



# First Baptist Church

## Lexington, NC

**Steeple Talk - April 2016**

*Congregational Meeting*

*Wednesday, April 6*

*6:30 - 7:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall*

We will have a called Congregational Meeting to hear plans for the Interim Period that will begin on May 1.

*Quarterly Business Meeting*

*TDCWL Recap*

*First Quarter Financial Updates*

*Wednesday, April 20 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall*

*Sunday, April 24 Celebration*

*12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall*

Our church family will celebrate the ministry of Tommy and Sandra Wilson on Sunday, April 24. Following the worship service we will gather in the fellowship hall for lunch and a special program.

Tickets (\$6 Adults, \$3 Children) will be available beginning Sunday, April 3. The menu is grilled chicken on a bed of mixed greens, crescent rolls, and decorated cupcakes. The children will have pizza. Seating is limited so you are encouraged to purchase your tickets early. Tickets will be available in the church office during the week and on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Make plans to be here on April 24 to honor Tommy and Sandra for their three decades of faithful service to First Baptist Church.

# Meetings & Events

## April 2016

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.
10th: Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.

## Jr/Sr Welcome to Spring Luncheon

### Friday, April 22 - 11:30 a.m. - Tricia's Catering

The Jr/Sr's will have a luncheon at Tricia's Catering on Friday, April 22 at 11:30 a.m. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. We will need to let Tricia's know how many will attend so please let Libby know no later than Wednesday, April 20. The cost will be \$11.00 per person and you may pay in the office. Make checks payable to Tricia's Catering.

## 19th Annual Bible Study Field

### Trip

### April 25-27, 2016

### NC Heritage Tour - New Bern & Bath

Forty-seven travelers will depart from FBC Monday, April 25 at 7:30 a.m. for a memorable 3 days on heritage tour of New Bern and Bath, NC. Please be in prayer for their safe journey.

## RAs Mission

Our RA ministry has been revived and the RAs will be collecting canned tuna for Pastor's Pantry. Please bring canned tuna on Wednesday, April 6.

## Scavenger Hunt

Our youth had a very successful and exciting Scavenger Hunt Sunday, March 20. Thanks to so many of you who opened your homes. We had more homes than we were able to visit, but we collected 842 pounds of food for Pastor's Pantry. Thank you to everyone who participated.

## 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.

## Extended Sessions

**April 3: Bed Babies:** M/M Dale Lambeth

**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dave Thornhill

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill

**April 10: Bed Babies:** Libby Foster & Courtney Foster

**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Christy Clark

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck

**April 17: Bed Babies:** Savannah Kepley & Whitney Brooks

**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Cory Kehl

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz

**April 24: Bed Babies:** M/M Brian Lancaster **Toddlers & 2**

**Year Olds:** M/M Lee Davis **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Alyson Hon-eycutt & Grace Upton

## Belize Pastor Training School Closes

Thanks to all who have contributed to and prayed for the Baptist Bible School of Belize. This pastor training school began in 2006 and was the beginning of a dream Dennis Hipp had for educating pastors in Belize who had no theological training. Your monies helped fund meals and books and certificates for over 30 graduates. In addition at least 20 more attended one or more classes. These ten years of education have already had an impact in things like managing church finances and in several students becoming pastors. It also has empowered laity to substitute in the pulpit and become better Sunday School teachers and provide other leadership in the churches. The Bible School held its last classes this past May, and the final graduation was in October. It seemed it had met the needs of those who could attend training in its three weeks a year format. Thanks again for all your contributions.

**Thanks and congratulations** to Brenda Hipp who has been the lay coordinator of Belize ministry for CBFNC for the past 10 years. Brenda volunteered to continue this following Dennis' death. During this year's General Assembly at CBF, Brenda was recognized for her work and ministry these past years.



## 2016 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

### General Assembly

### 25th Year Celebration

June 20 - 24

Koury Convention Center

Greensboro, NC

## *Worship at First Baptist* *11:00 a.m.*

### **Senior Adult Sunday** **April 17**

Rev. Parker McLendon will be our worship leader and the Senior Adult Choir will provide music for this Senior Adult led service.

