



# First Baptist Church

## Lexington, NC

### Steeple Talk - March 2014

#### *Welcome Paul Freeman!* *Minister of Music*

We welcome Paul Freeman as our new Minister of Music! Upon a unanimous and enthusiastic recommendation from the Music Search Committee and the Personnel Committee, the deacons voted unanimously February 23 to hire Paul Freeman as our church's minister of music. Paul had been serving as interim director of music since January. He served as choir director of First Reformed United Church of Christ for 27 years. Paul has been involved in music education in the school system for many years. We welcome Paul and Debra Freeman to the First Baptist family! You may contact Paul at 336-787-3660 or pafreeman@ptmc.net. Or 283 Avalon Drive, Lexington, NC 27295.

#### *Wednesday Family Night* *Church Fellowship/Bible Study*

**6:30 - 7:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall**

**March 12 - The Role of the Caregiver - Dr. Ann S. Charlescraft**

Dr. Charlescraft is the Chaplain for Staff Ministries at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Her presentation on Caregiving is one of the most compelling presentations I have heard. We are truly blessed to have Dr. Charlescraft visit our church and share her expertise and experience with us. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Ray Howell

#### *Touching Davidson County with Love*



Have you signed up yet? April 12 is fast approaching when Christians all over Davidson County will go out to work and improve the lives of our citizens who need help. This will be the eighth consecutive year for TDCWL, and 15 churches are participating this year.

A number of FBC members are already committed to this effort. They will be managing projects, cooking, contributing to gift bags, etc. But there is still opportunity for YOU to be involved. Check the bulletin board near the elevator on the ground floor to see what activities are available. **The last day to sign up will be March 30.**

Along with the activities of April 12, we will be collecting items for local charities. Please check the bulletin board on Sunday to see what our church has been asked to collect. In addition, please bring canned goods for Pastor's Panty. **Collections will be accepted through April 9.**

There will be a celebration, including all participants from all churches, on April 10 at First Reformed UCC at 5:30 p.m. A light supper will be served, followed by a prayer service.

You can order this year's tee shirt before March 14. Wear it to the celebration on April 10 and as you work on the 12th. Debbie Auman is coordinating the tee shirt order for all churches.

Touching Davidson County with Love began in our church in 2007. Please join with other FBC members to make TDCWL 2014 a success!

# Meetings & Events

## Extended Sessions

### MARCH 2014

10th:	Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:30 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.
31st:	Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
	Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

### APRIL 2014

1st:	Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	7:00 p.m.
7th:	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.
8th:	Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

## Lenten Services

Wednesdays - 12:00 noon - First United Methodist Church

Lunch is provided for \$6.00

The annual Lenten Series runs through Wednesday April 9th. The Baptist will be leading the service on April 2nd. Volunteers will be needed to help serve lunch.

## Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Mondays - 7:00 p.m. - Tuesdays - 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall  
"The Composition of the Bible" Followed by "The Book of Ruth"

Bible Study will continue on March 17 thru April 8.

## Staff Appreciation

On April 1 Dr. Howell will have completed 24 years of ministry here at First Baptists. He joined us on April 1, 1990. We are grateful to Ray for his many years of ministry and service among us.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 30

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

MBCC Children's Dining Area

Toddlers thru Grade 5

There will be games, stories and snacks, so bring your Easter basket and join the fun!



<u>March 9:</u>	<b>Bed Babies:</b> M/M Jon Myers
	<b>Toddlers &amp; 2 Year Olds:</b> M/M Randall Potter
	<b>3 &amp; 4 Year Olds:</b> M/M William Hopkins
<u>March 16:</u>	<b>Bed Babies:</b> M/M Nathan Houser
	<b>Toddlers &amp; 2 Year Olds:</b> M/M Dale Frank
	<b>3 &amp; 4 Year Olds:</b> Donna Sink & Anna Raye Tate
<u>March 23:</u>	<b>Bed Babies:</b> M/M Carl Wagstaff
	<b>Toddlers &amp; 2 Year Olds:</b> M/M Kyle Kepley
	<b>3 &amp; 4 Year Olds:</b> Hazel Frady & Brenda Hipp
<u>March 30:</u>	<b>Bed Babies:</b> M/M Brian Lancaster
	<b>Toddlers/2Year Olds:</b> M/M Dave Thornhill
	<b>3 &amp; 4 Year Olds:</b> Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill
<u>April 6:</u>	<b>Bed Babies:</b> M/M Greg Briggs
	<b>Toddlers &amp; 2 Year Olds:</b> M/M Dale Lambeth
	<b>3 &amp; 4 Year Olds:</b> M/M Charlie Pyle

