

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - May 2015

Transportation Update

The church voted during the April Business meeting to purchase a 2015 V-8 Ford Elkhart Coach mini-bus for an estimated amount of \$54,245. The order has been placed and we could see delivery of the vehicle in May. Funding for the mini-bus comes from the eventual sale of the van, gifts to the Transportation Fund and funds from the Endowment. To date we have received \$29, 578 in the Transportation Fund.

Business Meeting Update

As part of the business meeting the church received an update of the first quarter Financials. Our receipts for the month of March were \$58,979. Totals for the quarter were \$147,611. Our goal for the first quarter was \$165,317. The end of March the Endowment balance was \$1,410,313.

Columbarium

In late 2002 the church began construction of the Columbarium. The construction included 96 Niches and each Niche can 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 loved ones engraved. Our Columbarium still has several niches available for purchase 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 42 Niches and 14 Plaques sold. If you have any questions about the Columbarium or wish to make a purchase please contact Tommy at 245-1261 or tommy@fbclex.org.

Sunday School Class Room Assignments

Due to the size increase in some adult Sunday school classes and the decrease in others, there has been a reassignment of some of the classes. Below is a list of all adult classes.

Crusaders	Room 222	Fidelis-Dorcas/Ruth/ Good News	Room 106
Family Matters	Room 203	Faithful Workers	Room 218
Fellowship/Philpott	Room 104	Lightbearers	Room 204
Open Door	Room 206	Randy Hall	Room 105
Rochella Baker	Room 202	Team Coed	Room 201

Meetings & Events

**FBC Office and MBCC will be closed
Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day Holiday**

May 2015

4th: Frady/Johnson Mission Group	1:45 p.m.
Bernice Cross Mission Group	2:00 p.m.
5th: Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	12:00 p.m.
17th: Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
31st: Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.

June 2015

1st: Frady/Johnson Mission Group	1:45 p.m.
Bernice Cross Mission Group	2:00 p.m.
2nd: Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	12:00 p.m.

High School Choral Ensemble Musical Program Sunday, May 3

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

18th Annual Bible Study Field Trip

Our charter bus will be waiting in the church parking lot at 5:45 a.m. Monday, May 4, to take us to Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. We have 42 travelers.

The Fall Bible Study will begin on Monday/Tuesday, September 28 and 29.

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.

Baccalaureate Sunday June 7

High School Senior Recognition Day will be held Sunday, June 7. Please notify the church by Sunday, May 17 of family members who will graduate this spring. Graduates are asked to bring a photo to the office by May 17.

We would also like to have information of any college graduates for the June newsletter. Please have information in the church office by May 17.

Extended Sessions

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

May 10: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Frank

May 17: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

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

May 24: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander

3 & 4 Year Olds: Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall & Courtney Sams

May 31: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kevin Brown **3 A& 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

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	

CBF in support for people of Nepal

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is partnering with a network of Baptist groups from around the world to provide aid to the victims of the recent earthquake in Nepal, which has killed more than 5,000 people, injured thousands more and left the impoverished South Asia country in a state of disarray. CBF has contributed an initial \$10,000 to the Baptist relief efforts and is encouraging Cooperative Baptists and friends to support the Fellowship's response to the Nepal crisis. Gifts can be made to the [CBF Nepal Response](#).

**Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
General Assembly
June 15 - 19
Dallas, Texas**

Chrismon Academy Update

We have completed the Spring Academy to repair, restore and complete new Chrismons for 2015. Many thanks to those of you who responded and came forward to help. Most of you are still working on assigned ornaments and please work on these at your convenience. Once you have finished an ornament, place it on the table in the coffee room. Brenda and Melinda will be checking each week to update our completed list. We plan to come together again in the fall to finish up any loose ends, which includes updating our large Trinity circle.

Going forward if you need supplies or assistance with your ornament please contact us. There are also 4 remaining ornaments that have not been assigned. If you are interested in working on one of these please let us know.

Brenda Barton 247-3015 or Melinda Hartley 250-2077

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.

Touching Davidson County With Love - 2015

There were hundreds of volunteers from various churches participating in this year's TCWL. The time allowed the building of ramps, work at the Children's Home, agencies and visiting nursing homes. Close to seventy from First Baptist participated in the day as well as sharing financial resources and providing back packs, toiletries, and reading glasses. Our thanks to Judy LeCroy, Kay Albright, and Tobin Shepherd for providing leadership for TDCWL and Debbie Auman for ordering t-shirts for the participants.

