

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - January 2016



2016 26th Annual Birthday Banquet Wednesday, February 3 - 5:45 - Fellowship Hall

Menu: Chicken Marsala, Creamed Spinach, New Potatoes, Spring Greens and Mandarin Orange Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing, Croissant, Cake/Ice Cream Children: Chicken Tenders

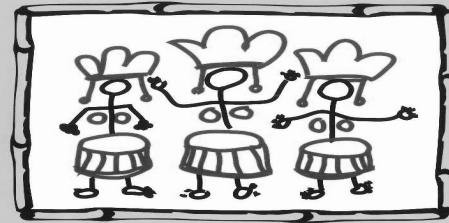
Ticket purchase is required and tickets will be available on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights and in the church office during the week through **Sunday, January 31.**

Cost: Adults: \$6.00 Under 12: \$4.00 Family Limit: \$20.00

Entertainment:

The Bahama Mamas

Steel Drum Band



Bahama Mamas
SPREAD 'N THE JOY

Family Night 2016

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 13 - MLK Program

Wednesday, January 20 - FaithHealth NC

New Chaplain - Dianne Horton

June Britt & Sue Epley

Wednesday, January 27 - Quarterly Business Meeting

Soup and Sandwich Youth Lunch and Bake Sale

Sunday, January 24

Our annual Soup and Sandwich lunch is scheduled for Sunday, January 24 following the worship service. Joyce will be making her delicious homemade vegetable soup and you will have a choice of a Conrad & Hinkle Pimento Cheese or Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich. Jane Blackerby will also be coordinating a delicious bake sale. Tickets are \$7:00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 and under with a \$25.00 family limit. All proceeds will offset the cost of Passport for our youth this summer.

Meetings & Events

**First Baptist and MBCC will be closed Monday
January 18 for MLK Holiday**

January 2016

17th: Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.
24th: Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Lunch - January Grace Episcopal Church

We are still in need of volunteers to help serve and clean up on January 24th and 31st at Grace Episcopal. The time is from 12:15 until 2:00 p.m. Call the church office if you can assist.

MLK Celebration

**Monday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.
Union Baptist Church - Lincoln Avenue**

Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study "The Exodus"

January 25 - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
January 26 - 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

2016 Bible Study Field Trip

**Historic New Bern and Bath, NC
April 25-27, 2016**

Baptists Today

Baptists Today Subscriptions are due for renewal. The price is \$20.00 for less than 25 orders. If we have 25 subscriptions the price is \$18.00 Call the church office if you wish to renew or add your name.

**Welcome New Member
November 29, 2015**



Bonnie

Harvey

**111 Wintergreen Court
Lexington, NC 27292
336-300-5023**

Extended Sessions

January 10: Bed Babies: Libby Foster & Courtney Foster
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Christy Clark & Assistant
3 & 4 Year Olds: Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck

January 17: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley & Whitney Brooks
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Cory Kehl
3 & 4 Year Olds: Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz

January 24: Bed Babies: M/M Jim Skotthy
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Lee Davis
3 & 4 Year Olds: Sandra Wilson & Anna Raye Tate

January 30: Bed Babies: M/M Richard Baxley
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Bryan Lingerfelt
3 & 4 Year Olds: Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser & Andy Killebrew

Thank You

A wonderful crew of your members arrived at my brother, Peter Harvey's home on Eastdale Drive to install a ramp! It was done quickly, professionally, and from the grace of their hearts. A recent leg amputee, my brother would have much difficulty entering his home upon return to it today without the work of these wonderful members.

Please thank you, one and all.

Sincerely, Vicky Lynott

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all you did to make the Inmate Christmas Party a wonderful event! Thank you for all the desserts - they filled my car! We were able to use every one! Our thanks for those of you who were able to volunteer at the party. The inmates really appreciated the expressions of Christmas cheer and love. They feel the separation from their families more intensely during this time of the year. Using your special gifts and abilities to share the love of Jesus for Christmas is greatly appreciated.

With love and appreciation, Newell Davis

Thank you for all the remembrances you have shared with Sandra and I at the death of my mother. She loved being a part of our church family. You made her time here special.

Tommy

Special Thanks!

