

HIGHLIGHTS

LATE FALL

OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 26, 2011



Sunday Worship

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Guy Sayles, preaching

October 2: World Communion Sunday

Where Hunger Leads Us

John 6:35-40

8:30 a.m. Anne Raybon, mezzo-soprano

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir and Handbells

October 9

All In: God's Love

Ephesians 3:14-21; John 3:16-21

8:30 a.m. Patrick McMurry, baritone

11:00 a.m. Adult and Jubilee Choirs

October 16: Children's Sabbath

All In: Jesus' Humility

Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 18:1-5

8:30 a.m. Children's Choirs

11:00 a.m. Adult & Children's Choirs, Youth Handbells

October 23

All In: The Spirit's Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

8:30 a.m. Marcy Reed, soprano

11:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Choirs

October 30: Reformation Sunday

All In: The Church's Mission

Matthew 22:34-40; 28:16-20

8:30 a.m. Jacob Sorrells, tenor

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir and Orchestra

November 6: All Saints Day

One Worship Only • 11:00 a.m.

The Great and Sheltered Multitude

Revelation 7:9-17

This special service will include our faithful tradition of lighting candles in memory of loved ones, speaking the names of those in our church family who have died in the past year, and the joy of eternal life expressed in jazz music from our Adult Choir and "New Orleans" consort.

November 13

Guest Speaker: Bill Leonard

8:30 a.m. Laura Bratton, mezzo-soprano

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir

November 20: Reign of Christ Sunday

The World Jesus Is Making

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Matthew 25:31-40

8:30 a.m. Debra Collazo & Friends, folk consort

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir, Youth Handbells

First Baptist Church of Asheville
invites you to . . .

the **gathering**
It's in the *And*

First Wednesday
of each month

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Crouch Chapel

Join us for an experience of widening friendship and deepening faith as we celebrate God's good gifts of life and love by singing, praying, growing, and playing together. Invite a friend to share in this time. It is a wonderful doorway into the life of our community. All are welcome!



Freedom. Friendship. Faith.



Halfway isn't yet there, and half-hearted is no way to live. So, why do we settle for half? Why not go "all in"?

When Anne Lamott was expecting her son, Sam, she realized how much she feared that she wouldn't be able to provide adequately for his needs. She remembered that, during her own childhood, her parents were so cheap that they didn't keep Band-Aids in the house. When Anne would fall and scrape her knee and go to the medicine cabinet, there wouldn't be anything there to bind up the wound. She knew it was strange, but, somehow, her parents' failure to keep Band-Aids in the house made her feel shaky and scared, even as an adult. Pregnant and worried about how she would provide for her own child, she said to her therapist:

I realized . . . that I wanted Sam to grow up with the sense that it is safe to fall, that there's enough of the important stuff in the world, including Band-Aids. I still secretly worry that there isn't enough love, or money, or acclaim, and I have to do all I can to make sure I get my fair share. I'm not even sure there's enough God to go around. I worry that people, even friends, are sucking up my portion of fame, or God, or money." (Lamott, *Operating Instructions*, p. 44.)

Some people live with gnawing anxiety that there isn't

enough of whatever they need. Their anxiety keeps them from claiming the kind of life God intends for them to have. Their worry sidelines them. They are overly cautious, reluctant, and hesitant. They're half-hearted and damped-down, not because they want to be, but because they are afraid to engage life fully.

When we're nervous about whether or not there will be "enough" (enough of whatever we think we lack—time, energy, money or love), we don't live fully, freely, and joyfully. We hold back, fearing that we might be left empty. We end up missing opportunities to learn, grow, and make a difference.

Over and over again, God calls us beyond our anxiety. In the Scriptures, when God calls people to adventurous faith, the first words God speaks are: "Do not be afraid." We can overcome our fear, because God promises to give us what we need to live the lives God is calling us to live. We can make risky commitments to things that truly matter, trusting that God will honor those risks.

