

First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - August 2014

Annual Church Business Meeting *Wednesday, August 27* *7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall*



The 2014 - 2015 Nominating Committee Report is being finalized in preparation for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. Copies will be available in the church office and will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Business items on the agenda for the Annual Meeting include:

- ◆ Approval of the Nominating Committee Report - This report contains a listing of our church leadership including the Diaconate, all Sunday School Leadership, and members of various committees and ministries who will serve during the new church year.
- ◆ A Financial update: On the General Fund for the first seven months of the year. The Endowment Fund.
- ◆ Vote : Recommendation From Personnel and approved by Deacons to create a new position:
Administrative Assistant for Music

Objective:

To extend, strengthen and facilitate the ministry of First Baptist Church, Inc. by sharing in the professional ministry of the Church with specific responsibilities. The administrative assistant for music will assist in the music ministry of First Baptist Church. He/she will assist the Minister or Director of Music in the area of worship, planning, promotion and education through a comprehensive music ministry.

Relationships:

The Administrative Assistant for Music will work under the direction of the Minister or Director of Music and in cooperation with other ministerial and music staff and volunteers.

Specific Responsibilities:

- A. Help the Minister or Director of Music prepare music.
- B. Help the Minister or Director of Music prepare music folders.
- C. Assign, maintain and clean choir robes.
- D. Assist the music librarian with the organization and maintenance of the music library.
- E. Assist the Minister or Director of Music with communication involving choir members, members of the congregation and church staff.

Sunday School Promotion *Sunday, August 31 - 10:30 a.m.*

On Sunday, August 31, during the Sunday School Hour, all children and youth will be promoted to their new classes for the new church year. Any adults wishing to make a change are urged to do so at this time. A bell will ring when it is time to promote.

Meetings & Events

First Baptist Office and MBCC will be closed September 1st for the Holiday

August

17th: Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
25th: Bernice Cross Mission Group	2:00 p.m.
27th: Annual Business Meeting	7:00 p.m.

September

2nd: Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	7:00 p.m.
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Deacons' Retreat

Our annual Deacons' Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13. All new deacons and current deacons and spouses are invited to dinner on Friday evening, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Cost/RSVP info coming). Then, all deacons will gather on Saturday morning, September 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to discuss the coming church year.

Extended Sessions

We are grateful to the Leadership Team that coordinates the Extended Sessions each and every Sunday. We also are thankful to each of you who volunteer each and every Sunday providing care to the children of our church in this vital ministry. As in the past we need **YOU** to sign up to help.

Starting this quarter the list is being sent by email and as in the past each person doing that Sunday is responsible to make any changes and notify the coordinator. Through our web site and Sign Up-Genius you will be notified two days prior to your Sunday that you are serving to be a reminder.

New Phone System

With our new phone system we continue to use our current number, however, the best way to contact the church office is dialing **336-245-1261**. We have realized a cost saving with our new system.

Contribution Statements First Six Months

Individual contribution statements are prepared and now available for pick up on Sunday mornings and other times at the church. When you receive your statements look for any changes and or corrections. If you have any questions contact Sherri Salinas, our Financial Assistant either at (249-9158) or email sherri@fbclex.org.

School Supplies

During the month of August, the WMU will collect much needed school supplies for area foster children. A collection box is located in the Children's dining area of the Children's Center.



Extended Sessions

August 10: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Fulbright
August 17: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Zak Young
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Phil Mickey
August 24: Bed Babies: Margaret Ann Maddox & June Honeycutt
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander
3 & 4 Year Olds: Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall & Courtney Sams
August 31: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kevin Brown
3 & 4 Year Olds: Stephanie & Grace Saintsing
September 7: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Randall Potter
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Hopkins

SteepleTalk Newsletter

www.fbclex.org

The first of each month we are producing **ONE** newsletter. The Newsletter is available on the Web Site and also can be viewed on a mobile device. To date, we have 90 families who are receiving the Newsletter by email. To receive by email all you need to do is sign up on the Web Site. We need this number to increased to continue to reduce our postage cost. **PLEASE** take the time and sign up.

The Newsletter deadline for the September issue is Thursday, August 28.

Online Giving

Many of you receive envelopes in the mail for your contribution to the Church. Others just send a check or have your Financial Institution send the church a check. Most Banks will allow you to set this up at no charge to you or the church. If you would like envelopes and have none please contact the church.

