



First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

Faith - Fellowship - Mission

STEEPLE TALK SEPTEMBER 2017

SEPTEMBER 10th BLOCK PARTY

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, September 10th, 3 – 7 p.m. for an exciting and fun-filled afternoon of music, food, games, and fellowship. Around 25 of our local agencies will be represented to share their services with the greater community. This is our opportunity to reach out to our neighbors as a family of faith. Every member of First Baptist Church is a member of the “welcome committee” for this great event!

AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL LEGENDS ON SEPTEMBER 13th

You are invited to join us on Wednesday night, September 13th for a delicious BBQ Chicken dinner followed by folk music artists Matthew Weaver and Clay Lunsford. They have performed at the Grand Ole Opry, Dollywood, the NC State Fair and many other venues. Reservations are necessary by emailing wednesday@fbclex.org. This dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. The entertainment is free and the fellowship is priceless!

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT RESERVATIONS

Our regular Wednesday night programming begins on September 20. Our meals will be catered this fall from Cheryl Walser at Yarborough’s Restaurant. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children with a \$25 family limit. We have a designated email address for Wednesday night reservations: wednesday@fbclex.org. Please use this address to make or cancel reservations. You can also make reservations by filling out a card on Sunday morning or calling the church office. We will no longer have permanent reservations, but ask everyone to make a new reservation each week. You can make advance reservations provided you pay in advance. The reservation or cancellation deadline is noon on Monday. You will receive an email update each week reminding you of your reservation. You will be expected to pay for a reservation if you do not cancel.

**BEING BAPTIST
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**

Where do Baptists come from? What do Baptists believe? How can we engage those beliefs in our own context? Join us on Wednesday nights as Meagan talks about being Baptist and leads discussion around these questions.

September 27 - **Being Baptist: How We Got Here**

October 4 - **Being Baptist: What It All Means**

October 11 - **Being Baptist: What We Do With It**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL PIANO DEDICATION
ON SEPTEMBER 20**

We are grateful to the Wall family for the very generous gift of a Chickering Baby Grand Piano for our Fellowship Hall. This beautiful piano was purchased by Sterling and Julia Carrington in the early 1930s. For the past 50 years the piano has graced the home of Betsy Wall Medford. It will be a much needed and wonderful addition. The old piano it is replacing was also a gift from the Wall family. We will dedicate the piano with a special service on September 20. In addition to singing some grand old hymns, Caroline and Charlotte Pyle will play their great-great grandmother's piano.

"THE CLASS"

Are you new to First Baptist Church? Have you been a member for many years? Are you interested in learning more about our church and the unique people called "Baptists"? Then you are invited to join us for "The Class" beginning on Sunday morning, September 10 at 10 a.m. Meagan and Ray will lead the three sessions. We hope you will join us for "The Class."

PARKER LECTURES

We are happy to announce that Pam Durso, the Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry will lead us in the 2018 Parker Lectures on February 3-4. Pam has her Ph.D. in Church History from Baylor University. She will speak on Women In Church History.

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 2017**

September 4 Labor Day – Church Office Closed
September 10 FBC Block Party 3 p.m. – 7p.m.
September 13 Wednesday Night Kickoff With Matthew Weaver & Clay Lunsford
September 17 Finance Committee Meeting Parlor – 9 a.m.
September 17 Riverdale
September 21 Science & Spirituality Series
September 24 Deacons Meeting Parlor – 7 p.m.
September 10, 17 & 24 "The Class" Led by Ray and Meagan

EXTENDED SESSIONS

September 3: Bed Babies – M/M Jon Myers, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – M/M Jim Skotthy, **3 & 4 Year- Olds** – Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

September 10: Bed Babies – M/M Kyle Kepley, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – M/M Thomas Jolly, **3 & 4-Year-Olds** – Katie Hartley & Kelly Wright

September 17: Bed Babies – M/M Greg Briggs, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams, **3 & 4-Year-Olds** – Margaret Ann Maddox & Anna Raye Tate

September 24: Bed Babies – M/M Brian Lancaster, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – M/M Zak Young, **3 & 4-Year-Olds** – M/M Josh Boyle

**SCIENCE & SPIRITUALITY
BY DR. RICHARD HONEYCUTT**

On September 21 at 7 p.m. Dr. Richard Honeycutt will begin a 9-week series on his new book, *Science and Spirituality*. There is no admission charge and all are invited to attend.

**MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER
NEEDED**

The First Baptist Meals on Wheels route needs a volunteer to help deliver on alternating Thursday mornings. This person would work with veteran M.O.W. volunteer Dan Hamrick, so no experience is required. Call or text Jim Honeycutt at 336-408-7294 to sign up or get more information.

HOLY LAND PRESENTATION

Everyone is invited to a presentation on the Holy Land, Monday, September 11 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is still time to join our 2018 pilgrimage, February 22 -March 4 of next year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

All Sunday School teachers and leaders will be recognized in the September 3 worship service. We are grateful for your faithful service to First Baptist Church and God's kingdom.

SOUTH LEXINGTON BACKPACK PROGRAM

Your generosity to the Backpack Program at South Lexington School has made a profound difference in the lives of many children. Please continue to give generously as the school year begins. A collection box is in the elevator lobby. Items needed are listed below. Monetary donations are appreciated as well and should be made payable to South Lexington School and note it is for the Backpack Program. You can mail your donation to South Lexington School in care of Julia Dunn at 1000 Cotton Grove Road, Lexington, NC 27292.

Items Needed: Canned Pasta with Protein, Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups (mixed fruit, pineapple, peaches, pineapple, pears), Applesauce Cups, Pop Tarts, Raman Noodles, Chicken Noodle Soup (**Note:** *Prefer pop top cans as some of my homeless children may not have access to a can opener.*)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through July 31, 2017 total revenue received for the church was \$354,893. The total expenses for the same time period were \$349,798. Our giving is slightly behind what it was at this time in 2016. Our 2017 total budget is \$717,493.

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Amelia Lanning* by Judy LeCroy, Robert & Ramona Phelps; **Earl Johnson** by Squa-N-Aders "Square Dance Club"; **Sue Brown** by Kathryn Frye

Music Ministry: *Earl Johnson* by Betty Sink

School Supplies: *Jack Blackburn* by Nancy Blackburn; **Earl Johnson** by Booty Hilton

Bereavement Fund: *Margaret Brown, Melvin Young, Amelia Lanning* by Martha & Robert Adams

MBCC Scholarship Fund: *Fred & Virginia Sink* by Kelly Sink; *Amelia Lanning, Melvin Young & Sue Brown* by Bob & Ann Cole

Endowment Fund: *Margaret Brown, Earl Johnson & Ann Morgan* by Bob & Ann Cole; *Sue Brown, Amelia Lanning, Don Berrier, Truman Hudson & Ione Engstrom* by Peggy Barnhardt

Prayer Shawl Ministry: *Sue Brown* by Greg & Carolyn Hicks, Krista Mack, Rob & Caroline Monroe, Amy Terry, Carlin & Abby Smith, Susan Guarnaccia, Nancy, Chris & Robin Holloway, Brenda Bolton, Jessica Parker, Sara Stokes, Jeanne Wall, Judy LeCroy, Marquerite Leonard, & Maurine Hale

HONORARIUMS

General Fund: *Ray & Joyce Howell* by Lee & Ann Davis; **Parlor Fund:** *Sharon Palmer* by Betty Sink; **School Supplies:** *"The" Jackson's Birthday* by Betty Sink

THANK YOU NOTE

To My First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you all for the emails, phone calls and good wishes expressed to me upon taking on the position of Business Administrator of First Baptist Church. In just over a month, I've had the opportunity to meet many of you that I did not know and I can see the excitement throughout this church. I am truly humbled by the trust you have placed in me. While I am only the point person for the church, please know that I will depend on each of you for assistance, guidance and especially prayers as I begin and continue my new role. I hope and pray to be a good steward for this magnificent church and its people and I ask for your continued prayers. It is truly an honor to be associated with First Baptist Church.

In God's Love,
Jim Skotthy

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It's time to update our church pictorial directory. We are encouraging everyone to be a part of this event. Our days are October 1 through October 4 and October 8 through October 12. Sunday hours are 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Weekday hours are 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. As you know the directory is a great resource tool to help us to connect names with faces. Please go on line to schedule an appointment through our church website; fbclex.org. Assistance will also be available to help you sign up after church on Sundays in our church office. Scheduling help will also be available during our Wednesday night activities during September. Sign up today for your professional photography session and help make our church pictorial directory complete.

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