Remember that Jesus gave everything he had and everything he was for us. On Calvary, on a bleak and lonely Friday, he poured out his life. He died for our salvation. And, on Sunday, God vindicated him. God raised him from the dead. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus form the pattern of a God-shaped and God-trusting life: Good Friday gives way to Easter Sunday; giving leads to receiving; losing becomes finding, and risking opens us to rejoicing.

Trusting Jesus, we are set free from fear. In him, with him, and through him, we give it all. We don't hold anything back. We leave everything on the field. We go "all in." There's nothing to lose but fear. There's everything—abundant life—to gain.

— Guy Sayles



Sundays, October 2-23 • 9:45–10:35 a.m. in the Conference Dining Room

If you are new to the First Baptist Church of Asheville family, or if you've been here for a while and are interested in getting more deeply involved in the mission and ministry of the church, please join the ministers for this time of fellowship and conversation about our faith tradition, our worship life, and the many ways to be a part of this community of faith. Compass is an opportunity to ask questions about the church, meet the ministerial staff, get to know other people on their journey of faith and church connection, and learn how to get involved in our common life and ministry.

During our time together, we will provide a brief orientation to our ministries, talk about our worship and the ways we read and interpret scripture together, and discuss next steps for becoming more involved. Each week will be led by one or more of our ministers. Please contact Coral Childrey at 252.4781 or cchildrey@fbca.net to sign up.

Spiritual Practices for Late Fall: What's Most Important Is Often Too Easily Forgotten

October – Go All In: Avoiding Sloppy Discipleship

At this past summer's gathering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), Baptist scholar Walter Shurden suggested that our Baptist emphasis on freedom has led some to a casual commitment to faith that downplays our responsibility and is detrimental to the spiritual growth of people, churches, and the CBF movement. "Sloppy discipleship," Shurden said, "worships when it is convenient, reads its Bible if it has time, tips God rather than tithes to the kingdom, or far better, fails to engage in a kind of Christlike generosity that nudges us toward sacrifice."



There are tried and true means that have helped people throughout the centuries become the kind of persons who can fully and joyfully enter into an abundant life with God. They are basics: (1) Worshipping God faithfully every week, (2) Studying Scripture in Community, and (3) Sharing our Lives Together. However, it is easy, I will admit, to forget these basics of faith and replace what is most important with what is attractive. We easily get caught up in a casual life of faith, overwhelmed by self-imposed busyness, and too tired to be faithful. St. Benedict wisely wrote, "Always we begin again." And so, we recommit ourselves this season to practicing our faith with all our hearts, souls, mind, and strength.

The spiritual practice for this month is simple (but will be a challenge):

Take some time to write down how often you intentionally (1) worship God in community each week, (2) read and reflect on scripture, (3) pray in solitude, and (4) share your spiritual life with other people.

Next, recommit to God and to this community of faith that you will be faithful in attending Bible study and worship each week. As you commit to and prepare for each Sunday, seek to experience God anew, to pay attention to how others are God's gifts to you, and to become a blessing to others through your presence and your spirit. Bring your spirit of wonder, love, mystery, laughter, and desire to become all that God has called you to be. Go "All In" in your discipleship!

November – Giving Thanks


Thanksgiving, for me, brings to mind family, football, turkey, macaroni and cheese, and afternoon naps. And though we give thanks to God for God's blessings, we rarely spend much time being intentional in our thanksgiving. In an article titled "Thank You," published November 21, 1982, in *Parade* magazine, Alex Haley, the author of the novel *Roots*, reflects on the meaning of his past Thanksgivings.

It must have taken me a half-hour to sense that maybe some key to an answer could result from reversing the word Thanksgiving...to "Giving Thanks." After a while, like a dawn's brightening, a further answer did come—that there were people to thank, people who had done so much for me that I could never possibly repay them. The embarrassing truth was I'd always just accepted what they'd done, taken all of it for granted. Not one time had I ever bothered to express to any of them so much as a simple, sincere, "Thank you."



