



# IN THE WINDOW

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Begins Ash Wednesday  
February 22

6:30 pm Worship Fellowship Hall

How will you observe Lent this year? What spiritual discipline will you engage in, seeking to mature in your relationship with Jesus Christ?



For your consideration, your staff has put together materials which may be of help for your Lenten journey. A booklet titled, *Prayer Practices*, is available in the church office and throughout the building. In it you will find a number of ways to enhance your prayer life. Not all of the practices will be meaningful for everyone, but you are encouraged to try each of them. Hopefully one or more will be so meaningful it will become a regular part of your devotional time.



## Worship Music Leadership

**February 5**

Chairo & Sanctuary Choir

Chairo will rehearse in the sanctuary at 9:20 am.

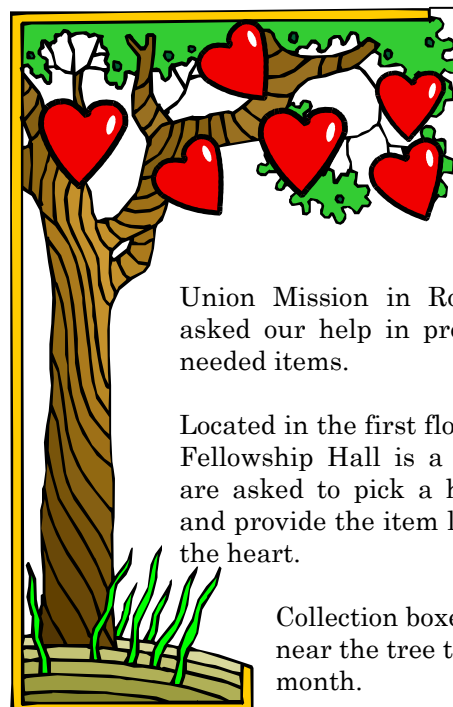
**February 12**

Children Choristers & Vocal Ensemble

Children Choristers will rehearse in the sanctuary at 9:20 am.

**February 19 & 26**

Sanctuary Choir



## February Mission Project

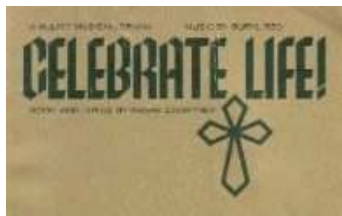
Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids has asked our help in providing some much needed items.

Located in the first floor hallway near the Fellowship Hall is a **'Heart Tree.'** You are asked to pick a heart from the tree and provide the item listed on the back of the heart.

Collection boxes will be located near the tree throughout the month.

## From the Associate Pastor . . .

### YOUTH CHOIR REUNION 2012



One of the most successful aspects of our Bicentennial Celebration in 2004 was the Youth Choir Reunion. So much so, that many of those who participated have asked, "When are we going to do it again?" How about this summer?

Since 2012 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beloved musical, *Celebrate Life!*, we've decided to use this anniversary as the impetus for our next reunion. We're going to perform *Celebrate Life!*

First published in 1972, *Celebrate Life!* was created through the collaboration of actor Ragan Courtney and composer Buryl Red. It is a powerful musical which tells the story of Christ's life from birth to resurrection through the eyes of four disciples, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Since its beginning, it has had a considerable impact on the faith journey of those who've performed it and witnessed it.

Perhaps some of you who'd like to participate were in the youth choir at a time when *Celebrate Life!* was

not done. Please know that you're still invited to join us, and I hope you will. I encourage you to purchase a book and CD so you may become well acquainted with the musical. Copies may be found on the ebay, amazon, and lifeway websites.

So that we may begin planning, I'd like to propose a date for your consideration. How would the weekend of July 27-29 (Friday – Sunday) work for you? (The 2004 Youth Choir Reunion was in July and the attendance was great.) We would begin rehearsals on Friday evening and perform *Celebrate Life!* on Sunday morning. Please check your calendar and get back with me as soon as you can.

And help spread the word! Many of the email addresses we collected at the 2004 reunion are no longer correct. So we definitely need your help in spreading the word.

