

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - July



Deep Sea Discovery July 25 - 29

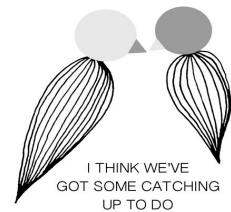
At Deep Sea Discovery VBS, children dive into God's presence by delving deep into His Word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way. Every child will sail away each day saying "God is with me - wherever I go! He KNOWS me, HEARS me, STRENGTHENS me, LOVES me, and SENDS me!" Hands-on

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.

Budget Catch-Up Sunday July 10, 2016

As we are now in the summer months, we need to remember our financial obligations. The church is currently behind on our budget and commitment efforts. We need giving of \$13,672 weekly to meet our budget of \$710,981 (annually). Through the first half of the year, we are approximately \$40,000 behind in our budget. We want to be able to meet all our obligations for our missions budget. Please plan to catch-up and give a special gift on Sunday, July 10.



Communion July 3 - 11:00 a.m.

Martha Best Children's Center Receives High Marks

The Martha Best Children's Center recently went through the state's inspection process for day care and children's centers. Our center received very high marks and a very good inspection report. MBCC was able to retain its 4 star rating which is excellent for a center of its type and size. This shows MBCC is sound and committed to the proper care of children. The staff is dedicated and well trained and care about the children entrusted to them. Congratulations to MBCC Director Jean Ashley and all of her staff for this great inspection report. We are fortunate to have one of the premier day care and child care facilities in Lexington and Davidson County. The MBCC is truly one of the great missions of our church.

Meetings & Events

Upcoming Church Events

- July 3 Communion at 11:00 a.m. Worship
July 4 Holiday - Church Office Closed
July 10 - 15 Youth Group - Passport - Danville, VA
July 13 Building & Grounds Committee
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
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
August 21 Finance Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. - Parlor
August 24 Annual Church Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
August 28 Deacons' Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
August 29 Frady/Johnson Mission Group
1:45 p.m. - Conference Room
September 6 Carolyn Phillips Mission Group
12:00 p.m. - Yarborough's Restaurant
September 14 Wednesday Family Night Resumes
Fellowship Hall
September 18 Finance Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. - Parlor
September 26 & 27
Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Contribution Statements First Six Months

Individual contribution statements are being prepared and will be available for pick up by Tuesday, July 5. When you receive your statements look for any corrections or changes. Please make an effort to pick them up in order to save on postage. If you have any questions contact Sherri Salinas, our Financial Assistant either by phone (245-1261) or email sherri@fbclex.org.

Extended Sessions

- July 3: Bed Babies:** M/M Dale Lambeth **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dave Thornhill **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill
July 10: Bed Babies: Libby & Courtney Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck
July 17: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley & Whitney Brooks **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Cory Kehl **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz
July 24: Bed Babies: M/M Jim Skotthy **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Lee Davis **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Alyson Honeycutt & Grace Upton
July 31: 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

Church Security

After a few incidents over the past several weeks, the need has arisen where we need to take a closer look at security for our church building. We have been fortunate that in these incidents, there has been no forced entry, no damages to the building or equipment or nothing missing. With the consent of the Building and Grounds Committee, a few changes were recently made to our building security. We will continue to evaluate the security needs and make changes as needed. We are looking at things both when the building is open for normal business and services as well as when the building is closed.

On weekdays, please enter the building through the doors on the Hargrave Street side of the building. Press the button near the keypad to allow entry. Stop by the church office to let a staff member know where you will be and for how long you will be in the building. Try not to use the Children's Center entrance unless there is specific business there. If you need to be in the building after normal hours, please try to notify the church office so appropriate arrangements can be made for you to use the building and ensure your safety. The safety and security of our building are paramount. Please work with us to stay safe and secure.

Search Committee for Associate Minister

Kathy Hinkle who is Chair of our Personnel Committee will serve as Chair of the Search Committee. Brannon Gilliam, our new Deacon Moderator, will serve in an ex-officio capacity.

The members of the committee are: Barbara Epley, Kristi Hall, Margaret Ann Maddox, Barry Sink, Brian Walker, and Don Watson.

A Very Successful Dream Night!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Dream Night on June 1. We had an excellent turnout with enthusiastic and optimistic dreams being shared. In subsequent follow up meetings, our church leaders have taken this information to help articulate where we are as a church and where we want to go. The results of our Dream Night meeting will be shared in the September church newsletter. As we begin our search for a new Associate Minister, these results will determine the type of minister we are seeking and the strengths that will be necessary to help us realize our dream. A very special thank-you is due to Barry Sink for facilitating these sessions for us!