So Haley sat down with paper and pen and lots of good memories. He wrote notes of gratitude to his father, his grandmother and other special people in his life who had blessed him.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, let us make a list of those people in our lives who have blessed us in both big and small ways, and send them a simple hand-written note to express heartfelt thanks to them. Let us give thanks with grateful hearts.



Sacred Rhythms

A Women's Bible Study on
Balancing Faith, Family and Work

Led by Laura Bratton

Wednesdays, October 12, 19, 26 and November 9, 16, 22 6:00 p.m. - Sherman Center

"We long to see our lives whole and to know that they matter. We wonder whether our many activities might ever come together in a way of life that is good for ourselves and others. Does all this activity make a difference beyond ourselves? Are we really living in right relationship to other people, to the created world, and to God?" (Craig Dykstra and Dorothy Bass)

During these six weeks, we will explore together practices that help us create a sacred rhythm that affects every aspect of our lives, one that feeds our souls and keeps us open to and aware of God's surprising initiative in our lives, and helps us see the image of God in all people, places, and things. Contact Tommy Bratton at 252.4781 or tbratton@fbca.net for more information.

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Led by Guy Sayles

What is a good life? What is success? What are the attitudes and actions — inner motivations and outer behaviors — that lead to that kind of life? How can we cultivate the virtues and skills that help us to flourish as human beings? What kind of community supports and encourages such flourishing? Drawing on wisdom from scripture, theology, and philosophy, Guy Sayles will lead us to explore these and other questions.



NEW BAPTIST COVENANT II

Save These Dates: November 17-19, 2011

The Movement continues . . . We are pleased to announce the New Baptist Covenant will gather November 17-19, 2011. What began four years ago with a small group of committed Baptist leaders is accelerating into a thriving grassroots movement. In 2011, this movement will bring NBCII closer to you through some of the latest technology as we continue to live Jesus' Luke 4 mandate to "bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, will serve as NBCII's anchor site, hosting worship services and breakout sessions that will be broadcast via satellite to various host cities across the nation. Host cities will provide additional programming and coordinate a day of local missions opportunities on November 19.

We hope you will join with us in celebrating this next phase of the New Baptist Covenant. Visit www.newbaptistcovenant.org for more details.

did you KNOW?

- 600 people in our community gathered for bluegrass, BBQ, and play at Concert on the Steps.
- 184 children and 80 volunteers journeyed through Jesus' hometown of Nazareth in Vacation Bible School.
- 40 preschoolers dived into fun with Preschool Play Dates in July (that's twice as many children as last year!)
- 43 campers sang, drummed, and created their way through our first ever Fine Arts Camp.
- 21 school-age children headed to Explorer Camp (more than twice as many again as last year.)
- 165 summer reading bags were distributed to children of all ages by Children's Ministry.
- 400-plus attended the annual Church Picnic at Windy Gap.

did you hear about THE YOUTH?

- 54-plus youth went on mission to inner-city Chicago.
- Youth served over 250 children by helping staff 3 summer faith experiences: Vacation Bible School, Day Camp at Ledgewood Apartments, and Fine Arts Camp.
- Every week... Youth met for Tuesday evening Bible study and went on Thursday local missions excursions (not to mention heading to Sliding Rock and Lake Lure.)

what about MISSIONS?

- Built a Dream House with Habitat for Humanity.
- Served more than 1,000 meals through Lunch at the Crossroads.
- Provided a place to stay, home-cooked meals, and transportation for women in the community who are homeless (in partnership with Room in the Inn.)
- Housed 8 mission teams who came to Asheville to work with local agencies.
- Donated 60 pints of blood for the American Red Cross.
- Packed or provided over 3 tons of food for MANNA, ABCCM, Loving Food Resources, or for our own Lunch at the Crossroads pantry.
- 100 people prepared and distributed over 100 lunches for Meals on Wheels clients.
- 700-plus patients were treated by the Haiti Medical/Dental Mission Team.

