



# Steeple Views

Issue 37— September 16, 2009

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## *Telling the Story*

A Hymn Festival about Jesus' Life and Ministry

**First Baptist Church of Monroe**

*Sunday evening, September 27*

*Seven O'Clock*

*with*

**Mary Louise Bringle**

Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Brevard College  
President of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada

*featuring*

The Chancel Choir of First Baptist Church  
The Choral Scholars of First Baptist Church  
The Wingate University Men's Chorus  
The Wingate University Women's Chorus

*sponsored by First Baptist Church of Monroe,  
Wingate Baptist Church and Wingate University*

## **Fellowship on the Move**

Tuesday, October 6  
Wingate Baptist Church

### **Fellowship Meal at 5:30**

\$10.00 per person  
pre-register at [www.cbfn.org](http://www.cbfn.org)

### **Worship at 6:15**

sermon by C. F. McDowell  
music provided by our Choral Scholars  
greeting by Wingate President Jerry McGee

### **Workshops at 7:30**

*The Primary Drivers of Conflict in Congregations*  
*Bible Study - A Good Habit & a Helpful Method*  
CBF 101

*What Are They Thinking? Ministry with Young Adults*  
*Christian Concern for Ecological Sustainability*  
*Leading Churches through Transition*

Come experience what God is doing  
through the

**Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of  
North Carolina**

## **Proposed Master Plan LISTENING SESSION**

*Wednesday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m.*

If you have questions or comments about the proposed Master Plan for facilities and grounds that was presented September 9, the Capital Projects Committee would love to have you join them for this informational session. The Master Plan will be presented to the congregation for consideration on Wednesday, September 30 at the Church Meeting.

## ***WMU Leadership Training***

Monday, September 28  
6:30 p.m.

at the UBA Resource Center

A light meal will be served  
prior to the training session

*Meeting should adjourn by 8:15*

## This Week at FBC

### Saturday, September 19

10:00 AM Union United International Festival  
Shops at Nottingham

### Sunday, September 20

8:30 AM Operation Antioch Committee  
9:30 AM Bible Fellowship  
10:45 AM Preschool Extended Session  
11:00 AM Service of Worship  
12:00 PM College Lunch/Bible Study  
5:00 PM Youth Group  
5:45 PM Student Choir  
6:30 PM Snack Supper

### Monday, September 21

6:30 PM TOPS

### Tuesday, September 22

9:30 AM Craft Club

### Wednesday, September 23

4:30 PM Children's Baptism Class  
5:30 PM Nominating Committee  
5:30 PM Fellowship Meal  
*Buffet: baked chicken, limas, rice,  
broccoli casserole, dessert*  
*Kid's meal: same as buffet plus  
green beans*  
6:15 PM Music Time (age 3-4)  
Music Makers (K-grade 1)  
Children's Choir (grades 2-5)  
Youth Discussion  
6:20 PM Prayer Meeting  
6:30 PM Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing  
6:45 PM Mission Friends (age 3-K)  
Girls' Missions (grades 1-5)  
Boys' Missions (grades 1-5)  
7:30 PM Master Plan Listening Session  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

## Bible Fellowship Lesson for Adults/Youth

### Sunday, September 20

Title: "First In Caring"

Scripture: **Mark 9:30-37**

Additional Scriptures:

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

## Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call September 18-25

Sara Spahr Stubbs – 704-291-2204

## Adult Coordinator ...

Mary Nash is serving as the Adult Coordinator for the coming year. If you know of upcoming dates for community activities that would be of interest to church members, please contact Mary at 704-289-5094. We will publish these events in the newsletter.

**Saturday, September 19, 10:00 am-4:00 pm** - Union United International Festival at Shops at Nottingham on Highway 74. This is a wonderful chance to meet people from the international congregations in our county and sample food from their country.

**Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 am** - "See You at the Pole." This event is all about prayer. Gather at any local school's flagpole to pray for schools, friends, families, and the world.

**Saturday, September 26, 5:00 pm** - "Taste of Union" at First Presbyterian Church. A premier event to sample local cuisine and culture. All proceeds will be given to Operation Reachout. Admission is \$20 in advance.

