



WELCOME BACK RAY & JOYCE!

Dear FBC Family,

It's good be back home!

Joyce and I are most grateful for the time you have given us to experience Sabbatical. The Sabbatical far exceeded our expectations and was most rewarding and fulfilling in many different ways. And you probably have already guessed, I have stories to tell!

I am so very grateful to Randy Hall for his compassionate and faithful ministry in my absence. Everybody loves Randy, and he was the perfect minister for our church during this time. Thank you Randy and Jane! And thanks to Randy, Ray Nance, and Tommy for filling the pulpit while I was gone. I know I have a hard act to follow!

I look forward to being back in the pulpit on July 7th as we celebrate our religious liberty. We will have guest musicians to join us as Wes has planned an amazing service of music and praise. My sermon is on the Blessing of Freedom. On July 14th, we will celebrate baptism with another great service of music and praise. Don't miss it—you will have a surprise!

Joyce and I have been with our children at Passport Kids this week at the beautiful Montreat Conference Center. I will leave on Monday, July 8th, to go with our youth to Passport Missions at Furman University. This will be a special time to share with our children and youth.

I have carefully chronicled all of our Sabbatical travels and posted these on my blog that you can access through our church website www.fbclex.org

The amazing thing was that God surprised us around every corner! But isn't that the way God always operates? I can't wait to see how God will surprise us at First Baptist over the coming weeks and months.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, July 7th.

Grace and Peace,

Ray

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

PRAYERS FOR PASSPORT YOUTH

In the first two weeks of July, many of our youth and chaperones will be traveling to Passport Kids in Montreat and to Passport Missions at Furman University. Please be in prayer for safe journeys and spiritual guidance for these campers.

FAITH FACTORY FAMILY POOL PARTY

Saturday, July 27th

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Hosted by the Lambeth Family

All children and families are invited to spend the afternoon by the pool! Snack and drinks provided.

Bring your towel and join us for some fun.

YOUTH POOL PARTY

Saturday, July 27th

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Hosted by the Lambeth Family

Join us for an afternoon of fun by the pool!

Bring a snack to share and your towel!

FBC OFFICES CLOSED JULY 4TH

The Church Office and the MBCC will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Friday, July 5th.

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Hope Kennon* by Betty Sink, Peggy Barnhardt, and the Faithful Workers Sunday School Class; *Michael Blackwelder* by Judy Broussard, