



First Baptist Church  
Lexington, NC

# STEEPLE TALK APRIL 2017

## MEAGAN SMITH UNANIMOUSLY CALLED AS ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Sunday, March 19, 2017, was a historic day in the life of First Baptist Church as we unanimously called Meagan Smith of Auburn, Alabama to be our Associate Minister. Meagan will be graduating from McAfee School of Theology in May and will begin her ministry with us in July. We look forward to a bright future of ministry and service together.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday – April 9 12:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 13 7:00p.m.

Good Friday – April 14 7:00pm

Community Palm Sunday Celebration on the Square

Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion in the Chapel

Tenebrae Service in the Chapel

## TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017

Once again this spring, our church will be participating in Touching Davidson County with Love. **The date is April 22!** Please plan now to participate. There will be construction projects, yard cleanups, nursing homes to visit, and blankets to be made for children who are abused. These are just a small portion of the projects that will be needing YOUR help. Signups will begin around the middle of March. This is the 11th year for TDCWL; please circle the date on your calendar and come out to help! Each year as a part of Touching Davidson County with Love we collect items that are needed by our help agencies according to their requests. For 2017, First Baptist will collect items in two categories: 1) **Non-perishable food items** for Greater Things Outreach Ministry. Greater Things ministers to the needy throughout Davidson Co. In a year's time about 15,000 individuals receive food from this organization. The director of Greater Things is Roger Berrier who spoke at a recent Wednesday night service. They report that one in four Davidson Co. families face food insecurity. 2) **Dietary supplements** such as Ensure for cancer patients. These are donated to Cancer Services for distribution. Boxes to contain these donations will be available near the ground-floor elevator beginning March 1 and extending until April 22. Our church will also need extra volunteers to paint rooms at the Boys and Girls Club on April 22. Thank you for your generous participation in all these efforts.

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS  
APRIL 2017**

- April 3 Frady- Johnson Mission Group 1:45p.m.
- April 4 Carolyn Phillips Mission Group
- April 9 Palm Sunday/Celebration on the Square  
12:15 p.m.
- April 9 Easter Egg Hunt for Children 3:30 p.m.
- April 13 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.
- April 14 Good Friday Tenebrae Service  
7:00 p.m.
- April 16 Easter Sunday
- April 22 Touching Davidson County With Love
- April 23 Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- April 23 Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- April 28 MBCC Fundraiser 4:00 p.m.

**EASTER EGG HUNT  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9  
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
CHILDREN’S FELLOWSHIP HALL**

All children, ages 2 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the FBC Easter Egg Hunt. We will have crafts and snacks along with the hunt for Easter eggs. Bring your basket and have some fun.

**PALM SUNDAY LUNCH**

The J. Smith Young YMCA will be hosting a Palm Sunday Lunch on April 9, 2017 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 4 – 8. Ferry Lane Lowder from our church will be selling tickets for this event.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE**

Our church office is changing. Like many of our downtown churches, we are using volunteers to help staff the office and work with Sherri Salinas, our Church Financial and Office Administrative Assistant. We are asking that all of our committees be responsible for their own secretarial and administrative work. Joyce Howell is responsible for the bulletin each week. Please submit any announcements for the bulletin no later than noon on Wednesday of each week. The office is open Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**EXTENDED SESSIONS**

- April 2: **Bed Babies-** M/M Dale Lambeth, **Toddlers/2 Year Olds-**M/M Dave Thornhill, **3 & 4 Year Olds**–Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill
- April 9: **Bed Babies-**Libby Foster & Courtney Foster, **Toddlers/2 Year Olds-**Whitney Brooks, **3 & 4 Year Olds**–Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck
- April 16: **EASTER SUNDAY**
- April 23: **Bed Babies-** M/M Jim Skotthy, **Toddlers/2 Year Olds-**M/M Lee Davis, **3 & 4 Year Olds**–Alyson Honeycutt & Grace Upton
- April 30: **Bed Babies-**M/M Richard Baxley, **Toddlers/2 Year Olds-**M/M Bryan Lingerfelt, **3 & 4 Year Olds-**Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser & Andy Killebrew

**MARTHA BEST CHILDREN’S  
CENTER FUNDRAISER**

MBCC will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> and last fundraiser for the school year in April. They are planning an evening of fun that will include a yard sale, silent auction and a hot dog supper. Please mark your calendar and save the date: Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00-8:00 p.m. If you would like to donate any yard sale or auction items, you may drop them off at MBCC or contact Jean Ashley or Brandi Marker at 336-245-9612.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES  
CANCELLED – APRIL 12**

All Wednesday night activities including Senior Adult Choir, Children’s Choirs, Missions Groups, the Wednesday night meal and program will be cancelled on Wednesday, April 12. This is the week of Spring break for the local schools. All Wednesday night activity will resume on April 19.

