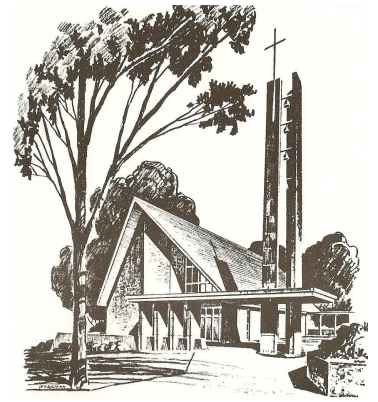


# The Announcer

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## Vacation Bible School August 8—12

### Volunteers are needed!

We need teachers, kitchen help, crafts,  
nursery & group leaders.

Help for a day or for all five.

Please let Jennifer or Brandon Hiatt know  
if you would like to help!

## VBS Supplies Needed

large cans of mixed tropical fruit  
sugar free or low sugar drink mixes

nacho chips

nacho cheese

salsa

cookies

rice krispie treats

chips

mustard

mayo

mini marshmallows

chex cereal

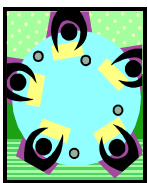
M&Ms

mini pretzels

3 oz cups

napkins

## Nominating Committee Report Presented @ July 28 Church Conference



The Nominating Committee will present  
their recommendations and the Finance  
Committee will present their  
recommendations for new committee  
responsibilities at 6:30 in the Fireside Room.

## HOME COMING

Sunday, October 10

Speaker: Dr. Richard Wynne

More details to follow at a later date.

**Please mark your calendars for this  
important event.**

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you would like to continue receiving the below magazines please contact the church office by phone 336.786.5185 or email [marie@fbcmountairy.org](mailto:marie@fbcmountairy.org) by Tuesday, August 31

### Biblical Recorder

(New or Renewals) \$13.79 per year. This is the discounted group rate for our church.

### BAPTISTS Today

\$20.00 per year

(NOTE: Will no longer be available through the church)



## PASTOR TO PEOPLE

I can still hear the voices saying, "Daddy, tell us a story." Children love stories. And so do adults. I am well aware that what people remember best and longest from sermons are the stories. What any preacher hopes is that people also remember the message the story was supposed to convey!

Jesus often told stories to illustrate divine truth. Most of his stories we call parables. The most common definition of a parable is "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." When you really get down to studying them carefully, parables are more than that but that definition is not a bad place to begin.

One of the tendencies in interpreting parables is to allegorize them, making each part represent some truth. Although there are sometimes some elements of allegory in parables, most of the time it is best not to treat them as allegories but to look for one central message in the whole story. In some ways they are somewhat like modern short stories that have that "moment of illumination" near the end. Most important in studying parables, as with any biblical interpretation, is to study them in context, asking, "Why was Jesus telling this story?" If we do not seek the meaning in the context in which it is told, we may totally miss the point. Which means we may give it a point other than what Jesus intended!

Beginning on July 25, I am going to preach a series of sermons from the parables. New Testament scholar A. M. Hunter in his book *The Parables Then and Now* organizes the parables into the following five categories:

The Coming and Growth of the Kingdom  
The Grace of the Kingdom  
The Men of the Kingdom  
The Crisis of the Kingdom  
Eternal Issues

My plan is to preach two sermons from each of these categories. I'll give you the schedule later but for now, the sermon plans for the next four Sundays are as follows:

July 25            The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-9, 13-20)  
August 1          The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30)  
August 8          The Unforgiving Debtor (Matthew 18:23-35)  
August 15        The Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-15)

The actual title I give the sermon may be the listed name of the parable or I may give it a different title. I will have to see about that as I am actually writing the sermon. After we finish our Wednesday night study of I Peter we will use Wednesday nights to study other parables in the categories of the upcoming sermons.

I hope having this information in advance will encourage you to do some advance study in preparation.

Grace and peace,

Roger

## ◆ BULLETIN BOARD ◆



Wednesday, July 21

6:30pm Bible Study

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting

## Grace Notes

"If Christians had sung more and talked less over the last two millennia, we would be much closer to the mind of Christ." So says Carl Daw, hymn writer and (in my mind) theologian. Daw presented a series of lectures at Montreat, "Sacred Song and the Sacramental Life" as part of the overall conference theme of living the sacramental life daily. We Baptists use the term "ordinances" for the two sacraments that survived the Reformation: baptism and communion, but I think that a broader, sacramental approach to life as a whole enriches the life of the individual and the church.

