



First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

Faith - Fellowship - Mission

STEEPLE TALK OCTOBER 2017

FALL MISSION EMPHASIS

Our mission emphasis for the Fall is on the Dragonfly House. Throughout the month of October, there will be opportunities to support this agency which focuses on helping in situations of child abuse. We will collect new t-shirts of all colors and sizes, materials to make blankets (which different groups in the church will be making as a project), and monetary donations. On October 22nd, Executive Director Brandi Reagan will join us in worship to share their mission after which a love offering will be collected.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH ON OCTOBER 22

You are invited to join us during worship on October 22nd as we participate with the Children's Defense Fund's *National Observance of Children's Sabbath*. Children's Sabbath is a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of God and provides the opportunity for houses of worship to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care for, protect, and advocate for all children. We will observe this nationally recognized celebration by having our children lead us in worship and by learning more about how we can partner with Dragonfly House to advocate for love and justice for every child.

SCHOOL SUPPLY REPORT

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we gave over 500 backpacks and an abundance of school supplies to deserving children. We have received words of gratitude from many parents and grandparents. Susan Craig from the Department of Social Services wrote a letter expressing their "sincere appreciation again for your donations of school supplies for the 174 foster children." Vera McRae with Communities in Schools wrote, "Your kindness is truly appreciated and many children will be blessed because you care."

**FOR BY GRACE...
A PRELUDE TO THE REFORMATION**

A Five Week Bible Study
Beginning October 16/17

Monday Nights at 7:00 pm
Tuesday Mornings at 10:30 am

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Led by Dr. Ray Howell III

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The directory is a vital resource for our church family! Please register for your directory photo session. You may register on the church website, on Sundays after church in the library, and on Wednesday nights. Appointments are still available for October 1-4 and October 8-12. We now have morning sessions available! If you cannot make it to a photo session and would like to submit a photo, or if you do not want a photo in the directory but would like your contact information included, please contact Kay Albright at (336) 248-4120 or (336) 225-0816.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes early for your appointment. All sessions will be in the church parlor. You may enter through the door to the right of the columbarium during and after hours. If you need to use the elevator after hours, please call Brenda Hipp at (336) 476-0965

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

We have heard from the Great Pumpkin Patch and pumpkins will be available in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 8th!

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
OCTOBER 2017**

- October 2 Frady/Johnson Mission Group Fellowship Hall at 1:30 pm
- October 2 Personnel Committee Meeting Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm
- October 4 Budget Committee Meeting Fellowship Hall at 7:30 pm
- October 6-7 Youth Retreat
- October 8 Communion Sunday
- October 11 Budget Committee Meeting Fellowship Hall at 7:30 pm
- October 14 Senior Adult trip Barter Theatre in Abingdon
- October 15 Finance Committee Meeting Church Parlor at 9:00 am
- October 29 Family Life Committee Meeting Church Parlor at 9:00 am
- October 29 Deacons Meeting Church Parlor at 7:00 pm

EXTENDED SESSIONS

- October 1: Bed Babies** – M/M Dale Lambeth
- Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – M/M Dave Thornhill, **3 & 4 Year- Olds** – Tina Wall & Brenda Hipp
- October 8: Bed Babies** – Libby Foster & Courtney Foster, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds/3&4 Year-Olds** – M/M Kyle Kepley
- October 15: Bed Babies** – M/M Don Watson, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – M/M Cory Kehl, **3 & 4-Year-Olds** – Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz
- October 22: Bed Babies** – M/M Jim Skotthy, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – M/M Bryan Lingerfelt, **3 & 4-Year-Olds** – Alyson Honeycutt & Grace Upton
- October 29: Bed Babies** – M/M Richard Baxley, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** –M/M Lee Davis **3 & 4-Year-Olds** – Ray Nance Howell & Tori Houser

**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. A collection box is in the elevator lobby. 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, 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.*)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RESERVATIONS

Email Wednesday@fbclex.org or call the church office to make reservations.

UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

October 14 – Music Man in Abingdon

November 19 – Georgia O’Keefe Exhibit

December 10 - Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Contact Sharon Palmer for more information
kd40ga@aol.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS – 2017/2018

Children’s Divistion

Grades 2 & 3

Add Substitute: Brenda Hipp
Remove Teacher: Josh Boyles

Grades 4 & 5

Add Teacher: Kristi Thornhill

Fellowship/Philpott (Men)

Remove – no longer a class

Team Co-ed

Add Teacher: Betty Jane Honeycutt

Building & Grounds Committee

Term Ending 2019:

Add: William Hartley

Food Service Committee

Group II:

Add: Kay Hardin

Group III:

Remove: William Hopkins

Ushers

Group I (Term Expires 2019)

Add: Ronnie Smith, Tommy Saintsing

Group II (Term Expires 2020)

Add: Alan Williams, Ty Lancaster

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through August 31, 2017 total revenue received for the church was \$403,991.48. The total expenses for the same period were \$407,156.53. Our giving is behind what it was at this time in 2016. Our total 2017 budget is \$717,493. We will have a catch up Sunday on October 15.

MEMORIALS

General Fund:

Amelia Lanning by Sally Davis, Bill & Libby Adams; **Margaret Brown by** Sally Davis, Barry & Renee Sink; **Ann Morgan by** Sally Davis, Neil & Lucy Watson; **Mary Alice Tysinger and Earl Johnson by** Sally Davis; **Danny Davis by** Ken & Debbie Auman

Louise Tate by Betty Sink, Blair & Linda Rankin, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Booty Hilton, David & Carolyn Johnson, Larry & Kim Brown, Margaret Morgan, Faithful Workers SS class, David & Pamela Tate, Earnest & Jean Hedges, Stephen & Joanne Brown, and Paul & Sharon Perry

Endowment Fund:

Margaret Brown and Melvin Young by Linda Engstrom; **Danny Davis by** Peggy Barnhardt; **Louise Tate by** Kathryn Frye, Bob & Ann Cole

Small Jobs: Louise Tate by Linda Engstrom
Louise Tate by Frady/Johnson Mission Group

Chrismon Fund: Amelia Lanning by Randy Hall’s SS Class

Building/Grounds: Louise Tate by Hal & Donna Routh

Prayer Shawl: Sue Brown by Sally Davis and Susan Evans, Silba Rae Fennell, Jo & Barry Brown, Kathryn Booe, Jerry & Aurelia Smith

CBF Missions: Amelia Lanning, Margaret Brown, Melvin Young and Earl Johnson by Brenda Hipp

Young People Away: Margaret Brown, Sue Brown, Louise Tate by Mary Everhart

HONORARIUMS

School Supplies:

“The” Jackson’s birthday by Betty Sink

THANK YOU NOTES

To Our First Baptist Family,

On behalf of Sheri and our entire family, we wanted to thank everyone for the expressions of kindness and concern that we received for Louise. All of the prayers, visits, words of encouragement, and concern during the time of all of her health issues have been greatly appreciated. First Baptist, and especially her Sunday School class and missions group were always very special to her. She was always very proud to be a part of First Baptist. The church was a large part of her life, even more so in the last few years. We are also thankful for those that provided the lunch before the funeral service. We also appreciate those who were there to support at her service.

Jim Tate, Sheri Tate Taylor, and Family

FBC Family,

Thank you all for your prayers, texts, visits, meals, cards, and support as I have gone through my journey over the last year and one-half. The love and kindness that has been extended to myself and our family has been beyond measure. You have certainly wrapped us in your love and prayers. I am so humbled to be a member of the FBC Family and to have experienced God's love through each of you. Throughout my diagnosis of breast cancer, mastectomy, chemo, radiation, and reconstruction, our family has felt your presence each step of the way. As we leave this chapter and begin the next, please know how much each of you means to us. Words cannot fully express our appreciation and awe – God is truly good all the time.

In his Love,
Brenda Houser

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