



First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

STEEPLE TALK MARCH 2017

WELCOME MEAGAN SMITH

On March 17, 18 and 19, we will be welcoming Meagan Smith, our new associate minister candidate to First Baptist Church. The weekend will have several opportunities for us to meet and get to know Meagan. Events that are planned are:

March 17 – Covered Dish Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.
(Coordinated by Wendy Walker)

March 18 – Breakfast with the Senior Adults in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m.
Reservations Required - \$10.00 per person
(Coordinated by Sharon Palmer)

March 18 – Children’s Event – Time to be Announced Later
(Coordinated by Kristi Hall & Margaret Ann Maddox)

March 18 – Youth Events/Cookout at 4:00p.m.to 7:30 p.m.
(Coordinated by the Youth Group Leaders)

March 19 – Joint Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.
With Meagan Smith

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Youth Group Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

On March 3 and 4, 2017, Dr. Terry Hamrick will be conducting a Friday evening- Saturday morning workshop on “Missional Leadership”. Dr. Hamrick is the author of Leadership In Constant Change, Embracing A New Missional Reality. Dr. Hamrick will present new perspectives on individual, small group, and church outreach with a focus on local mission. The workshop will be in the Fellowship Hall from: 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Friday evening March 3 and 9:00am – 12:00pm, Saturday morning, March 4. Dr. Hamrick is on the cutting edge of new missional philosophy and brings decades of experience and wisdom. We are indeed fortunate to have him at First Baptist. We encourage everyone to come out and participate in this exciting opportunity to learn from this renowned Christian educator, author, and missional leader.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS MARCH 2017

March 3 – 4 Missional Leadership Retreat with
Terry Hamrick
March 6 Frady- Johnson Mission Group
March 7 Carolyn Phillips Mission Group
March 17 – 19 Events with Meagan Smith
March 19 Youth Group Chili Cook-off
Fundraiser
March 26 Finance Committee Meeting
March 26 Deacons Meeting

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY APRIL 22 TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

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. Thank you for your generous participation in these efforts.

EXTENDED SESSIONS

March 5: Bed Babies- M/M Jon Myers, **2 Year Olds-**M/M Josh Boyle, **3 & 4 Year Olds-**Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

March 12: Bed Babies-M/M Thomas Jolly, **2 Year Olds-**M/M Kyle Kepley, **3 & 4 Year Olds-**Beverly Fulbright & Brenda Hipp

March 19: Bed Babies-M/M Greg Briggs, **2 Year Olds-**M/M Jim Skotthy, **3 & 4 Year Olds-**Margaret Ann Maddox & Anna Raye Tate

March 26: Bed Babies- M/M Brian Lancaster, **2 Year Olds-**M/M Zac Young, **3 & 4 Year Olds-**Katy Hartley & Kelly Wright

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE MOVES

To prepare for the coming of our new Associate Minister, the office for the Business Administrator has moved down the hall. It is located between the History Room and the Conference Room. It is in room #130. The telephone extension of 101 remains the same.

INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR RESIGNATION

As of March 1, 2017, Jim Tate has notified the church that he will resign as the Interim Business Administrator. When Jim accepted the position some ten months ago, the position was to be on a part-time basis of 20 hours per week. Jim also accepted the position with the understanding that he had family obligations that would also need to be considered for scheduling. Jim has found that the position requires considerably more time than was anticipated. He also has found that his family obligations will require more of his time. Jim hopes to continue in a volunteer role to help his replacement during the transition and with other office administrative duties. On February 26, 2017, the Personnel Committee recommended to the Deacons that Phil Mickey assume the duties of the Interim Business Administrator for the church.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

The community wide Lenten Services will begin for the Lenten season on March 1, 2017. The services are held at 12 noon at the First United Methodist Church. The service is followed at 12:30p.m. with a soup and sandwich lunch for \$5.00 in the First Methodist Fellowship Hall. The Baptists will be responsible for the Lenten Service and serving the lunch on Wednesday, March 15. We need six volunteers to help serve and clean-up for the meal. If you are willing to help out, please notify the church office.

BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

The water leak that developed in late January has now been fully repaired. Alley Plumbing (David Alley) did a remarkable job in fixing the leak and minimizing the downtime for the church and daycare. He spent considerable time on the repair. The total bill for repairs was \$11,030. We were fortunate to have surplus money available in the budget to cover the costs. We still have a few cosmetic items like floor covering and painting to completely finish the project.

The Building & Grounds Committee also approved the purchase of a new dishwasher for the kitchen. The old machine was over 25 years old and recently been giving us problems. The committee approved purchasing a new machine at a cost of \$13,000 including installation. The new dishwasher has been ordered and should be in place by the end of March.

The committee is considering projects for the year as monies become available. Some of the projects include steeple painting, exterior painting, additional signage both on the exterior and interior of the building and adding security cameras inside the building and in the parking lots.

SOUP AND JELLY

Please remember to be faithful in our giving soup and jelly for Crisis Ministry. Items can be dropped in the basket marked Crisis Ministry that is located in the entry of the Fellowship Hall. You may also make cash donations and items will be purchased.

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 15, 2017 – 6:30PM

There will be a called church business meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Two items of business will be considered. The first item will be a change in the Church Personnel Policy for health insurance for our staff. The second item is a discussion of procedural issues in calling our new associate minister.

CHURCH COOK RESIGNATION

Our church cook/chef, Barbara Potter has submitted her resignation to the church effective with the last Wednesday night program for the season in May 2017. Barbara indicated her resignation is based on family concerns and increased family obligations that will not allow her to continue being our cook/chef. We want to thank Barbara for her work with the Wednesday night meals this year. Efforts are underway to find someone to replace Barbara in this position.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE

With the recent changes in the Interim Business Administrator position, the Personnel Committee is beginning the process of filling the position on a permanent basis. The Committee will be accepting resumes with a statement of interest from qualified potential candidates for the position from both church members and from candidates outside of the church. The Business Administrator needs to have experience in office management, financial and budgetary matters, personnel management and management of the church facility. The position is part-time at 20 hours per week. The salary budgeted for the position is \$25,000 per year. For more information, contact Brian Walker, the chairman of the church Personnel Committee. Resumes can be submitted by email to fbcllexington@fbc.org, sent by fax to the church office (336-249-4762) or to the church office by mail. Applications will be accepted from February 27, 2017 until March 15, 2017. A full job description can be obtained from the church office or by visiting the church website at www.fbcllex.org.

FBC-LEX Dream Teams – February 2017 Update

Worship Enrichment Team – This team, challenged to enrich the worship experience, has divided their search into three defined areas:

Worship Music – Led by Dolly Skinner, this group has met with Paul Freeman and discussed ways in which the music program of our church can be enriched.

Worship Support – Led by Alan Williams, this group has met with Ray and discussed how the worship can be supported through improvements in signage, greeting, ushering, etc.

Worship Content – This group will meet in early March to explore how the content of our worship can be improved.

Technology Team – The Technology team has divided into three initiatives:

Social Media – Led by Whitney Brooks is exploring how we can utilize and maximize social media in our ministry. This group is exploring the consideration of streaming and/or archiving video of the weekly church service.

Website Update – Led by Tobin Shepherd, this group has met with web designer Adam Sewell and is developing plans, pending input from marketing, to redo and update our FBCLEX website.

Marketing – Deb and Don Watson are developing, with congregational input, a marketing plan for the church. This will drive much of the website remake as well as development of marketing materials, a new directory, etc.

WOW Team – The WOW team has brainstormed a number of event-style ideas for our church. The initial plan is to develop 3 or 4 events a year that would be multi-generational and open to the community. The first project the team has undertaken is the congregational covered dish on St Patrick's Day to welcome Meagan Smith.

Missional Leadership Team – The Missional Leadership team is developing a renewed mission format for our church with a strong focus on local mission. The team has developed a congregational survey of current member outreach involvement to determine how the church can leverage existing support to non-profits. The team has "benchmarked" the exciting programs at FBC Wilmington and met with Dr. Matt Cook, senior minister at FBC Wilmington, to discuss specifics of their program model. On March 3 & 4, the team is bringing Dr. Terry Hamrick to FBCLEX for a two day workshop. Dr. Hamrick is a nationally recognized missional leader, author and Christian educator. The missional leadership team will conduct the survey of the church in March and begin to develop a strategy of program implementation.

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