## CBFNC 2014 General Assembly

March 28 - 29

First Baptist, Greensboro, NC



## Emotional Freedom Techniques

There is a simple, easy-to-learn method for clearing anxiety, grief, anger, fear or other negative emotions. First Baptist Church is offering an Introduction to EFT class on Thursday nights for five weeks. Join us in the parlor on March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Instructors are Betty Jane and Richard Honeycutt. The class is free, but pre-registration is required. Contact the church office or email the Honeycutt's at [amethyst@triad.twcbc.com](mailto:amethyst@triad.twcbc.com).

## New Phone System

We have switched from analog phone system to VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) system. Mainly everything will now be done over the internet.

The **Information Line - 249-3224** will no longer exist. To access the Information Line you will call the main number 249-9158 and you will then have the option to hear the Information Line or place your call to the Church office.

The number for the Church 249-9158 will remain, the fax number 249-4762 will remain, and the MBCC number 248-6924 will remain.

## Soup and Jelly

Please remember our commitment to Crisis Ministry for soup and jelly. Collection boxes are in the Children's Dining Hall.

## Seniors and Junior/Seniors

### St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Monday, March 17 - 10 noon - Harborgate

Last chance to sign up will be Wednesday, March 12. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Menu will be Ham, Chicken Pie, Potato Salad, Broccoli Casserole, Sweetened and Unsweetened Tea..

April 13, Palm Sunday, the Seniors/Jr/Sr's will go to First Baptist Church in Kernersville to attend a concert "Requiem, by John Rutter" with choir, orchestra and organ. It will start at 4:00 p.m. There is no charge.

On Tuesday, May 6 they will attend a Winston-Salem Dash ball game. The cost is \$22.00 which includes your meal.

### Thank You

Dear Rev. Wilson,

Thanks to you and the wonderful helpers you sent to Grace Episcopal to assist our Sunday Lunch programs. It is gratifying that everyone seems to enjoy the task rather than look at it as a duty. We couldn't engage in this project without the help we get from other community churches.

Bett Hargrave

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Words cannot express our deep appreciation for all your dynamic acts of Christian love you showed for Chad and our family during his time of illness.

Often when he was weak, you helped make him stronger with your many acts of kindness and love: the fundraisers and monetary gifts, cards, calls, visits, food, flowers, text messages, and most of all the prayer vigil, prayers in other groups and individually and your continued prayers throughout his journey. We thank you for all your warm, kind expressions of love as you have truly been instruments of God.

May we continue looking up, focusing on Jesus, and keep smiling.

Thankful Blessing to you all,  
Chad Kirkendall Family

**.Daylight Savings Time Is Coming  
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead  
on Sunday, March 9.**



## Memorials

**General Fund:** *Jack Sink* by Betty Sink & Family; *William "Bill" Medford* by Dr. & Mrs. James Welborn & Family; Jack & Joan Briggs; *Helen Linder* by Elizabeth Gee, Betty Sink, Steve & Vikki Hodges, Don & Evelyn Kepley, Mark & Charlotte Smith. Brenda Lee Harbin, Betty M. Sessions, Lynda Swann, Carl Garrison, Michale Connelly; *Josh Lilly* by Betty Sink;

**Parlor Fund:** *Mary King* by Richard & Sheree Hasty, Anna King Bedford, Edward & Lynn King Adelman; *William "Bill" Medford* by Don & Ann Bishop, Jay Welborn & Cathie Alexander; *Dermont Everhart* by Joyce & Valerie Price, Jack & Joan Briggs; *Horace Conner* by Jim & Carol Myers; *Frank Thacker* by Ursula Thacker; *Helen Linder* by Zach & Jane Taylor;

**Building & Grounds Fund:** *Dermont Everhart, Shirley Owen, William "Bill" Medford, Chad Kirkendall, Catherine Pritchard* by Richard & Lois Perryman; *Mary Lou Bell, J.C. Williams, Helen Linder, Bobby Ray Pope & Nancy Talley* by Hal & Donna Routh; *Horace Conner* by Greg, Dena, Crystal & Matthew Alexander;

