



Gabriel

"I am Gabriel...I have come to speak to you and tell you this good news."



Taylorsville First UMC: a garden of Christ's love through Planting Believers, Nurturing Disciples and Helping with the Harvest.

**June
2011**

Razing Hell

A couple of months ago, a book came out that was written by the well-known and well-loved "evangelical" pastor Rob Bell. The title of the book is "Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Human Who Ever Lived." You can immediately tell by the book's title that it might stir up some controversy and so it did! Accusations of heresy began to fly. Bell was accused of universalism or the belief that everyone gets into heaven. Understandably, the implications of such an assertion are many and profound. For starters: What do you do with scripture that seems to clearly point to a place of eternal punishment for those who are disobedient? If everyone gets into heaven, why is there a need for evangelism? Or the church for that matter? What did Jesus say on the matter? What has the church said over the centuries?

As one reads the book, it is clear that Bell never blindly asserts such a position, but he does challenge and shine a new light on many of the old and accepted understandings of what is the ultimate purpose of life. At the heart of the entire conversation and controversy is the fundamental question: What kind of God is the God of creation? Nothing less than eternity is at stake in this question!

Coming in June and July, First Methodist and First Baptist are cosponsoring a four session look into Love Wins and the many issues it raises. This conversation will take place at a "neutral" location to try and facilitate as open an exploration as possible. So, at 7 PM on Tuesday nights, June 21st and 28th and July 12th and 19th – all who are interested are invited to the Spilled Bean to have a frank and respectful conversation around the issues of heaven and hell. I will be buying about 20 copies of Bell's book for those who want to begin reading it. The cost will be \$12. Below you will find some website's that you might find interesting as you prepare to read the book or want to explore the issue.

<https://www.robbell.com/lovewins/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOW6rDPzTbc&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufENWTtGAz0>

It is my prayer that this time together will be a fruitful one where no questions are off limits and we can grow together as God's children. I hope to see you there!!!
Josh

Worship Schedule

- 8:43 AM Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 AM Coffee and Refreshments
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

Movie Night!

Beginning June 17th and every Friday night through the summer, we will have a movie night out on our land. Come and bring lawn chairs and enjoy Hollywood under the stars. Our first movie will be *The Blind Side* starring Sandra Bullock. Movie will begin at 9pm.

Stop Hunger Update

A special "thank you" to all who helped make this year's Change the World Day a success. Over 900 volunteers came to our 2 sites to pack approximately 180,000 bags. Each bag feeds 6 people, that is enough to feed 1,000 children for 6 months. Over \$45,000 was raised and money is still coming in! Job well done!

εὐχομαι Prayer Group!

εὐχομαι, (Eu-ko-mai) which is a Greek word for "pray to God." εὐχομαι is meeting every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the parlor to pray for church and community members that are in need of special prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us. Prayer requests can be e-mailed to the church fumct@fumct.com, Danise Larmore at dlar-more@hotmail.com, and to Linda Dunbar at dunbar1of6@hotmail.com, or can be written on the prayer request cards found throughout the church and placed in the offering plate.

Graduation Sunday June 5th!

Sunday, June 5th, we will be celebrating our graduates at the 11am service. Following the service we will also have a potluck in their honor. Please make plans to come and honor our graduates on this day.

Graduate Information! Congratulations!!

Garrett Feimster

Alexander Central High School- Plans to attend Appalachian State University and major in Sports Medicine.

Dennis Hansen-

Alexander Central High School

“My plans after high school are to return to Greenland, where I will be going to a HTX College/University in Sisimiut, Greenland. Here I plan to take general college courses with a specialization in technology. I hope to become a helicopter pilot and own my own tourism business, so come to Greenland and we'll go for a ride!”

Jake Lowman

UNC-Chapel Hill

BA in Geographic Information Science with a minor in Information Science

Susan Clark

Western Carolina University

Bachelor of Science in biology with a concentration in general biology

Anna Odom

Wingate University

Music with emphasis in vocal performance

Kara Moose

UNC- Greensboro

Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution

Jennifer Muscareli

Appalachian State University

Masters in Library Science

Dianne Little

UNC- Charlotte

Doctor of Education, with area of specialty being Educational Leadership

Financial Snapshot

Offering Received for June

General Budget	\$ 20,754.63
Land	\$ 880.00
Helping Pot	\$ 171.00
Benevolence	\$ 304.00
Building Vision Fund	\$ 10.00
Monthly Amount Needed	\$ 15,416.00

