



First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - October 2016

World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 2 - 11:00 a.m.



Senior Adult Luncheon
October 9 - 12:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

We will have Brunswick Stew prepared by Paul and Debra Freeman with cornbread and desserts. The deadline to make reservations is Wednesday, October 5.

If you would be willing to bring a dessert or furnish cornbread, please let the church office know by Wednesday, October 5.



First Baptist Church Fall Carnival

Wednesday, October, 26

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Menu: Chili & Beans, Cole Slaw, Salad Bar, Cornbread, Dessert

Children: Dress in your favorite non-scary costumes. Following the costume parade, the youth will lead us in games and a hay ride and **lots of candy.** **Fun for All!** **“We need candy”**

Adults: BINGO - Come and play bingo and win a prize!

Wednesday Night Academy

October 5, 12, and 19

6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

The Reformation - Instructor Ashley Whitfield - Fellowship Hall

Where is God in Mental Illness? - Dr. Beverly Fulbright - Parlor

Chrismon Ministry - Room 212 - Second Floor

Sue Brown Knitting Ministry - Room 105 - Randy Hall SS Classroom

Meetings & Events

Upcoming Church Events

- October 2 Associate Minister Search Committee/
Personnel Committee
8:30 a.m. - Chapel
Communion - World Hunger Day
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- October 3 Frady/Johnson Mission Group
1:45 p.m. - Conference Room
- October 4 Carolyn Phillips Mission Group
12:00 p.m. - Yarborough's Restaurant
- October 5 FBC Academy
6:30 p.m. - Various Locations
Budget Planning Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- October 9 Senior Adult Luncheon
12:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- October 12 FBC Academy
6:30 p.m. - Various Locations
Budget Planning Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- October 16 9:00 a.m. - Parlor
Finance Committee Meeting
- October 19 FBC Academy
6:30 p.m. - Various Locations
- October 22 BBQ Festival Fundraiser - Youth
6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Church Parking
- October 23 7:00 p.m. - Parlor
Deacons' Meeting
- October 26 Fall Festival Celebration
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- October 30 Reformation Sunday - Wear Red
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- November 2 Congregational Meeting
2017 Budget Proposal Discussion
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Chrismon Display

The Chrismon Committee has been hard at work, getting ready for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season.

Advent starts this year on November 27. They have been making new Chrismons for the tree that will be in our Sanctuary. They also have been repairing some of our older Chrismons that will also be used for the tree. Examples of their work are now displayed outside the Media Center in the display case. The Chrismon Committee will be holding classes on how to make and repair them during the FBC Academy on the first three Wednesday nights in October. Take a moment to stop by and see the beautiful Chrismons that are on display. Thank you to the Chrismon Committee for all your work.

Extended Sessions

October 2: Bed Babies: M/M Dale Lambeth **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dave Thornhill 3 & 4 Year Olds: Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill

October 9: Bed Babies: Libby & Courtney Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Christy Clark 3 & 4 Year Olds: Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck

October 16: Bed Babies: Savannah & Whitney Brooks **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Cory Kehl 3 & 4 Year Olds: Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz

October 23: Bed Babies: M/M Jim Skotthy **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Lee Davis 3 & 4 Year Olds: Alyson Honeycutt & Grace Upton

October 30: 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



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! We have ordered shoe boxes from Operation Christmas Child. They are now available for pickup. 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 jlcroy@triad.rr.com or 336-249-3766) no later than November 21.

South Lexington BackPack Program

Julia Dunn has challenged our congregation to respond to the heartbreaking need of hungry children in our community. Listed below are the weekly needs and the specific food items that each student will need. Please help us to provide for these children. A collection box will be located in the entry to the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly needs for Backpack Program (50 students)

50 cans of Spaghetti O's or ravioli or beef & mac, or beans & franks, etc.

50 can of chicken noodle soup

9 boxes of Ramen Noodles (12 in a box)

25 packs of fruit cups (4 in each pack)

10 boxes of oatmeal (10 per box)

10 boxes of pop tarts (5 per box packaged by 2)

Each student will receive each week:

2 packs of peanut butter crackers

1 can of SpaghettiO's etc.

1 can of chicken noodle soup

2 pks of Ramen Noodles

2 pudding cups

1 pkg of pop tarts

2 packs of oatmeal

Good News From South Lexington

Hearing about food insecurity among young and disabled children prompted a benefactor to action. They contacted the CEO of Lance, Inc. to discuss what can be done to address childhood hunger at South Lexington. This benefactor along with Lance, will be providing Lance Peanut Butter Crackers for the 2016/2017 school year. In response to this generous donation, South Lexington, in partnership with this benefactor and the Lance Corporation, has established the Horace Conner Lance Cracker Memorial Fund. This benefactor hopes each of us will be motivated to do what we can to combat childhood hunger in our community. Please consider a monetary donation to the Backpack Program at South Lexington School or shop when you are able for any of the other items needed. This school year our need for Lance Peanut Butter crackers is taken care of. God is indeed good and faithful to provide!

