



First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - April 2015

Easter Morning Worship *Sunday, April 5th - 11:00 a. m. - Sanctuary*

On this Holy day we gather to celebrate resurrection. All children are invited to meet Dr. Howell in the vestibule before the worship service to receive their Alleluia Bells. We will also be celebrating with brass instruments, hand bells and other special music.

Wednesday Family Night
Church Fellowship/Bible Study
6:30 - 7:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 8 - No Family Night
Wednesday, April 15 – FaithHealth Program
Wednesday, April 22 - Business Meeting - Vote
Wednesday, April 29 - Final Family Night - Children's Music Program

Transportation Fund - New Proposal

During the Business Meeting on Wednesday, April 22, a new proposal will come to the church for a **vote**. The vote will be to rescind the purchase of a van and purchase at a cost of \$60,000 a 15 passenger "mini-bus" that requires no CDL license to operate. We will continue to use and maintain the church bus.

In anticipation of a vehicle purchase we will continue to take in funds to fully pay for the purchase. Please consider making a contribution to the Transportation Fund to defer the cost.

The current balance of the Transportation Fund is \$28,817.00.

Worship/Celebration *Dr. Ray Howell III - 25 Years of Ministry* *Sunday, April 12 - 11:00 a.m.*

We hope you can join us the Sunday after Easter when we as a church will recognize Dr. Ray Howell for his 25 years of service and ministry to First Baptist Church of Lexington. The Sanctuary choir will provide special music and the Pulpit Committee that called Ray will share reflections. Plan now to be a part of this special day!

Meetings & Events

**FBC Office and MBCC will be closed
Monday, April 6 for Easter Monday Holiday**

APRIL 2015

7th: Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	12:00 p.m.
13th: Frady/Johnson Mission Group	1:45 p.m.
Bernice Cross Mission Group	2:00 p.m.
19th: Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
26th: Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.

High School Chorus Musical Program Sunday, May 3

On Sunday, May 3, we welcome the Lexington High School Chorus under the direction of Melonie Rector. Their presence is always a blessing to our church.

Baby Dedication Service Mother's Day - Sunday, May 10

Please contact the church office if you wish to participate in the baby dedication service held as part of our Sunday Morning Worship.

Global Missions Offering

It is this 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 make your check for CBF Global Mission offering. May we give so others can serve.

Staff Appreciation

On April 15 Tommy Wilson will have completed 28 years of ministry here at First Baptist. He joined us April 15, 1987.

We are grateful to Tommy for his many years of ministry and service among us.

Membership Update

First Baptist is in the process of updating our member database. Please mail, email or call the office to give us your latest contact information. Many have switched internet and telephone carriers and some have moved. As always we are trying to keep our information as current as possible. If you have changed any contact information please keep us updated. Send to libby@fbclcx.org or 245-1261.

Extended Sessions

April 5: Paid Childcare

April 12: Bed Babies: M/M Kevin Foster

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Christy Clark & Courtney Sams

3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Hopkins

April 19: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley & Whitney Brooks

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Cory Kehl

3 & 4 Year Olds: Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz

April 26: Bed Babies: M/M Jim Skotthy

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Lee Davis

3 & 4 Year Olds: Sandra Wilson & Jack Davis

May 3: Bed Babies: M/M Richard Baxley

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Bryan Lancaster

3 & 4 Year Olds: Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser, Andy Killebrew

HELP!!! - Extended Sessions

Volunteers to assist in the nursery and preschool children classes during the worship service are needed. Please consider donating one hour of your time each quarter.

Call Brooke Williams (956-1821) or the church office if you are willing to help.

Youth Belize Mission Trip

Our Senior High Youth are preparing for this summer's mission trip to Belize. Here are some items that we will need for Bible School. Your donations of any of these items will be appreciated.

Small Bean Bags	Blind Folds/Bandanas/Scarves
Sidewalk Chalk	Jump Ropes
Water Balloons	
Plastic or Sponge Fish (4 to 6 inches)	
Deflated dodge balls, soccer balls, or nerf balls	

April 15 - FaithHealth

We have a special treat on Wednesday night, April 15. June Britt, our new Lexington FaithHealth Connector will be with us. After we meet June, our own Monette Frye will lead us in a health related focus.

Alec Rhodes is Biking for Cancer

Did you know that 175,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year? Alec Rhodes is seeking to raise \$5,000 to help fight childhood cancer through the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Your gift will help Alec reach his goal and most importantly, give hope to children. You can make a check payable to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and send to the church office.

Chrismons

Work has begun on repairs as well as making new Chrismons. We will be making new Chrismons like; music and the twelve disciples, among other Chrismons that will be used during Advent and Christmas. Our thanks to all who are working on the Chrismons. As you can imagine the cost is quite significant for the new Chrismons. If you would like to make a contribution to defray the cost or to honor someone or as a memorial please do so. Just make the gift and designate Chrismons.