Our thanks to Lane Gilliam for his repair work around the church house. Several areas needed attention and Lane repaired them. We appreciate the good work!

We are grateful to Sparky Brooks for his donation of a beautiful Aluminum Art Print. Sparky came during the Christmas Holidays and made multiple prints to produce this one of a kind print of the Sanctuary. Thank you Sparky!

Food Boxes

Thanks to your generosity we provided 60 food boxes for families for the Christmas season. Each box cost \$67.00. \$5,201.00 was given this year with expenses of \$4,010.00. We had a great group of individuals available to pack and distribute the boxes. Thanks to everyone for giving and helping and a special thanks to Peggy Barnhardt and Jim Honeycutt for their leadership.

FBC Financial Updates - Year End 2015

2015 Annual Budget:	\$740,136
December Giving:	\$133,708
Member Contributions:	\$105,701
Year End Totals:	\$710,028
Budget Shortage:	\$ 30,107

ALL NEEDED EXPENDITURES WERE PAID

All Mission Needs were fully funded

2016 Budget: \$710,981.00

Financial Statements

Year end statements will be ready in the coming days and we will try to hand them out on Sundays and Wednesday nights or they can be picked up at the office. If you have questions or concerns please contact Sherri (sheri@fbclex.org). Her hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You should have received your 2016 offering envelopes. If you wish to receive envelopes in the mail contact Sherri or the office.

Children box sets are available in the church office.

First Baptist Endowment Fund

\$1,378,296

The Endowment fund saw its largest growth to date in 2015. We are grateful for all gifts and we hope to continue to witness growth in this most important Fund. What is an Endowment exactly? An endowment is a pool of invested assets. Gifts are invested through the endowment and only the earnings are spent, never the principal. The Four Funds are: Building and Grounds, Enrichment, Missions, and Unrestricted. An endowment is a perfect way to create a lasting legacy. First Baptist remains very dependent on members to fund the Annual Operating Budget. **Due to declining giving to the financial support of our church we have used the endowment to cover costs that should be covered in the Annual Operating Budget.** Members of FBC both living and deceased have contributed to the Endowment Fund. So, you may ask...How can I continue the legacy by contributing to the Endowment Fund? Of course lifetime gifts are always welcome; although some gifts are made through a deceased member's Last Will and Testament. If you have a Will, it can be as simple as contacting your attorney and asking that a Codicil be added to benefit the Endowment Fund with some portion of your estate. Another very easy and simple way to include FBC in your estate plan is to name the Endowment Fund as beneficiary of a percentage of your life insurance, IRA, 4901(k) or annuity.

Memorials

General Fund: *Minnie Banks, Frances Wilson* by Betty F. Sink, Jim & June Honeycutt, *Frances Wilson* by Robert & Jane Hedrick, Tullia Hoover, Jackie Inman; *Jack Michael* by Faith Kirkman; *Joe Biesecker* by Fred McIntyre; *John & Virginia Gibson, Earl & Catherine Andrews* by Lee & Sarah Andrews; *Fred & Virginia Sink* by Kelly Sink; *Frances McLendon, Jim Underwood, Coy Privette, Hazel Morris, Mildred Lopp, Charlie Pyle, Jack Michael, Margaret Hodges* by Ken & Debbie Auman; *Margaret Hodges, Jan White* by J.B & Betty Lopp; Tullia Hoover, Jackie Inman; *Charlie Pyle, Bernie Harding, Betty Knight, Mary King* by Carol Stutts-Wall; *Jaybird McCrary* by Betty McCrary; *Alton Warren* by Betty F. Sink; *Mickey Brooks* by Monte Brooks; **Belize Pastor Training:** *Dennis Hipp* by Brenda Hipp; **Endowment Fund:** *Alton Warren, Scott Nelson* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Frances Wilson* by Mary Everhart, Sally Davis, Hubert & Cateen Olive; *Betty Knight* by Sally Davis; **Christmas Food Boxes:** *Margaret Hodges* by Robert & Martha Adams; **Chrismon Fund:** *Harold McNeill, Charlie Pyle* by Ken & Debbie Auman; *Minnie Banks* by Bruce & Ginger Hill; *Frances Wilson, Minnie Banks* by Barry & Rene Sink; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Bob & Marge Team, Bryant Stutts, Harold McNeill, Margaret Hodges* by Don & Margaret Strickland; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Frances Wilson* by Hal & Donna Routh; **Music Ministry:** *Phyllis Frye* by Hal & Donna Routh; **Novella Tyler Music Fund:** *Frances McLendon, Novella Tyler* by Terry & Martha Hutchins; **Elevator Fund:** *Minnie Banks* by Bill Bates & Beth Bunce, Robert & Jane Hedrick, Betty F. Sink