For example, I never thought about how the singing of hymns together can be sacramental, but they invite participation, even as our ordinances of baptism and communion do. We can intellectually appreciate baptism, but until we experience it and the commitment it symbolizes, we have missed the fullness of what God wishes us to experience. Even if we physically eat and drink of the Lord's Supper, we may not allow ourselves to receive the spiritual nourishment God offers through our partaking. In the same way, our singing together week after week binds us together as God's children and serves as a sign of God's grace. Why would we ever want to miss that opportunity? What if we thought about singing **with** the present Lord, rather than to some faraway heavenly being. Because the Lord **is** present with us in our worship and with our singing! He is here even if we are distracted, fatigued, upset, or otherwise distant. Present! Should our faces and voices reflect this? Absolutely! May our singing be sacramental.

Sing to the Lord!

Linda

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for remembering me at this important time in my life. I have worked hard this year and I am so excited about attending UNC-Wilmington this fall to study nursing. Your gift will be helpful as I continue my relationship with God though out these next four years. My family and I had a great graduation. I am so thankful for my church family.  
Love Devin

# BIRTHDAYS

7/16	Laura Brewington	7/23	Abby Bledsoe
7/18	Kent Morgan	7/23	Roger Gilbert
7/18	Mary Rowe	7/23	Hilda Watson
7/18	Mike Shaw	7/28	Daniel Taylor
7/19	Grant Routh	7/29	Rocelle Hart
7/19	Henry Rowe	7/30	James Hayes
7/20	Erica Coleman	7/30	Laurie McGee
7/20	Martha Morgan	7/31	Taylor Hiatt
7/20	Mary Thorpe	7/31	Ken Street



## *A Shining Light!* 100 Years of Scouting Celebration Saturday, July 31, 2010

Bring the whole family and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Be part of the biggest party in the Old Hickory Council history! Gates will open @ 3:00pm @ the BB&T Ballpark (home of the WS Dash Baseball Team). Activities, demonstrations, games, food and fun for the whole family from 4-6pm; Opening Ceremony & Parade of Units 6pm; Concert by REVIVE (New Artist of the Year winner @ the 2010 Dove Awards), at 7:15pm; Satellite link-up with 40,000 Scouts @ National Jamboree including special entertainment & celebrity guests 8pm; Special closing & fireworks 9:15pm. Cost is \$5 per person if paid by July 20. \$7 thereafter. Children under 5 get in free. For more info. Please go to [www.oldsouthcouncil.org](http://www.oldsouthcouncil.org) & click on "A Shining Light" under "Announcements & Breaking News" on the home page. You can also order your limited edition OHC 100th Anniversary T-shirt online. \$7.50 if ordered in advance, \$10 @ the event.

### Memorials And Honorariums

#### Building Fund

**In memory of Tony Morris by:**

Dean & Julie Bray

**In memory of Frank & Lorene Longest by:**

Dean & Julie Bray

Jack & Shirley Ashley

**In memory of Gilbert Flinchum by:**

Ed & Sarah Lee McGee

#### Boy Scout Troop #538

**In memory of Lt. Col. Virgil Money, USAF Retired by:**

Ronald & Lib Boyles

#### Choir Robe Fund

**In honor of Becky & Larry Keesler by:**

Elizabeth & Gregg Martin

#### General Fund

**In memory of Patsy Rosenbluth by:**

EG Wynne Sunday School Class

### Caring and Sharing in Our Church Family

*1 Corinthians 12:14 and 26*

Write a note, make a telephone call, or pay a visit to the following:

#### **HOSPITAL**

Louise Blue—Woltz Hospice in Dobson

Helen "Honey" Rowe—Forsyth

Joe Simmons—Northern

#### **SYMPATHY**

To Sue Sutphin in the death of her brother, Gilbert Flinchum (also Doug Cook's uncle)

To Bud Oliver in death of his sister Patsy Oliver Rosenbluth

To Family of Louise Hill

#### **HOMEBOUND**

Joe Joyce

Northern Hospital Skilled Care #332

830 Rockford Street, Mt. Airy

Lillian Kirkman

221 Glen Echo Trail., Mt. Airy

### *Congratulations!*

Mark Rogers will be inducted as president of the National Auctioneers Association on July 15 @ 6pm @ the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

Finance Committee responsibilities & Nominating Committee recommendations will be available Sunday, July 18 on the glass table in the breezeway.



New Member Luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 12 after worship.

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Brinkley  
request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Maggie Jane

to

Anthony Scott Nicholson, Jr.