And just to top it off . . .

- 200 gathered in July for the Lake Junaluska Singers and a homemade ice cream fellowship.
- All our congregation and guests shared in the beauty offered through four local artists and toured our wonderful sanctuary during our July focus on The Art of Community.

Jubilee Luncheons • 11:00 a.m. • Dining Room

We invite all who celebrate life in Christ to join us for fellowship, programs that inspire, entertain, and inform, and a delicious meal. The cost is \$3 for the meal, and first-time guests eat free. Please contact Leah Brown at 252.4781 or lbrown@fbca.net for more information.

October 18

Bob Decker, piano

November 15

Asheville Middle School Stage Band

Senior Adult Fall Retreat October 27-28 • Lake Junaluska, NC

Join Guy Sayles and Leah Brown for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship at this annual event. Rates per person: \$106 - Single Room, \$60 - Double Room, \$42 Triple Room and \$35 - Quad Room.

Retreat rates include accommodations, 3 meals, transportation, and conference materials. Please plan to bring snacks to share with the group. The church will provide drinks, paper products, and ice for breaks throughout the retreat.

Please contact Leah Brown or Colleen King at 252-4781 to sign up.

Prime Time Retreat

October 7-9 • Charleston, SC

The Third Conversion: Spirituality for the Prime Time

Registered participants will join Rev. Dr. Jane Curran and Leah Brown for a time of spiritual renewal, recreation, and fellowship. We will be staying in the lovely Best Western Plus Charleston Downtown (www.charlestonbestwestern.com). The church is making a significant investment in you and this ministry by offering this retreat for \$99 per person (based on two people per room.)

This fee includes the following:

- 2 nights accommodation including breakfast each morning
- Free trolley service from the hotel to downtown
- Conference materials

Note: Late registration for this event may be possible if additional hotel rooms are available. Please contact Leah Brown at 252.4781 if you are interested in attending.



Smoky Mountain Christmas at Dollywood Saturday, November 19 • Arrive at park by 10:30 a.m.

Join your friends at Dollywood to enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas. Discount tickets are available for groups of 15 or more. Please contact Leah Brown at 252.4781 by November 16 to register.

A Look Back . . .



Intergenerational Game Day

Twenty-two youth and senior adults gathered following worship on Sunday, August 14, to enjoy lunch, laughter and games together.

Jubilee Picnic

Eighty folks made their way up Town Mountain to the Western Governor's Residence for the annual Jubilee picnic. Rick Ott and Steve Boyer supplied the soundtrack, and we enjoyed the beautiful day, great food, and wonderful fellowship.



STUDENT MINISTRY



Youth Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat at Awanita Valley is September 30-October 2. Our theme this year is "Misfit: Dealing with Our God-Given Discomfort." In

our Bible study and worship times we will explore how God asks us to be defined not by the world around us, but by the calling God gives us. This will be a great weekend of recreation, fellowship, Bible study, worship, and of course, hummer rides! Pray for our students as they are called to step out of their comfort zones in order to follow Jesus.

College Fall Retreat

Ridge Haven in Brevard, NC, will host our College Fall Retreat October 14-16. Our college students will gather back together for fun, fellowship, and Bible study as they explore the camp and Gorges National Park. Hiking, zip lining, canoeing, and a ropes course will fill our time at Ridge Haven.



Our Bible-study sessions will focus on community. Don't miss out on this important opportunity to connect with other college students in our First Baptist Church of Asheville family! Register by contacting Amanda Glenn-Bradley (abradley@fbca.net) or Jenny Lee (jlee@fbca.net.) The cost for this weekend is \$50.



Youth ministry offers an open and warm environment in which the spirit can grow along with body and mind. Here are some places to begin the journey.

Bible Study - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.

