



# First Baptist Church

## Lexington, NC

### **Steeple Talk - August 2016** *Annual Church Business Meeting - Wednesday, August 24* *7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall*

The 2016-2017 Nominating Committee Report has been 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.
- An update on the Associate Pastor Search and Dream Night results.

### *Sunday School Promotion* *Sunday, August 28 - 10:30 a.m.*

On Sunday, August 28, 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 14, 5:30 p. m. - Fellowship Hall

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

Make Your RSVP Permanent or Weekly

Special Entertainment - Wildcat Mountain Boys (Bluegrass)

Regularly scheduled Family Nights will start Wednesday, September 21 - 6:30 p.m.

**Program: Who are the Baptists?**

**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 of that week 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](http://www.fbclexc.org) or call the information line.

# Meetings & Events

## Upcoming Church Events

- August 5 W-S Dash Baseball Game for Youth Group  
5:00 p.m. - FBC Parking Lot
- August 8-12 Fellowship Hall Closed  
Annual Cleaning
- August 21 Finance Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m. - Parlor
- August 24 Annual Church Business Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- August 28 Youth Activities Resume  
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall  
Deacons' Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- August 29 Frady/Johnson Mission Group  
11:30 a.m. - Tricia's Catering
- September 5 Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed
- September 6 Carolyn Phillips Mission Group  
12:00 p.m. - Yarborough's Restaurant
- September 11 Community Wide 9/11 Remembrance  
Service - Old Courthouse 12:15 p.m.
- September 14 Wednesday Family Night Resumes  
5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
(Wildcat Mountain Boys)
- September 18 Finance Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m. - Parlor
- September 21 Regularly scheduled Family Night Resumes  
5:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall  
"Who are the Baptists?" - Part I
- September 21 Budget Planning Committee Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- September 25 Deacons' Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Parlor
- September 26 & 27  
Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
- September 28 Wednesday Night Program  
"Who are the Baptists?" - Part II
- September 28 Budget Planning Committee Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

## Fall Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins on September 26/27. We will study the seven signs in John's Gospel.

## Extended Sessions

**August 7: Bed Babies:** Donna Routh & Wendy Walker  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Lambeth  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Frank

**August 14: Bed Babies:** Jen Fuller-Allen & Brooke Williams  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Zak Young  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M William Fulbright

**August 21: Bed Babies:** M/M Nathan Houser  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah & Spencer Hall

**August 28: Bed Babies:** Jen Fuller-Allen & Brooke Williams  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kevin Brown  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

## Search Committee Update

Our search committee will have an orientation led by Dr. Jack Causey on August 2. We ask our church members to faithfully pray for our committee as they seek God's will in seeking a new staff member. The committee will report to the congregation on their progress later in the fall.

## August Worship at First Baptist

Baptism will be celebrated twice in August with Drew Lingerfelt's baptism on August 7 and baptism for Luke Thornhill on August 28. Rev. Tommy Wilson is preaching on August 14 and Rev. Ray Nance Howell IV is preaching on August 21.

## Wednesday Nights at First Baptist

Our Wednesday night family night kickoff is September 14 with the Wildcat Mountain Boys Bluegrass band!

Our fall schedule includes studies on the Baptists in September and the Reformation in October. We will have our annual Fall Festival on October 26 and have a report from our Search Committee in November.



## 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.

## Financial Update - First Six Months 2016

Total giving to the church through the end of June 2016 is **\$324,161.87**. The budget for 2016 is **\$710,981.00** (which includes \$25,000 from the Endowment Fund). Our weekly giving goal is **\$13,672** per week or **\$59,249** per month. We are behind in our giving over **\$31,000** for the first half of the year. We also have been behind in meeting our giving goals during the month of July, which adds to the amount we are behind. The Finance Committee urges you to remember your financial obligation to the church and give accordingly. The church had a few rather large expenses during the period, which were not anticipated, but we were able to pay. We want to continue giving to our missions obligations. We also have some Building and Grounds expenses and projects that are pending as funding becomes available.

The Endowment Trust Fund balance as of June 30, 2016 is **\$1,426,030.63**. The interest made during the period has been modest considering current economic conditions.

Contributions to the Endowment Trust Fund are broken down in four areas: Missions, Building and Grounds, Enrichment and Unrestricted Use. At this time, the only funds taken from the endowment have been the \$25,000 to supplement the church budget. We are grateful for any gifts received for the Endowment. Giving is also encouraged to the Endowment Trust Fund. All gifts are invested to the Endowment Trust Fund and only the earnings are spent. The principal of the Endowment Trust is never touched. As part of your giving to the church, and your long term giving commitment, please consider a gift to the Endowment Trust Fund.

