

# SignPosts

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## From The Pastor's Study

**What did you talk about today? Since my sermon on Mark 9:30-37, I've been paying a bit more attention to my topics of conversation. In that passage, the disciples are having a debate about which of them is the greatest, and Jesus asks them what they are talking about. When they don't respond, Jesus shows them that He not only knows what they are discussing, but the answer to their question.**

**What do we spend most of our days talking about? Work and family are probably high on the list for most of us. Sports, hobbies and health are also a large part of our conversations each day. We also have some "filler" conversations, topics like the weather or the news of the day that fill in the silence between people in casual encounters.**

**If Jesus came to you and asked, "What have you talked about today?", would you report your conversations or stay silent? Jesus knows what we've talked about among ourselves whether we respond or not. The need to find meaning in our lives is part of the ongoing conversation of what it means to be human, and Jesus reminds us that if we desire to find what is important, our conversations will focus on the things that matter to God.**

**On the journey together,**

**Greg**

**P.S. By the time you read this, my family and I will be enjoying the wonderful vacation that you all gave me for my graduation. Thank you all so much for this generous gift!**

## Ministry & Mission

### **Welcome Patrick Hoercher, Duke Divinity School Intern for 2012-13!**

**Patrick Hoercher will be our Divinity School Intern for the 2012-13 school year here at CBC. Patrick will be involved in a variety of ministries here at CBC as he explores his calling and seeks God's direction for his next step in ministry. Congratulations to Patrick and his wife Katie on the birth of their first child, Bhrett Isaiah Hoercher born on 26 September. Please welcome them to our church family.**

### **The Strategic Planning Team: Background and Purpose**

**During the transition between Pastor Bohannon and Dr. Randall, the Transition Team evaluated the current church structure and made several recommendations to the church body. One of the recommendations approved by the congregation was the creation of the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC) which would be made up of the chairs of the major committees along with three at-large members from the congregation. The MCC was tasked by the transition team to do the following:**



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***Create a three to five year plan to move the church from a "community church" to a "regional church."***

***Create specific goals and action plans***  
***Staff***

***Space***

***Budget***

***Create a new vision***

***Balance ministries to the congregation with ministries to the community***

The MCC began working on the three to five year plan in January of 2007, and a five year plan was voted on by the membership in 2008. This plan accomplished many of its goals, and some of the goals in the plan were modified and fulfilled in different ways than originally stated.

During discussions in early 2012 between the Pastor, the MCC and the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC), it was determined that there was a need to develop a new plan that would have a slightly different structure than the original plan. Because the needs of the church change and the ministry opportunities around us are continually evolving, the MCC determined that it would begin work on a plan that had long term goals (five years or longer) and actionable items that could be accomplished in 18-24 months. The MCC asked the Moderator to appoint members to develop this new plan and the team would be known as the Strategic Planning Team (SPT). Jim Moody agreed to chair the SPT.

The Strategic Planning Team has met with representatives from the Virginia Baptist Mission Board (VBMB) to learn

how congregations in Virginia are reaching out to their communities. The SPT has begun interviewing CBC committees and developing a survey for the entire congregation. As the SPT gathers information, it will be shared with both the MCC and the congregation.

The SPT looks forward to the conversations we will have together as a church as the plan develops. Once the plan is finalized, it will be reviewed by the MCC and the congregation will vote on it in a business meeting before it is implemented.

The SPT asks for your prayers as we learn how we can love God, love others, and seek the Kingdom of God.

## **SPT Members**

**Jim Moody, Chair**  
**Evelyn Allen**  
**Cindy Meyer**  
**Mona Moody**  
**Suzi Moore**  
**Glenna Nunn**  
**Cathy Vaughn**  
**Dave Winn**  
**Dr. Greg Randall, Advisor**

## **Being Baptist: Traditions and Doctrines of The Baptist Faith**

### ***Ordination***

Baptists have two ordinations, one for deacons and one for ministers of the Gospel. Deacons are ordained to serve the local church and assist the pastor(s) in ministry to those in need. Ministers are ordained to The Gospel Ministry and



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are called to spread the Gospel and serve a local church as its servant-leader. The local Baptist church chooses who to ordain without input from any denominational body, but the ordination is recognized by all Baptist churches and usually by other denominations

## Thinking Theology: What Those Words Mean

**Abba:** A term used by Jesus for God. "Abba" is Aramaic and is usually translated as "father," but has an intimate meaning, more like "daddy."

