



First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - March 2015

Family Night 2015 - March Academy

Master Gardening

Led by Doug Pearson

March 4 - The Basics of Pruning: Why, When, How

March 11 - Feng Shui in the Garden: the ancient Chinese art of perfect placement

March 18 - The Basics of Composting

March 25 - Day Lilies by Jimmy Davis

Fellowship Hall

Chrismon Repairs and making new ones

Brenda Barton and Melinda Hartley

Room 218 - Room 222 - Coffee Room

Thursday daytime class 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Virginia Flippin

Room 105

Community Healing in Lexington

Sunday, March 15 - 3:00 p.m.

Our church is joining hands with First Baptist on Village Drive to sponsor a FaithHealth event, "Community Healing in Lexington," on Sunday afternoon, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. at FBC Village Drive. We will learn how we can work together to reach the unchurched community with the Gospel through FaithHealth. We need a strong show of support from our church at the meeting.

Marching To Holy Week

Sunday School Emphasis

We will have a special focus on Sunday School during the month of March and would like to have each Sunday School class participate in "Marching to Holy Week" by building our Sunday School. The fifth Sunday in March is Palm Sunday when we "March" to the Square.

Our goal is to reach out to new and inactive members, set attendance goals, and find other ways to enrich our classes.

Meetings & Events

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

MARCH 2015

15th: Finance Committee	9:00 a.m.
16th: Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
17th: Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
22nd: Deacon's Meeting	7:00 p.m.
23rd: Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
24th: Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
30th: Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
31st: Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

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.

Noon Lenten Services

Join the community for a weekly, ecumenical time of worship each Wednesday of Lent at noon at First United Methodist Church. A light lunch of soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage will follow the service at a cost of \$5.00.

CBFNC 2015 General Assembly

March 19 - 20

Providence Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC



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Daylight Savings Time Is Coming
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead
on Sunday, March 8.

Easter Lilies

If you wish to order Easter Lilies to place in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday call the church office. The cost will be approximately \$30.00 and the last date to order is March 29.



Staff Appreciation

Paul Freeman has completed one year on March 2 as our Minister of Music and Debra Freeman has completed one year as our Administrative Music Assistant. We appreciate Paul and Debra's dedication and service to our church.

On April 1 Dr. Howell will have completed 25 years of ministry here at First Baptist. He joined us on April 1, 1990 We are grateful to Ray for his many years of ministry and service among us.

Extended Sessions

March 8: Bed Babies: M/M Thomas Jolly **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kyle Kepley **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Hipp & Beverly Fulbright

March 15: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Lambeth **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

March 22: Bed Babies: MM Greg Briggs **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Carl Wagstaff

3 & 4 Year Olds: Margaret Ann Maddox & Anna Raye Tate

March 29: Bed Babies: M/M Brian Lancaster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dave Thornhill

3 & 4 Year Olds: Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill

April 5: EASTER TBA

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.

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@fbclx.org or 245-1261.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 29

11:00 a.m. - FBC Sanctuary

We will be joining the faith community in front of the old Court House at noon for a Community Palm Sunday Celebration. Following the Celebration the YMCA will hold a lunch with proceeds going to their scholarship fund for deserving children.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

We will gather around the table and share communion.

Easter Morning Worship

Sunday, April 5 - 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.

Children's Ministry

A few weeks ago on Wednesday, February 4th, the Open Door SS Class hosted an open discussion on the Children's Ministry of the church. The Open Door Class would like to become more involved with the Children's ministries of our church. The survey below will enable us to move forward.

Children's Ministry Survey

1. Would you prefer VBS at night or during the day?
Why?
2. If VBS is held at night, could you volunteer?
3. Would you be interested in seeing our church have a structured children's church program once a month?
4. Would you be interested in helping with such a program?
5. What other ministries would you like to see with our children?

You can drop off your survey, email it or through the web site. Thanks for your interest and support. The upcoming Yard Sale will benefit our Children's Ministry.

Transportation Fund - New Proposal

On May 30 the church voted to purchase a "used" van costing \$24,000 TO \$30,000. We also anticipate trading or perhaps selling the current van. Many of the recent memorials and honorariums received have been designated for the Transportation Fund.

At 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 \$27,567.