Year to Date Totals

General Budget	\$ 90,250.57
Land	\$ 5,486.00
Helping Pot	\$ 767.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,287.51
Building Vision Fund	\$ 215.00

YTD Amount Needed \$ 84,788.00

- YTD calculated on 22 weeks
- (Jan and May were 5 weeks)

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Joel, Barbara & Bethany Costas

Amy, Zach Winebarger

Eric, Angela & Grant Sizemore

Jill Masten-Byers

M&M's -Shelton Vineyards- June 7th

The Premier Winery in the East, Founded in 1999, Shelton Vineyards is the largest family-owned estate winery in North Carolina. Located in the Yadkin Valley near Dobson and Mt. Airy, NC, the winery features a spacious visitor center with a tasting bar and gift shop. Shelton Vineyards offers [tours and tastings](#) every day of the week. Shelton Vineyards' grounds are beautifully landscaped, and picnicking is encouraged. Or have lunch on the patio at the [Harvest Grill](#). Meet at the church at 9AM and be ready for some good wine tasting and lunch!! The Harvest Grill has some excellent food and we dine in style! Everyone interested in going needs to sign up on the sheets in the upstairs bulletin board and the table in the fellowship hall.

J u n e E v e n t s

1	5:45 pm	Mid Week Manna
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Kids Praise
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
4		VA Creeper Trail
5	6:00 pm	UMYF
7	9:00 am	M&M's Trip
	9:30 am	εὐχόμεαι Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Disciple 1 Bible Study
8	6:00 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Kid's Praise
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
11	9:00 am	ACHS Graduation
12	5:30 pm	Trustees' Meeting
	6:00 pm	UMYF
	7:00 pm	Church Council
13	5:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 pm	Susanna Wesley Circle
14	9:30 am	εὐχόμεαι Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Disciple 1 Bible Study
15	5:45 pm	Mid Week Manna
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Kids Praise
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
17		UMW Spiritual Retreat
18	7-10:30 am	UMM Community Breakfast
19	5:00 pm	Children's Council
	6:00 pm	UMYF
21	9:30 am	εὐχόμεαι Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Disciple Bible Study
22	6:00 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Kid's Praise
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
23	7:00 am	Gabriel Deadline
26	6:00 pm	UMYF
28	9:30 am	εὐχόμεαι Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Disciple Bible Study
29	6:00 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Kid's Praise
	6:30 pm	Book Club
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir

Council Corner

- We were down a little more this month than this time last year. However, we are in the positive for year to date. The balance in checking and savings are up.
- Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday service. It will be downstairs and will be contemporary. After this, there will be a short survey done via <http://www.surveymonkey.com> week of May 30. Hard copies will be available for people without computers.
- There will be Friday movie nights on the land throughout the summer for other fellowship opportunities. We suggested a few movies that would be PG-13, and maybe another survey could be done for further suggestions.
- At the end of September (Sept. 28-30, 2011), a group will be going to Kansas to Church of the Resurrection (Adam Hamilton's church) for a leadership conference. Each person will have to pay for this (registration/plane tickets/hotel), but Susan Campbell highly recommends it. This is, by the way, the largest Methodist church in the United States.
- A follow-up about the Stop the Hunger day: There were 180,000 bags of food sent to the Sudan, over one million meals, enough to feed children for six months.
- It's time to buy a new sound mixer for the upstairs sanctuary. The microphones used are now on an illegal frequency (laws change to give that bandwidth to emergency services). The pastor will also be getting a new type of microphone that will NOT be a clip-on. For older or hearing-impaired congregants, there will be a new solution to sound problems to help them hear the services better.
- There will be probably be a dinner coming up, hosted at the parsonage by Josh and Shannon. It will be June 3. Mostly, the new members will be invited in order to give them a chance to get to know Josh and Shannon better.
- UMM had breakfast yesterday and didn't do as well as they had hoped. The \$140 profit will go to the benevolence fund. They had new faces, but they are still concerned about lack of support from our own congregation. All the church and DAV breakfasts will be listed on a poster for all to support each other.

Prayer Focus for the Month

- Families in bereavement
- Tornado and flood victims
- Vacation Bible School (aka Kids in the Park) with Reformation Lutheran in July and August
- Shut-in ministry



Mid-Week Manna June 1st & 15th 5:45pm-6:15pm

Fill out your reservation cards by the Monday (1st & 3rd) before the following Wednesday night meal. Menu is as follows:

June 1: hamburgers, baked beans, chips, ice cream

June 15: Stuffed potatoes, salad, dessert

Memorials and Honorariums

Many of you have supported FUMC and honored friends and loved ones by giving memorials and honorariums. Everyone is encouraged to designate these gifts for the purpose they would like for them to be used. However, if memorials/honorariums are undesignated, the funds will be dispensed at the discretion of the Memorial Fund Committee. The Memorial Fund Committee members are the Pastor, Finance Committee Chairperson, Council Member appointed by the Council Chairperson, and Financial Secretary. For example, the committee recently approved the use of undesignated memorial funds to upgrade the sound system.

