

HAZEL LEAF

Hazelwood Baptist Church

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Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

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February 2012

Reflections

One day at a busy airport, the passengers on a commercial airliner were seated, waiting for the pilot to show up so they can get under way. The pilot and the copilot finally appear in the rear of the plane and begin walking up to the cockpit through the center aisle. Both appear to be blind; the pilot is using a white cane, bumping into passengers right and left as he stumbles down the aisle. The copilot is using a guide dog. Both have their eyes covered with sunglasses.

At first, the passengers do not react – thinking that it must be some sort of practical joke. After a few minutes though, the engines start revving and the airplane begins moving down the runway. The passengers look at each other with some uneasiness. They start whispering among themselves and look desperately to the stewardesses for reassurance.

Yet, the plane starts accelerating rapidly, and people begin panicking. Some passengers are praying, and as the plane gets closer and closer to the end of the runway, the voices are becoming more and more hysterical. When the plane has less than 50 feet of runway left, there is a sudden change in the pitch of the shouts as everyone screams at once. At the very last moment, the plane lifts off and is airborne.

Up in the cockpit, the copilot breathes a sigh of relief and tells the pilot, “You know, one of these days the passengers aren’t going to scream, and we aren’t going to know when to take off!”

I love that story! I have serious doubts that it is literally true, but it got me to thinking. Why is it that often times we wait until things become desperate before we focus and get down to business? Just like the passengers on that plane, we need to be observant and be intentional in making sure that everything that we do is helping us to grow as a Christian and as a church family. We don’t need to wait for some “here comes the end of the runway” experience. We have a message that must be – needs to be – communicated to a community that needs Jesus. Let’s all redouble our commitment and be found dedicated in sharing God’s love with a communitybefore our community has to scream to get our attention! Don’t be “blind” to what God is doing!

January was filled with lots of great opportunities! I want to say a big thank you to our HBC staff! Thanks to Anita and Luis and all that helped with the Open Door Ministry this month. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus! Thanks also to our entire Music Ministry for always adding so much to our times of worship. Thanks to Tasha and our children’s workers for guiding and teaching our children and for leading them in such a great way. And thanks to Christy and Greg for continuing to build excitement within our youth ministry. And thanks to Regina, Carolyn, Hugh, and Connie for all that they do. To everyone at HBC, thank you for being an example and an encourager through it all. God is truly doing some amazing things within our church family. Let’s make sure that we continue inviting others to come on the journey of faith with us. Stay committed to supporting HBC’s ministries and missions through the giving of your tithes and offerings weekly. And above all else, continue to pray for God to shape us more and more into His plan for our church family. Let’s trust God for something beyond what we could ever imagine!

I hope that this coming month is filled with lots of opportunities for you to share and experience God’s love. Thank you for being who you are! And remember always....

You are loved!

OFFERING BEARERS

February 5

Bob Allen Marty Scruggs
Ron Ingle Jim Shell

February 12

Jim Boone Roy Haynes
J. R. Caldwell Charles Stackpole

February 19

David Hendrix Roy Moody
Bobby Joe McClure Ed Morrison

February 26

Fred Buchanan Cal Grantham
Jim Carver Loyd Parton

GREETERS

February 5

Reva Shuler O
Barbara Buchanan P
Maxine Farmer VO
Carol McKnight VP

February 12

Denise Fairbrother O
Marlene Suggs P
Joann Ruff VO
Peggie Tyler VP

February 19

Carolyn Gratton O
Margaret Grantham P
Hazel Phillips VO
Vivian Pitts VP

February 26

Lois Sutton O
Cindy Greer P
Ada Moore VO
Bonnie Owens VP

COUNTING COMMITTEE

February 5 Andy Beck
February 12 Ed Leatherwood
February 19 Carol Shell
February 26 Gail Moody

USHERS

February 5

John Allen Adam Blanton

February 12

Hugh Buchanan Marty Scruggs

February 19

J. R. Caldwell Roy Haynes

February 26

Bobby Joe McClure Roy Moody

DEACONS/YORKFELLOWS

February 5

Cal Grantham -- 400-2845
Jim Cook -- 648-9548

February 12

Roy Haynes -- 452-5410
Bobby Joe McClure -- 456-5907

February 19

Mike Jones -- 627-8982

February 26

Ed Leatherwood -- 456-5545
Marty Scruggs -- 456-5835

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Kelly Massie
5. Connie McClure
13. Brittani Clark, Olivia Owens, Mae Bell Parham, Sherry Smith
14. Rufus Carswell
16. Stuart Scruggs
17. Donna Cutshaw
20. Mazie Geringer, Estelle Timbes
21. Kyle Whitehead
23. Mary King, Evelyn Pavey
25. Caroline Cable
26. Kyral Perry
28. Pat Allen

WEDDING

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Gary Smith who were married on January 7, 2012. Mrs. Smith is the former Myra Ross.

