wed. dinner prices apply)

6:00 - Choir

6:45 - Trunk or Treat (grassy lot)

### Children's Mission Day November 14 (Sponsored by CBF NC)



Children in grades 1-6 are invited to celebrate missions at Forest Hills Baptist Church in Raleigh. Activities include: games, drama, cooking, crafts/art, mission project, worship and stories from missionaries. Lunch will be provided by Chick-fil-A. Cost is \$5.00 per child. We'll leave the church at 8:00 am and return by 4:30 pm.

### RA Football Game - November 14

Join the RAs as they head to Winston-Salem to see Wake Forest play Florida State. Cost for tickets is \$25.00. For more information or to sign up, contact Purser.



Thanks to everyone who supported our GA, RA, and Mission Friends mission projects in September by donating items for the Barnabas backpack project and the



## **NEWS** & *Notes*

*from the*  
**Minister of**  
**Education**

### **Celebrate the 400th Anniversary of Baptists!**

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the first Baptist church, organized in Holland in 1609. On Sunday, November 1, we'll celebrate our history and heritage with guest preacher, **Dr. Calvin Miller**. Dr. Miller recently retired as Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Studies at Samford University and Beeson Divinity School, in Birmingham, Alabama. The author of more than forty books of popular theology and inspiration, he's a gifted scholar, artist, poet, and preacher. His book, *Preaching: The Art of Narrative Exposition*, was chosen 2007 Book of the Year by Preaching Magazine. Calvin is also the great-uncle of Cindy Edwards. Mark your calendars for November 1 and help us celebrate this milestone in Baptist life.

### **Peoples of World Religions: Mission Challenges and Opportunities for the Church**

**Tuesday, November 10, 12:30 - 2:00 PM**  
**Sponsored by The Center for World Religions  
and Global Cultures,**  
**Campbell University Divinity School**

Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and sectarian religious movements are rapidly growing and impacting Christianity. What are Christians facing? What will be the response of the Church? Meet and hear Baptist missionaries who serve regions where they encounter people of different religions and diverse cultures.

We will leave the church around 10:15 am, purchase lunch at Campbell's Marshbank Dining Hall and eat and have fellowship with missionaries and Divinity School staff. Afterward, we'll meet in Campbell's beautiful new chapel for a discussion moderated by Dr. George Braswell, Professor of World Religions at Campbell and a former Baptist missionary to Iran. A sign up sheet will be on the BridgePoint bulletin board outside the church hall.

### **Advent Devotional Writers Needed**

It's time to gather devotionals for our annual Advent worship guide. Interested in writing? Give me a call or e-mail me. We need about 30 writers.

### **Congratulations . . .**

To David Moore, the 2009-2010 recipient of the Dr. James Addison Leslie, Lilly James Taylor, and Emma Florence Scholarship at Campbell University. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student at Campbell with preference to an undergraduate or graduate student from First Baptist. The scholarship is made possible by a generous gift from Anthea Tate in memory of family members. David is a junior at Campbell.

### **BridgePoints Continue Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation**

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - Sanctuary  
Facilitator: David Helms

### **Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why**

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - Room 216

### **Readers' Group #1: Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul**

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - Room 208

### **Readers' Group #2: Bringing Home the Prodigal**

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - Media Library

### **Knit, Purl and Pray**

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - Room 215

### **A Season of Stewardship**

Adults will be studying lessons during the Sunday School hour from Mark and I Corinthians to help guide our thoughts during our season of

stewardship. Plan to be present as we consider what God would have us offer in the coming year.

Shalom,  
Tom

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## **Newsletter Deadline for November Tuesday, October 20 NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY**

<i>Invitation</i>	Billy Graham
<i>The Blessings of Brokenness</i>	Charles Stanley
<i>Readings for Meditation</i>	C. S. Lewis
<i>Praying in Color</i>	Sybil McBeth
<i>The Paul Quest</i>	Ben Witherington
<i>He Walked Among Us</i>	Josh McDowell
<i>What the Bible Is All About</i>	Harrietta Mears
<i>The Longing</i>	Beverly Lewis

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## **YOUTH HAPPENINGS**

### **Youth Schedule for Oct. 4, 11, 18**

#### **Sunday**

Sunday School	9:45 - 10:45 pm
Youth Handbells	4:15 - 5:15 pm
Youth Choir 9-12	5:15 - 6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study 7-8	5:15 - 6:00 pm
Youth Supper	6:00 - 6:30 pm
Youth Choir 7-8	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Youth Bible Study 9-12	6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### **Wednesday**

