



Reverend Dr. David Chadwick Forest Hill Church

An English Grammar Lesson and Why We Should Be Thankful for all Things



Tim Newman introduced his good friend the Reverend Dr. David Chadwick. David, a North Carolina native, is a UNC Chapel Hill graduate, class of 1971. While there, he played basketball for the late great Dean Smith and was a member of the 1969 NCAA Final Four Basketball Team. He also has a graduate degree in counseling from the University of Florida and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. David moved to Charlotte in 1980 to be the Pastor of Forest Hill

Church, a small non-denominational church with Presbyterian roots and a small congregation of 180 members. Forest Hill church now has over 6,000 parishioners with 6 campuses in and around Charlotte.

David began his remarks by remembering his father who was an esteemed member of our club. He also recognized several club members, including Marilyn Bowler, who introduced him to the Hornets and asked him to serve as team chaplain and Frank Martin who has done much to make our city a great place to live and work.

David's message to us today was one of Thanksgiving, but it started with a memory of an elementary school grammar lesson. He remembers his teacher telling the class that a sentence is properly constructed when it contains a subject, a noun, and a verb that modifies a direct object. David said the object can be a person or a thing—and he gave us a few examples of this. But, then he said that when we are giving thanks, we should always give thanks to God first. Because God is with us in all circumstances; the good and the bad. It is easy to give thanks when things are going well: we are healthy, we are well fed, and we are well loved. But when life is not so good, we must thank God for being with us and helping us manage the difficulties of poor health, hunger, or loss. We have to trust God to help us find a way out of the difficulties and find the positives—the silver linings. He talked about his youngest son's swimming adventures and how missing an avidly sought after goal brought other blessings that were ultimately more important. He talked about the lessons learned watching his father spend the last 17 years of his 63 year marriage caring for his mother with Alzheimer's disease. As hard as that was, the love and care that his dad was able to provide his mom was a gift to all of them. From God, of course. Something to be forever grateful for.

David urged us to be thankful this Thanksgiving, with God as the object of the carefully constructed sentence of our lives—God with us in all things, good and bad, at work in our lives and the world we live in.

May we all enjoy a safe Thanksgiving, grateful for all our many blessings and challenges.

Speaker Write-Up: Suzanne Bledsoe; *Head Table:* Eric Davis, Katie Tyler, Tim Newman, Ken Poe; *Invocation:* Jim Rogers; *Visitors & Guests:* Martin Waters; *AV:* Jessica Dupree, Steve Eanes & Tom Bartholomy; *Photos:* Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS

Julius Melton was a member of Charlotte Rotary for 30 years and when he moved to The Pines in Davidson, he joined the North Mecklenburg Club from 2007-2009. **Leland Park** has sent a note that Julius passed away November 20, 2017. Funeral services will be held December 1, at 2:30pm, Davidson College Presbyterian Church. Julius came to Davidson College in 1973 as Director of Deferred Giving and has a cool Rotary story. Julius was chosen in 1958 as the nominee of the Jackson Rotary Club for a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for Advanced Study and International Understanding. The day before receiving word of his selection from RI, Julius had become engaged to Ann Kennedy. Letters and phone calls convinced the soft-hearted officials at Rotary and a decision was made to allow two good-will ambassadors for the price of one. Julius and Ann married June 10, 1959 and sailed for Europe on June 30. Both were students at the University of Geneva, Switzerland for the 1959-60 academic year.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized **Tony Marciano** as the Outstanding Fundraising Executive for 2017.

If you are planning to attend the Good Fellows luncheon on December 13, **Biff Virkler** will be saving three tables and would love to have you join him. Connect with Biff at hvirkler@virklerchemical.com.

Bob Webb and **Joe Penner** opened registration for volunteers interested in serving breakfast on Christmas morning at Charlotte Rescue Mission at lunch today and already have 20 signed up to participate. Sign up is available by an email to Joe Penner, jpenner@medic911.com or on the website (www.charlotterotary.org click on Events and sign in at in the bottom section of the page). Plan to arrive by 5:45am, orientation at 6am and begin serving at 6:30am.

