



First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - August 2015

Annual Church Business Meeting - Wednesday, August 19 *7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall*

The 2015 - 2016 Nominating Committee Report is being finalized in preparation for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. Copies will be available in the church office and will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Business items on the agenda for the Annual Meeting include:

- Approval of the Nominating Committee Report. This report contains a listing of our church leadership including the Diaconate, all Sunday School Leadership, and members of various committees and ministries who will serve during the new church year.
- A Financial update: On the General Fund for the first seven months of the year and The Endowment Fund.

Sunday School Promotion *Sunday, August 30 - 10:30 a.m.*

On Sunday, August 30, during the Sunday School Hour, all children and youth will be promoted to their new classes for the new church year. Any adults wishing to make a change are urged to do so at this time. A bell will ring when it is time to promote.



Family Night at First Baptist

Wednesday, September 16, 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Special Menu - Cost: Adults \$6.00 Children under 12 \$4.00

Make Your RSVP Permanent or Weekly

Special Entertainment

Regularly scheduled Family Nights will start Wednesday, September 23

We Have A Story To Tell

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 (245-1261) by noon Monday the week attending 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.fbclexc.org or call the information line.

Meetings & Events

August

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| 16th.: | Finance Committee Meeting | 9:00 a.m. |
| 19th.: | Annual Business Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| 23rd.: | Deacons' Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| 30th.: | Young People Away Committee | 9:00 a.m. |
| 31st.: | Frady/Johnson Annul Luncheon | 11:30 a.m. |

Contribution Statements First Six Months

Individual contribution statements are available for pick up during Sunday School and other times at the church. The hope is to eliminate the cost of postage. When you receive your statements look for any changes and or corrections. If you have any questions contact Sherri Salinas, our Financial Assistant either by phone (245-1261) or email sherri@fbclex.org.

Ministry Positions Needed

Preschool needs a substitute for its department – can contact Eryn Myers or Tommy.

Wednesday night **RA's** leadership is needed can contact Ginger Hill or Tommy.

Individuals to serve on various Wednesday night **Food Service Groups** contact Ginger Hill or Tommy.

Children's Music Ministry needs leadership for two **Children Choirs** please contact Paul Freeman.

Youth and Parents

After an amazing summer featuring Passport, Belize, Carowinds, VBS, and last-minute lunches, the youth leadership team is gearing up for what promises to be an exciting year. Included will be a Fall Retreat, another pool party, and the renewal of our youth choir program under the leadership of our own Paul and Debra Freeman!! Look for the schedule and loads of additional information coming your way over the Youth Listserv.

Belize Mission Trip

Sunday, August 2 - Wednesday, August 12

Twenty nine youth and adults will be ministering in Belize. They will be working alongside members of the Belmopan Baptist Church. They will be leading a Vacation Bible School. And will be staying at the Baptist Training Center. We pray for this joint team from First Baptist and First Methodist Churches.

Extended Sessions

August 9: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth

3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Dale Frank

August 16: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

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

Olds: M/M William Fulbright

August 23: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers &**

2 Year Olds: Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander

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

Courtney Sams

August 30: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kevin Brown

3 & 4 Year Olds: Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

Financials Update - First Six Months

Total giving to the church through June the first six months is: \$293,971. The Budget for 2015 is \$740,136. \$25,000 will be coming out of the Endowment. Thus we are behind \$50,000 plus in the first six months. The Finance Committee urges you to give. We hope to begin funding missions and some Building and Grounds projects.

Endowment has seen a record contribution that was initially given in July 2014 and was completed in June of this year. The total of the gift was \$882,807. \$11,852 was used to help with the purchase of the new mini bus. The total contribution to the Endowment to be divided equally among the four funds: Missions, Building & Grounds, Enrichment, and Unrestricted was \$870,955. We are grateful for this gift and all gifts to the Endowment. The current balance is: \$1,402,073. Gifts are invested through the Trust and only the earnings are spent. The principal of the Trust is never touched. As part of your giving to First Baptist and your long term giving commitment please consider a gift to the Endowment.

July 11 Workday

Members of the Building & Grounds and others did some much needed cleaning around the church grounds. With power washers and sprayers; walks were cleaned and bricks blasted clean.



Our thanks to the men and women who gave of their time and labors to spruce up the church grounds. THANKS!

Telephone

245-1261 First Baptist Church

#1 – Church Office

#2 – Information Line

Extensions for staff listed on the back

245-9612 Martha Best Children's Center

Thank You

Dear Church Members,.

How I miss you and the church (my family). I do thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls and encouragement and ask for continued prayer.

Craig and Robin have been so wonderful in my care. I have been blessed over and over and looking forward to getting home but not just yet.

In Christian Love, Jewell Deal

Dear FBC Members,

Thank you for your prayers and food and assistance during my recent surgery. May God Bless you!

Fondly, Mary Bell

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for all the love and support you've shown me the past few years. I have enjoyed spending the last 2 years at First Baptist, and especially getting to know everyone. I felt so privileged to participated in the Baccalaureate Service. Thank you for the Bible. I will definitely be taking it to Appalachian with me. I also plan on attending First Baptist Church in Boone next year, but I will be home to visit often.

Love Always, Victoria Fowler

Dear Friends in Christ,

We were overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from our church family after the birth of our daughter Jade. While she was in the hospital your visits, prayers, cards, and gifts were very much appreciated by our family. God has really blessed us with this precious miracle and we can't wait for everyone to finally meet her.

In Christ's Love, Carl & Katie Wagstaff

Dear Church Family,

I'd like to thank the congregation for the generous donations to the Kiwanis baskets this year. For the past three years, you've helped to make this project possible. The campers are always excited and appreciative of these baskets. Thank you again for all of your support.

Sincerely, Kacie Beck

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so very much to both the church family and the 2015 Vacation Bible School for collecting food for The Pastor's Pantry. We are so grateful for your support. Your donation of nearly 400 cans has had a wonderful impact on our program.

Summers can be a slow time for donations to the Pantry, so your food was very much needed and much appreciated.

Thank you for joining us in the fight against hunger.

Gratefully, Kristin Briggs

Memorials

Youth Ministry: *Charlie Pyle* by Hal & Donna Routh; *Betty Knight* by Kathryn Frye; **Belize Youth Fund:** *Leia Ann Temple Nichols* by Kay Kepley; **Chrismon Fund:** *Addie Mae Meacham* by Don & Ann Bishop; **Elevator Fund:** *Harold McNeill* by Fred McIntyre; *J.D. McGuinn* by Hal & Donna Routh; *Barbara Jones* by Kathryn Frye; **General Fund:** *Barbara Jones* by Ann Corn, Dorothy Craver, Joan Athay; *Betty Knight* by Hubert & Cateen Olive, Judy LeCroy; **Endowment Fund:** *Phyllis Wood* by Peggy Barnhardt

Honorariums

Elevator Fund: *Betty Sink's Birthday* by Marylyn Hilton; *Melvin Young, Sr.'s Birthday* by Betty Sink; **Audio/Video Fund:** *Richard & Betty Jane Honeycutt* by Hal & Donna Routh

Welcome New Members

July 5, 2015



Mary Evann Thornhill
Sarah Thornhill
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Lexington, NC 27292
249-2115

School Supplies

During the month of August, the WMU will collect much needed school supplies for area foster children. A collection box will be located in the children's dining area of the Martha Best Children's Center.



Winston-Salem Dash Baseball

We have reservations Friday, August 28 for WS Dash Baseball. First Baptist will be recognized on the big screen during the game. Tickets are only \$11.00 and includes hat and all food. Fireworks will follow the game. This is a fun-filled, enjoyable outing. Please contact the church office to make your reservations.

Sign up by Friday, August 14 by calling the church office.

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. You can also do a one time contribution. 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.



VBS Wrap Up 2015 - "Everest"

We had a great week sharing God's love with children at VBS. The children learned about the "Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." The Biblical Stories were: God provides for Elijah, God speaks to Elijah, God heals Naaman, Jesus dies on a cross to take away our sins and then comes back to life, and Jesus promises us an eternal home. The children rotated throughout the evening to Bible Expeditions, Glacier Games, Imagination Station, KidVid Cinema and Mountaintop Treats. Each day began with Base Camp Sing & Play and ended each night with Summit Celebration. Our offering this year was collecting canned pastas for Pastor's Pantry to benefit families around our community. **Our total offering was 374 cans of pasta.**

Thanks to our many volunteers:

- VBS Committee chaired by Kelly Mitcham
- Base Camp Sing & Play & Summit Celebration: Ray Nance Howell, Andy Killebrew, Ethan Houser, Charlie Killebrew, Luke Thornhill, Grayson Penland, Alyson Honeycutt, Tobin Shepherd
- Bible Expeditions: William Hopkins, Callie Auman
- Glacier Games: Bryan Lingerfelt, Brett Lingerfelt, Austin Sams, Harrison Fulbright
- Imagination Station: Jamie Young, Caroline Pyle, Hannah Finch, Bella Lambert
- KidVid Cinema: Kelly Lambeth, Cindy Fulbright, Myra Thacker
- Dinner & Mountaintop Treats: Joyce Howell, Linda Engstrom, Libby Davis, Donna Sink, Julie McNaught, Sally Davis
- Preschool Peak: Eryn Myers, Adriana Ortiz, Victoria Fowler, Maggie Lancaster
- Crew Leaders: Katie Ward, Kristi Thorhill, Crystal Alexander, Kriston Jolly, Catherine Pyle, Ashley Phillips, Catherine Bowers, Courtney Foster, Kim Lingerfelt, Brenda Hipp, Becky Kirkendall
- Assistant Crew Leaders: Grace Myers, Sarah Hall, Courtney Tosco, Madeline Blackwell, Drew Lingerfelt, Ethan Fulbright
- Registration: Brenda Houser, Sara Briggs, Debbie Auman
- Decorating Committee: Kelly Mitcham, Ray Nance Howell, William Hopkins, Anna Raye Tate, Adriana Ortiz, Youth.
- T-Shirts: Donated by Dave Colescott.

Thank You all for your donations of various items and gifts. We are grateful that our church is Always so generous and willing to help!

We are already looking into our VBS for next year!

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