



The Courier

A Message from our Pastor...

February 2011

Points of Interest

- Communion
- RA "Souper Bowl"
- CBFNC Meeting
- Senior Events
- Youth News



"Love does
no wrong to
a neighbor; therefore,
love is the fulfilling
of the law." ROMANS 13:8

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Klesis: God's Call and the Journey of Faith

Over the last year and a half, a good deal of my newsletter articles have centered on the values that define who we believe God is calling First Baptist Elon to be: "God is calling us to be a church that is **compassionate, serving, and accepting**. God is calling us to minister in ways that are **honest, loving, respectful, and faithful**." Not only have these values been talked about in this newsletter, but they have been preached on in worship and reflected on in looking at each at every ministry that our church does. Yet, as I look back at these statements, I realize there is one word that is central in these statements that has maybe not been explored in depth: the word "calling".

In Greek, the word for the verb "call" is *kaleo*. In our day and age, when we talk about "calling", we usually are referring to a telephone. However, when I look through the ways that this word is used in the gospels, I see two primary meanings that go beyond just making contact with someone: 1) to summon ("Immediately he *called* them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.") and 2) to give a name or identity to ("You are Simon son of John. You are to be *called* Cephas"). When I look at our values statements, I see a statement of our identity and a summons to action.

The Christian Church has long talked about "calling"; however, our conversations have usually centered around the calling of professional ministers. 1 Peter 2:9 tells us that all believers, not just pastors and church staff, are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." These words of Peter give us our identity in Christ but also are words of summons. God is summoning each and every one of us to action for the purpose of sharing His work with a world that needs to escape the darkness of sin and death. **You have been chosen, you have been called – are you living out your new identity that Christ has given you? Are you answering the summons God has given?**

In February, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a 4-week small group experience called *Klesis: God's Call and the Journey of Faith*. Allow me to share with you from the beginning of chapter 2 of the *Klesis* material: "*Klesis* (pronounced clay-sis) comes from the Greek word *kaleo*, meaning 'call'. We have used it to describe a process designed to assist in the examination of one's 'calling'. It assumes a concept of ministry that is inclusive of all who follow Christ and one that is unique to each follower. It seeks to connect each person's calling with the fellowship of covenant faith that weaves its way through the Bible and subsequent history. It provides help in 'finding out who you are and learning how to give yourself away.' Every disciple is a minister, and an important expression of faith is the response of being the best minister one can be."

As you can see, this material is designed to help each and every believer understand our identity in Christ and the call to action that God is putting on our lives. I want to encourage you to begin to pray now about participating in one of the *Klesis* small groups that will begin in March. As you read this article, those who have agreed to be leaders of these groups are going through the material themselves so that they will be prepared to lead. Our hope is to offer groups at a variety of times so that you are able to participate at what works best in your daily schedule. Our Formations Team has worked hard to put this opportunity together in a way that will allow the greatest number of people to participate. In order to participate, you will need a copy of the *Klesis* material, which will cost \$5. If this is a hardship for you, I want to invite you to come and talk to me personally and we will make arrangements for you to get the material.

I hope and pray that the *Klesis* experience will be an opportunity for each of us to hear God calling, to embrace our new identity in Christ, and to discern what action God would have us take to proclaim his mighty acts unto the world. Consider these things, and when the sign up begins for *Klesis*, find a group that you can be a part of.

Mark

Ministry Team News

Children's Team



The Children's Ministry Team has chosen the **Vacation Bible School** materials and theme! Get ready for Pandamania – Where God is Wild about YOU! VBS will be June 19 – 23, 2011! We are excited to see what God has in store for our children and workers this year. Please prayerfully consider what role you will play in our VBS this year.

Family Team

Fellowship Suppers: 13th Vegetable Beef Soup; 20th Hot Dogs; 27th Baked Ham



Formations Team

Discovering How to Lead in an Unleaded World

Rev. Steve Zimmerman

Tuesday, February 15 6:30-8:30 (Snow Date Tues, Feb. 22)

A leadership seminar for all church leaders and anyone interested in church leadership!