Luke Maybry recently accepted a call to become pastor at Matthews Presbyterian Church effective November 27, 2017. New email: luke@matthewspresbyterian.org.

Past President **Tom Robertson** is dealing with health issues and would appreciate a note of encouragement – 3738 Cypress Club Dr, D-302 (28210).

Pat Millen and the mighty team at E-2-D (Eliminate the Digital Divide) picked up on an urgent request to help out some families in Northern California whose houses burned to the ground during the wildfires. Pat and his team were able to put together a collection of 10 laptops that were plenty good, but possibly not ideal for our students and sent them last week. A thank you was sent from one of the California Rotary Club's saying this was the first actual hardware received. Working through a partnership with the school district and 70 plus student families and 19 teachers and staff members who lost their homes, this support is a tangible demonstration of managing long recovery.

The Outdoor Guys (Don Yager & **Bill Barte**) on WBT-1110AM-99.3FM are interviewing Dr. Tony Zeiss on the Carolina Outdoor program this (early) Saturday about the Bible Museum opening in Washington, D.C. The interview is podcast at www.jessebrown.com and on Jesse Brown's Outfitters Facebook page.

Kim McMillan received information on a mentoring pilot program to work with Seniors attending Olympic High School. A mentoring luncheon will be held December 6 at

Olympic. If you are interested in establishing a mentoring relationship with a high school senior who is soon to graduate and presently in the process of making important decisions concerning their post-secondary education and career path – this is your event. Contact Bryan Butler (bryan.butler@cbcmeca.com) for additional information.

Important projects through year end....

Clothing drive for Crisis Assistance Ministry will be held during the month of November. Thanks to **Daryl Larner** and **John Cantrell** for their work with this project. Warm clothing for men, women and children can be dropped off at tables set up in the hotel's parking deck.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Square (corner of Trade & Tryon) begins November 20 and runs through December 8. Updates or schedule changes are to be coordinated with Mark Norman, mark.norman@jwu.edu. Last year the club raised funds to support 175 children at Christmas. Mark has put out a challenge to increase participation in order to support 300 children this year.

100 SERVICE PROJECTS (99 completed)

99 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED! Someone, please come up with a new project to cap off the club's commitment to complete 100 Service Projects!

- **Platelet Donation:** Register at the American Red Cross or Community Blood Center of the Carolinas to donate platelets. UPDATE - 76 donations to date. Donations have fallen off in the last 3 months and not meeting the goal of 100 donations will jeopardize this effort. Contact: **John zumBrunnen:** jzumbrunnen@zumbrunnen.com.

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2017	309
11/21/2017	299
Net Increase:	-10
New Members:	
Resignations:	Mitzi Ellis

Visitors & Guests: Jack Santaniello, Karen Phifer, Leigh Bullard, Ron Smith, Isaiah Scott, Beth Handford, Ann Brooks, Lynn Lee, Martin Gross, Terry Atkinson, Michelle Wellman

Visitors	12
Club Members	131
Total	143 (51.0%)

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (11/29/17 – 12/06/17)

11/30 Byron Bullard, Tony Marciano, Bob Freeman, Carolyn Carlburg
12/01 Mary Ellen Player
12/03 Steve Meckler
12/05 John Scharer, Don Carmichael, David Head, Kyle Woodruff

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (11/29/17 – 12/06/17)

12/05 Catherine & Bob Finley

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

11/28 Dianne Bailey: Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson (Changing face of philanthropy)
12/05 Sharon Decker, Tryon International Equestrian Center
12/12 Laura Belcher: CEO, Habitat for Humanity CLT
12/19 How I Got Where I'm At (Victor Chen, Umberto Torresan, Stephanie Hinrichs)

12/26 NOT MEETING

01/02 NOT MEETING

Photos from our luncheons and other events can be found on Flickr [Click here](#)