**EASTER LILIES FOR THE  
SANCTUARY**

The Church will be placing Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You can place a lily in memory of or in honor of someone. Cost will be \$35.00 for each lily. Contact the church office by April 5, 2017 to place your order.

## **MAY 19 IS FIRST BAPTIST NIGHT AT THE WINSTON-SALEM DASH**

Join us for an exciting night of fellowship, food, fun, and baseball at the Winston-Salem Dash on Friday, May 19. We have the Carolina Plan that includes admission, food, and a WS Dash cap! This will be an intergenerational event. Tickets are only \$20 for adults. Tickets for all youth and children are \$15. Reserve your ticket today!

## **2018 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

You are invited to join us on a life-changing Holy Land pilgrimage February 22 – March 4, 2018. Detailed information is available in the church office.

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED**

The Children's Sunday School needs to find a teacher to assist in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. One of the teachers in the class had to leave for a personal situation. If you are willing to help out in this class please contact Myra Thacker or the church office.

## **THANK YOU NOTE**

We are praying that God brings you many blessings for your kindness. We appreciate your church allowing us to use your Sanctuary for Ryan's funeral. We are also thankful to all of the kindness and prayers shown to us during this difficult time, especially from the Martha Best Children's Center.

Chanel Lindsay and family.

## **MEMORIALS**

### **General Fund:**

*Virginia Josephine Waller* by First Baptist Sanctuary Choir; *Jane Hearn, Rebecca "B.J." Nelson and Rotha Belk Tarlton* by Robert and Martha Adams; *Rebecca "BJ" Nelson Hughes* by Carl Garrison; *Jack Blackburn* by Nancy Blackburn

**Endowment Fund:** *Rebecca "BJ" Nelson Hughes, Rotha Belk Tarlton, Josephine Waller, Belinda Caudle* by Peggy Barnhardt

**Small Jobs Ministry:** *Rebecca "BJ" Nelson Hughes, Scott Nelson and Jane Hearn* by Sylva Hope Kennon; *Rotha Belk Tarlton* by Edgar & Belinda Thomas and Neil & Brenda Pruet

**Building/Grounds:** *Rotha Belk Tarlton* by Vinnon & Gloria Williams

### **Martha Best Children Center:**

*Jane Lawing* by Robert and Martha Adams

## **HONORARIUMS**

### **General Fund:**

*Cindy McNeill's birthday* by Robert and Martha Adams; *Tommy Wilson and Ray Howell III Birthdays* by Betty Sink

*Meagan Smith* by Kelly Sink

**Benevolent Fund:** *Booty Hilton* by Silba Rae Fennell

## **THANK YOU NOTE**

Dear First Baptist Family, I asked my daughter to write this letter of thanks to you. The mild stroke I experienced in early October 2016 affected my vision, and I am unable to write clearly. I have appreciated your prayers and support and the many kindnesses you have shown me. The phone calls, visits, gifts and flowers have lifted my spirits. I have also enjoyed the occasional trips out to lunch and especially the visits to the church for Wednesday night suppers. I felt so special those nights with all of you welcoming me back. I ask for your continued prayers and support as I will be using my faith in God to move forward in this new way of life and home that is so different from my life and home of the last 40 plus years.

Yours in Christ, Dorothy Craver  
203 Brookdale Lexington – 161 Young Drive  
Lexington, NC 27292 Phone: 336-250-5475

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 10 TO JULY 14, 2017

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 10 to July 14, 2017. Plan to be a part of this year's exciting VBS. The dates were moved to accommodate the changes in the Lexington City Schools year-round schools calendar. Kelly Mitcham will be coordinating Vacation Bible School again this year. Please contact Kelly at (336) 596-6581 for more details. Additional information will be given out as soon as plans are made for this event.

### LOCAL MISSIONS

In addition to the special collections being taken up now for Touching Davidson County With Love, the people of First Baptist provide ongoing support to four very important local ministries throughout the year. They are as follows:

- Pastor's Pantry: non-perishable food items
- Crisis Ministry: tomato soup and grape jelly
- Cancer Services of Davidson County: nutritional supplements such as Boost and Ensure
- South Lexington Elementary and South Lexington Developmental Center Back-Pack program: kid friendly food like canned pasta, ramen noodles, pop tarts, instant oatmeal, peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, chicken noodle soup, and pudding cups.

There are baskets and collection boxes in the vestibule outside of the Fellowship Hall for these. Thank you for being faithful to these local mission opportunities.

### BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY IS JUNE 4

We will honor our graduating seniors on Sunday, June 4. Please contact the church office to let us know you are participating.

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