Van Ministry

This important ministry needs you! The children and adults that depend on this service are some of our most faithful attendees but they cannot come without the faithful whom are willing to pick them up. The continued service of this ministry depends on your willingness to accept a new role. We have a great responsibility to all that rely on this service!

February Van Schedule

Wednesday, February 1

5:30-6:30 Blair and Beth Plisko

7:30-8:30 Tim Lolley and Joann Ruff

Sunday, February 5

AM Andy and Brenda Beck

PM No Van Service

Wednesday, February 8

5:30-6:30 Harris and Nancy Pryor (Tasha Byrd)

7:30-8:30 Tasha Byrd

Sunday, February 12

AM Jim Shell and Barbara Parton

PM No Van Service

Wednesday, February 15

5:30-6:30 Christy Cook-Perry

7:30-8:30 Greg Owens

Sunday, February 19

AM Jim and Beth Cook

PM No Van Service

Wednesday, February 22

5:30-6:30 Andy and Brenda Beck

7:30-8:30 Charlie Byrd and Carolyn Schwickerath

Sunday, February 26

AM Ed and Polly Leatherwood

PM No Van Service

Wednesday, February 29

5:30-6:30 Blair and Beth Plisko

7:30-8:30 Tasha Byrd

MEMORIALS

Hazelwood Baptist Church has given gifts to the Sanctuary Renovation Fund in memory of Lawrence Pryor and Bob Hooper.

A SPECIAL RECEPTION

J. R. Caldwell and Ernest Sutton. Those are names that have appeared over and over again through the decades here at Hazelwood Baptist Church as they served in a variety of church positions. Now they are slowing down a bit, and in honor of their many years of faithful service to our Lord and to Hazelwood Baptist a reception will be held in their honor on Sunday, February 5th, after the Morning Service. The church will furnish the dessert and drinks and you are asked to bring soup and sandwiches. Ernest and J. R. served for many, many years on the Fellowship of Deacons, and both were extremely active in Sunday School over the decades. So you all come out and let them know how much you appreciate all that they have done.

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to . . .

- . . . the Anita Cullen and David Brown in the death of their mother, Christine Brown and their father, James Brown
- . . . Harris & Nancy Pryor in the death of Harris' brother, Lawrence Pryor
- . . . the family of Bob Hooper.
- . . . Lasha Plemmons in the death of her grandmother, Sally Plemmons.
- . . . the family of Pam Martinelli.

ELDERLY ADVICE

These words of advice are for those of us of a more advanced age, or for those of you who plan to eventually be of an advanced age. These sage words were written by a woman during her 90th year on earth:

1. Your job won't take care of you when you're sick. Your friends and family will.
2. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
3. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
4. Life is too short. Enjoy it?
5. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
6. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
7. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
8. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Thank You!

To All My Church Family:

Thank you all for the prayers, calls and cards received during December when my sister, Geraldine Williams, was so ill and my back was not doing well.

I'm happy to report Geraldine is doing better and is in Rehab and my back is behaving.

Again, thank you all.

Peggie Williams Tyler
and Geraldine Williams

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your prayers and concern for Rick during this terrible ordeal.

He is working hard at Thoms Rehab and should be home in 1-2 weeks.

There's only one thing better than having a church family and that's having two. I will always consider each and every one of you my family and will always treasure my time with you.

God Bless to ALL
Frances Franklin

I want to thank everyone who has brought me food and visited with me. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Gertrude Fugate

Many thanks to all for your prayers, notes, phone calls, and cards during my illness. I am humbled by the outpouring of love and concern. I'm still not sure what happened to me, as I have no recollection for several weeks, only to wake up in a critical care unit surrounded by family and friends just a few days before Christmas.

I am out of the inpatient/rehab hospital setting after 39 days and now begin outpatient rehab on Monday for a few weeks. My strength continues to build and I can honestly say that I expect a full recovery at the hand of God, who spared me for reasons I don't understand, but for which I will be eternally grateful. Take nothing for granted my friends, thank God for each and every moment and give Him all the praise and glory. God Bless.