## Church Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

at 6:30 p.m.

in the Multipurpose Room

## Faith in Fiction Book Club

For October, members have chosen for discussion the book

*The Guernsey Literacy and Potato Peel Pie Society*

by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrow

For November, they have chosen the book

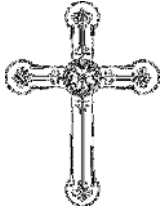
*South of Broad* by Pat Conroy

## By the Numbers ...

### Sunday, September 13, 2009:

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Bible Study Attendance ..... | 154 |
| Adults .....                 | 119 |
| College Students.....        | 11  |
| Youth .....                  | 8   |
| Children .....               | 16  |

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Worship Attendance .....          | 207       |
| Weekly Budget Requirements.....   | \$ 13,068 |
| Budget Receipts .....             | \$ 9,528  |
| Budget Requirements to Date ..... | \$ 26,136 |
| Budget Receipts to Date .....     | \$ 20,618 |



## The Worship of God

September 20, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

### Anthem by the Choral Scholars

*"Whoever Would Be Great Among You" by Ron Nelson*

### Anthem by Chancel Choir

*"Open Thou Mine Eyes" by John Rutter*

### Sermon by John Hewett

*"The Divine Inversion"*

Scripture: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Psalm 1; Mark 9:30-37

*Audio CDs of our worship services are available in the church office. Audio recordings of sermons are available at [www.monroefirstbaptist.org](http://www.monroefirstbaptist.org)*

## The Nominating Committee ...

will present the following names for church approval at the Church Meeting on September 30:

**Fred Simpson** (term expires 2010) to complete an unexpired term on the Weekday Preschool Board.

**Chris Gross** (term expires 2010) to complete an unexpired term on the Board of Missions.

**Martha Parris** (term expires 2010) to complete an unexpired term on the Board of Trustees.

## MissionsFirst



- The LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING for September will benefit the Literacy Council of Union County, an agency whose mission is to improve the quality of life in our community and to expand individual potential by teaching adults to read, write, speak and understand the English language. First Baptist member, Annie Bragg, is a Director for the organization and Jim Stubbs serves as Chair of the Board of Directors.

## Thank you ...

Thank you for the generous book donations to the Weekday Preschool. We collected over 500 books, which gave each classroom about 100 books for the children to use. The teachers were thrilled to have larger classroom libraries and appreciate the donations.

Liz Mshar

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**Piedmont Security Systems, Inc.** - 800-959-8108

## Needs for Bazaar ...

This year's Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 7. Current needs are for gallon-size Ziploc bags as well as 8 x 8 aluminum disposable pans for the casseroles. Donations may be placed in the marked container in the Gathering Area.

## Committees

### Sunday School Greeters:

Forefront Class

### Church Office Volunteer:

Sylvia Baker

### Security:

Narthex - Jon Mackay

Gathering Area - Gene Herrell

### Ushers:

Chris and Anita Gross, Jane Hawkins,

Frances Knight, Mark Tyson

### Offertory:

Buddy Lyon, Babs Simpson, Doris Ramsey

Nancy Sumrow

### Preschool Extended Session:

Nursery-Christina Kale, Robin Haas

Preschool I-Paula Lee, Lauren Lowery

### Money Counters

Martha Nance, Pat Turner

### Wednesday Night Helpers

Jean Duck, Dean and Angie Baskins,

Mary Nash

## First Baptist Family

*Please remember the following in prayer:*

Russ, Teri and Matt Sharp

Jim Moncrief in Presbyterian, Charlotte

Betty Brantley in CMC-Union

Jeanette Helms

Carol Baker at home

Bob Turner at home

John Ward at home

Scott Edwards

Imogene Smith at Sardis Oaks, Charlotte

Annie Bragg at Autumn Care, Marshville

Gerry Casner, knee replacement on Monday,  
September 21

Lillian Sims, mother of Paul Sims, hospital-  
ized in Greenville, SC

Denise Harris in the death of her foster father

George Jewell, father of Gary Jewell,  
recovering from a tractor accident

Bill Melton, brother of Max Melton and  
Carol Tyson

James Mackay, brother of Jon Mackay,  
serving in Iraq

Matthew Alvarez, friend of Ken & Nancy  
Thomas, with Crohn's disease

## Farther Along ...

Ray Sowder and the Capital Projects Committee, a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees, have spent six months preparing a visionary and compelling master plan for our entire campus. They looked out 20 years and asked serious questions about where we're headed and how we'll provide adequate ministry space along the way. If you were here Wednesday evening, you got to hear and see Graham Adams of The Adams Group walk us through their recommendations. It has been an exciting process.