### **High School Choral Ensemble** **Musical Program** **Sunday, May 1**

On Sunday, May 1st, we welcome the Lexington High School Choral Ensemble under the direction of Melonie Rector. Their presence is always a blessing to our church.

### **Mother's Day - Baby Dedication Service** **Sunday, May 8**

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

### **Columbarium**

Our Columbarium still has vacant niches. Each niche can be purchased for \$1,500 and will hold up to two inurnments of ashes. We also offer space for a *Remembrance Plaque* at a cost of \$300. You can have the name or names of loved ones engraved and placed on the side of the Columbarium.

If you have any questions about the Columbarium or wish to make a purchase please contact Tommy (tommy@fbcllex.org) or 245-1261 est. 101

### **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.fbcllex.org](http://www.fbcllex.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

## *Memorials*

**General Fund:** *Betty Allred, Grace Williams* by Robert & Martha Adams; *Minnie Banks, Hayden "Buddy" Thomas* by Brenda Hipp; *Hayden "Buddy" Thomas* by Jackie Inman; *Pauline Tilley, Margie Phillips* by Betty F. Sink; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Grace Williams* by Jim & June Honeycutt; *Pauline Tilley* by Marylyn Hilton; *Clyde Cole, Grace Williams, Bill Glenn, Hayden "Buddy" Thomas* by Don & Ann Bishop; *Will Jones* by Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck; *Louise Tripp* by Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck, Hal & Donna Routh; **Designated Missions:** *Mary Catherine Rogers, Clyde Cole, Grace Williams* by Hal & Donna Routh; **Elevator Fund:** *Minnie Banks* by William & Donna Bryan; **Endowment Fund:** *Frances Wilson* by Suzy Conner; *Betty Allred, Clyde Cole, Grace Williams* by Peggy Barnhardt

## **Thank You**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of my family, I want to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and words of encouragement during Betty's illness and passing. Betty was special to not only me, but all of you as well. I would like to say a special thank you to those who prepared and served the delicious meal for our family, and those who participated in her service.

Please continue to keep our family in your prayers. Your love and kindness meant, and still means, so much to me.

With sincere love and thanks,  
Dale Allred



### **Food Roundup for Baptist Children's Homes** **Month of April**

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina provide more than 700,000 meals and snacks 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 will be located in the MBCC Children's dining area.

## Touching Davidson County with Love 2016 is April 16



Ten years ago our church instigated a community-wide effort to spread Jesus's love by combining efforts to 1) glorify God 2) help the needy and 3) foster fellowship among Christians in Davidson County. Since that time hundreds of projects have been accomplished that speak to these goals. We hope that you are planning to be a part of our efforts for 2016!

Right now project managers are forming teams of workers that will undertake projects such as constructing wheelchair ramps, cleaning yards and houses, and doing repairs. There are also opportunities for folks to engage in "soft" projects such as making blankets for the Dragonfly House, delivering food, and visiting nursing homes. Everyone can find a way to help! Project managers have already identified the projects that they will undertake, and individuals are invited to sign up by April 3. Financial donations are welcomed and need to be in by April 9.

Each year, the participating churches (14 this year) agree to collect needed items to help agencies. Our assignment for 2016 is to gather food for Pastor's Pantry:

**Canned pasta**

**Canned fruit**

**Canned peas**

**Canned tuna**

Please look for the collection box for these in the entry-way on the ground floor, near the elevator.

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will hold its first meeting in May. If you have any interest or would like to recommend an individual for service as a deacon or committee member, please contact Debbie Tate, Chair of the Nominating Committee. You can also leave a message by phone or email the church office. Please be in prayer for the committee.

Adult Sunday School classes will be asked to identify their teachers for the new year and provide that information to the committee.

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*Family Night*  
*Church Fellowship/Bible Study*  
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**Wednesday, April 13**  
**Video Clips and Discussion**

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**TDCWL Recap and Business Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 27**  
**Final Family Night**  
**Children's Music Program**

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