Thank you for your memorials/honorariums contributions and please be assured that the funds will be used for the designated purpose and to the glory of God.

Missions



Our Covenant Missionaries

From Liberia

Herbert and Mary Zigbuo:

1158 Mallard Place
Creedmoor, NC 27522

e-mail: umcliberia@yahoo.com

Drop them a note and let them know
that we are praying for them and their ministry.



Methodist Idol was a great success! Everyone had a great time and we raised \$387.80 for Outreach Missions! The overall winner in the adult

division was:

Anna Odom

Winners in the children division were:

Sophia Muscarelli

Margie Dunbar

Samantha Snyder

Corin Muscarelli

Great Job!!

Helping Pot for June
Alexander Co Habitat for Humanity

Remember our Homebound /Students

Lucille Garmon Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn PO Box 1599 Conover, NC 28613

Audrey Gilreath 537 1st Ave Dr SE Taylorsville, NC 28681

Cleda Graham 347 East Main Ave Taylorsville, NC 28681

Helen Heafner PO Box 216 Taylorsville, NC 28681

Marguerite Rector 190 East Jay Drive Taylorsville, NC 28681

Betty Roulic 1265 21st St Ne Room 708 A Hickory, NC 28601

Billy & Lisa Adams 4604 NC Hwy 90 E Hiddenite, NC 28636

Harold & Jean Ruffy 347 S Center St Taylorsville, NC 28681

Sam Zachary 1244 Arbor Rd Box A-416 Winston Salem, NC 27104

Nita Wagoner 1244 Arbor Rd Box 505 Winston Salem, NC 27104

Emmie Givens 1244 Arbor Rd B-310 Winston Salem, NC 27104

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Patrick Wike PO Box 15073 Boone, NC 28608

Morgan Feimster ASU Box 15935 Boone, NC 28608

Andy Bryan 1917 UNCG Station Campus Greensboro, NC 27149-1018

Jake Lowman 113C Howell Street Howell Park Apt Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Anna Odom PO Box 1754 Wingate, NC 28174

Sam O' Keeffe PO Box 1875 Wingate, NC 28174

Vincent Aponte Western Carolina University 245 Memorial Dr Ste 7494 Cullowhee, NC 28723



Mission Money Jars

Add your pocket change to the labeled jars in Sunday School rooms and around the church to help fund our Outreach Mission Projects.

UMW News

UMW News...

May was a busy month for the UMW, but many successful events and projects were completed. Our sincere thanks to Susan Campbell for revealing many opportunities for mission to our children and youth, as revealed on UMW Sunday. Plan now to become involved as a volunteer – a lunch buddy, a tutor, or a reader for the elementary school through our hand-in-hand program next year. You will be truly rewarded. Many opportunities are right here in our church as well. Helping in the church nursery, teaching Sunday School, assisting with Kids in the Park are just a few of the ways we can impact the lives of the young children with us each week.

Fifty birthing kits were assembled for UMCOR to be distributed where needed in the areas of our world who have been victims of natural disasters. Thanks to all who donated items to include.

Our next project will involve the health kits for UMCOR's distribution. Please check the container in the parlor for a list of items needed to complete these kits.

Lastly, we have a large number of women planning to attend the 2011 Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska on June 17-18. The theme for our retreat is *Peace, Popcorn, and Pansies* that sounds intriguing, to say the least. Moe Peron will win our bravery award for the month, having volunteered to drive the bus for us!

Thanks to all the women in our church who work to help us expand our mission, both locally and abroad.
Peace and Grace,
Nan

If you need a UMW Gift to Mission Card for a Graduate or for Father's Day, contact Linda Greer. Funds from the sale of these cards are given to projects that help relieve the suffering of women, youth and children both in the US and around the world.

Father's Day is June 19th

UMM News

The United Methodist Men met on May 5, 2011 in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7:30 a.m. We had six men in attendance: Dennis Snyder, Moe Perron, Johnny Bruce, Terry Graham, Bill Glad, and Glenn Fox.

Glenn Fox lead our group in a devotion.