Roy Wayne Haynes, Jr.

Dear Church Family & Pastor Tim,

What a blessing all of you have been to us. How amazing how you responded to our needs in so many ways. We truly experienced a miracle as our son, Roy Wayne began opening his eyes, and eventually knew who we were about the 16th day. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers. So please accept our thanks, but really give God all the praise and glory for all the great things he has done.

May God Bless You All
Roy & Mary Jane.

Words cannot express our thanks for all of the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits by our church family during the hospitalization and recovery of Toby Ray. We are so blessed to have the love and support of HBC. Please continue to remember Toby and family as he continues to improve.

Missy Gentry & Jane Young

Thank you, my dear church family, for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and homegoing of my brother, Bob.

Regina & Family

MISSED YOU

Polly Leatherwood, David Hendrix, Jane Young, and Bob Allen--they were all there to greet you and to provide refreshments for you at the Red Cross Blood Drive this past December. Sadly, nobody from our church came to give the gift of blood when it was so vitally needed. They kept looking for you, but nobody came. But they'll be there again this February representing Hazelwood Baptist Church and the Red Cross Blood Bank. Why not make their day by joining them and giving that precious gift of a pint of blood? It's painless, and Polly and David will happily give you free refreshments and drinks after you've given your pint, while Bob and Jane will gladly greet you when you first enter the door at the Masonic Lodge. Make it a New Year's resolution to give that precious gift so that others may live.

CHRISTMAS SIGNS

Although Christmas is but a fond memory, here are a few memorable signs that appeared on church sign boards during the season:

1. It's OK to say "Merry Christmas" here!
2. Welcome, Semi-Annual Worshipers.
3. Jesus Christ has a Gift for you. Will you accept it?
4. Mary worshiped the first Christmas Gift.
5. X-mas or Christ-mas? Which is it for you?
6. Mary wrapped the first Christmas Gift.
7. Merry Christmas! Whether you like it or not!

TWO COLD MONTHS TO GO

We still have the two more cold wintry months of February and March before April brings its warmer balmy breezes. In order to keep our church building warm and cozy during those frigid months, we'll have to be ordering still more fuel oil to keep the home fires burning. The New Fellowship and Alpha Sunday School classes as well as several individual church members has made generous contributions to the designated Fuel Oil Fund. Since our last fuel oil bill was (gasp!) \$5500, we shall still have to be laying out several thousand dollars more for the next fuel oil delivery. If you as an individual or family, or perhaps your Sunday School class would like to contribute to the designated Fuel Oil Fund, it would be a big help. Although, of course, there is money in the budget for fuel oil, at the last delivery we were unable to pay the entire bill because enough money just wasn't there. To date extra contributions to the fund have amounted to \$4430. If you are able to help out, just put your contribution in an envelope and mark it "Fuel Oil Fund." At the January Church Business meeting it was proposed that on the third Sunday of every month everyone bring an extra dollar to the Morning Worship service to go into the Fuel Oil account. This should also be a big help in helping us meet our fuel oil expenses.

RELIGION IN NORTH CAROLINA

How religious is North Carolina? The Pew Research Center recently did a study of the state. When asked if religion was important in their lives, North Carolina was ranked 8th in the country with 69% saying, "Yes." The #1 state in the United States was Mississippi with 82% saying, "Yes."

What state was in last place? The far northern states of New Hampshire and Vermont were last with 36% saying, "Yes."

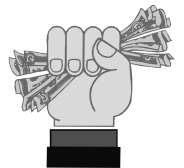
What percent attend religious services at least once a week? Here North Carolina drops to 9th with 49% attending a religious service at least once a week. Again, 1st place was given to Mississippi with 60% attendance. Our most northernmost state, Alaska, came in dead last with 22%.

When asked if they prayed at least once a day, Mississippi was once again #1 with 77% saying they pray every day. Once again, North Carolina was 9th with 68%. The northern state of Maine was last with 40%.

When asked if they believed in God with absolute certainty, once again Mississippi was #1 with 91%. Who placed 9th? North Carolina did with 81%. New Hampshire and Vermont were last again with 54%.

BUDGET APPROVED

Kudos to the Stewardship and Finance Committee! This group of hard-working men and women labored long and hard to produce a realistic church budget for the year 2012. The church family thought they did so also, and overwhelmingly voted to support the budget at a special called business meeting on January 1, 2012. The budget calls for an expenditure of \$331,793, a reduction of \$2463 from the 2011 budget of \$334,256. Now that you all have approved the budget, let's all get behind it and support its expenditures. All that money, in one way or another, goes to the furthering of God's kingdom here on earth.