Coffee Room

The Morning Coffee Room before Sunday School is now open for the fall season. It will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on the second floor near the elevator lobby. Stop by on your way to Sunday School for a time of fellowship and a cup of coffee. We are also looking for volunteers to help prepare and host this event each Sunday morning. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Coffee Room if you would like to volunteer.

Memorials

Endowment Fund: Sue Jackson, Kay Killebrew, Wilma Byerley, David Watson, Michael McLendon by Peggy Barnhardt;

General Fund: Cloyd, Francis, Robert, Rachel, Hubert, Grace, Alvin, Helen Philpott by The Philpott Foundation Inc.

Honorarium

General Fund: Jackie Sink's Birthday, Billy & Susan Bryan's Anniversary, Dr. Ray & Mrs. Joyce Howell by Betty Sink

Thank You

To Our Church Family,

On behalf of the boys and girls who attended summer camp at Kamp Kiwanis, thank you for the donations to provide them care baskets. Because of your generosity, 115 boys and girls took home baskets loaded with toiletries and nutritious snacks. With your continued support we hope to provide these basket for years to come.

Sincerely,

Kacie and Charlotte Beck

To My Church Family,

I want to express a heartfelt thank you for the prayers, cards, and get well wishes I received from my fellow church members following my recent heart surgery. Newell and I will be forever grateful for your love and support.

Herb Davis

BBQ Festival Parking

Saturday, October 22

The FBC Youth will again be parking cars in the FBC parking lot as one of their fundraisers. Please support our youth for this important event.

New Church Cook

We are pleased to welcome Barbara Potter to First Baptist Church as our new church cook for Wednesday Night Meals and special events. Barbara comes to us with a wealth of experience in preparing meals for church groups. She has previously worked at First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem as their chef and events coordinator as well as for two catering companies in Winston-Salem. Barbara received training at Guilford Technical Community College in their Culinary Arts program. She is a resident of northern Davidson County. She also serves as the manager of the Lexington Farmer's Market in the Depot District of Uptown Lexington. Her first night with us will be Wednesday, October 12.

FBC Tomorrow - Update

Interim "DREAMS" Report

Throughout the month of September, FBC Tomorrow leadership has been working on the initial development of our four new exciting ministry teams. We have met with Terry Hamrick, author of Leadership In Constant Change, Embracing A New Missional Reality. This book will be serving as the focus for our Missional Leadership Team. There have been preliminary visits to benchmark churches to explore best practices that could be used in many areas at First Baptist Lexington. Much is happening!

Current plans are to begin orientation and implementation of the four teams in October. If you have not signed up for one of these teams, we encourage you to do so and be a part of this exciting journey. To join a team, contact the church office or email barrysink@triad.twcbc.com. The complete interim "DREAMS" Report is available on line at <http://fbclcx.org/business/dreams-report/>. Come and join the adventure.

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.

Emotion Freedom Techniques Opportunity

Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) is a simple, easy-to-learn means to clear negative emotions. Most people deal with overwhelm, grief, anger, and other emotions on a regular basis. FBC has offered EFT classes in the past. For members who want to learn or continue practicing this technique, commonly called "Tapping," we are planning a monthly tapping session. The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 18, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the parlor. Everyone is welcome. No prior EFT knowledge is necessary. For further information, contact Betty Jane Honeycutt at 336-249-3526.

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Financial Update

Contributions to the church for the month of August and September were below our expected giving goals for the 2016 budget. Our income for these two months was approximately \$97,000. That leaves us approximately \$200,000 short of our expected budget contribution goals for the year thus far. Our expenses, overall, are very close to our income level.. **We have already been able to fund all of the local missions in our 2016 budget.** We hope to start some of our Building and Grounds projects this fall as the cash flow becomes available. Work has already begun on the preparation of our 2017 budget. Our Endowment balance as of August 31, 2016 is \$1,502,566. The endowment still shows steady growth and is in stable investments. Please remember your financial obligations to the church as we move into the fall and winter months.

Staff Appreciation

On October 10th, Jean Ashley, Director of the Martha Best Children's Center, will have completed 33 years of service to First Baptist Church.

We thank Jean for all these years and we are truly grateful for her dedication to First Baptist Church, the children and her service to our community.

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