## Welcome New Member

July 17, 2016



Luke Thornhill  
407 West Second Avenue  
Lexington, NC 27292  
336-249-2115

## Memorials

**General Fund:** *Doris Gray, Myra Zidzik, Pauline Tilley* by Robert & Martha Adams; *Betty Allred* by Henry & Loerita Webber; **Endowment Fund:** *Myra Zidzik, Doris Gray* by Don & Ann Bishop; *Max McBride, Ruby D. Harris, Doris Gray, Sandra Reutzel* by Peggy Barnhardt; **Benevolent Fund:** *Myra Zidzik* by Silba Rae Fennell; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Sandra Reutzel* by Hal & Donna Routh

## Honorariums

**General Fund:** *Susan Bryan's Birthday* by Betty Sink; *Betty Sink's Birthday* by Marylyn Hilton; *Betty Sink, Elaine Alexander* by Kay Albright; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Lane Gilliam* by Hubert & Cateen Olive; *Melvin Young, Sr.'s 99th Birthday* by Betty Sink

## Friends of Children

### Baptist Children's Home Saturday Workday

Make a difference in just one day. The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina will sponsor a Saturday Workday at Mills Home in Thomasville on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Projects will be available for all ages from painting to planting. You can work side by side with the BCH's boys, girls and staff. Tours of the campus will be provided. A free lunch will be available. Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Work projects will be from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Lunch starts at noon. For more information or preregister contact Alan Williams at 336-474-1277 or [awilliamsd@bchfamily.org](mailto:awilliamsd@bchfamily.org). You can also register online at [www.bchfamily.org/foc](http://www.bchfamily.org/foc).

## Annual Fellowship Hall Cleaning

The Church Fellowship Hall will be closed for annual cleaning from Monday, August 8, 2016 until Friday, August 12, 2016. There should be no activity or use of the Fellowship Hall during that time. The annual cleaning of the Fellowship Hall includes stripping and waxing the floors. All furniture and fixtures will be moved out of the Fellowship Hall for the cleaning. Please pardon the inconvenience as we prepare for the upcoming church year.

## Service of Blessing - August 7

Our baptismal service on August 7 will include a time of recognition and blessing for our young people away. Students will be recognized in the service and we will share a time of prayers and blessing as they prepare for the fall semester.

## Vacation Bible School Wrap Up 2016 - Deep Sea Discovery

We had a great week sharing God's love with children at VBS. The children learned that "God is with me wherever I go! The Biblical Stories were: God **Knows** Noah's heart, God **Hears** Jonah pray, Jesus **Strengthens** Peter in the storm, Jesus **Loves** the disciples - and everyone, and God **Sends** Paul to tell His story.

The children rotated throughout the evening to S.S. Discovery, Curiosity Cavern and Pelican Pier. Each day began with dinner followed by Music and Skits at Celebration Reef, and ended each night with snacks and more music at Celebration Reef.

Part of our offering this year was collecting **Cans of Tuna** for Pastor's Pantry to benefit less fortunate families in our community.

Thanks to our many volunteers:

VBS committee chaired by Kelly Mitcham Publicity: Margaret Ann Maddox Audio Visual: Jim and Richard Honeycutt Celebration Reef Opening & Closing: Ray Nance Howell

S.S. Discovery Bible Stories: Alyson Honeycutt and Phil Mickey

Pelican Pier Games: Anna Raye Tate, Bryan Lingerfelt, Brett Lingerfelt, and Drew Lingerfelt

Curiosity Cavern Crafts & Science: Jamie Young, Margaret Ann Maddox, and Catherine Pyle

Dinner: David Green Photography: Tobin Shepherd

Pelican Pier Snacks: Joyce Howell, Libby Davis, Lisa Michael, Ruth Mitcham, and Brenda Sprinkle

Tide Pool Playland: Eryn Myers, Gwinnie Smith, Ellen Smith, and Kelly Wright

Crew Leaders: Kriston Jolly, Adriana Ortiz, Cindy Fulbright, Kim Lingerfelt, Courtney Foster, Crystal Alexander, Donna Sink, Julia Dunn, Ray Nance Howell, William Hopkins, Kacie & Charlotte Beck.

All Assistant Crew Leaders and Assistant Site Leaders Registration: Sharon Mickey and Carol Frank

Decorating: Jennifer Boyle, Brooke Williams, Kathy Hinkle, Brenda Sprinkle, Debbie Auman, Lisa Michael, Cindy Fulbright, Catherine Pyle, Lyn Lambros, Kelly Wright, Crystal Alexander, Ellen Smith, Sharon & Phil Mickey, Kelly Lambeth, Anna Raye Tate, Jamie Young, and Libby Davis

Adult Bible Study Leaders:: Debbie Auman and Beverly Fulbright

Thank you for all your donations of various items and gifts. We are grateful that our church is always so generous.

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### FBC Youth Night at the WS Dash, Friday, August 5

All youth and their families are invited to our final youth night of the season on Friday, August 5. All-inclusive tickets are only \$10.00. Contact the church office or see Ray to make your reservation.

### Future Youth Activities

There will be a Youth Kickoff Party/Lake Day on Saturday, August 27 at the home of Dale and Carol Frank. FBC Youth activities will return on Sunday, August 28.

On Sunday, August 14, immediately following worship service there will be Youth/Parent Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

### Passport 2019

The BAM (Baptist and Methodist) Youth of Lexington had an amazing week at Passport on the campus of Averett University in Danville, VA. Next year's Passport will be July 10-15, 2017, on the campus of Furman University in Greenville, SC. Enrollment will begin in September.

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