FUNERAL FUND

If you've ever had to pay funeral expenses, you know that it can amount to several thousand dollars. This can be a severe and unexpected financial burden to many families. In order to help the David Evans family meet the expenses of David's funeral, a designated fund has been established. All monies contributed to this fund will go to help to meet these expenses. Just place your contribution in an envelope, and mark it "David Evans Funeral Fund." Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

DOLLAR DRIVE FOR CHILDREN'S CAMP

Although we're still in the winter doldrums, it's time to look ahead to those warm, pleasant summer days of 2012. Once again our children hope to experience the joys of summer camp, but in order to do so, money must be made available to cover their camp expenses. Thus, a marvelous, relatively inexpensive plan has been devised to help cover these costs. The first Sunday of every month following the Children's Sermon, our children will circulate among the congregation with baskets, trusting that you'll put in a dollar or two. Although a dollar by itself won't buy much, when the dollars are all put together, they will go a long way toward sending many of our children to camp. The children will truly appreciate your support and your prayers for them. At the Sunday Morning Worship Service on January 8th, the church family gave dollar bills for the Children's Camp Fund, and a grand total of \$138.55 was realized through these dollar contributions. The total cost to send a child to camp is \$219.

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Here's a prayer that bears repeating, and one which we all might pray:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Grant that I might not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life."

THE JOY OF READING

Have you ever experienced the joy of reading? Of course you have. It's one of the most enjoyable and worthwhile experiences known to man. Now, here is your opportunity to help a child also experience that great joy. Due to recent cuts in the school budgets, Hazelwood Elementary School is in need of individuals who would be willing to volunteer their time to sit and read with children. These children for one reason or another especially

need some extra time with a reading partner. If you could devote an hour or so to this worthy endeavor, please sign up for the grade level and time slot you desire on the bulletin board outside the Children's Office. All grade levels for reading are available right up through 5th grade. Training will be given to willing participants. What better gift could you give a child than the gift of reading?

HAYWOOD MEN'S FREE BREAKFAST



Men! How does this breakfast menu sound to you? "Fluffy scrambled eggs, sausage and crisp bacon, southern grits, (for J. R. and friends.) fresh biscuits and sawmill gravy, (for Bob Buchanan and friends), golden toast, plus regular and decaffeinated coffee." This delicious breakfast is being served for free at the Terrace Motel at Lake Junaluska on the Thursday morning, February 2nd from 7 to 8 AM.

Known as Haywood Men's Breakfast, it promises to be a time of great food and fellowship. This is the first meeting of this newly formed group, and it is open to all churches, all denominations, and to all Christian men who love Jesus. The group will be gathering together then on the first Thursday of every month. Although this initial breakfast is free, there will be a charge for future breakfasts.

Why not plan to get together with a group of your Christian brothers and join them for a wonderful time with like believers. For further information go to www.HaywoodMen'sBreakfast.com.

KITCHEN USAGE POLICY

- 0-5th Grade – Not allowed in the kitchen without adult supervision. No use of any kitchen equipment.
- 6th-12th Grade – Not allowed to use propane appliances without adult supervision and training.
- 18+- Not allowed to use propane appliances without training.
- The head cook is responsible for the maintenance/ control of the kitchen.
 - Who is allowed in/out, cleaning, gas, etc.
- Training sessions will be announced at a later time for all who are interested.
- Tasha Byrd, Christy Cook-Perry and Tim Lolley will be in charge of announcing the rules to their respective audiences.

Notes from the choir loft

I have to start off this month with a big thank you for everyone who participated in our ministry at the Open Door! I am so thankful for all of you who cooked and served, brought food and desserts, and helped to feed the residents at Camp New Life's temporary homeless shelter. What a great start we have to expanding this ministry as other opportunities to serve come our way. I would like to especially thank David and Suzanne Hendrix who were there at the Open Door every night both weeks making sure everything ran smoothly. I am so humbled to serve with you all, and I know God will just give us more opportunities to serve.

We are enjoying singing some familiar songs in adult choir as we begin preparations for Easter, which will come early this year on April 8. As always, I look forward to preparing special music for Easter and the weeks leading up to it. This is also a great time to join the choir if you are interested in singing. We can always use your voice as we lift up praises to Christ!

