



# First Baptist Church

## Lexington, NC

### Steeple Talk - September 2016



Family Night at First Baptist

Wednesday, September 14

5:30 p. m. - Fellowship Hall

Special Menu to be Determined

Make Your Reservation Permanent or Weekly

Special Entertainment

Wildcat Mountain Boys (Bluegrass)

Regularly scheduled Family Nights will start Wednesday, September 21 - 6:30 p.m.

Program: Who Are The Baptists?

Cost: \$5.00 Adults, \$3.00 Children (under 12)

**\$17.00 Family Limit Based on two adults over 18 per household**

**Permanent Reservations:** RSVP cards are available in Sunday School class rooms and on the back of Sanctuary pews. **Note:** Permanent reservations do not carry over from the previous year.

**Weekly Reservations:** Contact the church office (336-245-1261) by noon Monday of that week or fill out a FND card located in Sunday School rooms or Sanctuary pews. Reservations may also be made on the home page of the church web site: [www.fbclex.org](http://www.fbclex.org) or call the information line.

## Financial Update

As of July 31, 2016, total giving to the church was **\$379,836**. The church had expenses of **\$351,638**. Our total 2016 Budget is **\$710,981** which requires giving each week of **\$13,672**. Our budget shortfall at the end of July was **\$67,529**. During August, we did not meet giving goals, so this shortfall amount is higher.

There is some positive news towards the budget. We have enough money to meet the expenses we have this far for the church. We have been able to pay approximately **\$27,500** towards our missions obligations in the 2016 budget (mostly to local missions). Our giving through July 31, 2016 was approximately **\$27,000** more than we gave at the same time in 2015. Our Endowment balance as of July 31, 2016 is **\$1,495,311**. Our Endowment continues to show growth and appears to be steady at current interest rate levels.

We will have a **Budget Catch-Up Sunday on September 11, 2016**. We hope to work on decreasing our budget shortfall during this special time of giving. Please be faithful to the church with your financial obligations.

# Meetings & Events

## Upcoming Church Events

- September 5 Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed
- September 6 Carolyn Phillips Mission Group  
12:00 p.m. - Yarborough's Restaurant
- September 7 Missions Committee Meeting  
6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall  
Building & Grounds Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- September 11 Budget Catch Up Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Community Wide 9/11 Remembrance  
Service - Old Courthouse 12:15 p.m.
- September 14 Wednesday Family Night Resumes  
5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
(Wildcat Mountain Boys)
- September 18 Finance Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m. - Parlor  
Congregational Meeting to seek input for  
Associate Pastor Search Committee  
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- September 21 Regularly scheduled Family Night  
5:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall  
"Who Are The Baptists?" - Part I
- September 21 Budget Planning Committee Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- September 25 Deacons' Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Parlor
- September 26 & 27  
Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
- September 28 Wednesday Night Program  
"Who Are The Baptists?" - Part II
- September 28 Budget Planning Committee Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- October 2 Communion - World Hunger Day  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Congregational Meeting to Seek Input for  
the Associate Pastor Search Committee  
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

## Fall Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins on September 26/27. We will study the seven signs in John's Gospel.

## Extended Sessions

**September 4: Bed Babies:** M/M Jon Myers **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Josh Boyle **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

**September 11: Bed Babies:** M/M Thomas Jolly  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kyle Kepley

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Beverly Fulbright & Brenda Hipp

**September 18: Bed Babies:** M/M Greg Briggs **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Jim Skotthy **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Anna Raye Tate & Margaret Ann Maddox

**September 25: Bed Babies:** M/M Brian Lancaster

**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Zak Young **3 & 4 Year Olds:**

## September 11 Community Memorial Service

At the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on September 11 we will gather at the Courthouse Square with the other downtown churches and the City of Lexington to have a 9/11 Appreciation Service to remember the 15th Anniversary of 9/11 and to honor the Lexington Fire Department. There will be special music, a time of remembrance and a presentation of "The Fireman's Bibles" to the members of the Lexington Fire Department. The service will begin at 12:11 p.m. on 9/11. Following the Community Memorial Service the YMCA will host a chicken pie lunch at which all of our firefighters will be invited guests. Tickets for the luncheon may be purchased by contacting Ferry Lane Lowder or in the church office or at the YMCA.

## September Worship at First Baptist

**September 4 Labor Day Sunday**

**September 11 Focus on 9/11**

**September 18 Riverdale's Wheelchair Man**

**September 25 Deacon Ordination and Baptism**

## Associate Minister Search Congregational Meetings Scheduled for Input

The Associate Minister Search Committee has scheduled two congregational meetings to gain input from the congregation in what they would like to have for an Associate Minister. The meeting will be led by Dr. Jack Causey of NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Barry Sink, who led our Dream Night emphasis. The meetings will be held on **Sunday, September 18 and Sunday October 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Please make plans to attend both of these important meetings as we search for a new Associate Minister.

## South Lexington BackPack Program

Julia Dunn challenged our congregation last Sunday to respond to the heartbreaking need of hungry children in our community. Listed below are the weekly needs and the specific food items that each student will need. Please help us to provide for these children. A collection box will be located in the entry to the Fellowship Hall.

### Weekly needs for Backpack Program (50 students)

13 boxes of crackers (Lance or other brand 8 pkgs per box)

50 cans of Spaghetti O's or ravioli or beef & mac, or beans & franks, etc.