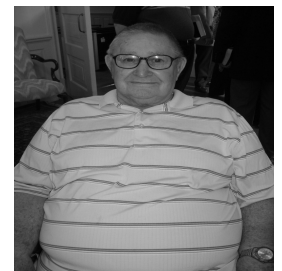
In the coming months we will be setting up a secure web page that will allow you to use Debit and Credit cards for your contributions and other gifts to the church. We also anticipate having a standalone place for you while at the church to key in your information and make a donation or payment. We also are working on ACH transitions from your Financial Institution.

We want to provide all available avenues of giving to the church to allow you the ease of giving. Financial Contributions are the life blood of the Church.

Welcome New Member

August 3, 2014

Kenneth McKinnish
4748 Old Salisbury Road
Lexington, NC 27295





Transportation Fund

The church will be purchasing a “used” van costing \$24,000 to \$30,000. We currently have \$15,288 In the Transportation Fund.

The current van will be sold to provide additional income.

Currently memorials and honorariums are coming in to the Transportation Fund. We will be looking for funds to fully pay for the purchase. Please consider making a contribution to the **Transportation Fund** to defer the cost of the van

FaithHealth Ministries

Would you like to be involved in FaithHealth Ministries? We need volunteers who are willing to provide meals occasionally for those who are recovering from surgery or illness and also hospital and nursing home visitors. If you could help with the meals, contact Michelle Hopkins at whopswife09@gmail.com or 300-5551 and if you are willing to visit contact Connie Russell at crussell13@windstream.net or 242-9617.

Baskets of Hope

The Family Matters Sunday School Class has been providing a food basket weekly to a needy family in our community for the past year. This mission project began last June and a “Basket of Hope,” consisting of groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables has been delivered weekly to a family in need.

If you have an abundance of garden vegetables this summer and would like to donate to a food basket please contact one of our class members.

Carol Frank 859-5976 - Julia Dunn 239-1846

Lee Davis 239-4613 - Connie Klump 787-4232

Stitch for Students

Pull out the fabric and thread! Communities in Schools is again sponsoring the Stitch for Students project, which produces nap blankets for all the Pre-Kindergarten students in the county. Our fantastic volunteers have made this project a great success, and the schools are deeply grateful for the blankets. For more information, contact Betty Jane Honeycutt, (336) 596-0366 or bj@triad.twcbc.com.

Building & Grounds

Work continues on the updates to the Church Parlor. In August the kitchen will be professionally cleaned and painted. The Fellowship Hall will also be closed for its annual cleaning. Other interior painting will be done in the Elevator Lobby, MBCC Hall, Stairwell, and hopefully some other areas where painting is needed. Exterior painting is also scheduled for the fall. Some tree removal and trimming is planned around the MBCC playground and the church grounds. Replacement of the carpet in the Chapel is also being planned. In the coming days and weeks the city will be redoing the sidewalk on Hargrave and the paving will be done and there will be a creation of a one-way Hargrave street to 4th Avenue.

Memorials

MBCC Scholarship Fund: *Donald Kepley* by Hal & Donna Routh, Bob & Ann Cole; *Loy White, Sr., Betty S. Smith, Cindy M. Lanier* by Bob & Ann Cole, Robert & Martha Adams; *Bradley Powell* by Robert & Martha Adams; **Parlor Fund:** *Betty S. Smith* by Betty F. Sink, Don & Ann Bishop; *Loy White, Sr, Donald, L. Kepley, Cindy Myers Lanier . Donald Kepley* by Don & Ann Bishop; *Victor Farrah, Sr.* by Robert & Martha Adams; **Bereavement Fund:** *Cindy M. Lanier & Betty S. Smith* by Gary & Sue Wikstrom; *Bryan Stutts* by Robert & Martha Adams; **Transportation Fund:** *Bette Moore, Zeb Barnhardt, Ruth Corn, Jeanne S. Davis* by Jewell Deal; *Donald L. Kepley* by Faithful Workers SS Class; *Floyd Farley & Loy White , Cindy M. Lanier* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Betty S. Smith* by Peggy Barnhardt, LeGrand & Dolly Skinner; *William Harris* by Cheryl H. Wicker; **Belize Pastor’s Training:** *Graham Hall* by Betty F. Sink, Hal & Donna Routh, Jim & June Honeycutt, Bob & Ann Cole, Marylyn Hilton; **Belize Missions:** *Dennis Hipp* by Jim & June Honeycutt; *Graham Hall* by James & Sally Severs, John & Marion Bullock; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Graham Hall, Loy White, Sr.,* by Fred & Lynda Belk

