



First Baptist Church  
Lexington, NC

# STEEPLE TALK JULY 2017



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 10-14**

Calling all heroes, calling all heroes...Registration is now open. Kids VBS ages 3 – through 8th grade, Adult Study and Volunteers

“Discover Your Strength In GOD!” Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Register on line at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/FBCLEX> or call Kelly Mitcham – 336-596-6581. Get ready for an action packed 5-day Superhero Training Camp where kids experience awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover their strength in God! HERO CENTRAL prepares kids to DO GOOD, SEEK PEACE and GO AFTER IT!

Preparations and decorating for Bible School will be held July 1, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and July 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clean-up day will be July 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Let Kelly know at the number listed above if you can help out. Everyone is welcome to help.

## **SEPTEMBER 13 – WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF**

Our Wednesday night fall session begins on September 13 with delicious BBQ Chicken from Tommy Poag. We are excited to announce that multi-talented instrumentalist and vocalist Matthew Weaver along with legendary guitarist Clay Lunsford have agreed to come and perform for our event! You will not want to miss this evening of great fun, fellowship and award-winning entertainment.

Beginning in September, our Wednesday night meals will be catered. We will have a new reservation system to make our meals more efficient. One of our biggest challenges is people who make reservations, but do not come to the meal. We will be asking everyone to be more diligent in honoring reservations and cancelling in the event you cannot attend.

## MEAGAN SMITH BEGINS HER MINISTRY WITH US ON JULY 9



Meagan Smith, our new Associate Minister, will begin her ministry with us on Sunday, July 9. We will also celebrate Communion. Our annual church picnic will follow the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

## MISSIONFEST BACK TO SCHOOL BASH SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Save the date as First Baptist will be sponsoring Missionfest. This will be a fun and meaningful afternoon of music, activities and opportunities for our community members to have fun and learn about our community and mission partners. This will be a parking lot block party outreach that will invite our neighbors to come and experience the excitement and fellowship of our church.

We need your help. Through the summer, we will be collecting school supplies in the Fellowship Hall lobby and Church Office to provide to the children. We will need folks to bake cookies, grill hot dogs, set up, take down, etc. How can your Sunday School class help? How can you help? More details will follow over the summer. For more information, contact Barry Sink at [barry@oldelexington.com](mailto:barry@oldelexington.com).

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS JULY 2017

July 4 July 4 Holiday – Church Office Closed  
July 9 Meagan Smith's First Sunday  
and Communion  
July 9 Church Picnic  
July 10–14 Vacation Bible School  
July 16 Finance Committee Meeting in  
Parlor at 9:00 a.m.  
July 17–21 Youth at Passport  
July 30 Young People Away "Service  
of Blessing" and Meal

## EXTENDED SESSIONS

**July 2: Bed Babies** - M/M Dale Lambeth,  
**Toddlers/2 Year-Olds** – M/M Dave Thornhill, **3 & 4 Year- Olds** - Tina Wall, Lily Thornhill  
**July 9: Bed Babies** – Libby Foster, Courtney Foster, **Toddlers/2 Year-Olds** – M/M Kyle Kepley, **3 & 4 Year-Olds** – Anna Phillips, Kacie Beck  
**July 16: Bed Babies** – Jen Fuller Allen, Brooke Williams, **Toddlers/2 Year-Olds** – M/M Corey Kehl, **3 & 4 Year-Olds** – Catherine Pyle, Adriana Ortiz  
**July 23: Bed Babies** – M/M Jim Skotthy, **Toddlers/2 Year-Olds** – M/M Lee Davis, **3 & 4 Year-Olds** – Alyson Honeycutt, Grace Upton  
**July 30: Bed Babies** – M/M Richard Baxley, **Toddler/2 Year-Olds**: M/M Bryan Lingerfelt, **3 & 4 Year-Olds**: Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser, Andy Killebrew

## NEW BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR

We welcome Jim Skotthy as our new part-time Business Administrator. Jim was recommended for the position by the Personnel Committee and approved by the Deacons. He brings a wealth of experience in administration and finances to us. Jim started as Business Administrator on June 26 and will announce office hours soon. Our thanks go to Phil Mickey and Jim Tate who served as interim administrators during the past year.

