



# First Baptist Church

## Lexington, NC

### Steeple Talk - May 2016

#### *June 1 is "Dream Night" at FBC*

Today is a new day at First Baptist Church! We are moving forward as a congregation into uncharted waters, but we are a people of faith believing that God will lead us in our journey. Now is the time for us to look to the future and dream great dreams, for "The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams."

On Wednesday night, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will have a "Dream Night." This will be a joyful and optimistic gathering with delicious desserts to sweeten our dreams! We want you to dream of where our church can be 5 years from now - 10 years from now! As the Personnel Committee begins to form our Search Committee, our dreams will be essential as we look for a new Associate Minister. Make June 1 a priority! Dare to dream great dreams for First Baptist!



#### *Deep Sea Discovery July 25 - 29*

At Deep Sea Discovery VBS, children dive into God's presence by delving deep into His Word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way. Every child will sail away each day saying "God is with me - wherever I go! He KNOWS me, HEARS me, STRENGTHENS me, LOVES me, and SENDS me!" Hands-on service projects and sea science will help kids experience a VBS adventure like no other!

We need leaders and volunteers for Bible School! Please let Kelly Mitcham Jim Tate, or Ray know if you can help.

#### *New Office Hours and Phone Numbers*

Starting the week of May 2 First Baptist Office Hours will be as follows:

Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Church Phone numbers are as follows:

Frist Baptist Church Office 226-245-1261

Martha Best Children's Center 336-245-5612

These will be the only phone numbers in use.

# Meetings & Events

## Upcoming Church Events

- May 2 Frady/Johnson Mission Group  
1:45 p.m. - Conference Room  
Bernice Cross Mission Group  
2:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- May 3 Carolyn Phillips Mission Group  
12:00 p.m. - Yarborough's Restaurant
- May 4 Nominating Committee  
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall  
Building & Grounds Committee  
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- May 6 FBC Night at Winston-Salem Dash  
Baseball Game
- May 8 Mother's Day - Baby Dedication
- May 15 Finance Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m. - Church Parlor
- May 22 Deacons' Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Church Parlor
- May 25 Nominating Committee  
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- May 30 Memorial Day Holiday  
Church Office Closed
- June 1 Dream Night at FBC, 6:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall.
- June 5 Baccalaureate Service for High School Seniors  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- June 19 Finance Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
- June 23-26  
Youth Group Religious Liberty Trip to  
Washington, DC
- July 3 Communion at 11:00 a.m. Worship
- July 4 Holiday - Church Office Closed
- July 10 - 15  
Youth Group - Passport - Danville, VA
- July 17 Finance Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m. - Parlor
- July 25 - 29  
Vacation Bible School
- July 31 Church Picnic and Celebration of Vacation  
Bible School

## Sunday, May 1 is a Celebration of Baptism and Music

Charlotte Pyle's baptism will be celebrated on May 1. We also welcome the High School Choral Ensemble from Lexington Senior High School. This will be a great day of celebration and joy.

## Extended Sessions

- May 1: 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
- May 8: Bed Babies:** Donna Routh & Wendy Walker  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Lambeth  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Frank
- May 15: Bed Babies:** Jennifer Fuller-Allen & Brooke Williams  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Zak Young  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M William Fulbright
- May 22: Bed Babies:** M/M Nathan Houser  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall & Spencer Hall
- May 29: Bed Babies:** Jennifer Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kevin Brown  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

## High School Graduate and College Graduates

Please contact the church office with information on graduating high school seniors and college graduates. We will also need senior photos of the high school graduates. We want to give information on all our graduates in the upcoming church newsletter and the church bulletin.

## FBC Night with the Winston-Salem Dash Friday, May 6

We have all-inclusive tickets for the Winston-Salem Dash baseball game on Friday, May 6. The tickets are \$21.00 and include admission, a cap and food during the game. Fireworks are also scheduled following the game. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend.

Last date for reservations will be Monday, May 2.



2016 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
General Assembly  
25th Year Celebration  
June 20 - 24  
Koury Convention Center  
Greensboro, NC

## 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 Jim at [jtate@fbclex.org](mailto:jtate@fbclex.org) or 336-245-1261 ext. 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.fbclex.org](http://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

## To Our First Baptist Family

Sunday was amazing! The worship service was very touching and overwhelming. We felt so much love. We were truly blessed by the children, the music and all that was shared by everyone. From worship to the luncheon we rode the waves of celebration. We were amazed by the meal, the wonderful decorations and the program. We will never know just how many people and how many hours it took to make the day possible. We thank you.

Throughout these 29 years we have witnessed your love and generosity, however recently and especially Sunday, we truly experienced your graciousness. To all who shared a note or a gift, we sincerely thank you. We are humbled by all that you have done for us.

We have always given thanks to God for you. In the days ahead we will continue to remember you in our thoughts and prayers. God is good all the time! Thank you for loving us and for sharing your lives with us these past 29 years. Thanks be to God!

Tommy and Sandra Wilson

## Memorials

**Designated Missions:** *Louise Tripp, Pauline Tilley, Hayden "Buddy" Thomas, James Boswell* by Richard and Lois Perryman; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** Margie Phillips, Will Jones, Louise Tripp, Pauline Tilley; **Community Assistance:** *Pauline Tilley* by Dorothy Craver; **Media Center Fund:** *Hayden "Buddy" Thomas* by Judy LeCroy; **Endowment Fund:** *Clyde Cole, Minnie Banks, Jack Michael, Frances Wilson, Pauline Tilley, Grace Williams* by David & Julia Dunn; *Pauline Tilley, James Boswell, Margie Phillips, Louise Tripp* by Peggy Barnhardt; **General Fund:** *Helen Harman* by Kelly Sink; *Jack Michael* by Dr. Gerald Smith; **Elevator Fund:** *Minnie Banks* by Dr. Gerald Smith

## Honorariums

**Building & Grounds Fund:** *Tommy & Sandra Wilson* by Hal & Donna Routh;

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the Kind words of Sympathy, food and other acts of kindness shown my family and myself during the passing of my Brother Will. Having a Loving Church Family means the world to us.

Jim and Brenda Barton

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church,

Thank you for the many kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of our loved one, Clyde Cole. Your words of comfort, your cards, and your prayers have meant a lot to each of us. Everyone should have the support of such a loving church family at times like this, and we certainly appreciate it.

Bob, Ann, Cammy & Katrina

## Coffee Room

The Sunday morning coffee room is closed until fall. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made the coffee fellowship possible. Remember to sign up as a volunteer in September so this time of fellowship can continue.

## 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 \$76,350. Totals for the quarter were \$167,280. Our goal for the first quarter was \$177,745. The end of March the Endowment balance was \$1,430,206.

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be beginning its work to select church leadership and committee members for the up coming church year (September 2016) on May 4,2016.

We also have the Opportunities for Service List with other service possibilities by church members to help conduct the church's business.

Contact Debbie Tate at 336-472-8269 or by email at dtate@triad.rr.com if you would like to be considered for church committees or church leadership. Contact Ray or Jim through the church office for other opportunities for service.

### Jim Tate - Interim Business Administrator

We welcome Jim Tate as our Interim Business Administrator. Jim can be reached by phone at the church number, 336-245-1261, Ext. 101, by email at jtate@fbclex.org or his cell phone, 336-689-1392. Jim will be working on a part-time basis. He plans to be in the office Monday and Tuesday mornings. Wednesday afternoons and other times as needed.

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## Family Night at First Baptist

Wednesday, April 27th, 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 David Green 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!!!**

**Family nights at FBC will resume Wednesday, September 14.**

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