If you could *not* be here September 9, the Capital Projects Committee is scheduling another session just for you. Wednesday, September 23 at 7:30 you'll have another chance to see the drawings and hear the rationale behind these recommendations. We're also posting them on the website and in *Steeple Views*. Then, on the following Wednesday evening, September 30, the entire congregation will be asked to approve the proposed master plan as a road map for the future.

Once we have a master plan in place, Ray's committee will immediately go to work figuring out what we can do first. We know we don't have enough people or money to do it all at once, so it will need to be implemented in phases. The Capital Projects Committee will want all of our input as they decide what to bring us as a recommended "Phase I."

Ideally, they'll have something for us to consider by the end of the year. The plan is then to move swiftly into a capital campaign next spring so we can begin addressing our many physical needs as soon as possible.

It's all exciting, but also a little scary, because we've got money problems, big time. We missed our greatly reduced 2008-09 budget by about 6%, and giving in the new fiscal year is already tracking more than 20% behind budget goals. If that trend continues, the Trustees will soon have difficult decisions to make about the current budget. **We cannot sustain the present pattern of spending more than we receive.** Budget cuts would affect all ministries, missions, and staff — and they'll hurt. It will not be pretty. It will also mean thinking long and hard about the advisability of launching a capital campaign next year. The alternative is to do nothing, and let our many physical needs continue unaddressed, or go ahead with the needed projects and try to mortgage our future to pay for them. Neither of those options seems wise to me.

I invite you to join me on your knees as we make all this the focus of our most intense prayers. The Bible is full of stories of people who faced enormous obstacles, only to discover that, with God's help, those walls could come tumblin' down.

John Hewett

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# Deacon Family Assignments 2009-2010

## Tommy Nash/Buddy Lyon

Virginia Carter  
Susan Echols Family  
Joe Halford  
Ken Handy Family  
Jane Hawkins  
Joe Litaker Family  
John McMullen Family  
Artie Melton Family  
Rebecca Mills  
Kutaw Newgard  
Richard Poindexter Family  
Jim Stubbs Family  
Pat Turner  
Carlton Tyson Family  
Frances Vaughan  
Brent Wall Family  
Mary Wood

## Nancy Thomas/Sandra Whitley

Susan Bales  
Ernie Hinson Family  
R. V. Lee Family  
John Looney Family  
David McGuirt Family  
Tommy Nash Family  
Betty Rogers  
Sam Sain Family  
Demian Sarvey Family  
Linda Sims  
Ruby Singleton  
Imogene Smith  
Fred Starkey Family  
Nancy Tadlock  
Stewart Totty Family  
Bob Turner Family  
John Ward Family

## Jean Duck/Joe Litaker

Barbara Austin  
Jane Benton  
David Caskey Family  
Tom Coffey Family  
Randy DeHaven  
Lance Dunn Family  
Virginia Goodwin  
Chris Gross Family  
John Hearn Family  
Paul Helms Family  
Fred Long Family  
Jim McCollum Family  
Eric McManus Family  
Jessie Purnell  
Fred Simpson Family  
Barbara Siron  
Bob Thompson Family

## Gary Jewell/Ann Handy

Carol Baker Family  
Pat Baucom  
Arnold Bivens Family  
Andrew Gravely Family  
Gene Herrell Family  
Mary Humphries  
Noel Lance  
Pam Laney  
David Lee Family  
Jim Moncrief  
Gerald Myers  
Hal Neal Family  
Jim Sherrill Family  
Joy Shute  
Paul Sims  
Taylor Vancil

