



First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - January 2014

2014 23rd Annual Birthday Banquet
Wednesday, January 29
5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall



Ticket purchase is required and tickets will be available through Sunday, January 19th.

Cost: Adults: \$6.00 Under 12: \$4.00 Family Limit: \$20.00

Entertainment: FBC Talent - Brian Walker, MC

Menu: Chicken A La Parisian, Green Beans Almondine, Rice, Spring Greens and Mandarin Orange Salad/Poppy Seed Dressing, Croissant, Cake/Ice Cream

Family Night 2014

January 22 - April 30
Church Fellowship/Bible Study
6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 22 - Keith Stirewalt. PA, MBA, MDiv

Advance Planning Coordinator & Independent Donor Advocate - Wake Forest University

Wednesday, January 29 - Birthday Banquet

Wednesday, February 5 - Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 12 - Bible Study

Communion - Sunday, February 2

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

The 2014 Carolyn M. Parker *Memorial Preaching/Teaching Lectures*

Dr. Franklin Golden, Lecturer

Saturday, February 8 - Dinner and Lecture - Fellowship Hall - 6:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

Dr. Golden is co-pastor of the Durham (NC) Presbyterian Church. Before becoming a pastor, he was a theater producer. His focus is preaching, relationship building, and building diversity in churches.

Meetings & Events

**FBC Office and MBCC will be closed
Monday, January 20 for MLK Holiday**

JANUARY

13th: Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
15th: FaithHealth Meeting	7:00 p.m.
18th: Senior/Jr/Sr's Chili Supper	5:30 p.m.
19th: Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
20th: <i>MLK Holiday/Office Closed</i>	
22nd: First Family Night Dinner	6:15 p.m.
26th: Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
27th: Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
28th: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
29th: Birthday Banquet	5:45 p.m.
31st: Path of Hope Chili Cook-off	11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2014

2nd: Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser	12:15 p.m.
3rd: Frady/Johnson Mission Group	1:45 p.m.
Bernice Cross Mission Group	2:00 p.m.
Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
4th: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Carolyn Phillips Group (Emo Thomas)	7:00 p.m.
5th: Business Meeting	6:15 p.m.
8th: Parker Lecture Series (Dinner/Lecture)	6:00 p.m.
9th: Parker Lecture Series (Sunday School)	10:00 a.m.
Parker Lecture Series (Worship)	11:00 a.m.
10th: Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
11th: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
MBCC Fundraiser/Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
16th: Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
17th: Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
18th: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
23rd: Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
24th: Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
25th: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study

January 27 - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

January 28 - 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

"The Composition of the Bible" Followed by "The Book of Ruth"

Welcome New Member December 22, 2013

Connie L. Russell
245 Broad Street
Lexington, NC 27295
242-9617



Extended Session

January 12: Bed Babies: M/M Kevin Foster

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dustin Hill

3 & 4 Year Olds: Ray Nance Howell IV, Ethan Houser, Andy Killebrew

January 19: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley, Whitney Brooks

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Bryan Lingerfelt

3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Thomas Jolly

January 26: Bed Babies: Margaret Ann Maddox,

June Honeycutt **Toddler & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Lee Davis

3 & 4 Year Olds: Sandra Wilson, Jack Davis

February 2: Bed Babies: M/M Richard Baxley

Toddlers/2Year Olds: Christy Clark, Courtney Sams

3 & 4 Year Olds: Cindy McNeill, Anna Raye Tate

2014 TDCWL

Please mark your calendars for April 12, 2014 for Touching Davidson County with Love! Thanks to Judy LeCroy, Kay Albright and Tobin Shepherd who are serving as our coordinators. There will be an opportunity for everyone to serve! The prayer service will be held Thursday, April 10 at FUCC at 7:00 p.m.

Food Boxes

Thanks to your generosity we were able to provide 60 food boxes for families for the Christmas season. Each box cost \$77.00. \$5,977 was given this year. Our expenses were \$4,624. We also had large number of individuals available to pack and distribute the boxes. Thanks to everyone for giving and helping in this mission project. A special thanks to Peggy Barnhardt and Jim Honeycutt.

SteepleTalk Newsletter

We are going to **ONE** newsletter per month. We hope all who can will sign up on the website to have the newsletter sent to you by email and thus reducing the cost of mailing. **The Newsletter deadline for the February issue is Monday, February 3.**

Wednesday Evening Family Night

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Childcare Babies	Nursery
	(Please inform the church if you need child care)	
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	Dinner	Fellowship Hall
	(Children Eat First)	
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's	Room 212
	(Grades 1st. - 5th.)	
	RA's	Room 225
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 226
6:30 - 7:15	Joyful Singers	Room 206
	(Age 4 - 1st. Grade)	
	Chancel Choristers	Music Suite
	(Grades 2nd. - 5th.)	
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Youth	The ATTIC
	Church Fellowship /Bible Study	
		Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite

Seniors and Junior/Seniors

Chili Supper

Saturday, January 18 - 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The Seniors and Jr/Sr's will have a chili supper on January 18th. If you plan to attend call please let Sharon Palmer know what you plan to bring. Needed are 4 - 5 pots of chili, salads, desserts, bread, and drinks. We also need a few volunteers to help decorate. There will also be a ugly sweater contest.