Church Supper	5:15 - 6:15 pm
Youth Bible Study	6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### **Sunday Schedule for October 25**

Youth Handbells	4:00 pm
Youth Choir 7-12 (combined)	5:00 pm

Youth Supper 7-12	6:00 pm
Youth Crazy Night	6:30 pm

### **Youth Winter Retreat February 19-21, 2010**

This year we return to



the snowy mountains of West Virginia and Snowshoe Ski Resort. We will leave around 4:00 pm on Friday, *February 19*, spend all day Saturday on the ski slopes (including night skiing), and finish up Sunday morning with a time of praise, worship and reflection before we board the buses to return home. It will be an awesome weekend that you do not want to miss. The trip will be approximately \$225.00, which will include transportation, lodging, 4 meals, your lift ticket and ski rentals. A \$50.00 deposit is due now to hold your spot. The trip will be limited to 42 youth, so sign up soon. Hope to see you there.

### **Fall Retreat at Caswell November 13-15**

Sign-up for the Youth Fall Retreat to Caswell on November 13-15 is full. We have **65 people** going, and I expect this to be a weekend that changes their lives. The total cost of the trip is \$115.00, so *please pay your balance before October 30*. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us. See you at the beach!

### **College Honduras Mission Trip**

We have set the dates for the college mission trip for next spring. We plan to return to Honduras *May 17-26, 2010*. We will be helping build a home for a needy family. If you are interested in putting your name on the list or for more information:

e-mail Jack Warthman at [jwarthman@nc.rr.com](mailto:jwarthman@nc.rr.com) or me at [bmoore@pinehurst.net](mailto:bmoore@pinehurst.net).

We have 8 spots for the trip so the first to get their deposit in will secure a place. The deposit is \$100.00 with the total cost of the trip set at \$300.00. Please make plans to attend.

Bryan

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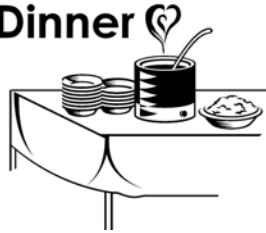
## **Support Staff Resignations**

Cleta Hubbard, Church Hostess and Donna Haggard, Assistant Church Hostess have announced their resignations effective November 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Along with being faithful church members and serving in a number of volunteer capacities over the years, Cleta and Donna have used their gifts as loyal support staff members.

Cleta has served in her capacity for 25 years, using her culinary skills to prepare meals on Wednesday evenings as well as special meals and receptions. Her gifts as a decorator have enhanced our worship setting, especially during the Advent and Easter seasons. Donna has worked with Cleta for the past ten years, assisting her with the many details necessary to this important ministry of hospitality. We wish them well and have them in our hearts as they continue to be caring, faithful members of our church family.

♪♪♪ **Notes** ♪♪♪  
*for*  
**Seniors and Singers**

**Covered Dish Dinner**



The monthly **Rolling Retiree** covered dish dinner will be **Monday, October 12, 6:00** in the church hall. Group 5 is responsible for decorating, set-up and clean-up: Albrights, Sundbergs, Turners, J Green, J Olbon, D Haggard, K Kinney, MA Jacobs, B Shira.

**WOW** (Widows or Widowers) will not meet in October because of the Fall Foliage Getaway. Check the bulletin board for details as they develop for upcoming activities.



Senior Singers  
*Wanted*



**Senior Singers** has resumed and we have lots of space for new voices. Wouldn't you like to be a part of a

caring group who enjoys music and fellowship? Mark your calendars for **Monday mornings at 10:30** and join us for a good together.

**One Voice** will be singing for the Sunday evening renewal service. Rehearsal will begin at 4:45 that day and the service will begin at 6:00. JuBELLation will rehearse that day at 4:00 as normal.

Enjoy a **Fall Foliage Get-Away October 22-24** to White Sulphur Springs, WV, and Abingdon, Virginia. **Visit the former U.S. Government**

**Relocation Facility**, commonly known as the Bunker. Construction began in 1958 on the 112,544 square-foot bunker, which was built 720 feet into the hillside under the Greenbrier's West Virginia Wing. **Enjoy Dinner and Heaven Sent at the Barter Theatre.** Barter Theatre, the acclaimed historic state theatre for Virginia, is a grand theatre full of rich history and home to incredible productions. Check out the bulletin board across from the church hall for more details. As of this writing, 10 spaces remain open.