Food Roundup for Baptist Children's Homes

Month of April

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina provide more than 700,000 meals to hurting children through their 19 statewide communities. The need is overwhelming and your help is needed. The annual "Food Roundup" has a goal of collecting \$350,000 in food and supplies. A complete list has been circulated to Sunday school classes and is available in the church office. Gift Cards and financial contributions are also needed. Many of the children who come to BCHNC are unchurched. The "Food Roundup" provides many nutritious meals, and it demonstrates God's love in a tangible way. The need is critical. A collection box is located in the MBCC Dining Room.

Online Giving

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.

Financial Update

Giving: \$ 41,760 January
 \$ 46,178 February

Needed: \$ 61,678 Per Month

Budget \$740,136 2015 Budget

Nominating Committee

Monday, May 4th - 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The Nominating Committee will hold its first meeting Monday, May 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any interest or would like to recommend an individual for service as a deacon or committee member please contact Ginger Hill (hillfambglj@lexcominc.net), Chair of the Nominating Committee, or Tommy Wilson (tommy@fbclex.org). Please be in prayer for the committee.

Memorials

Transportation Fund: *Harold McNeill* by Terry & Sandra Reynolds, Norma Brown, Karl & Gail Harris, Ken & Debbie Auman, Tommy & Sandye Saintsing, Grubb Holdings Co., LLC, Joe & Gail Biesecker, Bill & Shirley McAnulty, Gary & Sue Wikstrom, Jeanne Wall, Kathryn Frye, LeGrand & Dolly Skinner, Peggy Barnhardt, Johnny & Martha Owen, Brenda Hipp, Robert & Tanya Leonard, Bonnesther Harvey, Thomas & Elizabeth Hussey, Mark & Tracey Luck, Jack & Joan Briggs; *Jim Underwood* by Peggy Barnhardt, Jeanne Wall, Ann Corn, Randy & Amy Swicegood, Jewell Deal; *Billy Bowers & David McKown* by Hal & Donna Routh; *Mary Jo Shoaf* by Jeanne Wall; *Grace Cox* by Jewell Deal; **Music Ministry:** *David McKown* by LeGrand & Dolly Skinner; *Rob McGinn* by Betty Sink & Susan Bryan; *Rachel Hedrick* by Brenda Hipp; **Belize Pastor Training:** *Dennis Hipp* by Barry & Renee Sink; **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** *Myrna Martin* by Barry & Renee Sink; **Endowment Fund:** *Harold McNeill* by Rod & Phyllis Penry; *David McKown, Rob McGinn, Marjorie Blackney* by Peggy Barnhardt; **General Fund:** *Horace Conner, Bill Medford, Chad Kirkendall* by Barry & Renee Sink; *Cornelia Coble* by Brenda Hipp; **Chrismon Fund:** *Carolyn Mast* by Gary & Sue Wikstrom

Honorariums

Transportation Fund: *Ray & Joyce Howell* by Hal & Donna Routh; **Chrismon Fund:** *Minnie Banks* by Brenda Barton

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Thank You

Dear Members,

Thank you to so many for your expressions of condolence in the death of my mother, Rachel Huggine Hedrick. She was 95 years old and a life time member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church. However, when visiting our church she commented many times about your warm welcome. Thanks again for your prayers, comments, and cards.

Amy Hamrick

Winston-Salem Dash Baseball

We have three nights reserved this summer for WS Dash Baseball. The \$21 package includes admission, food and drink, and baseball cap. First Baptist will be recognized on the big screen during the game. Fireworks will follow the game. This is a fun-filled, enjoyable outing. Dates are Friday nights, May 29, July 24, and August 28. Please contact the church office to make your reservations.

2016 European Excursion

We are making plans for an exciting European trip August 17-29, 2016. This fantastic tour will begin in Switzerland and include a seven-night Viking River Cruise in Southern France. Information is available in the church office.

YARD SALE - SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM - 12 NOON FBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

*The Open Door SS Class will sponsor a yard sale to raise funds
for the children's ministry.*



Items may be dropped off beginning April 19th.

For more information contact: William or Michelle Hopkins 300-5551 or 425-9479

Senior Adult Sunday - April 19

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Luncheon

Our Senior Adults will lead the morning worship service Sunday, April 19. A luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 p.m. following the service. Lunch is free to all seniors. The menu is: Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert. Sign up sheets have been placed in the classrooms. **The last day to RSVP is Monday, April 13.**

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Columbarium

Back in late 2002 the church began construction of the Columbarium. The construction included 96 Niches and each Niche could hold up to two inurnments of ashes. We also constructed on two side panels of the Columbarium 48 spaces for a Remembrance Plaque where you can have the name or names of a loved one engraved. Our Columbarium still has plenty of niches available for purchased at a cost of \$1,500 and this includes the engraving. The Remembrance Plaque can hold one or two names and the cost is \$300. To date there have been 40 Niches sold and 14 Plaques. If you have any questions about the Columbarium or wish to make a purchase please contact Tommy at 245-1261 or tommy@fbclex.org.



Soup and Jelly

Please remember the Tomato Soup and Grape Jelly that we provide monthly for the food pantry of Crisis Ministries of Davidson County. Your donations can be dropped off in the MBCC Dining area. Thanks to LeGrand Skinner for being so faithful in delivering the soup and jelly.

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