Hearing Assistance Devices Available for the Sanctuary

Ever since 1985, the church has maintained a hearing assistance system to help people hear services in the sanctuary. The system consists of a small FM radio transmitter located in the vestibule desk with the sound controls, plus four “vest-pocket-sized” receiver units. Each receiver has an ear piece (some are earbuds; some are “ear speakers” that are not inserted into the ear canal), and there is also a volume control. The receivers can be used anywhere in the sanctuary. To borrow one for use in a service, just ask an usher. We have never had requests for more than four receivers at a time, although we have tried to make their availability known. If we find that more receivers are needed, we can acquire more units. There is no limit on how many receivers the transmitter can feed.

People who want their own receivers can purchase them. First Methodist Church and the Civic Center have the same type of system, operating on different channels, but the current-model receivers are multi-channel, and can be used with either system by selecting the correct channel. Please contact Richard Honeycutt if you need more information.

Memorials

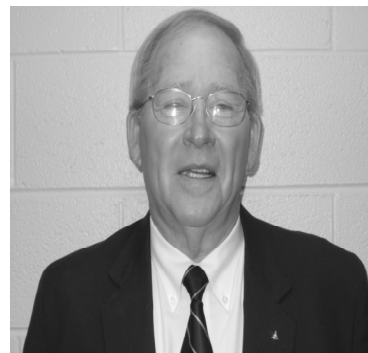
MBCC Scholarship Fund: *Myra Zidzik* by Hal & Donna Routh; **Endowment Fund:** *Myra Zikzik, Odell Story* by Peggy Barnhardt; **Kamp Kiwanis Fund:** *Myra Zidzik* by Marilyn Hilton; **General Fund:** *Hayden “Buddy” Thomas* by Patricia Masters, Roger & Susan Mayhew; *Minnie Banks, Myra Zikzik, Frances Wilson, Margaret Hodges* by Jeanne Wall; *Sam & Hazel Everhart* by Rick & Billie Everhart, Garrett & Zach Garrett; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Myra Zidzik* by Frady/Johnson Mission Group; **Building Fund:** *Myra Zidzik* by Patricia Kepley;

Honorariums

Kiwanis Baskets Fund: *Susan Bryan’s Birthday* by Marylyn Hilton;

Welcome New Members

May 15, 2016



Harvey Fulbright, Sr.
803 Nottingham Drive
Lexington, NC 27292
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May 29, 2016



David Colescott
4018 Beech Acres Lane
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
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June 19, 2016



Drew Lingerfelt
143 Fritts Farm Court
Lexington, NC 27295
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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is finishing up its work at obtaining church members for leadership positions and committee work for the upcoming 2016-2017 church year. The committee appreciates all who have agreed to serve. There are a few positions that still need to be filled before the new church year begins. Please prayerfully consider these openings and needs for service to the church. They include:

- Food Services Coordinator (Wednesday Night Meals and Special Events)
- Food Service Volunteers (for Wednesday Night Meals) - 6 people needed
- Ushers for Sunday Mornings - 2 to 3 people needed

If you are willing to serve or have suggestions for people to consider, please contact Debbie Tate at 336-472-8269 or dtate@triad.rr.com. You can also contact the church office with information.

Thank You For Service To The Church

After over 29 years of service, Sandye Saintsing is retiring from her role in coordinating meals for Wednesday Night programs and special events at the church. We are grateful for her service to make sure all of these events were successful. Not only did she help plan these events and meals, she did many small things behind the scenes to ensure things were done right. Sandye has been a valuable resource to our chefs, church staff and church members over the years. We appreciate and thank Sandye for her work, service and commitment to the church.

Vacation Bible School Needs

July 25-29, Monday through Friday

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Picnic Sunday, July 31

Needs: New Pool Noodles, Blue Plastic Tablecloths, Clear Shower Caps, Different Hues of Blue and Green Streamers

(A Supply Donation Box will be placed in the hallway near the office starting June 5.)

We would appreciate any donations for supplies.

Borrow: Scuba Diving Gear, Shipwreck, Large Anchors, Life Rings with Rope, Large Deep Sea Ocean Displays, Submarine

New: Teen Study, youth entering 6-8th grades

Adult Study, open to any adults interested

Registration: Kids entering into preschool, K/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, 6th/8th

Volunteers: Youth entering 9th grade and above, adults

Leaders: Bible, Service Projects, Kitchen, A/V

*Decorating crew needed for small and large projects, day and evening work days.

Building Supplies and Assistance: PVC Pipe Signs, Shipwreck

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