**Abstinence:** Voluntarily forgoing a certain practice or food or drink. In Christianity, abstinence is practiced as a spiritual discipline to draw one closer to God.

**Age of Accountability:** The age at which one is responsible for their actions. In Baptist theology, this is not a certain age for each person but is dependent on each person's development. Furthermore, Baptists believe that when a person reaches the age of accountability they can accept Jesus as their Savior.

*Got a term you hear in church but wonder what it really means? Send Pastor Greg a note and he will feature it in an upcoming Thinking Theology.*

## Shoe Box Drive

The Mission Sparks are collecting items for our shoebox drive. We will again give shoeboxes to children in need at Clarksville Elementary to make their Christmas a little brighter. Questions? See Alyson Elliott, Kathy Barretta, Stephanie Gordon, or Sheila Shanklin.

## Newsworthy

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Journey Through The Gospels

The four Gospels are the foundational documents of our faith. During 2012 we are reading through the Gospels together, and during the month of September we will be reading John 1-7. Take a few minutes and read with us, and join us at 7:00 pm on October 25<sup>th</sup> for our group discussion.

#### Trunk or Treat October 24

Invite all the children you know to join us at the church on October 24 for Trunk or Treat! We'll have dinner in the fellowship hall, a cake walk, and a story before we head to the parking area to see everyone's decorated car trunks. If you would like to decorate your car's trunk and join the fun, contact any children's committee member.

#### Quarterly Business Meeting On October 28

Our Quarterly Business Meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. If you or a committee you serve will be bringing a motion, we ask that you send it to the church office so we can publish it before the meeting. Any items of business can come to the floor without prior notice, but we appreciate your help in keeping the congregation informed.

#### Concord Association Fall Meeting October 30

Join us at the Lawrenceville Baptist Church on October 30 for the fall meeting of the Concord Baptist Association. A detailed schedule will be available soon, but the meetings take



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place in the afternoon and are followed by dinner and worship. Dr. Greg Randall will be the featured preacher at the worship service this year and we'll have a great time singing together and celebrating the work of God.

## Hurricanes Hockey Game

The Children's Committee invites you to a Hurricanes Hockey game!

The game is Friday, Nov. 2nd at 7:00 at the PNC Arena in Raleigh, NC.

The Hurricanes will be playing the NY Islanders.

Tickets are \$18 per person for the Upper Goal Zone seats.

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## Coming Up At CBC:

- **October 1: Deacon's Meeting**
- **October 7: Brotherhood Breakfast, The Ordinance of The Lord's Supper in Worship**
- **October 11: MCC Meeting**
- **October 24: Trunk or Treat**
- **October 25: Gospel Study**
- **October 28: Business Meeting**
- **October 30: Concord Baptist Association Fall Meeting**
- **November 1: MCC Meeting**
- **November 2: Hurricanes Hockey Game in Raleigh**

- **November 4: Brotherhood Breakfast**
- **November 4-7: Spiritual Renewal Week**
- **November 13-14: BGAV Meeting Roanoke, VA**
- **November 21: Community Thanksgiving Dinner**
- **November 22: Thanksgiving**
- **December 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**
- **December 9: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**
- **December 16: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**
- **December 19: Presentation of "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?"**
- **December 23: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**
- **December 24: Christmas Eve Service**
- **December 25: Christmas Day**

## Did You Know?

- **That the ARISE band played at FBC South Hill for their Sunday night "Happy Hour" service?**
- **That our intern, Patrick Hoercher is a big sports fan?**
- **That our Christmas Musical includes children, youth and adults?**
- **That our Advent theme for this year is "Do You Hear What I Hear?"**
- **Our directories are here?**
- **We have had lots of children and youth every Wednesday night?**
- **God is working, blessing, saving and making the world new?**



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## Laughter is Good for the Soul

Submitted by Betty Rodenhizer

A police officer was escorting a prisoner to jail when the officer's hat blew off down the sidewalk. "Would you like me to get that for you?", asked the prisoner. "You must think I'm an idiot", said the officer...."You just wait here a minute, I'll get it!!"