The Seniors & Jr/Sr's will have St. Patrick's Day luncheon at Harborgate. The meal will be catered and volunteers are needed to help decorate. The group will also attend a Dash Ballgame in May.

FBC Financial Updates - Year End 2013

2013 Budget:

Annual Budget:	\$749,000
December Giving:	\$102,614
Member Contributions:	\$100,613
Year End Totals:	\$720,687
Budget Shortage:	\$ 28,312

ALL NEEDED EXPENDITURES WERE PAID

All Mission Needs were fully funded

Endowment:

Balance: \$573,280

2014 Budgets: \$750,202

Mission Challenge Budget: \$ 35,000

Financial Statements

Year end statements are ready and we will try to hand them out on Sundays and Wednesday nights or they can be picked up at the office. If you have questions or concerns please contact Sherri. Her hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You should have received your 2014 offering envelopes. If you wish to receive envelopes in the mail contact Sherri sherri@fbclcx.org. Children box sets are available in the church office.

Hargrave Street - YMCA Update

We have been informed by the City of Lexington that the week of January 20th Hargrave Street will be **closed** for the moving of storm drains and lines. Following the work Hargrave from 3rd venue to 4th Avenue will become a one way street between the church and the YMCA. This will enable the YMCA to begin its renovations.

MLK Celebration

Monday, January 21, 7:00 p.m.

Union Baptist Church

Guest Speaker - Rev. Jimmy Griffin, Pastor
New Jersey AME Zion Church

Music - MLK Gospel Fest Choir

Memorials

Building & Grounds Fund: *Chad Kirkendall* by Silba Rae Fennell, Hal & Donna Routh; *Paul Matthews, Dermont Everhart; June Auman, Margaret Honeycutt, Larche Harvey* by Hal & Donna Routh; **Benevolent Fund:** *Dermont Everhart* by Kathryn Frye; **Parlor Fund:** *Horace Conner* by Lawrence & Glenda Oliver, John & Linda Perry, J.W. & Betty Bates, Robert & Martha Adams, Don & Ann Bishop, John & Vicky Gray, The Jack & Margie Colescott Family, Horace & Kathy Conner, David & Phyllis Rettig, Donald & Rose Hatcher, J.B. & Gwen Dail, Jacqueline Crawley, Greg & Natalie Taylor, Suzy Conner; *Dermont Everhart* by J.B. & Betty Lopp, Robert Oates, Robert & Martha Adams, Kathryn Frye, Herman & Naoma Crabtree, Jr., Virginia Easter, Jim & Sandra Fritts, Don & Ann Bishop, Jerry & Merle Hodges, Katherine Skipper, Suzy Conner; *Larche Harvey, Shirley Owen, June Auman, Margaret Honeycutt* by Don & Ann Bishop; *William Medford* by Suzy Conner; *Polly Rollins* by Bobby & Jenny Culpepper; **Youth Ministry:** *Dermont Everhart* by Rochella Baker SS Class, Robert & Jane Hedrick; **Bereavement Fund:** *Chad Kirkendall, Virginia Goodrum* by Robert & Martha Adams; *Dermont Everhart* by Rochella Baker SS Class, Hubert & Cateen Olive; **Endowment Fund:** *Horace Conner* by Kathryn Frye; *Dermont Everhart, Margaret Honeycutt, June Auman, Bill Medford, Bruce Davis* by Peggy Barnhardt; **General Fund:** *June Auman & Margaret Honeycutt* by: Wake & Amy Hamrick, LeGrand & Dolly Skinner; *Bruce Davis LeGrand & Dolly Skinner; Chad Kirkendall* by LeGrand & Dolly Skinner, Carl Garrison, Robert & Martha Adams, Judy LeCroy; *Virginia Goodrum* by Robert & Martha Adams; **Transportation Fund:** *Dermont Everhart* by The Jackson, Marylyn Hilton, Brenda Hipp; *Zeb Barnhardt, Chad Kirkendall* by The Jackson; *Horace Conner* by The Jackson, Jim Phillips; *Margaret Honeycutt, Bruce Davis, William Medford* by Brenda Hipp; **Christmas Food Boxes:** *Margaret Honeycutt* by Larry & Libby Bennett; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *June Auman & Margaret Honeycutt* by Robert & Ann Cole; *Dermont Everhart Ann Corn, Shirley Crotts, Robert & Ann Cole; Chad Kirkendall Memorial Fund:* *Chad Kirkendall* by Holly Sink Kirkendall, Ashely & Gay Whitfield, Travis Whitfield, Walt & Patricia Rouse, Alan & Melody Williams, Anne Bulluck, Hicks & Jan Beam, Britt & Lisa Whitfield;

