

*Senior Adult Sunday  
Sunday, September 9  
8:45 a.m.—Thomas Jackson  
Preaching*

*11:00 a.m.—Phyllis Mayo  
Preaching  
Hymns and Hers Choir  
Singing “Trust and Obey”  
You will be blessed!*

**Discipleship Training Begins  
Sunday, September 9**

5:30 p.m.—AWANAS (age 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
5:45 p.m.—Adult Discipleship Training

Three Adult Study Choices

“*Jesus, the New Way*”,—A six-week course on the ministry of Jesus featuring beautifully illustrated video presentations by Dr. N.T. Wright, a distinguished British New Testament scholar, with class discussion led by our pastor. The course looks at such issues as the religious situation of the Jews in the first century, Jesus’ understanding of himself, and what the early Church believed about him. This study is taught by Dr. Tom Jackson in the Chapel.

“*Discovering God’s Way of Handling Money*”—An eight-week video and discussion study from Crown Financial Ministries for adults of all ages. Not only is this study practical by reducing stress in the family and bringing a sense of order, but in it you will learn the profound impact managing your money has on your relationship with God. Tom Dossenbach will facilitate this study in the Covenant Classroom.

“*The Five Love Languages of Children*—Do you sometimes feel you just don’t speak the same language as your child? Welcome to the club of everybody and join us in a ten-week video and discussion study for parents by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell. This study helps parents identify their children’s primary love language. Michelle Brown is the facilitator.

**Wednesday Night Meals Sign-Up  
Menu for September 12<sup>th</sup> :** Chicken Caserole, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert. **Volunteers to assist with dinner are: Gloria Peele and the Couples IV Class.**

You can call the church office or email Joan Womble at [joanwomble@windstream.net](mailto:joanwomble@windstream.net) to sign up by Monday at 4:00 p.m.



Can you give about one hour on Wednesday once each month? Meals on Wheels needs volunteers for the first and fourth Wednesday each month from about 10:45 AM ‘til NOON. You will find that you get more than you give when you volunteer for this ministry. If you can volunteer on other days of the week, you will be enthusiastically welcomed by other teams.

For more information, please call Linda Eckols at 499-9100 or Margaret Flaherty at 775-7052.

## **Pastoral Reflections “Full of Surprises”**

Every now and then we meet someone who proves to be utterly unpredictable. Just when we think we have him/her figured out, we’re surprised all over again.

That was Jesus. The people who heard him speaking about the kingdom of God assumed he would say the usual things rabbis said. But nearly always he surprised them by turning their expectations upside down. The rebellious son is forgiven, not punished. The 11<sup>th</sup> hour workers are paid the same as those who worked all day! The priest and Levite (religious men) turn away from the stricken man on the road, while a Samaritan (a despised man) demonstrates godly compassion. One lost sheep matters as much to the shepherd as ninety-nine who are safely in the fold. Jesus was full of surprises!

Never more surprising was he than with regard to his Messianic mission. His people expected a Messiah who would destroy their oppressors and set Israel free forever. But he never raised a hand against their enemies. He taught forgiveness, going the second mile, turning the other cheek, surprising things like these!

We have heard this note of surprise in his parables this summer. We will discover even more ways that he was “full of surprises” in our Sunday night study: “*Jesus: The New Way.*” If you’re not in one of the other two courses, maybe I’ll see you? Surprise me! **Tom Jackson**

### **FLC News**

Can you sense the excitement? I am so excited! It is time for our fall program kickoff this Sunday! Our youth will go with Brian to the lake, and the rest of us will have an awesome time here at church! Come for a snack supper at 5:00 p.m., and then send the children down to the FLC for the AWANA Kickoff! They will have the most wonderful time—we promise! Then, parents, grandparents, and young adults will have a hard time deciding which study they want to choose: Dr. Jackson’s Jesus: The New Way, or the parenting class, or the financial class! A nursery will be provided for those under three years of age. So, don’t miss it this Sunday night! Be there! Check the FLC Website or the FLC Impact newsletter for other opportunities this month.

In Christ,  
Cindy Hall

### **Golden Opportunity**

Mrs. Joyce Ward  
125 Oak Branch Lane  
Sanford, NC 27330

### **College Connection**

Hunter Vernon  
ASU - Box 15180  
Boone, NC 28608

*Thank You!*

We would like to thank my sisters and brothers in Christ who uplifted our spirit and lightened our heart with prayers, calls, cards, flowers and gifts during unrested days. The comfort that comes from knowing that people care cannot be expressed. What a wonderful day to be alive and giving God the glory and praise!