7-12 graders use a Bible-based curriculum that includes creative styles and methods

Koinonia - Sundays @ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

All youth meet together for an interest/need oriented study and examination of daily issues and how the Bible speaks to them. Koinonia provides an opportunity for fellowship, refreshments, and recreation.

CenterPeace: Creative Arts Training Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

This creative learning hour provides a variety of courses during a six-to eight-week period. CAT offerings include drama, guitar, creative movement, signing, and video. Each year the youth creative arts groups provide leadership for two Wednesday night worship experiences, as well as involvement in local mission projects and mission trips.

Youth-Led Worship at *The Gathering*

Each fall our Creative Arts Training (CAT) students put together a service based on what they have been learning on Wednesday nights. Make plans to be at this energetic and thoughtful service on Wednesday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m.

At a Glance

October

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| 1-2 | Youth Fall Retreat at Awanita |
| 14-16 | College Fall Retreat |
| 22 | Local Mission Project |
| 31 | Fall Family Festival |

November

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| 2 | Youth-Led Worship |
| 12 | Local Missions Project |
| 27 | Hanging of the Green |

Local Missions

Each month our students partner with a local organization to seek justice and mercy in our community. Join with us! Mark your calendar and look for more details on these exciting mission opportunities.





Segue@Mid-Life

A Ministry for Adults in the Second Half of Life

What Is *Segue@Mid-Life* All About?

The great news about some seasons is that they offer fresh opportunities for living well. At First Baptist Church of Asheville, we invite people in “mid-life” to invest with one another as we have fun, nurture our spirits, and explore ways to serve. Life at its best happens in community. *Segue@Mid-Life* brings us together to find friendship and faith for the journey.

Who Is Included in This Ministry?

Segue@Mid-Life provides a gathering for persons in the early years of the second half of life (approximately 40-60.) But “mid-life” is more than some age demographic. If the events, small groups, or mission events fit, come join us. Email David Blackmon for more information or to talk more about *Segue* (dblackmon@fbca.net). You can call David at 828-252-4781.



New Seasons . . . New Prayers October 12, 19, and 26

Mary Caldwell, MDiv/MA, will join us for a small group experience focused in deeper dimensions of prayer and personal encounter with God. Join us on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Learn new practices that can guide your prayer life. Share experiences that have enriched your walk of faith. Guests are welcome. Sessions will be held in the Sherman Center at First Baptist Church. Enter through the atrium and continue to the right to the Sherman Center classrooms. Remember, every Wednesday, you can enjoy one of the best meals in town from 4:45-6:00 p.m. in our dining room on the third floor. Enter through the atrium and take the stairs or elevator to the right to the third floor. Adults- \$6.00/Senior Adults-\$5.00. No reservations for the meal or the small group are needed.

PIZZA AND A MOVIE

Saturday, November 12

Save the date for pizza and an early movie at Biltmore Park in Arden. Meet at Brixx Wood Fired Pizza at noon for lunch. We'll head to Biltmore Park Regal Movie Theater for one of the great holiday movie releases. No reservations required. Contact David Blackmon at 252.478 or dblackmon@fbca.net for more information.





CenterPeace for Children

Wednesdays, 5:30 -7:00 p.m.

An exciting approach to Missions, Music, and Worship education, *CenterPeace* for Children utilizes small and large group activities to teach children by involving them in hands-on mission projects and teaching them to play a variety of musical instruments, sing of God's love, and learn about the importance of worship.

Mission Focus: MANNA Packs for Children in Buncombe County

Our Children's Ministry will be collecting the following items for Manna Foodbank through November 22: canned meats, soup, chili, stew, canned pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruits, dinner mixes, rice, macaroni and cheese, dried beans, cereal, granola bars, fruit, jello, pudding cups, assorted sandwich crackers, and 100% juice boxes.

Friday Night Madness

Friday, October 14 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • For children in grades K-6

This is a free evening for parents while Children's Choir rehearses for worship for Children's Sabbath. We will have snacks, games, and lots of fun. Contact Coral Childrey at 252-4781 or cchildrey@fbca.net to sign up.