50 can of chicken noodle soup

9 boxes of Ramen Noodles (12 in a box)

25 packs of fruit cups (4 in each pack)

10 boxes of oatmeal (10 per box)

10 boxes of pop tarts (5 per box packaged by 2)

### Each student will receive each week:

2 packs of peanut butter crackers

1 can of SpaghettiO's etc.

1 can of chicken noodle soup

2 pks of Ramen Noodles

2 pudding cups

1 pkg of pop tarts

2 packs of oatmeal

## Liberty Baptist Association WMU Fall Mission Project

The WMU Liberty Baptist Association will have its WMU Fall Mission Project during the month of September. They will be assisting the Christian Activity Center in East Saint Louis and Chet Cantrell and Assistance for Flood Victims of West Virginia. Donations of goods as well as monetary donations to both groups will be appreciated. A list of the various items needed by the groups will be in the church office. All donations need to reach the Association Office at 259 Bud Kanoy Road, Thomasville, NC 27360 by September 25. Checks should be made out to the Liberty Baptist Association WMU.

## Young People Away

Help support FBC college students! The Young People Away Committee will be offering cards with a beautiful picture of the sanctuary on the front. Cards are blank inside for your personal messages and will be sold in packs of 10 for \$10.00. They would make great Christmas cards, cards for everyday or gifts! We are excited to use the proceeds to support our college student outreach. These may be purchased during Wednesday family night services or by calling the church office through October 19.

## Memorials

**Youth Fund:** *Hayden "Buddy" Thomas* by Dave & Kristi Thornhill & Family; **Chrismon Fund:** *Elsie Smith Banks* by Jo Ellen & Willie Edwards; **General Fund:** *Brenda & Chuck Bost* by Hubert & Elaine Alexander; *Sue Jackson, Kay Killbrew* by Nathan & Brenda Houser; *Kay W. Killebrew* by Randy Hall SS Class; **Building & Grounds Fund:** *Kay W. Killebrew* by Hal & Donna Routh

## Honorariums

**General Fund:** *Elaine Alexander, Betty Sink* by Jackie Inman; *The Jackson's Birthday* by Betty Sink; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Fred Belk* by G.F. Smith; **Youth Fund:** *Tommy & Sandra Wilson* by Dave & Kristi Thornhill & Family; **Endowment & Building Fund:** *Diamond Teachers of Crusaders SS Class* by Richard & Lois Perryman;

## Friends of Children

### Baptist Children's Home Saturday Workday

Make a difference in just one day. The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina will sponsor a Saturday Workday at Mills Home in Thomasville on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Projects will be available for all ages from painting to planting. You can work side by side with the BCH's boys, girls and staff. Tours of the campus will be provided. A free lunch will be available. Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Work projects will be from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Lunch starts at noon. For more information or preregister contact Alan Williams at 336-474-1277 or [awilliamsd@bchfamily.org](mailto:awilliamsd@bchfamily.org). You can also register online at [www.bchfamily.org/foc](http://www.bchfamily.org/foc).

## Thank You David Green

Our church chef/cook, David Green has tendered his resignation to the church and The Martha Best Children's Center, effective September 5, 2016. David is planning to move out of state for family concerns. We appreciate his excellent work during his time with the church and at the MBCC. We wish him and his family the Best in his future endeavors.

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,

For each and every expression of love and concern following the deaths of my sisters, a sincere thank you.

Edith Honeycutt

# Annual Church Meeting Re-Cap

During the annual church meeting on August 24, we heard the financial report, a report on the Dream Night results and plans for the future ministry of the church as well as a report from the Associate Pastor Search Committee. The Nominating Committee Report with new church leadership for 2016-2017 was presented and approved. The following changes were made to the report that had been mail to the congregation.

**Food Service Committee** - Add **Beryl Phillips** as Food Service Director and **Diane White** as Chair of Group I Food Service    **Missions Committee** - Add **Bruce Hill** to term ending in 2019    **Fellowship/Philpott** - Add Bob Tate as substitute teacher    **Children/Youth Safety Committee** - Change name Wendy Walker to Wendy Skotthy    **Rochella Baker Class** - Add Kay Albright as substitute teacher    **Ushers** - Remove **Raye Leonard** from Group II Ushers    **Joyful Singers** - Remove Phil Ryalls

The printed Nominating Committee Report for 2016-2017 that was mailed to the congregation and distributed during the Annual Church Business Meeting contained several typographical errors, incorrect listings and incorrect dates. This printing was a first draft proof from our printing company vendor. The Church Staff and I had proofread the original draft and made 99% of the corrections that were needed, which were then submitted to our printing company vendor. The printing company wrongly printed the original draft and not the corrected copy that we requested. The mistake in printing was not discovered until the report's presentation during the Annual Church Business Meeting. We are working with the printing company vendor to get the corrected copies of this report printed and made available to the congregation. We apologize for this mistake. The report should not detract from the hard work of the members of the Nominating Committee or from the willingness of our membership to serve in the leadership positions of our church.

Jim Tate

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## Wednesday Evening Family Night Schedule

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Childcare Babies	Nursery
	(Please inform the church if you need child care)	
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Children Eat First)	Fellowship Hall
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's (Grades 1st - 5th)	Room 212
	RA's	Room 226
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 206
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st Grade)	Room 206
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5)	Music Suite
	Church Fellowship /Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite

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