Honorariums

Christmas Food Boxes: *Sally Davis, Betty Privette, Ann Corn, Germaine Wagner, The Jackson* by Faithful Workers SS Class; *The Jackson, Marylyn Hilton, Herb & Newell Davis* by Hubert & Elaine Alexander; *Rod & Phyllis Penry, Doug & Alice Pearson, Ashley & Gay Whitfield, Jim & June Honeycutt, Jimmy & Sandra Snyder, Chuck & Sarah Frye* by Robert & Ann Cole; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Jean Ashley* by Jim & June Honeycutt; *Don & Ann Bishop* by Brad & Laura Owen; *Tom & Cammy Manning, Jason & Katrina Romblad, Ralph & Jean Ashley, Edgar & Belinda Thomas* by Robert & Ann Cole; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Lane Gilliam, Jimmy Davis* by Brenda Hipp; *Vinnon & Gloria Williams* by Shirley Crotts; *Jimmy Davis* by Ralph & Jean Ashley; **Music Ministry:** *Peggy Barnhardt* by Fellowship/Philpott SS Class; **General Fund:** *Barbara Kugel* by Monte Brooks; *FBC Church Family* by John & Myra Thacker; *Tommy & Sandra Wilson* by Jim & June Honeycutt, Jerry & Patricia Laws, Avon & Carol Mize, William & Cindy Fulbright; *Ray & Joyce Howell* by Paul & Jemmietta Allred, Jim & June Honeycutt, Jerry & Patricia Laws, William & Cindy Fulbright; *Ray Howell* by Jean McCrary; *Don & Ann Bishop, Gary & Sue Wikstrom, Jerry & Patricia Laws* by Hicks & Jan Beam; *Paul & Debra Freeman* by William & Cindy Fulbright; *Robert & Ann Cole, Hal & Donna Routh* by Jim & June Honeycutt; **Chrismon Fund:** *Jim & Brenda Barton* by Marylyn Hilton; *Ashley & Callie Auman* by Ken & Debbie Auman; **Undesignated Memorial Fund:** *Hubert & Cateen Olive* by Robert & Jane Hedrick

Save the Date
Saturday, April 16, 2016
Touching Davidson County
With Love



MBCC Fundraiser - Valentine Luncheon

Friday, February 12 - 12:00 - 1:00 p. m. - FBC Fellowship Hall

Ham or Turkey Sandwich, Potato or Pasta Salad, Fruit Cup, Tea and Dessert

\$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children - Tickets now on sale

Basket Silent Auction Open Sunday, February 7 thru Lunch Friday, February 12



Ministry Name Change

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has changed their name to “The Sue Brown Prayer Shawl Ministry of FBC” to honor Sue Brown. Sue established the prayer shawl ministry at First Baptist. A certificate of appreciation has been presented to Sue.

Congratulations

Noah Shepherd graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Management and a Minor in Supply Chain in the Fall ceremonies at ASU.

Christmas Joy

Mother Teresa said, “Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.” Our church has been able to do great things this Advent, because of all the small things we have been faithful to do together. We sent 66 shoeboxes through Operation Christmas Child, we adopted 125 Salvation Army Angels, and we gave 60 food boxes through our Sunday School. Our youth and parents sponsored a Christmas party for patients of Cancer Services, and many of our members helped with the Prison Ministry Christmas party. There is Christmas joy in knowing we have blessed others with God’s love. Thank you for your faithfulness.

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Wednesday Evening Family Night

Starting January 13

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 1 thru 5)	Room 212
	RA's (need leadership)	Room 202
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 226
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4 thru 1st Grade)	Room 206
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 thru 5)	Music Suite
	Church Fellowship/Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite

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