



First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - November 2016

2017 Proposed Budget Presentation

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

6:30pm – Fellowship Hall

\$718,093 Proposed Budget

*A copy of the budget has been mailed to all church members.
Additional copies are available in the church office.*

November 2016 and December 2016

Wednesday Night Programs

6:30 - 7:15 p.m

November 2 – 2017 Proposed Budget Presentation

November 9 – NC Baptist Children's Home Presentation

*November 16 – Search Committee Update
"Man In A Hurry" - An Andy Griffith Study*

*November 23 – No Wednesday Night Activities
(Thanksgiving Week)*

*December 7 – Children's Choir's Presentation
(Last Wednesday Night of the Fall)*

Sanctuary Poinsettias

If you wish to order a poinsettia as an honorarium or memorial for Christmas to be used in the Sanctuary, please call the church office. In order to get them for the start of the Advent season, they need to be ordered no later than November 23. The price will be \$30.00. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27.

Meetings & Events

Upcoming Church Events

- November 1 Carolyn Phillips Mission Group
12:00 p.m. - Yarborough's Restaurant
- November 2 2017 Proposed Budget Presentation
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Fall back one hour.
All Saints Sunday—11:00am—Sanctuary
- November 7 Frady/Johnson Mission Group
1:45 p.m. - Conference Room
- November 10 Jr./Sr. Group Trip
Southern Christmas Show Charlotte
- November 13 Veterans Emphasis During Worship
11:00am—Sanctuary
- November 15 Dream Teams Orientation Meeting
7:00pm—Fellowship Hall
- November 20 Thanksgiving Emphasis During Worship
11:00—Sanctuary
Finance Committee Meeting
9:00am - Parlor
Deacons Meeting
7:00am—Parlor
- November 20-23 Church Open for Christmas Decoration
- November 23 No Wednesday Night Meal or Program
- November 24 & 25 Church Office Closed
Thanksgiving Holidays
- November 27 First Sunday of Advent
- November 29 Operation Christmas Child Work Project
Charlotte - Group Leaves at 11:00am
- November 30 Business Meeting for Budget Proposal
Approval 6:30pm—Fellowship Hall
- December 3 "Welcome to December" Concert
Lexington Choral Society
5:30pm—Sanctuary

Martha Best Children's Center Christmas Fundraiser

Ho, Ho, Ho !Christmas will be here before you know it. MBCC is having a fundraiser that will make someone's Christmas very special. We have filled 4 stockings with wonderful goodies: there's one for a boy, girl, gentleman and lady. We will be selling raffle tickets for each stocking beginning Wed. 11/9 through 12/14. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. All proceeds will go towards providing extraordinary care for the children of MBCC!! Thanks for your continued support!

Birthday Party For Jesus

The Birthday Party for Jesus will be celebrated on December 4, 2016 at 11:00am in the MBCC dining room. The event will take place during the 11:00am worship service. The children will also participate during the Children's Time in the regular worship service.

Extended Sessions

November 6: Bed Babies: Donna Routh, Wendy Walker
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Dale Frank

November 13: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Zac Young
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Fulbright

November 20: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander
3 & 4 Year Olds: Brenda Sprinkle & Sarah Hall & Spence Hall

November 27: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Elizabeth & Brian Lancaster
3 & 4 Year Olds: Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham



Operation Christmas Child

November 16

Our church has participated in the Christmas Shoe Box collection since it began in 1993. When it first started we collected 200 plus boxes, but numbers have steadily declined in recent years, down to about 65 last year. We can do better than that! This year we want everyone to pack a shoe box (from the youngest to the oldest senior adult) boys, girls, men, and women. If you have physical limitations and are unable to shop, contact Barbara Epley at 336-249-1331 and she will shop for you, bring the box to you, and help you pack it. We need your help to collect the most shoe boxes ever! Christmas Child. Determine whether you wish to sponsor a boy or girl and choose the age group. Simply pack items that are age appropriate in a shoe box, include a \$7.00 check payable to Samaritan's Purse (covers shipping and handling). Attach a brochure, available in the church office or the Fellowship Hall. The final day for us to these in is Wednesday, November 16. Pick up your box today and start shopping.

Operation Christmas Child Workday - November 29

Once again a group from our church will journey to Charlotte to help sort and package the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This effort has proven over the years to be a valid way to begin the Christmas season for many. Our workday is **Tuesday, November 29**. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 and work at the center from 1:00 - 5:00. Doug Pearson will again be our driver. After work, we will have dinner at a Charlotte restaurant and return to the church about 8:00. If you want to be on our team, please contact Judy LeCroy jlecroy@triad.rr.com or 336-249-3766) no later than November 21.

Salvation Army Christmas Angels

Our goal is to adopt 125 "Christmas Angels" for the Salvation Army. We hope to have the angels ready by Sunday, November 20. We can bless the lives of the children of Davidson County by adopting a "Christmas Angel."

FBC Tomorrow - "Dream Teams" Orientation

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – 7:00pm – Fellowship Hall

On Tuesday evening, November 15, we will take the next exciting step in our "Dream" journey. At 7:00pm in the fellowship hall, there will be an initial session of introduction and orientation for the four new ministry "Dream Teams" noted below. We invite and encourage anyone interested in participating to join us and be a part of this exciting journey. Come prepared for a creative session that will begin the quest for each of these teams as we work together to build a new, dynamic future for our church.

