



First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

STEEPLE TALK MAY 2017

**ADDICTION AND ALCOHOLISM: AN AMERICAN EPIDEMIC
DISCOVERING THE KEY TO WHOLENESS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.**

Macon Dunn, Director of Client Services for Blanchard & Associates, a family case management and addiction intervention practice in Charlotte, will lead this important seminar, which is open to the public. All are invited and encouraged to attend as Macon discusses “The Neuroscience of the Spiritual Disease.”

MOTHER’S DAY WORSHIP – MAY 14

Please let the church office know if you would like to participate in the baby dedication on Mother’s Day, Sunday May 14.

WORSHIP – SUNDAY MAY 21

The Senior High Chorus from Lexington Senior High School will sing during our worship service on May 21. This Sunday is also designated as Foster Care Sunday. One-Hundred and sixty-four children are currently in foster care in Davidson County, but there is a desperate need for more homes. The month of May is National Foster Care Awareness Month.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 10 – 14

Bible School week will begin with our annual church picnic on July 9. We need volunteers to help us with Bible School, Monday – Friday nights, July 10 – 14 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please contact Kelly Mitcham at 336-596-6581.

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS
MAY 2017**

- May 1 -3 20th Annual Bible Study Field Trip to Charleston, SC – leaves at 6:00 a.m., May 1
- May 1 Frady- Johnson Mission Group in Conference Room at 1:45 p.m.
- May 2 Carolyn Phillips Mission Group, noon at Yarborough’s Restaurant
- May 10 Nominating Committee Meeting, Parlor at 5:30 p.m.
- May 10 Worship Team Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- May 14 Mother’s Day Worship–Baby Dedication
- May 17 Addiction & Alcoholism Program Macon Dunn – Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- May 19 Winston-Salem Dash Game
- May 21 Finance Committee Meeting in Parlor at 9:00 a.m.
- May 21 Lexington Senior High School Chorus at 11:00 a.m. worship service
- May 21 Passport Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m.
- May 21 Deacons Meeting in Parlor at 7:00 p.m.
- May 24 Nominating Committee Meeting in Parlor at 5:30 p.m.
- May 29 Church Offices Closed – Memorial Day Holiday

**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
JUNE 4**

We look forward to our annual Baccalaureate Sunday on June 4 when we honor our high school graduates. We also plan to list our college graduates in the June newsletter. Please let us know of family members who will be graduating this spring.

**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!

EXTENDED SESSIONS

- May 7: Bed Babies**-Donna Routh & Wendy Walker, **Toddlers/2 Year-Olds**-M/M Dale Lambeth, **3 & 4 Year- Olds**-M/M Dale Frank
- May 14: Bed Babies**-Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams, **Toddlers/2 Year-Olds**-M/M Zak Young, **3 & 4 Year-Olds**–M/M William Fulbright
- May 21: Bed Babies**- M/M Nathan Houser, **Toddlers/2 Year-Olds**-Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander, **3 & 4 Year-Olds**–Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall & Spencer Hall
- May 28: Bed Babies**-Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams, **Toddlers/2 Year-Olds**-M/M Kevin Brown, **3 & 4 Year-Olds**-Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

**MEAGAN SMITH BEGINS HER
MINISTRY WITH US ON JULY 9**

Meagan Smith, our new associate minister, will begin her ministry with us on Sunday, July 9 as we celebrate Communion. July 9 will also be our annual church picnic.

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 2nd and 3rd 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.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETS MAY 10

The Worship Team will meet Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will begin its work to seek people for leadership and committee roles in the church. Their first meeting is May 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor. They also plan to meet on May 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

PASSPORT MEETING – MAY 21

A very important Passport meeting is scheduled for Sunday May 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All parents and Passport youth are requested to attend. Passport is July 17 – 22 at Furman University.

KAMP KIWANIS BASKETS

We will again be providing baskets for the Kamp Kiwanis campers to take home at the conclusion of camp this summer. We will soon provide you with a complete listing of items we need donated. These are items that many of these children would not have without your generosity.

ALEC RHODES SUMMER MISSION

Alec Rhodes will be participating in a summer mission experience in Turkey this summer from May 17 – July 13. This is a grassroots, missionary, church planting group called “Live Dead,” that seeks to take the Gospel to areas where there is no Christian witness. You can learn more about this unique and challenging mission opportunity at livedead.org. Alec is in need of financial support to offset the cost of this eight week trip which is over \$3,700. Please make checks payable to Alec Rhodes and mail to 305 Crimson Drive, Lexington, NC 27292.

MEMORIALS

General Fund:

Jack Blackburn by Nancy Blackburn

Endowment Fund:

Mary West, Charles Frye, Sr. by Peggy Barnhardt

Benevolent Fund:

David Jackson by Betty Sink

Building and Grounds:

Charles Frye, Sr. by Hal and Donna Routh

Martha Best Children’s Center:

Virginia Josephine Waller, Belinda Mize Caudle by Bob and Ann Cole

HONORARIUMS

General Fund:

Booty Hilton’s Birthday by Betty Sink

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through March 31, 2017 total revenue received for the church was \$154,207. The total expenses for the same time period were \$145,498. Our giving is slightly behind what it was at this time in 2016. Our 2017 total budget is \$717,493. The Endowment Balance is \$1,571,275. We are seeing steady growth with our endowment funds. Please continue to be faithful with your financial commitments to the church.

GOLF FOR HUNGER FUNDRAISER

Grace Episcopal Church will have its 3rd annual Golf for Hunger Fundraiser on June 17 at the Lexington Golf Club. This fundraiser is for the Food Ministry of Grace Church. You can help by forming a team to play. The cost is \$60 per person (\$240 per team) which includes 18 holes of golf and cart fee. There are plenty of awards and door prizes. Also, you might agree to sponsor a hole for \$100 with the name of the sponsor placed on the course in the tee box.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS AND PROGRAMING CONCLUDED FOR THE SPRING

Our Wednesday Family Night Dinners and Programing concluded on April 26, 2017 with the presentations by our Children's Choirs and Youth Choir. We have many people to thank for their work and service to the church to help make the dinners and programing possible. First, we need to thank Beryl Phillips and all of the group volunteers who helped set up, serve food and clean after the dinner. Second, we need to thank Sally Davis, Booty Hilton and Sarah Vick for greeting our folks and collecting money. Third we need to thank all of the volunteers who led mission groups and children's' choirs during the fall and spring. Last, we extend our thanks to Barbara Potter who prepared the meals for us on Wednesday nights this year. Barbara's last day with the church was April 26. We wish her well. Look for Wednesday Night Family Dinners and Programing to resume in the fall after Labor Day.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MISSIONAL SURVEY

Many members of our congregation volunteer countless hours in support of local missions throughout our community. As a church, we support many local missions financially through our budget and through donations of canned goods and related items. During the month of May, we will be asking you to complete a Missional Survey. The purpose of this survey is to determine the level of involvement our church members have with these various local organizations and then determine how, as a faith community and church, we can more effectively reach out to our city and county in support of these missions.

We want and need your input. Please take a few minutes to complete the one page survey you will be receiving and then return it as instructed.

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