## A COLLECTION FOR THE CHILDREN

Our summer mission project is collecting school supplies for local children who live in poverty and for the foster children of Davidson County. Almost 32 percent of the children in the City of Lexington and 21 percent of the children in Davidson County live in poverty – a total of almost 14,000 children! We want to help these children get ready for the new school year by providing book bags and school supplies. Our church goal is 500 book bags full of supplies. We will distribute the supplies before school begins as a prelude to our Missionfest on September 10. You may elect to make a financial contribution or shop yourself for the needed items. They are: *regular size quality book bags, 3 ring binders with individual subject dividers, ruled composition books, wide-college ruled notebook paper, No. 2 pencils, glue sticks, crayons (24 count) washable markers, colored pencils and flat pencil pouches.*

## COLLEGE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED JULY 30

The Young People Away Committee will sponsor a “Service of Blessing” to recognize all of our college students on Sunday, July 30. A meal will follow the service at Tricia’s Catering at a cost of \$14.00. There is no charge for our college students. Please contact the church office or a member of the YPA Committee to make a reservation.

## 2018 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join us on a life-changing Holy Land pilgrimage February 22–March 4, 2018. Detailed information is available in the church office.

## MEMORIALS

### General Fund:

**Margaret Brown** by Ann Corn, Betty Sink, Faithful Workers Sunday School Class, Bill & Wendy Fox, Frank & Patricia Mills, Hubert & Cateen Olive, George and Frances Andreas, Lou & Geneva Williams, Greg & Carolyn Hicks, Mark, Rob, Krista and Caroline Monroe, Terry, Corbin, Amy & Abby Smith & Robert Hedrick

**Ann Morgan** by Tulia Hoover and Herb & Newell Davis

### Endowment Fund:

**Margaret Brown** by Kathryn Frye, Don & Ann Bishop, Lois Perryman

**Melvin Young** by Don & Ann Bishop

### Backpack/School Supply Program

**Amelia Lanning** by Booty Hilton

## HONORARIUMS

### Building and Grounds:

**Phyllis Penry** by Donald & Judy McBride

## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

We will officially prepare for the new church year with our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 23. The Nominating Committee Report new deacons will be approved as well as financial updates and a preview of fall events.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through May 31, 2017 total revenue received for the church was \$249,438. The total expenses for the same time period were \$250,979. Our giving is slightly behind what it was at this time in 2016. Our 2017 total budget is \$717,493. The Endowment Balance is \$1,609,708. We are seeing steady growth with our endowment funds. Please continue to be faithful with your financial commitments to the church

## CHURCH SECURITY

Our Deacons have formed a Safety and Security Committee to initiate procedures to safeguard our congregation and the Children's Center. The Committee has decided to lock all external doors other than the main Sanctuary doors during our 11:00 a.m. worship service starting on July 2. All external doors will be locked by 11:10 a.m. This includes the Fellowship Hall doors, elevator lobby entrance, Martha Best Children's Center entrance and the bell tower door. Ushers will be able to open doors if needed during the worship hour.

An internal keypad lock to limit the access to the Children's Dining Hall during the week has been installed and now in use. Surveillance cameras will be installed both inside and outside our church in the near future. Safety improvements were included in this year's budget. We will keep the congregation informed on all new security measures. We live in a changing and at times, dangerous world. We have a sacred responsibility to be vigilant and proactive to provide for the safety of our children and the church family as we meet to study and worship.

## THE CLASS

You are invited to join us for "*The Class*" on three consecutive Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour on September 10, 17 and 24. This class is for anyone who is interested in First Baptist Church, whether you are a member or not. "*The Class*" will tell you much about our church and the unique people called Baptists. Our new Associate Minister, Meagan Smith, will be part of this class as she learns more about our church family and she invites you to join her. If you do not have a Sunday School class, if you are new to our church, or if you simply want to learn more about our heritage, please come to "The Class." We will meet in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ray and Meagan will lead "*The Class*."

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