Serving Him,
Anita

Greetings from the Children's Department

~2012~

What does this mean to you? Is it simply another year on the calendar? Or is it the year that you will serve Him and make a difference? We are all called to use the skills that God has given us and I am looking forward to the New Year and rejoicing in each of the gifts he has blessed me with! There are so many opportunities to serve!

Kid's Night Out

On Friday, February 17 we will be having our Kid's Night Out! This is a fun evening of games, pizza and a movie that your children won't want to miss! We will gather in the Children's Department at 6 for pizza and goodies! It just so happens that this is the Friday following Valentine's Day so maybe it will be the perfect time for you to enjoy each others company, too! The festivities will end at 10...bring your children for a fun-filled evening!

Leap Day!

It only happens ONCE every four years and what are the chances that it would be on a Wednesday?!

I am not the mathematician and I don't have enough free time to figure it out so I have a better idea! Let's just celebrate the fact that it is on a Wednesday with a Roller Skating Party! The cost of this event will be \$2 per person...we will leave the church at 6:00 on the bus to head for the Skating Rink and will load up the bus at 8:00 to head back to the church. Join us for the fun!

What an awesome beginning to a great new year! I am so excited about everything that I know God has in store for us; I hope that you will join me in praying that He uses each of us wherever He chooses to! I love being a part of this church family and I love being your Children's Minister but most of all I love being a child of God!!!

In His Service,
Tasha Byrd

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

What resolutions have you made this year? Lost weight? Break bad habits? Find time to do good things? Here are a few suggestions that we all should be resolved to do in the New Year.

1. Praise God every day. (Psalm 118:24)
2. Read and study the Bible daily. (2 Timothy 3:16)
3. Pray daily for one another and the church. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
4. Share your faith with at least one new person. (Romans 10:14)

LOTTIE MOON GENEROSITY

Thanks to your generosity, many more people in foreign lands will be introduced to our Lord Jesus. As of the end of December our church family contributed \$3,332.39 toward the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This money is used for missionaries to other lands to reach out with the good news of salvation to people in other nations and in other cultures. Even that 39 cents may help to win a soul to our Lord.

OMEGAS

The Omegas enjoyed a concert of Christmas music at the Cove in Asheville in early December. Will Graham (grandson of Billy Graham) led the devotion and the concert was directed by a former member of the Junaluska Singers. We thank Rev. Tim Lolley for driving the bus and being our ever faithful "chaperon."

A country lunch prepared by our members was served at the January meeting. Polly Leatherwood cooked a mouth watering cake of cornbread in the new gas oven in our recently remodeled kitchen. Bingo was played after lunch and members enjoyed fellowship together.

Our February meeting will be on Valentines Day, February 14. Bring your favorite dish to share. We are working on several different types of entertainment at this time. All Omegas are asked to bring Valentine treats to be put in baskets and taken to several of our homebound members and several in the nursing homes. Baskets and cards will be provided. All seniors are encouraged to join us for lunch and fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHUCKLES

After a Sunday School lesson on creation, a 9-year-old child thought that he should write a letter to God. He wrote:

"Dear God, We read in school that Thomas Edison made light, but in Sunday School we learned that You did it. I bet that he stole your idea." Sincerely, Michael

BLOODMOBILE

February 20, 2012
12:00 noon – 4:30 pm

Waynesville Masonic Lodge
Broadview Street

(building near rear entrance to old
Haywood County Hospital and Haywood DSS)

PLEASE NOTE, VOLUNTEERS:
This drive was not originally scheduled,
but now has been added.

Polly Leatherwood

Bloodmobile Committee

CONGRATULATIONS to Debbie Kinsland on her retirement from the Haywood County Clerk of Courts Office after 31+ years! Thank you, Debbie, for your dedication and service.

GIVE SATAN A HEADACHE

Did you know that when you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache? When you open it, he collapses. When he sees you reading it, he loses strength. And when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

CHURCH CHUCKLES

Of course this doesn't apply to our Pastor's sermons, but George Burns, not especially known for his piety, once stated: "The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible."

AND THE LORD ADDED . . .

By Letter:

Jeff Greer
574 Brannon Forest Drive
Waynesville, NC 28785
Birthday: July 19

MEDIA LIBRARY

Nearing Home: Life, Faith and Finishing Well

by Billy Graham

Given in Memory of David Evans
Given by Bob & Mary Jane Allen

All-in-One Bible Reference Guide

Given in Honor of HBC Sunday School Staff
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David Evans

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Mildred Boone

Alpha Sunday School Class – Fuel Fund