For fun, here's a little FBC *Celebrate Life!* history:

#### August 19, 1973 1<sup>st</sup> Performance

Director: Bob Dills  
Disciples: Bill Mobley, Keith Renner, Steve Fleming & Louis Mizelle  
Soloists: Dennis Bazemore, Leah Wiggins & Lynn Copeland

#### August 10, 1981 2<sup>nd</sup> Performance

Director: Don Gober  
Disciples: Barry Renner, Russell Overman, Tim Britton & Bland Baker  
Soloists: Bland Baker, Holli Carter, Barry Renner & Michelle Britton

#### July 30, 1989 3<sup>rd</sup> Performance

Director: Don Gober  
Disciples: Scott Vinson, Braxton Gillam, Brien Lassiter & Sterling Bowen  
Soloists: Scott Vinson, Kristi Swain, Brien Lassiter & Nikki Daniels

#### May 18, 1997 4<sup>th</sup> Performance & Most Recent

Director: Danny Vancil  
Performed by the Youth Choir & Vocal Ensemble together.  
There was no printed program, so we don't know who portrayed the disciples or sang the solos. If you know, let us know!



Grace & peace,  
Anita

## SUNDAY WORSHIP AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

February 5, 2012  
11:00 a.m.

*Christ on the Move, a Church on the Move*

Mark 1:29-39

*" . . . Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."*  
Mark 1:38

February 12, 2012  
11:00 am

*Transfiguration Sunday  
Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary*

Mark 9:2-9

*" . . . And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them."*  
Mark 9:2-3



**Calendar**  
**Feb. 5-18**

**Sunday, February 5**

- 9:20 Chairo Rehearsal
- 9:40 Adult Assembly
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 9:45 Bess Leary to Guardian Care
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 6:00 Youth Super Bowl Party

**Monday, February 6**

- 5:30 Girl Scout Troop 1702

**Tuesday, February 7**

- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 10:00 WOM Gprs 2 & 4
- 7:00 WOM Gprs 3 & 5
- 7:00 Youth Event—Matt Blair  
Band at Chowan University

**Wednesday, February 8**

- 5:00 Library Committee
- 5:00 Children's Music & Missions
- 5:15 Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 Mid-Week Prayer
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 Vocal Ensemble

**Friday, February 10**

- 11:00 CWJC, FH

**Sunday, February 12**

- 9:20 Children Choristers Rehearsal
- 9:40 Adult Assembly
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 9:45 Eva Early-Adult I Class to  
Guardian Care
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 5:00 Chairo Music Ensemble
- 6:00 Youth Activities

**Monday, February 13**

- 5:30 Girl Scout Troop 1702
- 6:30 Girl Scout Troop 244

**Tuesday, February 14**

- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 12:00 Keenagers' Lunch

**Wednesday, February 15**

- 5:00 Children's Music & Missions
- 5:15 Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 Mid-week Prayer
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 Vocal Ensemble

**Friday, February 17**

- 11:00 CWJC, FH

**Saturday, February 18**

- 2:00 Phyllis Elvington at FBC
- 7:00 Youth Game Night

# 2012 Heck-Jones® Offering

for WMU of North Carolina



## Set Free

John 8:31b-32:

*If you hold to my teaching,  
you are really my disciples.  
Then you will know the truth,  
and the truth will set you free.*  
(NIV)

The missions and ministries of WMU NC are made possible by your gifts to the Heck-Jones® Offering. *Set Free*, based on John 8:31b-32, is the theme of the 2012 Heck-Jones® Offering. The date for receiving this offering has been set for Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The scripture says, "If you hold to my teaching, you really are my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." This reminds us that we have been set free by the truth through Jesus Christ and we are called to bring that truth to others and we can do that by promoting missions through your gifts to the Heck-Jones® Offering.

### First Baptist Goal

**\$5,000**

To be given in honor of Ruby Fulbright, recently retired Executive Director of WMU NC

**The Newest Arrival . . .** to the extended FBC Family is a daughter, Evelyn Chappell, born January 29<sup>th</sup> to Josh and Laura Rose Neelon. Evelyn's big sisters are Lucy and Alice. The proud FB grandparents are Frank and Penny Rose; uncles are Chip & Taylor Rose. Congratulations, Neelon Family!