Please note that the e-mail address in the October *Steepletalk* was incorrect. If you attempted to follow up on the October announcement, please accept apologies as your e-mail was not received. The correct e-mail address is barry.sink@triad.twcbc.com. We encourage anyone interested in being involved with any of these teams to come out on the 15th and join the adventure. In particular, we would love to have our youth involved as your input and voice is extremely important to this journey. Questions - Contact the e-mail above or call the church office.

Missional Leadership Team - Redefining "Mission" to a personal and local level.

Worship Enrichment Team - Making enhancements to the worship service experience.

Technology Team - Review and expand technology applications for our church.

WOW (Win Over the World) for Jesus Team - This will be a fun, creative team that will propose fellowship-oriented, multi-generational experiences and events.

Church Office Contact By E-mail & Phone

If you need to send email to the church office, please direct it to the email address fbcclexington@fbcclex.org. Staff members will monitor email coming to this address. You can also leave messages on the voice mail when you dial 336-245-1261, Ext. 102. Individual email addresses for staff members are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

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Memorials

General Fund: *Linda Barnhardt and Anny Bowyer* by Hal & Donna Routh; *Grace Chambless and Kathleen Mosley* by George and Amy Mosley Chambless; *Harold Bowen* by Betty Sink, Carl Garrison, Marylyn Hilton and Jim & June Honeycutt; *Horace Conner* by Anonymous; *Betsy Wall Medford* by Marylyn Hilton, Sim & Marie Siceloff, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Charles & Ellamay Cash, Claudia Philpott, William & Ann McMurray, Jim & June Honeycutt, Frank Leonard, Jerry & Patricia Laws, Robert Oates, Becky Poetzing, David & Vicki Clarkson, Betty Sink, and Carl Garrison; **Buster Willis** by Beverly McKinney, Rita Koontz, Bill & Freda Willis Beaver, don & Wanda Hastings, Max & Nancy Huntley, James & Joyce Carpenter and The Cason Group Inc.

Youth Designated Fund: *Harold Bowen* by Kathryn Frye
Building & Grounds: *Harold Bowen, Buster Willis, Betsy Wall Medford* by Hal & Donna Routh

Endowment Fund: *Harrill Hamrick and Sonja Jones by Peggy Barnhardt; Harold Bowen* by Don & Ann Bishop, John Reid, Doris Greer Frye, James & Carole Pickett, W, Harold & Rachel Cox, Anonymous Donor and Bert & Carol May; *Betsy Wall Medford Margaret Botsch and Sue Jackson* by Don and Ann Bishop

Honorariums

General Fund: *Marylyn Hilton & Sally Davis* by Dorothy "Dot" Craver, *Dave Colescott* by Barry & Renee Sink; *Will, Chelsea & Levi Tate* by Betty Sink

Thank You

Thank you church family for the prayers, cards and food during Harold Bowen's recent passing. Harold truly loved First Baptist Church and his many friends. He especially loved children and was always ready to help when needed. Thank you for the faithful visits to see him at Alston Brook during his 8 years as a resident. The family appreciates your love and support. Freddie and Betty McMahan

Dear First Baptist Family,
I am so grateful for your outpouring of love and concern for our children at South Lexington and South Lexington Developmental Center. Your gifts of food items and monetary donations are making such a difference in the lives of our students with food insecurity. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. As was out in the trailer that serves as our food pantry this morning pulling food items to pack food bags, I reflected on how faithful God is to provide for all our needs. His love is demonstrated so beautifully through the actions of our church and others who seek to serve the "least of these" in our community. On behalf of our staffs and students, thank you!
With gratitude,
Julia Dunn

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Family,

We want to thank Ray and each of you who so kindly remembered both of us in the loss of our brother and sister. Thank you for the words, cards and prayer.

With love,

Wake and Amy Hamrick

Pennies from Heaven

The 14th Annual campaign for “Pennies From Heaven” is underway through early December. Donations are for the direct financial support of The Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. The collection jug will be located in the church office during the week and Sunday mornings and the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights.

Christmas Food Boxes

It is the time again for Sunday School Mission Project – Food Boxes At Christmas for the needy in our community. Last year we prepared 60 boxes at a cost of \$75.00 to \$80.00 per box. Please give as you are able. All checks should be made to First Baptist Church. December 7 is the deadline for all contributions. The boxes will be delivered on Wednesday, December 14. Contact Peggy Barnhardt or the church office if you wish to help box items or deliver boxes.

Global Missions Offering

This the 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 mark your check for CBF Global Mission Offering. May we give so others can serve.

CHRISTMAS GOODIES AND DESSERT NEEDED!

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

2:00pm – 4:00pm

WHO: For the inmates and staff of the men’s prison on Raleigh Road for the annual Christmas Party. **WHAT:** Any home-baked desserts such as cakes, pies, and cookies. You may also buy desserts. Even doughnuts, Little Debbie Products and sugar-free desserts can be used. No fresh fruit or raisins. **WHERE:** Bring goodies to the rear entrance of the prison. From the Raleigh Road view, drive into the parking lot on the right , then proceed to the back of the prison where the entrance to the Dining Hall is located. Or you can bring your items to the home of Newell Davis. **HOW MUCH:** There are 258 men. Generous quantities are appreciate. Thank you so much for helping with this project. If you would like to serve or participate in the party in any capacity, or for more information, you may call Newell Davis at 336-248-5831.

The Charles & Julia England Foundation

The Charles and Julia England Foundation, Inc., and the “Be Somebody” Fund will have a celebration dinner on Thursday, November 3, 2016. The dinner celebrates the contributions and commitment that The England’s had for the Lexington City Schools and the community. The Foundation is also seeking donations to support the grants that are used for creative learning projects. Go to www,besomebodyfund.com for more information.

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