**Small Jobs Fund:** *Chad Kirkendall, Dermont Everhart, & Foy Owen* by Fred & Lynda Belk; **Pastor's Pantry:** *Dermont Everhart & Horace Conner* by Kay Albright; **Youth Ministry:**

*Chad Kirkendall* by G.C. Smith & Shelly Roberts, Kathryn P. Frye; **Chad Kirkendall Memorial Fund:** *Chad Kirkendall* by Lexington Senior High School, Kay Albright, Ed & Carlisa Bryant, Jay Welborn & Cathie Alexander, Betty Sink;

**Endowment Fund:** *Bryant Farley, Mary Frances Evans, Will Williams, Chad Kirkendall, Josh Lilly & Helen Linder* by Peggy Barnhardt; *June & Joyce Auman, Margaret Honeycutt, William "Bill" Medford, Bruce & Donese Davis, Dermont Everhart* by Rod & Phyllis Penry; **Bereavement Fund:** *William "Bill" Medford, Helen Linder* by Fred & Lynda Belk; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:**

*Helen Linder* by Dr. Gerald Smith; *Horace Conner & Janet Conner* by Suzy Conner; *Helen Linder* by Ann Corn, Robert & Ann Cole, Dot Craver; **Belize Pastor Training:** *Jane Earl Hall* by Brenda Hipp; **Music Ministry:** *Helen Linder* by FBC Senior Adult Choir, Silba Rae Fennell, Martha Clodfelter; **Parker**

**Lecture Fund:** *Virgil & Carrie Parker, Ted Frye, Nancy Swing Cutler, & Austin Frye* by Jane Swing and Kathryn Frye

## Honorariums

**MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Birthdays of Faithful Workers SS Class* by Elaine Alexander; *Evelyn Bingham, Jeanne Wall* by Mildred Thomas; *Jean Ashley* by Richard & Betty Jane Honeycutt; **Youth Ministry:** *Wedding of Sarah Bowers and Jerry Lanier* by Jeff & Catherine Bowers; **General Fund:** *Birthdays of Class Members of Faithful Workers SS Class* by Ann Corn; **Belize Pastor Training:** *Graham Hall* by Brenda Hipp

## Food Roundup for Baptist Children's Homes

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina provide more than 700,000 meals to hurting children through their 19 statewide communities. The need is overwhelming and your help is needed. The annual "Food Roundup" has a goal of collecting \$350,000 in food and supplies. A complete list will be circulated to Sunday School classes this Sunday and is available in the church office. Gift Cards and financial contributions are also needed. Many of the children who come to BCHNC are unchurched. Not only will the "Food Roundup" provide many nutritious meals, but it demonstrates God's love in a tangible way. The need is critical. A collection box is located in the Fellowship Hall entrance.

## Steeple Talk Newsletter

We are now doing only **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 April issue is Tuesday, April 1.** To date, we have 71 receiving the Newsletter by email.

## Global Missions Offering

It is this time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions. You have a Missions envelope in your packet or just make your check for CBF Global Mission offering. May we give so others can serve. Call the church office to place your order.

## Easter Lilies



If you wish to order Easter Lilies to place in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday call the church office.

## Martha Best Children's Center

The MBCC fundraiser held in February was a great success! Through donations, the lunch and silent auction, we raised \$9,178.75!! This will go a long way to helping our budget as we continue to provide much needed scholarships to families in financial crisis. Thank you to all who helped...we couldn't have done it without you.

## Committee Changes

We have several changes to two committees.

**Personnel:** Chad Killebrew (Chair)

2014 Members: Jon Myers and Hal Routh

2015 Members: Chad Killebrew and Alan Williams

2016 Members: Jimmy Davis and Kathy Hinkle

Our thanks to Laura Owen and Phil Mickey who have both served for three years.

**Finance:** Phyllis Penry (Chair)

2014 Members: William Fulbright and David Huneycutt

2015 Members: Freddie McMahan and Phyllis Penry

2016 Members: Lee Davis and LeGrand Skinner

2017 Members: Greg Briggs and Melinda Hartley

Chuck Taylor is Treasurer.

Our thanks to Jane Johnson and Alice Pearson who have faithfully served the past four years.

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