Joining our fellowship recently are Elizabeth Joyner and Jeremy Courtright.

Elizabeth, daughter of Don & LuAnn Joyner, is a junior at Ridgecroft School and has been active in our Youth Ministry. She was baptized last spring in the Jordan River while on a trip to the Holy Land.

Jeremy is a senior Religion major at Chowan University. He is currently serving as Interim Minister to Youth and comes on the transfer of his letter from Meherrin Baptist Church in Murfreesboro.

Welcome, Elizabeth and Jeremy! We rejoice in your decision to join the FBC Family.

### FBC Folks in the News...

☆**Eva Early** and **Carol Paul**, Graduate students at C h o w a n University, have recently been inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, international education honor society. Eva teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Carol teaches kindergarten, both at Bearfield Primary School.

☆**Nathan Dilday**, son of Cyndy & Ken Dilday, has accepted a position with Southern Bank in Seaboard.

### Stewardship Statement

#### January 29, 2012

Weekly Needs	\$ 8,548.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,392.97
(Under) Weekly Needs (\$	3,155.03)
YTD Needs	\$ 42,740.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 37,053.31
(Under) YTD Needs (\$	5,686.69)
Global Missions	
Offering to Date	\$ 10,823.87



Wednesday evening fellowship meals have been well received. If you have not been a part of this fun evening and would like to join us for dinner on February 8<sup>th</sup>, call the church office by 5:00 pm Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> to add your name to the list. Cost is \$4 per person.

February 8<sup>th</sup> Menu

Baked Chicken, Broccoli Casserole  
Cranberry Salad, bread, dessert, beverage

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Note these dates on your calendar and plan to be a part of some exciting and fun events.

- WMU Focus Week is Feb. 13-19. On Saturday, Feb. 18, Phyllis Elvington will be at FBC from 2:00-4:30 to lead in Bible Study. To culminate the week, Mrs. Claire Presley, WMU Director, will bring the message on Sunday, Feb. 19, at the morning worship hour.
- February 18 is Game Night for our Youth.
- The CBF NC General Assembly is March 23-24 in Raleigh at Trinity Baptist Church.
- Senior Fest at Chowan University is March 29.

**CHURCH SERVANTS FEB 5-11**

**Minister on Call:** Dr. Daniel Glaze, 862-5108  
**Deacons on Call:** Gloria Freeman and James Early  
**Sun. School @ Guardian Care:** Bess Leary  
**Extended Session:**

**Babies**— Rosa Swain and Lou Wilson  
**1s & 2s**— Sandra Pierce and Susan Earley  
**3s-5s**— Mary Baker and Ella Thompson

**Ushers:**

Daryl Allen, Ed Copeland-balcony, Tim Frei,  
Blake Outlaw-balcony, Pate Pierce, Frank Rose,  
Lee Wilson

**Sound System:** Rick Burns

**Floral Offering:** E. L. and Barbara Holloman

**Home Delivered Meals 2/6:** Rosa Swain and  
Arlene Raiford

**Food Pantry 2/10:** Kathy Maxim and Carolyn Harrell

**CHURCH SERVANTS FEB. 12-18**

**Minister on Call:** Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061  
**Deacons on Call:** Bill Magette and Pat Byrd  
**Sun. School @ Guardian Care:** Eva Early-Adult I  
**Extended Session:**

**Babies**— Jean Parker and Peggy Springfield  
**1s & 2s**— Pat Byrd  
**3s-5s**— Susan and Ed Copeland

**Ushers:**

Carolyn Arrington, Jamie Burns, Kay Byrd,  
Roxie Daniels-balcony, Jean Dilday, Gloria  
Freeman, Patricia Hughes-balcony

**Sound System:** Henry Daniels

**Floral Offering:** Ruth Ward

**Home Delivered Meals 2/13:** Sophia Sumner and  
Anne D. Joyner

**Food Pantry 2/17:** Virgia Nichols and Myrtie Britton



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