**Trunk or Treat** is scheduled for **October 28.** We'll be looking for the costumed-dressed choristers in their choir rooms at the regular time of 6:00 before we treat ourselves to the trunks outside.



Benny



There are three areas for which we need volunteers: to help stuff bulletins on Friday mornings (it usually takes about an hour and a half and would only be once a month); to help get the monthly newsletter, *The Tie*, ready for mailing; and to answer the phone from time to time. We have some wonderful volunteers in place now, but we need to have some more that we could call on. If you have some time to help us out in the office, please call Myra or Brenda at 692-8750. We will be so grateful.

**Military Support Group**

We will meet on Friday, October 9 at a new time - from 11 am - 1 pm. This month we will meet for lunch at Ten-Ya Japanese Restaurant on Pennsylvania Avenue. Childcare will be provided at the church by making a reservation. Please let me know if you plan to attend so a table can be reserved.

Allison Monroe - 949-1145 or  
 allisonmonroe@hotmail.com

**Mothers With Preschoolers**

MWPS welcomes all mothers with children  
ages birth to kindergarten to join us for some  
"meaningful mommy time" on the following dates:

*Monday, Oct. 5 at Christina Carlson's house*

*Monday, Oct. 19 for a women's health coffee talk.*

Meetings are 8:30-10:30 pm with free childcare  
provided in the 3 year old classroom. We meet  
there and hope to see you. Contact me to ensure  
adequate childcare.

Debbie Reeves - 245-7785 or  
debbielreeves@earthlink.net

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## Notes of Gratitude

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, and acts of kindness shown to us during the death of my brother. Thanks also for the prayer plant. Our church family is truly wonderful.

Love,  
 Dottie Murphy

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My FBC Family,

Thank you all so much for everything you have done for me over the last 14 years. I am truly grateful for your love, your support, and your prayers! I have made some of my fondest memories and closest friends through this wonderful community. I love you all and know that I am blessed to have such a wonderful foundation of love and faith behind me.

Sincerely,  
 Kensley Leonard

To the staff and all my friends at First Baptist,

My surgery on September 4 went well, and they tell me at the clinic they are pleased with the results. I'm recovering at home very well with lots of care and attention. I want to say thank you for all the cards and phone calls. Words cannot express the love I have for all of you at First Baptist. In the only words I know:

**A BIG THANK YOU!**

Grady Culler

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your expressions of love during the recent death of my sister, Elizabeth Johnson. The peace lily is a beautiful symbol of her life and a lovely expression of your love. We are hoping to have a memorial service to celebrate her life in October when my niece, Janet, can come as she has work responsibilities that have kept her in Roswell.

In Christ,  
 Mary Helen Edge

Dear Church Family,

I thank our Lord for such a caring and loving church family! I felt your love during my recent thyroid surgery and ongoing recuperation. Your cards, phone calls and meals were so gracious and your intercessory prayers so effective. David's 5:30 am visit before surgery for a prayer time; Benny's visit after surgery; Bryan's afternoon visit and all of the prayergrams were so meaningful and comforting. I received a call from the surgeon that the pathology report showed the removed growth to be benign. Thanks be to God!!! I was in a valley of concern and you lifted me up the mountain top of just trusting in Him through it all. You are a wonderful and caring family. Praise the Lord!

Love in Christ,  
 Diane Robinson

Dear Friends,

For all the many expressions of sympathy for the passing of my sister, Evelyn McKenzie, I am deeply grateful. Also for the loving service by John, David, Benny, and the choir (I can see her smiling as Benny sang.) For the luncheon served the family and for the many lovely flowers, cards and visits, I am touched deeply. Please keep me in your prayers in the upcoming days.

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### OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
 9:00 am-5:30 pm Wednesday  
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 3:30 pm Adult Ensemble  
 4:15 pm JuBELLation  
 5:15 pm 7-8 Grade Bible Study  
 5:15 pm 9-12 Grade Choir  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:30 pm 9-12 Gr. Bible Study  
 6:30 pm 7-8 Grade Choir

### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

4:30 pm Children's Handbells  
 5:15 pm Church Family Supper  
 6:00 pm Graded Choirs (4 yrs - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 6:30 pm Prayer & Bible Study  
 6:30 pm Adult Discip. Electives  
 6:30 pm Youth Mission Group  
 6:30 pm M & M for Threes  
 6:45 pm Children's Miss. Educ.  
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir