



First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - November 2014

Alternative Gift Fair Wednesday, November 19

5:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Gift Fair/Bake Sale



Christmas is a special season. This year instead of giving more “things” give a gift that will make a difference to service organizations. You will have the opportunity to honor a family member or friend with a gift to a local or international service group. You will receive a gift card for your honoree from the organization that you select. We have set a minimum donation of \$10 to get a gift card.

This year’s participating organizations include:

CBF Global Missions

Martha Best Children’s Center

Carolina Cancer Services

FBC Assistance Fund

Crisis Ministry of Davidson

Pastor’s Pantry

You may also enjoy homemade cookies, cakes or candy. If you enjoy baking please consider donating items for the fair. All profits will go to benefit local and international missions. Contact Kay Albright (248-4130) or Sharon Palmer (798-1369) if you wish to contribute baked goods.



Chili Cook-Off and Cake Sale

Sunday, November 23

12:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Tickets: \$7.00 - Children Under 12: \$3.00 - Family Limit \$20.00

The youth are sponsoring a Chili Cook-off and Bake Sale after the worship service and the Budget Presentation on Sunday, November 23 (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). Tickets will be on sale through out the month. We need volunteers to donate a pot of chili and cakes and pies. Please contact Ray if you can help! Join us in making this a success.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26

Theme “Forgive”

Dinner 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Worship Service - 6:20 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5.00 (\$3.00 children 12 & under)

Menu: Brunswick Stew, Salad Bar, Corn Bread, Dessert



Meetings & Events

**First Baptist Office and MBCC will be closed
November 27th & 28th for the Holiday**

November

16th. Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
23rd. Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
26th. Thanksgiving Eve Service	6:30 p.m.

December

1st. Frady/Johnson Mission Group	1:45 P.M.
2nd. Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	7:00 p.m.

Transportation Fund



The church will be purchasing a "used" van costing \$24,000 to \$30,000. The Transportation Fund's current amount is **\$15,926.**

Our current van will be sold to provide additional funds. We have been receiving memorials honorariums designated to the Transportation Fund. We will be looking for the funds to fully pay for the purchase. Please consider making a contribution to defer the cost of the van to the **Transportation Fund.**

Pennies From Heaven



The twelfth annual fall campaign for "Pennies from Heaven" is underway through December 1st. Donations are for the direct financial support of The Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. The collection jug will be located in the church office during Sunday mornings, the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Nights and in the church office all other times.

Financial Update

All local missions have been fully funded. We anticipate meeting all our Financial Commitments through the 2014 Budget as your donations are received. More Mission items and Building and Grounds projects still need to be funded. September was a very low month with only \$41,715 total income. We have a deficit of \$243,914 in contributions. Please be faithful in your giving to the General Fund.

Poinsettias



If you wish to order a Poinsettia for Christmas, call the church office. In order to get them for the start of Advent they need to be ordered as soon as possible.

November 14th will be the final date to order them. If less than four are ordered there will be a fee for delivery.

NC Baptist Children's Home

Annual Offering: \$1,500,000

Through our Budget we give \$5,664.00. Through your gifts, you make it possible to "Bless" these children.

Extended Sessions

November 9: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth

3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Phil Mickey

November 16: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen, Brooke Williams

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Zac Young

3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Fulbright

November 23: Bed Babies: Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Sandra Blackwelder &

Crystal Alexander 3 & 4 Year Olds: Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall, Courtney Sams

November 30: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen, Brooke

Williams Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kevin Brown

3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Hopkins

December 7: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Randall Potter

3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink & Anna Raye Tate

We Need Your Help SteepleTalk Newsletter

www.fbclex.org

As of this date we have 115 signed up to receive the monthly newsletter by email. The newsletter is always available on the website. By signing up we are able to continue to cut our postage cost. **Sign Up Today!**

New Phone System

336-245-1261

The best way to contact the church office is dialing **336-245-1261**. You can also use the old number.

Online Giving

Many of you receive envelopes in the mail for your contribution to the Church. Others just send a check or have their 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.

First Baptist is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is simple and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at **www.fbclex.org**.
2. Click on the **On-Line Giving** button top of page.
3. Click on the **Create Profile** button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

2015 Birthday Banquet

If you are interested in decorating one of the monthly tables for the 2015 Birthday Banquet contact the church office or Tommy. The date for the 2015 Birthday Banquet will be February 11.

Wednesday Family Night

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

November 12 - Shoe Boxes

November 19 - Alternative Gift Fair

November 26 - Thanksgiving Eve Service

December 3 - Quarterly Business Meeting

December 10 - Final Family Night/Children's Music Program

Friends of the Library

Thursday, November 13 - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to attend the Friends of the Lexington Library Annual Meeting to be held in our fellowship hall on Thursday. This is a free event.

Speakers will be two Lexington authors: Jack Riggs, author of *When the Finch Rises* and *The Fireman's Wife*; and Kim Church, author of *Byrd*.

Global Missions Offering

This is the 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 mark your check for CBF Global Mission Offering. May we give so others can serve.



Sunday Morning Coffee Room

9:30 a.m. - Second Floor Lobby

In order to encourage fellowship and enjoy a beverage, join us on the second floor near the elevator on Sunday mornings for a hot beverage and conversation.

Volunteers are needed each Sunday to set up the coffee and to clean up afterwards. Please consider taking a Sunday. We also have individuals who have provided a snack. If you would like to do a snack we encourage you to sign up.

November 23 Presentation

Following the worship service on November 23 we invite you to remain in the sanctuary for a special presentation on our church budget. We will talk about the power of our budget to be transformational in the lives of our church family and our community. There are three major parts of the budget: Church Staff, Building and Grounds, and Other Missions. All three of these areas have tremendous potential in touching lives and sharing God's love and grace. The budget provides the fuel, the resources necessary to empower each area of our church's mission and ministry. We think you may be surprised at the difference we are already making and the potential we have to do far greater things of Christ in our community. We hope you will plan to stay for the presentation which will end no later than 12:30 p.m. Our youth are providing a Chili Lunch in the Fellowship Hall that Sunday that will be waiting for you as soon as we are finished.

Memorials

Transportation Fund: *Larry Beck* by Sue Beck; *Jack Sink's Birthday* by Betty Sink; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Helen Linder* by Richard & Betty Jane Honeycutt; **Endowment Fund:** *Tim Jones, Jacqueline J. Lanning, William Dillahunt, Catherine York, Scott Milliken* by Peggy Barnhardt

Honorariums

Transportation Fund: *Marylyn Hilton & Sally Davis* by Jeanne Wall; **General Fund:** *Tommy Wilson* by Sue Beck

Thank You

Dear Congregation,

We want to express our sincere appreciation again for your many donations of school supplies for our foster children. It was wonderful to receive school supplies three different times from your church this fall. It is so helpful for them to have the needed school supplies and contributes to a more successful school year for them.

We greatly appreciate the generosity and the continued support of your congregation for our program. Your support continues to be a true blessing.

DC Dept. Social Services

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits, food, and phone calls during my recovery. Truly I was blessed.

Jewell Deal

Welcome New Members October 5, 2014



Spencer & Sydney Hall
7003 Courtland Drive
Thomasville, NC 27360
336-476-5136

Food Boxes

It is time once again for our Sunday School mission project - food boxes for needy families in our community. Last year we prepared 60 boxes at a cost of \$75.00 - \$80.00 each. Please give as you are able. All checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. Sunday, December 14 is the deadline for all contributions. The Boxes will be delivered on Wednesday, December 17. Contact Peggy Barnhardt or the church office if you wish to help box items or deliver boxes.



Operation Christmas Child - November 19

This year we have purchased shoe boxes from Operation Christmas Child. They are available for pickup. Determine whether you wish to sponsor a boy or girl and choose the age group. Simply pack appropriate items in a shoe box, include a \$7.00 check payable to Samaritan's Purse (covers shipping and handling). Attach a brochure, available in the church office or the Fellowship Hall. The final day to turn these in is **November 19**

Salvation Army Angels

There are almost 2,000 children in our area that will not have a Christmas unless we help. Last year our church "adopted" 100 angels. All these are deserving children whose families depend on the Salvation Army to provide toys and clothes for Christmas. Beginning Sunday, November 23rd you will have the opportunity to "Adopt an Angel" for Christmas. Bring the gifts unwrapped to the stage in the Fellowship Hall. The season of Christmas is a great time to make a difference in the life of a child. Thank you to Betty McMahan for volunteering to help with this mission.



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Upcoming Events - FBC

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21 - Nine Lessons & Carols

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, Jan 31 - Sunday, February 1

Annual Parker Lectures - Susan Sparks, Lecturer

New Church Parlor

Renovations of the Church Parlor have been completed and we hope you have had an opportunity to come by and see the transformation. Our thanks to Building & Grounds especially Sandye Saintsing, Lane Gilliam, Richard Perryman and Fred Belk. A special thanks to the church family for the memorials and honorariums and to the family of Mary King for their gracious donations.

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