Honorariums

Small Jobs Ministry: *Lane Gilliam* by Hazel Frady & Betty F. Sink; *Ray Williams* by Hazel Frady; **Transportation Fund:** *Betty Sink’s Birthday* by Booty Hilton; *The Jackson, Brooke Bryan, Jordan Knott’s Birthday* by Betty Sink; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Jean Ashley* by Richard & Betty Jane Honeycutt; **Endowment Fund:** *Betsy C. Medford* by the estate of William “Bill” Medford

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Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you to the members of First Baptist for your long standing support of the Pastor’s Pantry. We received 1884 packs of oatmeal from your recent Communion donation emphasis. God bless you.

Phil Mickey
Pantry Coordinator

Dear Congregation;

We want to express our sincere appreciation for your donations of Ensure to the DC Department of Social Services Adult Service Unit. This enables our social workers to give to our elderly when they are in need and have no other means to receive it.

We greatly appreciate the generosity and continued support of your congregation. Your support throughout the years is a true blessing to our agency.

Sincerely,
NC Department
Social Services

Family Night at First Baptist
Wednesday, September 10, 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
Special Menu - Cost: Adults \$6.00 Children under 12 \$4.00
Make Your RSVP Permanent or Weekly Today!
Special Entertainment

Welcome Our New Church Chef - Melissa J. Darr

We are so excited to introduce to the congregation our new Chef. Melissa has worked in numerous food settings. Some of you will recognize her from her days as the Sous Chef at the City Club from 1998-2009. Most recently she was the Division Chef for Lowes Foods until 2013. Melissa also does "Little Chefs Cooking Classes" during the summer. She is currently the Child Nutrition Manager for Davidson County Schools. As you can easily see she is more than qualified and we are fortunate that Melissa will be a part of the First Baptist Church family. We will officially welcome her and have her first meal at FBC on Wednesday, September 10. Be sure to attend!

Church - Cook - Thank You Celebration
Wednesday, September 10 - 6:00 p.m.

On June 15 Laverne Owen turned 90 years young. For 30 years Laverne has been our Church Cook providing delicious meals during Family Night and on other special occasions. Laverne has decided that he can no longer continue in this capacity. We want to thank him for his service to First Baptist. On the first Family Night back you will have the opportunity to thank Laverne. We will also have a place if you wish to give a love gift of cash or checks made payable to Laverne Owen for his outstanding service and dedication for these past thirty years.

Vacation Bible School Wrap Up

We had a great week sharing God's love with children at VBS. The children learned about the love of Jesus and missions. The Biblical stories were: Jesus Calls Disciples, Jesus and the Children, The Lost Sheep, Jesus Heals a Woman and a Girl, Jesus Fed 5,000 People. The children rotated throughout the morning in music, art, snacks and recreation and Bible time. Each day began with an opening ceremony.

Our offering this year will be used to buy sheep through Heifer International and will benefit families around the world. Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to purchase several sheep. Our total offering was a record \$885.29

Thanks to our many volunteers:

Director: Jen Fuller Allen - Bible Study: Ray Nance Howell IV

Art Activities: Kelly Mitcham and Jamie Young

Pre-School: Eryn Myers - 4 & 5 Year Olds: Katie Ward, Anna Raye Tate & Kriston Jolly

Kindergarten and 1st Grade: Ellen Smith & Courtney Foster

2nd and 3rd Grades: Brenda Hipp & Crystal Alexander - 4th and 5th Grades: Lisa Michael

Recreation: Kathryn Davis and FBC Youth - Snacks: Cindy Fulbright, Michell & William Hopkins

FBC SS Classes (Team Coed, Randy Hall, Rochella Baker, Faithful Workers and Family Matters)

provided snacks - Registration: Amber Manzalla, Kristi Thornhill

Youth Group: Worked throughout the various activities as needed.

Additional thanks to Kelly Lambeth, Ann Bishop, Jane Blackerby, Catherine Pyle & Dave Colescott and to everyone for all your donations of various items and gifts. We are grateful that our church is always so generous and willing to help.

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