



2014

THE CONNEC+TION

from First Baptist Church * 814 Buchanan Road * New Tazewell, Tennessee
Connect to God, Family, and Community!



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On Feb 16th at our evening service we had a wonderful service. No, it wasn't because of the pastor's sermon. It was because a large gathering of Christians came together to hear a missionary speak about his work in Africa.

The missionary was Clint Lyles, age 14 who spoke of his trip to Africa with Ronnie Owens earlier this month. It was a great report by a young man who felt called by God to put feet to his prayers and obedience to his commitment to follow Jesus a year earlier.

For many Christians, the word evangelism simply means getting people to walk to the front of the church and become a member. Evangelism at its heart is to "become more like Jesus." That means evangelism is something you are, not what you say or do. It's what happens in the context of building discipleship relationships. When we are willing to "consume" Jesus on the inside instead of wearing Christianity on the outside, we grow in Christ, in discipleship and building relationships in Christ's name.

What Clint displayed is a willingness to allow his faith to challenge inexperience, fear of the unknown, and "nay sayers" who might suggest such a mission is impossible and impractical. You'll need to ask Clint about his possible betrothal while there making disciples.

I wonder how Paul felt when God called him to "go make disciples?"

Several years ago, The U.S. Center of World Missions reported that in 30 A.D., when the church was just getting started, there were 200 million people in the world & only about 5,000 Christians. That is a ratio of 40,000x1.

By the year 1900, there were a billion people in the world & 10 million committed Christians. That's a ratio of 100x1. Christianity Today reports today's population is 7.2 billion people and 2.18 billion Christians and that's a ratio of 3x1.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could claim that Jesus' work in the world has significantly changed our world and that now after nearly 2000 years, our world is honestly 1/3rd Christian.

Math is not my strong suit, in fact I'm not sure what my strong suit is but fear and trembling surely come to mind. But I do know that as God revealed his vision for Christians in the book of Acts, there are significant lessons learned that apply to us today and as experienced in the life of a young missionary named Clint.

First, Acts 8:4 says "those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went." The whole world started changing because wherever they went they told others about Jesus. Ok, so persecution motivated them to leave home but God is in the business of getting His Word out, with or without our willingness.

Today, people are constantly being moved. School, work, church, missions trips all revolve around people being scattered physically and emotionally. What if we began a movement to preach, teach, make disciples wherever we find ourselves. Would it not change Claiborne County? I don't mean simply inviting people to church. I mean a mission where we get involved in the life and culture of real people in such a way that they might know who Jesus is and what believing Him means.

Secondly, like Paul in 1 Cor 16:5-9 and Clint in Africa, we might embrace the missionary spirit of discipleship that says "I will come to you" in love, compassion and grace. God leaves no one out when he calls us to follow him and He opens the Door of Opportunity all around us.

Thirdly, Paul said "I" will come and Clint said "I" will go. When the door of opportunity is open, it is immediately followed by a Door of Obligation. I can't do your work for you & you can't do my work for me. Paul and Clint were ready to respond.

Finally, when you open the doors of Opportunity and Obligation, expect to discover the Door of Opposition. Clint has only begun his walk of faith. There will be many hindrances, setbacks, and mistakes in the years ahead. Paul experienced them and so will you and I but oh the joy of one day seeing Jesus face to face and hearing His words, "this is my beloved disciple" who ran the race with all his "heart, soul and mind."

Thank you Clint for sharing your life of faith with the people of Africa and your story of adventure in faith with us your church family. May we all be faithful as we Connect To God, Family and Community!

AMEN!!

Bro. Larry

*Hear Ye! Year Ye! Be it know that acknowledgement is given to
Bula Taylor*

*In Honor of her 78 years of faithful devotion and service to Her Lord Jesus Christ
and First Baptist Church of New Tazewell, TN
In recognition of her 92nd Birthday, February 15, 2014 and Baptism Day, May 5, 1932*



Food Arrives,
Wed., April 23rd

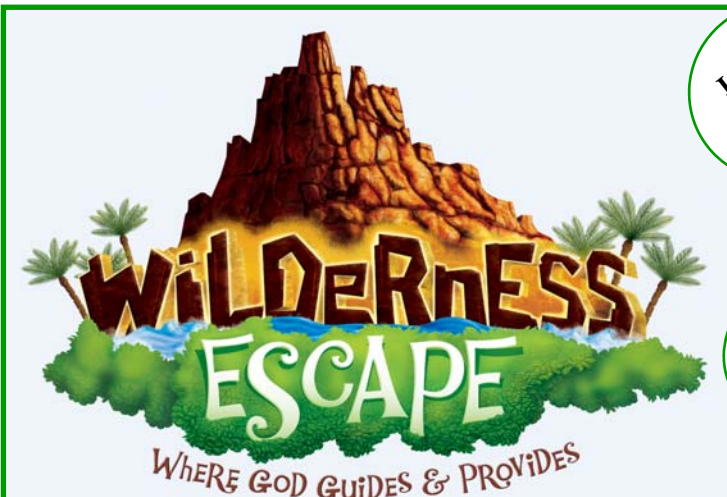
Distribution Sat.,
April 26th



Did you know
FBC is having
their VBS in
June?



Do you
think you
can help?