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. During the coming weeks you may be contacted by a committee member regarding your participation. 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.

2015 Commitment Update

Responses received for our 2015 commitments were **112** adults and **8** children. Our total 2015 financial commitment including weekly, monthly, and yearly commitments totaled \$360,814.40. This commitment comes from the **90** giving units that responded during the emphasis.

In 2014 **259** giving units gave \$625, 540.

Memorials

Transportation Fund: *Coy Privette* by Ann Corn, Faithful Workers SS Class, Brenda Hipp, Fellowship/Philpott SS Class, Frank & Ann Greer; *Jim Underwood & Harold McNeill* by Carl Garrison; *Mildred Lopp* by Clifford & Paula Lopp, Hal & Donna Routh; *Ursula Thacker* by Hal & Donna Routh, Don & Evelyn Kepley, Silba Rae Fennell, Brenda Hipp; *Mr. & Mrs. Fred Sink* by Kelly Sink; **Music Ministry:** *Coy Privette* by Silba Rae Fennell, Betty Sink; **Youth Belize Mission Team:** *Dennis Hipp* by Brenda Hipp; **Endowment Fund:** *Coy Privette, Mildred Lopp* by Peggy Barnhardt

Honorariums

Transportation Fund: *Marylyn Hilton* by Janet Coyne, Betty F. Sink; *Ray & Joyce Howell* by Hubert & Cateen Olive, *Frank & Alice Jones Anniversary* by Betty F. Sink;

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Your many acts of kindness and love during the illness and death of our loved one has been a great source of encouragement.

Thank you so much for all your prayers, phone calls, visits and food. We especially thank those who were able to attend the memorial service. Thanks to Ray for your meaningful part in the service, and to Tommy, Ray and Coy's SS Class members for your faithful and encouraging visits.

First Baptist Church, Lexington, is truly a loving church and we thank God for it.

Betty Privette and Family

Winston-Salem Dash Baseball

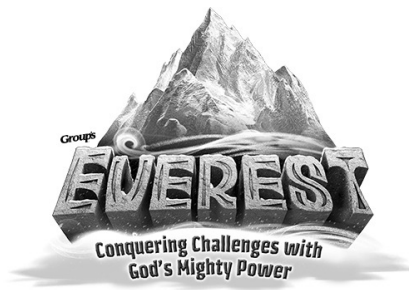
We have three nights reserved this summer for WS Dash Baseball. The \$21 package includes admission, food and drink, and baseball cap. First Baptist will be recognized on the big screen during the game. Fireworks will follow the game. This is a fun-filled, enjoyable outing. Dates are Friday nights, May 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.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7. You are invited to attend a community service at the Old Courthouse on the Square at noon on May 7.



2015 Vacation Bible School - Everest

July 19 - 23

Church Picnic/VBS Kickoff - Sunday, July 19 - 5:00 p.m.

5:15 p.m. Snack Supper - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS is being lead by the Open Door Class and a committee.

Volunteers are needed to meet the various needs. Classes for children will be from preschool to 5th. Grade.

Successful Yard Sale Benefits Children's Ministries

The Open Door Sunday School Class would like to thank everyone who was so generous with their time and contributions to make last month's Yard Sale a great success. Over \$2,600 was raised to benefit this year's Vacation Bible School (July 19-23) and other ministries of children.

Coffee Room

This September we dedicated a space and time for coffee and fellowship. With the end of April we will no longer be serving but plan to resume in the fall. Thanks for your participation. A special thanks to all who volunteered to come early and get everything ready and to clean up afterwards. We are also grateful to those who provided wonderful snacks.

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Family Night at First Baptist

Wednesday, April 29th, ended another year of Family Night here at First Baptist. Through the effort of many individuals our Family Night is always a highlight of each week. Our thanks to Sandye Saintsing and Melissa Darr for all they do to make the meals go smoothly. A special thanks to the five serving and clean-up crews. We also thank Dot Craver, Sara Vick and their assistants Sally Davis and Booty Hilton who take up money each week.

Each Wednesday evening our Missions Organizations provide mission education. We have GA's (Girls in Action), RA's (Royal Ambassadors), Acteens, and Mission Friends. We are thankful to those who provide leadership in the area of missions.

In addition to Missions many of our children participate in our Music Ministry program. The Chancel Choristers, Joyful Singers, Sanctuary Choir and Senior Adult Choir are led to develop their talents each week through the Music Ministry.

As we break for the summer months, we are indebted to all who serve us each Family Night. **Thanks to All!!!**

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