FaithQuest • Sundays • 9:35-10:45 a.m.

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- 9:50-10:45 a.m. • FaithQuest Workshops (grades 1-6)

FaithQuest uses a multiple-intelligence approach that values the unique learning styles of children. In their interaction with stories from the Bible, children will learn what God is like, how God's Spirit works in their lives, and how they can follow the way of Jesus, loving God, and showing God's love to others. During this season, October 16-November 20, we will focus on The Body of Christ: Using Our Gifts for the Good of the Church.



Serve one another in love.
Galatians 5:13b

CBFNC Children's

Mission Day

Saturday, November 5
Calvary Baptist Church,
Asheville

Leaders: Sam and Melody Harrell

Children in grades one through six are invited to a day of games, drama, art, cooking, worship, and stories from CBF field personnel.

The cost of \$20 per child includes snack, lunch, supplies, and backpack.

Contact Lynnette Sills (lsills@fbca.net) or Coral Childrey (cchildrey@fbca.net) at 252.4781 by October 6 to register.

National Observance of Children's Sabbaths Celebration



Sunday, October 16

Sermon: *All In: Jesus' Humility*

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 18:1-5

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths is a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of God, and it provides the opportunity for all of us to renew and live out our responsibility to care, protect and advocate for all children.

Our children will help lead us in worship on this day through praying, reading, and singing.

Did You Know That Later This Fall You, Yes You Can . . .



Help the homeless by working with **Lunch at the Crossroads.**

This volunteer team provides lunch for over 100 people in our community who are homeless. Specific areas of this ministry where volunteers can get involved are: cooking, serving, evangelism, Bible study, greeting, prayer partners, literacy, care bags (purchasing and distributing basic health and hygiene items), and theater operators (those who show our movie and make the popcorn.) For more information contact Everette Clark at 667.8078. **We need dishwashers. Two people, two hours, two times a month. Can you help?**

Thursday, October 13, 27, and November 10

Offer a meal to an elderly **Meals on Wheels** client.

Members are invited to participate as a team (family, friends, and Bible study groups) in delivering meals to those in need. Each team delivers two or three meals to people living within 10 miles of the church. For more information contact Laura Grover at 667-4898 or sign up in the Atrium.

Saturday, October 15 10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Change the life of one individual who is homeless by committing to be our next **Hope to Home** team.

Our new mission project is looking to develop a third and fourth team this fall. If you are interested in helping one person move from homelessness to permanent housing, consider joining one of these relational teams. To find out more, contact Everette Clark at 667.8078 or Eddie Morgan at 252.4781.

Make Christmas memorable for children through **Operation Christmas Child.**

Help us again this year as we work together to make Christmas memorable to children in the U.S. and throughout the world. The church will provide the boxes beginning Sunday, October 23. You will need to return them to the church on or before November 16.

Be a part of the **Men's Fellowship Breakfast.**

Join us for fellowship and good food. Bring a little elbow grease for a quick clean-up project at church.

Saturday, October 29 9:00 a.m.

Help alleviate hunger in Asheville by participating in the annual fundraiser **CROP Walk.**

One important area tradition in Asheville and Buncombe County is the annual autumn walk to raise money to fight hunger and poverty around the world. For many years in our community, concerned citizens have demonstrated identity with the downtrodden and forgotten by walking in a spirit of concern, charity, and cooperation. For more information contact Fred Denton at 254.8650.

Sunday, October 16 • 1:00 p.m., registration, 2:00 p.m., walk.

Perry County Mission Trip.

Because the Disaster Relief Initiative in Alabama through CBF and CBFAL are on pause, our fall mission trip will be exclusively to Perry County, Alabama, where we will help with construction of three houses through Self-Help USDA, work in the Head Start program in Marion, assist the local health department in a health-screening program, and host a block party for the children and their families of Marion. Housing will be at Judson College as well as the local motel in Perry County. The team will leave around noon on Wednesday, October 19 and return late on Sunday, October 23. Contact Eddie Morgan or David Blackmon for more information. Sign up in the Atrium or online at www.fbca.net. The cost is \$100. Please submit your check to the church on or before Sunday, September 25.