Elma & Marshall Hicks

✠ **Worship at First Baptist** ✠

**September 9, 2007**

*Senior Adult Sunday*

8:45 a.m.	Matthew 5:1-12	Thomas Jackson "Please Pass the Salt"
11:00 a.m.	Proverbs 3:3, Phil. 3	Phyllis Mayo "Words of Wisdom: Let It Be"
Worship Through Music "Trust and Obey"		
Hymns and Hers Choir		
"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"		
Phyllis Mayo		

**Noteworthy**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.*

*There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; thee is healing in His blood.*

*But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own;  
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of one's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more simple, we could take Him at His word;  
And our lives would be more loving in the likeness of our Lord.*

*All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me; (to me);  
And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see.*

The text to this beautiful hymn was written by Frederick W. Faber. On Sunday, we sang these words to a different setting and what a powerful message they sent. It would indeed be wonderful if our lives "could be more loving in the likeness of our Lord." Dr. Jackson talked about our lives being Christ-centered. We sang "All that thrills my soul is Jesus." "Christ is all and is in all." Colossians 3:11.

**Senior Moments**

September 9 is the Sunday set aside during our worship to honor senior adults. That's not nearly enough, but we'll take the time to focus on their invaluable presence in our midst. Phyllis Mayo will speak and sing for us. This is a great honor for First Baptist. Our Hymns and hers Choir will sing.

Seniors depart for Caswell at 1:00 p.m. **sharp** on Monday, September 10.

Put Triple L on your calendar for September 18.

**Sunday, Sept. 9 (FLC open by reservation only)**

8:45 am Worship in the Chapel  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary  
3:00 pm Youth Fall Kickoff, Buffalo Lakes  
5:00 pm Snack Supper, Fellowship Hall  
5:30 pm AWANAS  
5:45 pm Discipleship Training  
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, Sept. 10 (FLC open 7:30am-2:00pm; 3-5:30 Walking Track Open; 5:30-8:30pm)**

9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC  
1:00 pm Depart for Senior Adult Retreat  
5:30 pm TOPS, FLC  
6:30 pm *Experiencing God* Bible Study  
7:00 pm Group #6, Peggy Lanier's  
Missions Committee, Parlor  
Upward Meeting, FLC

**Tuesday, Sept. 11 (FLC open 7:30am-2:00pm; 3-5:30 Walking Track Open; 5:30-8:30pm)**

9:00 am Prayer Ministry, FLC  
12:30 pm Line Dancing Class, FLC  
1:00 pm Blood Mobile, Fellowship Hall  
1:30 pm Group 8, Library  
2:30 pm Group #1, Parkview  
6:30 pm *Knowing God's Will* Study, FLC  
35+ Basketball, FLC  
7:00 pm Scouts

**Wed., Sept. 12 (FLC open 7:30am-2:00pm; 3:00-5:30 Walking Track Open)**

9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC  
12:30 pm Women's Bible Study, FLC Lounge  
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal, F. Hall  
5:15 pm Youth Choir, Music Suite  
6:00 pm Children's Choir  
6:30 pm SonShine Group, Acteens, Youth RA's  
6:45 pm Prayer/Bible Study, Chapel  
Mission Friends, GA's, RA's  
7:00 pm Trinity Singers, Music Suite  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Music Suite

**Thursday, Sept. 13 (FLC open 7:30am-2:00pm; 3-5:30 Walking Track Open; 5:30-8:30pm)**

9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Parlor  
6:30 pm Family Night, FLC  
Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall

**Friday, Sept. 14 (FLC open 7:30am-2:00pm; 3-5:30 Walking Track Open; 5:30-8:30pm)**

9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC  
10:00 am Beginning Line Dancing Class, FLC  
9:45 pm Fifth Quarter, FLC

**Saturday, Sept. 15 (FLC open by reservation only)**



**Youth Fall Kickoff  
Sunday, September 9  
3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

We will be spending the afternoon at the Stewart's at Buffalo Lake. Each youth family is asked to bring a 12-pk of canned drinks and/or water. We will be having a Hot Dog/Hamburger cookout with dessert and ice cream! Remember to bring a lawn chair and your swimsuit and towels! Please let Brian know how many will be attending with each family, so that we can plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there! **If you want to ride the mini-bus or van, be in the parking lot at 2:30pm to ride...the bus will LEAVE at 2:30pm.**

**Fifth Quarter Number 2 happens on Friday, September 14 (9:45-11:30pm) in the Family Life Center at FBC!**

**Youth Bible Study resumes Sunday night, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for high school students and 6:30 p.m. for middle school students with recreation time at the opposite hour.**

**Hand In Hand 2007-2008**

Our Hand In Hand kick off for Lee Senior High School was great. The staff is very grateful for our prayers and support. During the past seven years we have been able to meet many staff and student request. We are very fortunate to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a public high school.

Our prayer partner ministry needs YOU! First Baptist will need at least 25 members to commit to pray for a staff member this year. Will you commit to pray for someone for this school year? If so, please call Amanda Powers 776-7754 or Rhonda Starling 774-6978.

Attempts have been made to establish a Hand In Hand Project at Southern Lee High School. To date these attempts have been unsuccessful. Please keep Southern Lee and all our schools in your prayers.

**Extended Hour Workers**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> workers are:** Jackie and Jenny Sistrunk, Chris and Elizabeth Pilson, Paul and Beth Adcock, Darren and Michelle Brown.

**LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Weekly Budget Requirement.....	18,424.00
Budget Received.....	18,564.65
Building/Capital Improvement .....	3,087.00
Other .....	20.00
Total.....	21,671.65