On Saturday, July seventeenth

Two thousand ten

At two o'clock in the afternoon

First Baptist Church

714 North Main Street

Mount Airy, North Carolina

Reception immediately following the  
Ceremony in the Fellowship Hall

## The Month Ahead

### SUNDAY, July 18, 2010

9:15am Prayer Time—Prayer Room  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am \*\*The Church at Worship & Praise

### WEDNESDAY, July 21, 2010

6:30pm Bible Study  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting

### THURSDAY, July 22, 2010

5:30pm \*Feeding Friends Meal—Fellowship Hall  
 7:00pm \*Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

### FRIDAY, July 23, 2010

Dr. Roger Gilbert's birthday



### SUNDAY, July 25, 2010

9:15am Prayer Time—Prayer Room  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am \*\*The Church at Worship & Praise  
 Communion

### MONDAY, July 26, 2010

6:30pm Book Club Meeting  
 7:00pm Quarterly Associational Meeting @ First Baptist Sparta

### WEDNESDAY, July 28, 2010

6:30pm Quarterly Church Conference  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, July 29, 2010

5:30pm \*Feeding Friends Meal—Fellowship Hall  
 7:00pm \*Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

\*Community Ministry \*\*Hearing Assists / Valet Parking  
 Available upon request - Wheelchair spaces available in the sanctuary for the convenience of those who need to stay in their chair.

## Book Club



The next book club meeting will be Monday, July 26. The book they will be discussing is *The Legacy of Big Jake* by our very own Bud Fussell.

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK Herbert Inman & Henri Bingman

**Ministry for Sunday, July 18:** Sermon: Dr. Roger Gilbert; Scripture: Colossians 1:21-29; **Sunday School Greeters:** Jane Fussell & Magdalene Comer; **After Worship Greeters:** Herbert Inman & Henri Bingman; **Kid's Korner:** Marie Niland & TBA; **Nursery Workers:** Ron Niland & TBA, Denise Chappell & Rhonda Parker; **Sound:** Paul Madren & Ryan Parker

**Church Staff:** Dr. Roger Gilbert, Pastor (email: roger@fbcmountairy.org); Linda Denney, Minister Through Music (email: linda@fbcmountairy.org); Joyce Simmons, Accompanist; Heather Sawyers, Financial Secretary (email: heather@fbcmountairy.org); Marie Conzone, Church Secretary (email: marie@fbcmountairy.org); Phone 336-786-5185; Fax: 336-789-3982. **Church Website:** www.fbcmountairy.org

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<u>Statistics</u>		<u>Date: 6-27-10</u>	
Sunday School Enrollment		357	
Sunday School Attendance		138	
Worship Attendance		178	
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>		<u>This Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Weekly Needs		\$9,690.00	\$251,940.00
Budget Offering		\$7,052.50	\$222,464.73
Amount Needed/Budget		\$2,637.50	\$29,475.27
Designations		\$1,086.00	\$76,293.60
Total Offering		\$8,138.50	\$298,758.33
<u>Designations</u>			
Building Fund		\$924.00	
Miscellaneous		\$142.00	
Designated Missions		\$20.00	
<u>Loan</u>			
Building Fund Bal to Date		\$8,316.00	
Loan Bal as of 6-8-10			
Building		\$215,114.10	
Bus		\$23,695.40	

<u>Statistics</u>		<u>Date: 7-4-10</u>	
Sunday School Enrollment		361	
Sunday School Attendance		146	
Worship Attendance		165	
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>		<u>This Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Weekly Needs		\$9,690.00	\$261,630.00
Budget Offering		\$7,599.44	\$230,064.17
Amount Needed/Budget		\$2,090.56	\$31,565.83
Designations		\$830.00	\$77,123.60
Total Offering		\$8,429.44	\$307,187.77
<u>Designations</u>			
Building Fund		\$609.00	
Miscellaneous		\$70.00	
Designated Missions		\$125.00	
Ben Brannock Bus Fund		\$26.00	
<u>Loan</u>			
Building Fund Bal to Date		\$3,609.00	
Loan Bal as of 6-8-10			
Building		\$215,114.10	
Bus		\$23,695.40	

<u>Statistics</u>		<u>Date: 7-11-10</u>	
Sunday School Enrollment		363	
Sunday School Attendance		153	
Worship Attendance		194	
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>		<u>This Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Weekly Needs		\$9,690.00	\$271,320.00
Budget Offering		\$10,168.59	\$240,232.76
Amount Needed/Budget		\$0.00	\$31,087.24
Designations		\$1,948.05	\$79,071.65
Total Offering		\$12,116.64	\$319,304.41
<u>Designations</u>			
Building Fund		\$1,308.00	
Wednesday Night Meals		\$0.00	
Miscellaneous		\$284.05	
Designated Missions		\$205.00	
Ben Brannock Bus Fund		\$151.00	
<u>Loan</u>			
Building Fund Bal to Date		\$4,917.00	
Loan Bal as of 7-13-10			
Building		\$211,098.28	
Bus		\$22,569.40	