Your majestic creation I told you again I was Yours. Out from the silence I heard your loving reply: "yes, you are Mine". I sensed more in your reply, Father. It was as if you were pleased that I was delighted with Your mighty trees. We continued our walk in silence, in awe of this enchanted forest that only your hand could create. While I knew I would not see you in the next grove of redwood trees, I saw evidence of your existence with each step. Reaching the forest edge, I knew I had walked with you today, Father. The time spent with you in these woods was pure and honest and I thank you for bringing me to this heavenly place.

## Conversations With My Father

Submitted by Cindy Meyer

**Surely I had been released from earthly bonds and had crossed into your Kingdom. I looked to my side and there, as always, was my husband smiling at me with wonder in his eyes. So, I had not died. Really? I was still here on earth and surprised at the glimmer of disappointment. Yet I could not shake the feeling that You were just ahead, just beyond the next grove of redwood trees. I imagined the trunk of one of these magnificent trees crafted as Your throne and to your right was your Son. I continued down the path anticipating this wondrous vision any moment. These trees, some two thousand years old, were here when you sent your Son. Touching them was like taking the hand of Christ and took my breath away. There were no birds, nothing winged in the forest. There was no creature scampering among the fallen evergreen needles. Silence, Father; pure, beautiful, sweet silence. Standing and gazing upwards, the fog was just clearing the canopy at 300 feet. The scent of pine this crisp morning was powerful and standing there in awe of**



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## It Couldn't Be Done

Submitted by Evelyn Allen

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be  
one  
Who couldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a  
grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do  
that;  
At least no one ever has done it";  
But he took off his coat and he took off his  
hat,  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot  
be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you,  
one by one,  
The dangers that wait to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it."

Edgar Guest

## Recipe Box

### BLT DIP

- 1 envelope Lipton Onion soup mix
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 6-8 strips bacon, crisp-cooked, crumbled

Mix soup mix, sour cream, mayonnaise and chill. Just before serving put aside about  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup tomatoes and several tablespoons bacon; then fold in the rest of the tomatoes and bacon into the sour cream mixture. Sprinkle the reserved tomatoes and bacon over the top. **3 cups dip**

### TOFFEE COOKIES

- 40 saltine crackers (or enough graham crackers to fill pan)
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar (I prefer light brown)
- 12 ounces chocolate chips
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped nuts

Arrange crackers in single layer on an aluminum-foil-lined cookie sheet with sides, touching but not overlapping. Boil butter and sugar on medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring often. Pour over crackers, spread so all are covered by the syrup. Bake for 4-5 minutes in a preheated 400 degree oven. Watch carefully to avoid burning. Remove from oven and spread with melted chocolate chips. Sprinkle with nuts. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours. Break into pieces.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Note* Every Sunday</u>                      9:00 <b>ARISE</b>                      9:45 Sunday School                      11:00 Worship</p>	<p>1                      5:45 Children's                      Committee Meeting                      7:00 Deacon's                      Meeting</p>	<p>2                      6:30 Youth Committee                      Meeting</p>	<p><u>3 Note* Every Wed</u>                      6:30 Mission Sparks                      6:30 Mission Friends                      6:30 Adult Bible                      Study</p>	4	5	6
<p>7                      8:00 Brotherhood                      Breakfast                       Observance of                      the Lord's Super</p>	<p>8 Columbus Day                        7:00 Rosa Lippfert                      Circle Meeting</p>	<p>9                      7:00 WHM Meeting</p>	10	<p>11                      7:00 MCC Meeting</p>	12	13
14	15	<p>16 National Boss Day                       12PM Prime Time                      Luncheon</p>	17	<p>18                      Irene's Birthday  </p>	<p>19                      Greg's Birthday  </p>	20
21	22	<p>23                      Road Runners Tea                      at the Lee Home</p>	<p>24                      Trunk or Treat  </p>	25	26	27
<p>28                      7:00 Quarterly                      Business Meeting                       Eats or Treats                      Bake Sale</p>	29	30	<p>31 Halloween  </p>			



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