## Frances Knight/Carol Baker

Charlie Bivens Family  
Annie Bragg  
Katherine Cox  
Sid Handzel Family  
Delana Helms  
Ken Hissam Family  
Judith Laughlin  
Robert Marossy Family  
Arnold Mills Family  
Margaret Myers  
Zeb Myers  
Sarah Poindexter  
Grayland Purcell Family  
Doris Ramsey  
Ray Sowder Family  
Boyd Springs Family  
Bryan Tarlton Family  
Jimmy Taylor Family

## Annette Kilby/Ray Casner

Audrey Bales  
Jim Davis Family  
Bob Duncan Family  
Willie Griffin  
Ralph Hawkins, Jr. Family  
Gerald Helms Family  
Louie Helms Family  
Rebecca Kerley Family  
Jon Lilley Family  
Sheila London  
Fred Parker Family  
Martha Parris  
Rose Peay  
Ron Sumrow Family  
Harvey Whitley Family  
Ann Wild  
Chris Wilson Family

## Max Melton/Pam Caskey

Bobbie Barley  
Peggy Brock  
Sonda Cox Family  
Linda DeHaven  
Mary Lou Gamble  
Sally Goodwin  
Don Haver  
Graham Hopper Family  
Burt Humphries Family  
Alvin Kilby Family  
David Kimbrell  
Tim McBride Family  
Richard Massey Family  
Joel Myers Family  
Max Penegar  
Mark Pittman Family  
Ken Thomas Family

## Babs Simpson/(vacant)

Jane Austin  
Nick Coffey  
Kathy Cole  
Gene Cook Family  
Boyce Duncan Family  
Mark Eagle Family  
Reggy Gaddy Family  
John Hewett Family  
David Lowery Family  
Buddy Lyon  
Tripp Melton  
Mary Nash  
Allen Poovey Family  
Jessica Sigmon  
Johnny Taylor Family  
John Whitley Family  
Tommy Williamson Family

## Harvey Whitley/Jane Hawkins

Joe Beach  
Larry Brock Family  
Ray Casner Family  
Scott Edwards Family  
William Edwards Family  
Rachel Fuller  
Harold Funderburk Family  
Bobby Griffin Family  
Joe Harris Family  
John Holland Family  
Ruth Kimbrell  
Tony Lilley Family  
Eleanor O'Neill  
Margaret Price Family  
Helen Trull  
Larry Tuggle Family  
Gerhard Ungerer Family

# Deacon Family Assignments 2009-2010

## Jimmy Taylor/Dot Taylor

John Childers Family  
April Dawkins  
Opal Faulk  
Neal Hinson Family  
Nathan Hopper Family  
Lois Jones  
Gerri Kessel Family  
Ralph Lambroff Family  
Marie McRorie  
Ken Murray Family  
J. T. Nance Family  
Jean Thomas Family  
Jim Trowbridge Family  
James Turner Family  
Mark Tyson Family  
Ed Varney Family  
Percy Walters Family  
Lorey White Family

## Rebecca Mills/Pat Turner

Franklin Akers Family  
Dean Baskins Family  
Mable Bivens  
Clayton Daniel  
Rabon Duck Family  
Joey Forbes Family  
Emagene Griffin  
Thirby Harrill Family  
Ken Hedgepath Family  
Gary Jewell Family  
Mike Knight Family  
Derrell Livingston Family  
Jon Mackay Family  
Glennie McGuirt  
Max Melton Family  
Janis Misenheimer  
Hill Overton Family

## Paula Lee/Doris Ramsey

Betty Brantley  
Bob Cassels Family  
Bernice Chaney  
Leona Funderburk  
Arleigh Gaskins  
Ed Helms Family  
Jane Herrell  
Lola Lee  
Myrtle Marks  
Pauline Medlin  
Norma Sledge  
Carolyn Smith  
Alease Strawn  
Fred Williams

## Nathan Hopper

Dot Bates  
Leslie Cook Family  
Susan Craig  
Gary Forbes Family  
Jan Haver Family  
Josh Handy  
Dusti Helms  
Barbara Howell  
Christina Kale Family  
David Lehman  
Mary Moore  
Eddie Roberts Family  
Kate Shaw  
Suzanne Walters Family  
Mike Whited