Please sign up in the vestibule!

The Formations Team was charged by the Vision Team to develop an education plan for the church. The educational plan and its parts have already begun to be enacted and will continue to be revealed throughout the year. Wednesday night prayer study has focused on *The Inner Voice of Love* by Henri Nouwen. This study has focused on Nouwen's personal journey in the human experience to find the meaning of life. The *Spirituality of Fundraising* study was undertaken by the church staff, deacons, and stewardship team this past fall. This study will be repeated in the near future to allow the entire church family to participate in this new view of stewardship within the church. Christianity 101 was offered this past year in Sunday school and on Sunday nights and will be offered again to help remind us of and build the foundations of our faith as we prepare to embark on a new journey. *Klesis* is a study that focuses on personal calling. This will be a small group study that will begin in March. It will be offered at a variety of times allowing anyone interested in participating the opportunity to do so. It is our hope that the entire church will find a way to participate in this study and that these small groups will continue beyond the study. This study will be followed up with *It's Time* in the fall. *It's Time* is a follow up to *You've Got the Time* that will prepare us for missional journey and help us to find our identity and mission as a church.

The Formations Team was also charged along with the Family Team to find ways to meet the needs of individuals aged 18-60 and help them with their spiritual development. We are going to begin work with the Family Team in an effort to create a more family-centered church. We believe this effort might lead to more involvement by members of this age group and create an environment that is welcoming and engaging for this group of individuals.

Missions Team

Homeless Shelter – Responsible for the meal for the Homeless Shelter for Wednesday, February 2: Larry & Stacia Durham, Milt & Janet Lanphear, Bill & Earline Mann, Garland & Judy Tickle.

Royal Ambassadors Annual "Souper Bowl" Canned Food Drive - Place your cans in the baskets outside the RA room or in the Communications Center by Feb. 13. All food donated will go to the Allied Churches Soup Kitchen.

Thank you to everyone who gave to our missions offerings, we surpassed our goal of \$900! Total for CBF Missions Offering: \$1,005.50 & Lottie Moon \$20.00. Thanks for supporting our missionaries overseas.



Resource Team



With all the snowy and cold weather now would be a wonderful time to stop by the library and pick out a book for everyone in the family. Come by and see what's new in the library! Happy Reading!

Senior Adult Team

The Senior Adult Team met during the month of January to put final details in place for our February luncheon. Jack Watts, Sr., former pharmacist will be coming to share his expertise. Mr. Watts has spoken to many groups, including our annual Senior Adult Rally held by the MZBA, so you do not want to miss it. Much of our discussion centered on the desire for a weekend or three day retreat to the coast in the fall. Further planning will be taking place at our February meeting. If you have ideas for the Senior Adult Team, please let one of your representatives know!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

- Senior Adult Breakfast - Tuesday, February 1 8:30 am at Ramada**
- "Circle of Friends" - Wednesday, February 2 9:30 am - Meet at the church for prayer.**
- Senior Adult Luncheon - Tuesday, February 8 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
 - Speaker: Jack Watts, Sr. - Pharmacist**
 - Menu: Chicken Pie, Broccoli Casserole, Creamed Corn, Bread, Dessert and Drink**
 - **Sign up by Wednesday, February 2.****
- Senior Adult Team Meeting - Friday, February 11 10:30 am**
- Church Council - Sunday, February 13 4:00 pm**
- "How to Lead in an Unleaded World" - Leadership Training led by Steve Zimmerman**
 - Tuesday, February 15 6:30 - 8:30 pm**
- Birthday Luncheon at Ramada - Wednesday, February 16 12:30 pm**
- Bingo Ministry at Blakey Hall - Saturday, February 26 2:00 pm (Celestial Class Helpers)**



UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Fun and Fellowship Trip in March**
- Weekend Retreat at the Coast in the Fall!**

Worship Team

COMMUNION SUNDAY
February 13
Canned Food Collection
"SHED FOR YOU..."