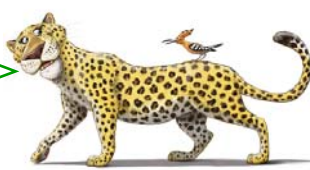
I hope I
see you
there!



There will
be all kinds
of crafts!



I hear it's
going to be
lots of fun!



Stay Tuned for More
Details on FBC's
Vacation Bible School
Coming In June!!!

Clint Liles' Mission Trip to Africa

The trip resulted in 4,056 people being saved, 475 pastors and lay leaders being trained, and two new churches being planted.



What's Happening in Youth

Youth Camp is June 23rd-28th @ North Greenville University SC. We have **29** going! We will need scholarships to assist with the financial burden/hardship. As usual, we appreciate all you do for our Youth!

March-Youth will be going to see the movie "God's Not Dead." TBA .

March 5 - Middle School youth will begin Bible Study "True Love Waits." This is a bible based study focused on living a pure life before God and fellow man. Study will begin Wed., March 5th, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and last approximately 8 weeks.

April 25 - All youth interested in going to Knoxville Market Square to hear Brad Austin in concert, let Tina or Barry know.

March 4th, 2014

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

March 12th, 2014

6:30pm Short Business Mtg.

January 2014

General Fund

Month's Receipts.....\$27,783.36

YTD Receipts.\$92,331.49

Community Ministry

During the bitter cold of winter we learned about a family whose home burned down. The family consists of a husband and wife and their 6 children. They both work. Through the generosity of those donating to the Benevolence Fund we were able to get them rooms at a local hotel.

We helped a member of the church with her much needed prescriptions.

We helped several church members when their electric bills that were so high due to the frigid cold.

A husband and wife lost their home after a sewer back-up. We were able to house them for several days at a local hotel.

Special Music Service
The Faithful Men's Choir
Sunday, March 30th at 6:30pm
at First Baptist Church



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 Pam Worley, Deaf Interpreter

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00am Worship Service;
 Children's Church;
 Nursery
 5:30pm Choir Practice
 6:30pm Worship;
 Youth & High School to College Bible
 Study and Fellowship;
 Nursery

Wednesday

6:30pm Prayer Meeting and Bible Study;
 Middle School Youth "True Love Waits";
 Nursery

Thursday

7:00pm Connection Contemporary Worship Svc.

MARCH




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| 2 nd (Sun) | 4pm | Deacon's Meeting |
| | 5:30pm | Family Meeting Dinner |
| | 6:30pm | Phil Young - Church Vision, Final Mtg. |
| 3 rd (Mon) | 1:30 to 3:30pm | Effective Charity Methodologies-Free |
| | 7 to 8:30pm | Effective Charity Methodologies-Free |
| 4 th (Tue) | 6:30pm | Church Council Meeting |
| 7 th (Fri) | 7 to 9pm | Ignite Men's Conference-Calvary Baptist |
| 8 th (Sat) | 8am to 1pm | Ignite Men's Conference-Calvary Baptist |
| 11 th (Tue) | 6:30pm | Nominating Team Meeting |
| 12 th (Wed) | 6:30pm | Short Business Meeting |
| 24 th (Mo) | 6:30pm | Building & Grounds Meeting |
| 30 th (Sun) | 6:30pm | Special Musical Service |

The Faithful Men's Choir under the direction of Wesley Rouse



APRIL

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| 9 th (Wed) | 6:30pm | Quarterly Business Meeting |
| 11 th /12 th (Fri/Sat) | | Deacon's Retreat |
| 12 th (Sat) | | Easter Egg Hunt |
| 17 th (Thur) | | Living Last Supper |
| 18 th (Fri) | | Good Friday - Church Office Closed |
| 19 th (Sat) | | Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date |
| 20 th (Sun) | | Easter Sunrise Service |
| | | Easter Breakfast; Easter Services |
| | | No PM Svc. |

March 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | |  | | | | 1 |
| 2 Benevolence 9:45am SS 11am Worship | 3 <i>Effective Charity</i> | 4 6:30pm <i>Church Council</i> | 5 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible | 6 7pm | 7 Ignite Men's 7 to 9pm | 8 Conference |
| 9 9:45am SS 11am Worship | 10 | 11 | 12 6:30pm Short Bus. Mtg. | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:45am SS 11am Worship | 17 | 18 | 19 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible | 20 7pm | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:45am SS 11am Worship | 24 | 25 | 26 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:45am SS 11am Worship | 31 | | | |  |  |

April 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | 1 | 2 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; | 3 7pm <i>Connection</i> | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Benevolence 9:45am SS 11am Worship Lord's Supper | 7 | 8 | 9 6:30 Qrty. Bus. Mtg. Prayer Meeting & | 10 7pm | 11 Deacon | 12 Easter Egg Hunt Retreat |
| 13 9:45am SS 11am Worship | 14 | 15 | 16 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; | 17 <i>Living Last Supper</i> | 18 Good Friday Church Office Closed | 19 Easter Egg Hunt (rain date) |
| 20 <i>EASTER Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast</i> | 21 | 22 | 23 <i>2nd Harvest Food Arrives</i> | 24 7pm | 25 Youth to Knoxville | 26 2nd Harvest Distribution |
| 27 9:45am SS 11am Worship | 28 | 29 | 30 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study |  | |  |