Honorariums

MBCC Scholarship Fund: *MBCC Staff* by Dr. Ralph & Mrs. Jean Ashley; *Jean Ashley* by David & Julia Dunn; **General Fund:** *Tommy & Sandra Wilson, Ray & Joyce Howell* by Rod & Phyllis Penry; **Christmas Food Boxes:** *Ray Howell & Tommy Wilson* by David & Julia Dunn; *Sterling & Tina Wall, Tommy & Sandra Wilson, Robert & Ann Cole, Ray & Joyce Howell* by Rod & Phyllis Penry; **Music Ministry:** *Becky Nelson* by Bill Nelson and Family; **General Fund:** *Don & Ann Bishop, Jerry & Tricia Laws* by Hicks and Jan Beam; **Parlor Fund:** *Sally Davis, Betty Privette, Germaine Wagner, The Jackson, Ann Corn* by The Faithful Workers SS Class;

January 9, 2014

MBCC News

MBCC has two upcoming fundraisers: A Children's Clothing Sale in January and Silent Auction & Luncheon in February. We are accepting donations of gently used children's clothing for a sale on Friday, 1/17, 1:00-7:00 p.m. for MBCC and FBC families and Saturday, 1/18, 8:00 a.m. to noon for the general public.

Our silent auction will open from Sunday, February 9 through Wednesday, February 12. Please contact Jean Ashley if you have items or services you are willing to donate for the auction...**THANKS!** The lunch will be on Tuesday, February 11 at 12:00 noon. Tickets will be available beginning February 1st.



Souper Bowl Sunday

February 2, 2014 - Following the Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
Tickets: \$6.00 Adults \$4.00 children under 12 - \$20.00 Family Limit

Menu: Vegetable Soup, PBJ or Pimento Cheese Sandwich and Brownies

The Youth annual "Souper Bowl" lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. All proceeds will benefit our Youth Ministry.

Dr. Bates' Resignation

Dr. Jim Bates has submitted a letter of resignation due to health concerns that was effective the end of December. In his letter he expresses gratitude for his three years of service at our church. We want to be in prayer for Dr. Bates as he deals with health issues. We are grateful for his service.

Thank You

Dear Ray and Family of First Baptist Church,

Words cannot begin to express my deepest appreciation for your many kind expressions of love and support in recent day/weeks. Your royal welcome home has been so very appreciated. To all of you who helped unload the U-Haul on moving day, or brought food by that day and those of you who have helped by making minor repairs to the house, thank you!! To those who have called, dropped by or taken me to lunch, thanks for all of your kindnesses. It is an honor to be a part of my loving Home Church Family once again.

Love, Connie L. Russell

To First Baptist Church

I would like to deeply thank the congregation and staff for the acceptance and support you have given me these years. I care for you deeply and wish you well. I know we are already in the midst of changes that present profound challenges to the Kingdom of Heaven, and my thoughts and wishes are with you. A special word to those in the choirs (The Senior Adult Singers, Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir and Children's Choir). Many of you are already busy carrying voluntary work of the church, thus the more I admire your efforts. The senior choir is one of the happiest "happenings" at the church, and let me encourage anyone who might wish to check that out. The children are the future of the church, musically and in every way, and I encourage their efforts. The Sanctuary Choir has my highest respect. Not only are they one of the most musical and lovely groups I have heard, but they carry the spirit of what they sing in true worship and honest good will. Thanks to Peggy and Beverly for their fine work and unfailing willingness to do anything they can to help. Best wishes to you all. I say this with faith in your future and with my affection.

Jim Bates

First Baptist Church,

We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support in this difficult time. The generosity has been amazing. The food, visits, and support was much appreciated. Please keep our family in your prayers.

Soup and Jelly

In 2013 you gave 564 cans of soup and 561 jars of jelly, a total of 1,125 items as well as money which purchased both items. Remember the soup and jelly can be dropped off in the MBCC Dining area. Thanks to LeGrand Skinner for being so faithful in delivering the soup and jelly to Crisis Ministry of DC.

Baptists Today

Baptists Today subscriptions are due for renewal. The price is \$20.00 if we have less than 25 orders. If we have less than 25 subscriptions the price is \$18.00. Call the church office if you wish to renew or add your name.