CBFNC Regional Event
Joining God in the World
A Fresh Look at Missions and Evangelism
Tuesday, February 1
First Baptist Church of Graham
Begins at 2:30 pm



"When we worship together as a community of living Christians, we do not worship alone, we worship 'with all the company of heaven.'" - Marianne H. Micks

MUSIC NOTES

Our church has been blessed for many years with talented, skilled, committed accompanists. Our pianists Becky Franks and Marilyn Gailey and organist Janie Brown have provided music with excellence that honors and glorifies our Lord. I am so grateful to them because they make my work a joy and give the choir confidence.

Marilyn has recently expressed her desire to retire from playing on a regular basis. I am so very thankful for her many years of service and working together to prepare worship services.

Becky will now become our full time pianist-accompanying the choir and providing music for all services as needed.

Marilyn will be available to fill in from time to time on special occasions. We are also blessed to have Delrees Hughes to fill in on organ when needed.

Also, our young pianists will provide worship music from time to time as they are prepared. We are blessed to have so many excellent musicians! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



Stewardship Team

Please prayerfully consider supporting our Capital Building Fund Campaign, which is titled Debt Free in 2013. The pledge cards were supposed to be turned in by January 24th, but if you missed this date, please still consider mailing in your pledges or dropping them in the offering plate in the next couple of Sundays. The Stewardship committee will be reviewing all of the pledges and will be communicating on January 31st the goal that our church has pledged towards our building loan. Please remember that these pledge cards are anonymous and should be marked "Debt Free in 2013". If you have any questions, please contact one of the Stewardship committee members: Cathy Johnson, Kathy Hines, Bobby Roach, NR Franks, Bill Mann or Eules Wyrick.

Gifts and Memorials

- The church appreciates the following gifts ...**
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| Anne Uzzell | In honor of our Church Families, February Birthdays & Anniversaries. In memory of Mary Roach's uncle, Paula Harrison & Mike Harrington's aunt, Jeff Howard's grandfather. |
| Faye Naylor | In memory of Thomas Davis' sister. |
- Emily B. Lambert Endowment Fund:**
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| M/M Lee Martin | In memory of Emily Lambert. |
| M/M G. Thompson | In memory of Emily Lambert |
| M/M Bill Lambert | In memory of Emily Lambert & her deep faith in her Savior. |
| Michael Lambert | In memory of Emily Lambert. |
| M/M Harvey Summers | In memory of Emily Lambert. |
- Global Missions:**
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| Anne Uzzell | In honor of our Church Family. |
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- Music Fund:**
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| Nancy Bowling | In memory of Emily Lambert. |
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- Regular Fund:**
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| Doris Kelly | In memory of Nancy Bowling's granddaughter. |
| M/M Bill Lambert | In memory Emily Lambert. |
| M/M Harvey Summers | In honor of Garland & Judy Tickle, Bobby Roach & Mark Mofield. |

Card of Thanks

Dear Church Family,
Thanks so much to all of you for your thoughts, prayers, calls, cards, food and donations during Jennifer's hospitalization and death. Our family felt your presence with us and still do. We love all of you.
In His Love,
Nancy Bowling & family

Announcements



Winter Weather Policy

For church-wide services and events, information will be placed on Channel 2, WFMY. Our church is listed as "First Baptist of Elon - Haggard Ave."

NC Baptist Men presents a

Mission Rally for Region 4 - Men, Women & Youth

Come join us for a night of mission inspiration as we experience what God is doing through NC Baptists around the world. There will be worship, testimony, video, and information on mission opportunities.

Thursday, February 17
Hocutt Baptist Church
314 W. Horne St.
Clayton, NC 27520

Supper at 6:15 pm
Program at 7:00 pm

Meal is free, but you must register by Thursday, Feb. 10.

Contact Kecia Morgan at 1-800-395-5102 x 5613 or
visit www.baptistsonmission.org to register.