Treasurer Glenn Fox reported that we have \$794.18 in checking and \$100 reserved in change for the community breakfast event the following Saturday. All bills are paid including the fee for re-chartering from the General Commission of United Methodist Men.

During our business discussion, it was decided that we need another double-sided sign announcing our breakfasts to be placed on the church front lawn. Glenn will take care of getting the sign made and displayed. Glenn will also write another article for the Taylorsville Times to promote our breakfast on May 21st. We decided to designate the net proceeds for the May 21st breakfast to our church benevolence fund to help people suffering from the economic conditions. We also decided to table our discussion on the Swipecard Credit Card protector fund-raiser until next month. We will be talking with Tim Lee about the possibility of the net proceeds of our June breakfast going to the youth program to help with their beach retreat in July. We will ask that our youth help with our June breakfast to make this donation possible and to get them involved in this project.

Our next meeting will be on June 12th at 7:30 a.m. with Terry Graham leading us in devotions.

(Update on May 21st breakfast) – We were pleased to see some new faces in attendance, but were disappointed in our overall attendance from our own church members. We raised \$145.00 for our benevolence fund. We are very thankful for those faithful members who support us by their attendance and their gifts, even when they cannot attend. We will be developing a poster which will list all the standing community breakfasts and locations so that we can promote each other. These posters will be posted in each location for each group to support and promote the other benefit community breakfasts in Alexander County.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Fox, Secretary/Treasurer

Youth & Children

Hello everyone,

It is that time again. Time for summer break from school, vacation and KIDS IN THE PARK! This year we are going oriental with our friends the pandas. Our theme this year is Pandamania and it "is a wild celebration of God's unconditional love! At Pandamania Kids In The Park, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with his own loving hands." We are excited this year to be partnering with Reformation Lutheran! They had 80 or more people involved with their VBS last year! With their crowd and the crowd we are expecting, we will need lots of support. We are in the process of putting leaders in place and recruiting our team coaches (calling them trainers this year) from past KITP programs. We need snack servers, and trainers to walk kids from station to station. We also need trainers to help with registration, games, crafts, stories and music. We have leaders in place in these areas but the more trainers the faster and smoother things will go. Chances are someone on the Children's Council has mentioned your name for one of these areas already. If you sense God leading you to help why wait let me know? We are probably on the way to ask you! ;) B (FYI that's a wink for the text challenged)

The youth are heading to Myrtle Beach for our big summer trip this year. We are staying in two houses in Ocean Lakes Campground. The youth are going to participate in Planned Acts of Christian Kindness. If you were to walk up you might see our youth giving away freezie pops on the beach. If you were to be at the pool while our kids are there you may notice a lot of children with big smiles because a group of teens was giving away free pool toys. If you were to be down there while our group is there you may overhear people talking about the group dropping dollars with "God Loves You" written on them. Why throw away money or buy stuff to give to strangers you will probably never see again in times like these? Because God loves all people and neither money nor effort is ever wasted showing people that. The youth are going to be leading devotions daily. There are still about four spots left available. The dates for the trip are July 24th – July 30th. It will cost roughly \$120 to 130 per kid for the meals we have at the houses and they will need spending money for a couple nights of eating out and for incidentals in Ocean Lakes. Please let me know if you are interested in going.

We need your prayers for these events. Pray for good weather for both events. Pray for safety for both. Pray that people will be come to realize just how much God loves them.

Thank you for all your support!

Tim

Summer Camp!!

Rev. Trevor Batchelor has been asked to take part in a week of camp at our District Camp – Camp Carolwood. He is looking forward to a wonderful week of camp in which your 5th and 6th graders will better see God in both themselves and in nature and that each one was designed for a purpose. Here is the basic camp information:

When: Sunday, July 24, 2011 – Friday, July 29, 2011

Where: Camp Carolwood - 1181 Camp Carolwood Rd, Lenoir, NC 28645-9586

Cost: \$275 for a week of camp – A deposit of \$75 is due at the time of registration with the balance being due by June 30, 2011.

Registration Deadline: May 15, 2011

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Trevor D. Batchelor 141 Misty Spring Rd. Troutman, NC 28166 (704) 252-2856 tbatchelor@wnccumc.net

There are info packets and registration forms lying around the church or contact the church office!