October 19-23

Where Will You Use Your Gifts?

Chasin' Rabbits

By Wayne Caldwell, Church Historian



Most local church history is about as dry as last year's bird nest. There are likely many reasons for that, among them a desire not to offend, a wish to include everything, and a perceived need to follow a rigid timeline.

The first reason skirts controversy, but we need to admit that we're human, and occasionally fuss with one another. It's not important to detail an argument over fixing the roof, but it might be essential to examine one over, say, methods of baptism. Simply to say the church changed (or didn't change) its policy isn't enough.

The second bogs down even a conscientious historian, who has amassed mountains of data and doesn't want to let any of it go. But when tempted to tell the reader that twenty-nine youngsters and six chaperones went to Camp WackaWacka on July 25 (pity the poor adults), he or she needs to ask "Does this move the story along?" and prune whatever doesn't.

The third flirts with method. A historian works with raw materials — bulletins and newsletters, minute books and lists. Pretty dull stuff. How does one include all these dates and names without sounding like, well, a list of dates and names?

What if he or she had sketches of what members considered to be important moments in the church's history? There are still some, for example, who remember the 1927 walk from the old building to the new. Details from them would be good to have on paper, audiotape, or videotape. (A good youth project, by the way, if anyone's listening.)

What of the "unimportant" events in a church's life? Passing the light of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve. The urge during an ordination to take one's shoes off, for this is holy ground. The welcoming hug a widow receives the first time back after her husband's death. The time a baby took her first steps in the children's building. Realizing years later you found your future bride at a youth retreat. Things like that.

I invite you to write such memories down and send them on. One day, they may be useful to a historian. Snail mail to 5 Oak Street; email to sluder1@mindspring.com. Thanks!



Fast Facts About First Baptist Church of Asheville

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Phone: 828.252.4781 • Child Development Center: 828.252.3234 • Fax: 828.254.2302

Sunday Worship: Chapel, 8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study for all ages, 9:45 a.m.

Televised Services: Thursday, 8:00 p.m. - Charter Cable 98 • Sunday, 8:00 p.m. - Charter Cable 10

For More Information

Our website at www.fbca.net has details on the church's ministries, philosophy, staff, and activities. Visit the site to sign up for a weekly e-newsletter with information on upcoming events and opportunities.



Fall Family Festival

Monday, October 31 • 5:00–8:00 p.m.

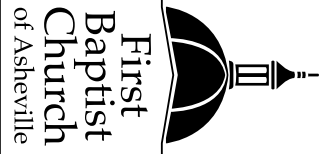
*Free community event,
everyone is welcome!*

**Concessions available for
purchase (Hamburgers,
Hot Dogs, Pizza, and more)**

Fun for the whole family!

- Pony Rides
- Hay Rides
- Six Inflatables
- Door Prizes
- Game Booths
- Face Painting
- Concession Stand
- Lots of candy!
- Batting Cage
- Balloon Twisting
- Costume Parade
- Preschool Area
- And a whole lot more!

Rain or shine!



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Numbers to Know and People Who Can Help You

Ministers on Call: 252.4781

October 7-9	Clark Sorrells
October 14-16	David Blackmon
October 21-23	Leah Brown
October 28-30	Jenny Lee
November 4-6	Eddie Morgan
November 11-13	Clark Sorrells
November 18-20	Tommy Bratton

Deacons on Call

October 2-8	Carol Clontz	683.0968
October 9-15	Gloria Cobb	665.2036
October 16-22	Aaron Dresback	665.4725
October 23-29	Jim Early	257.4096
Oct. 30-Nov. 5	Pat Fore	298.3435

Coordinating Pastor

Rev. David Blackmon

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