Commitment Update

There were 117 forms returned to the church office during our recent 2015 Church Commitment focus and 89 giving units were returned with a pledge totaling \$352,414.40 for the year. Thank you for your dedication to First Baptist.

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 will be 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. Not only will the "Food Roundup" provide many nutritious meals, but it demonstrates God's love in a tangible way. The need is critical. A collection box is located in the MBCC Dining Room..

Memorials

Transportation Fund: *Jim Underwood* by Robert & Ann Cole, Hal & Donna Routh, Mary Everhart, George & Amy Chambless, Jack & Louise Michael, Don & Ann Bishop, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Frank Leonard, Robert & Ramona Phelps; *Larry Beck* by Diane White; Curtis & Barbara Leonard; *Harold McNeill* by Robert & Ann Cole, Hal & Donna Routh, Breeden Insurance Services, Jerry & Patricia Laws, Randy & Amy Swicegood, Diane White, Mary Everhart, Joan Mitchell, Robert & Hundley Lowe, Robert & Karen Pearson, Natalie Blomquist, Betty Sink & Susan Bryan Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Smith, J.B. & Betty Lopp, Dan & Frances Moore, Marlene P. IX, Rochella Baker SS Class, Don & Ann Bishop, Robin Varner & Hayes Jeweler's Employees, Jack & Louise Michael, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Doug & Alice Pearson, Richard & Lois Perryman, Peter & Kristine Leveille, Brock & Sarah McClane, Mark & Charlotte Smith, Curtis & Barbara Leonard, Bill & Jean Robinson, Stearns Financial Group, Rev. Thomas R. Smith, Mary & James Williams, George & Amy Chambless, First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Universal Packaging, Inter-Continental Group, Frank & Nancy Cagle, Richard & Vicki Baxley, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck, Harvey Dick, Fellowship/Philpott SS Class; *Grace Cox* by Jack & Louise Michael; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Cornelia Coble* by Robert & Ann Cole; *Mary Jo Shoaf* by Jackie Inman; **General Fund:** *Mary Jo Shoaf* by Don Rice, Maywood & Mary Louise Wilkerson, Mary B. McWhorter, John & Barbara McWhorter, Robert & Martha Adams; *Rob McGinn* by Jill Hayes, Robert & Martha Adams; *David McKown* by the Light Bearers SS Class;

Welcome New Members

February 15, 2015



Charles & Linda Tanner
1102 Ferndale Drive
Thomasville, NC 27360
336-202-1077

Sunday, April 5

If you would be willing to provide nursery and childcare on Sunday, April 5, please contact 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

MBCC Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the MBCC Fundraiser! With the Valentines Lunch, the theme basket silent auction, and numerous donations we raised \$7,235.00 (before expenses). This will go a long way toward supporting our program and helping the families we serve! God is good!

Touching Davidson County with Love

March 28



Our day of service for fellow citizens of Davidson County is fast approaching. Please join with other FBC members in using the talents and resources you possess to help the needy. There is a place for everyone as we undertake approximately 35 projects.

A number of FBC members are already committed to this effort. They will be building wheelchair ramps, cleaning, planting gardens, cooking, etc. Our GAs are making cards to inform the clients what TDCWL is all about. Our 3 goals are 1) to glorify God, 2) promote fellowship among Christians, and 3) to help the needy. **Please check the display in the Fellowship Hall to see what activities are available. The last day to sign up will be March 22.**

Along with the activities of March 28, we will be collecting items for local charities. DC Social Services has asked our church to collect adult backpacks containing toiletries for the homeless. These are some of the items needed. (combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, washcloths, deodorant, bottled water, tissues, cheese crackers, granola bars, mouthwash, band aids, adult socks), A new project this year is to collect reading (non-prescription) glasses for the elderly. Look for the two boxes in the Fellowship Hall display that will contain the backpacks and the glasses. **Collections are due March 25.**

Before the work begins on March 28, there will be a morning gathering at 8 a.m. in the State Street parking lot of First Methodist Church. Come enjoy the music and join in prayer that we will meet our three goals.

You can order this year's tee shirt before March 11. Wear it on the 28th to identify yourself as a TDCWL worker. Debbie Auman is again coordinating the tee shirt order for all churches. TDCWL began in our church in 2007. Please join with Christians from all over the county to make TDCWL 2015 a success!!

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