First United Methodist Church– June Ministry Commitments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
June 5	Traci Snyder, Cole Dunbar(8:43 am), Janel Lingle, Lawrence Graham (11:00 am)
June 12	Danielle Seitz, Amanda Bryan(8:43 am), Kay Blackburn, Betty Adams (11:00 am)
June 19	Christie Bowman, Ethan Lingle(8:43 am), Dennis Snyder, Rachel Zachary (11:00 am)
June 26	Jennifer Muscarelli, Cory Chapman(8:43am), Hillary Boyce, Nancy Coley (11:00am)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>8:43 am Sound System</u>
June 5	8:43am- Kellie Chapman	11:00am- Kay Blackburn
June 12	Linda Dunbar	Nan Campbell
June 19	Susan Campbell	Dianne Little
June 26	Rene Seitz	Glenn Fox

Flowers
Holy Communion/Robert Feimster

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church Security</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>8:43 am Sound System</u>	<u>11am Sound System</u>
June 5	Jerry Adams	8:43 am Terry Graham, Bill Glad	Marshall Dunbar	Jerry Adams
June 12	Christy Bebbber			
June 19	Vickie McCoy	11:00 am Joel , Kay Blackburn & Carolyn Rogers		
June 26	Michael Wike			

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering Counter</u>	<u>Offering Counter Assistant</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
June 5	Pete Petrie	Mike Wike	Kay Blackburn	Sophia Muscarelli
June 12	Nan Campbell	Lisa Ferguson	Cheryl Feimster	
June 19	Mary Beth White	Carol Zachary		
June 26	Linda Greer	Janel Lingle		

Set Up for Early Service - Susan Campbell

Our Prayer List

The Brookshire Family	The Seitz Family
The Herman Family	The Odom Family
Rebecca Sucharda	The Family of Ed Marshall
The Feimster Family	The Kenning ton Family
Tim Payne	Ruth Herman
Abigail Shook	Jessica Parker
Joel Blackburn	Dianne Little
The Bowen Family	Dawn Yount
Anna Sharpe	Danny Young
Clara Barlowe	Kendra Loria
The Larmore Family	Nita Wagoner
Charles Odom	Lloyd Larmore
Lucille Garmon	Bob Duncan
Pete Petrie	Marguerite Rector
Betty Roulic	Helen Heafner
Tony Meadlock	Jeanie Farish

Church Staff

Rev. Josh Sherfey, Pastor
Tim Lee, Christian Ed.-Children & Youth
Babs Odom, Music Director
Cathy Peters, Secretary
Debbie Christian, Pianist
Bill Glad, Sexton
Helen Heafner, Organist Emeritus



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Del & Judy Denekas & Tim & Jackie Lee Ann. 5:45pm Mid Week Manna 6pm Handbells 6:30pm Kid's Praise 7pm Chancel Choir	2	3	4 VA Creeper Trail
5 Ted & Jen Muscarelli Ann. Graduation Sunday 12pm Pot Luck 6pm UMYF	6	7 9am M&M's 9:30am εὐχομαι Prayer Group 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study	8 6pm Handbells 6:30pm Kid's Praise 7pm Chancel Choir	9	10 Guy Chapman Bday	11 9am ACHS Graduation Ceremony
← Josh at Annual Conference- For pastoral emergencies call Paul Sink 828-228-0400 →						
12 Brandi Larmore Bday 5:30pm Trustees' Mtg 6pm UMYF 7pm Church Council	13 Sallie Hartis Bday 5:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7pm Susanna Wesley Circle	14 9:30am εὐχομαι Prayer Group 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study 7pm SPRC	15 5:45pm Mid Week Manna 6pm Handbells 6:30pm Kid's Praise 6:30pm Prayer & Com-	16	17 Linda Graham & Hayley Miller Bday UMW Spiritual Retreat Lake Junaluska	18 Dianne Little Bday 7am-10:30am UMM Community Breakfast
19 5pm Children's Council 6pm UMYF	20	21 9:30am εὐχομαι Prayer Group 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study 7pm Razing Hell @ Spilled Bean	22 6pm Handbells 6:30pm Kid's Praise 7pm Chancel Choir	23 Mark & Babs Odom Ann. Billy Adams & Kenzie Peters Bday 7am Gabriel Deadline	24 Dale & Linda Graham & Macon & Danielle Seitz Ann.	25
26 Joey & Renee Williams Ann. 6pm UMYF	27 Jennifer Muscarelli Bday	28 9:30am εὐχομαι Prayer Group 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study 7pm Razing Hell @ Spilled Bean	29 6pm Handbells 6:30pm Kid's Praise 6:30pm Book Club 7pm Chancel Choir	30 LB Huffman Bday Jerry & Betty Adams Ann.		