Ministry Opportunities

Tuesday, Feb. 1

CBFNC Regional Event
First Baptist Church of Graham
2:30 PM

Sunday, Feb. 13

Communion - AM (canned food drive)
Commissioning Service for 2011 Louisville Mission Team
Church Council Meeting - 4 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Discovering How to Lead in an Unleaded World
Led by Steve Zimmerman
6:30-8:30 PM

Sunday, Feb. 20

Deacons' Meeting - 4 PM

FYI... on Sat. Feb 19th Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be using our parking lot after 9 am for overflow parking.

Youth News

Just a Thought...

My family is in the midst of Potty Training Boot Camp with our two year old Luke right now. Anyone who has been through this process knows that it can be a stressful and trying time. Just when we think we are making progress, an accident happens and it seems like we are back to the drawing board. Jennifer and I both have been frustrated and sometimes impatient, waiting for the day that Luke will turn around and say, "Mommy (or Daddy), I need to go potty!" When this day comes, and we know it will (hopefully sooner than later!), our lives will be a little less stressful and Luke's life will be a little easier.

That feeling of impatience can sometimes be frustrating when we know what the goal or the end result will be. That is kind of where I stand right now with our mission trip planning. When we leave on July 24, I know I am taking a team of youth and adults who will serve God in many fabulous ways. I am ready for that day to come, but in the mean time I and our team have a lot of work and preparation to do. Fund-raising, team building, mission work preparation, transportation issues, lodging details, are a few of the things that make this time stressful and creates impatience in me. (Kind of like potty training "accidents" that we have to deal with!)

But I know the end result - God will be served and our youth and adults will grow closer to Him through this service. The city of Louisville will be changed for the better, and a spark of mission experience will resonate in our teams' hearts. May Isaiah's words be the reminder I need during this period of stress and impatience, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Words of wisdom for Mission Trip Planning and Potty Training Boot Camp!

David Durham

Upcoming Youth Ministries...

Winter Jam

Concert in Greensboro!

Saturday, February 5
1:00 - 10:00 pm

(Concert starts at 5:00 pm!)
\$10 at the door - First Come First Serve Seating
Sign up in the youth room

February Youth Ministries

Winter Jam Concert in Greensboro!
Saturday, February 5
1:00 - 10:00 pm
Cost - \$10 at the door

Emerge!
Sunday, February 6, 13, 20, 27
9:45 am

Super Bowl Party at the Harris!
Sunday, February 6
5:00 pm - Halftime!
(Meet at the church at 4:45 pm for a ride)

Commissioning Service for 2011 Louisville Mission Team
Sunday, February 13
Morning Worship - 10:55 am

Consuming Fire! - "I am Second"
Sunday, February 13, 20, 27
5:30 pm

"The Breakfast Club"
Wednesday, February 16
6:45 am @ The B-ville on Huffman Mill Road

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Task Force: Salvation Army + Lunch at Zack's
Saturday, February 19
9:30 am - 12:30 pm



Olivia Henry February 5
Emily Hinton February 5
Ryan Henry February 9
Lindsay Swing February 25



Spring Lock-In!



Friday, March 25

7:00 pm - 8:00 am
Sign up begins February 20!
FBC Elon Youth can bring up to 2 Friends Each!

FEBRUARY

Ushers/Greeters: Jeff Brenner, NR Franks, Alec French, Kevin Harrington, Mike Harrington, Paul Harris, Dale Harrison, John Jennings, Ronnie Ledbetter, Faye Naylor, Billy Thompson



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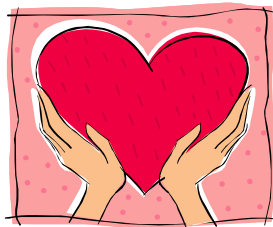
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Valentines to give your children

- **Acceptance** – Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- **Self-confidence** – Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- **Life without needless fears** – Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.
- **Appreciation** – Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- **Faith** – Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.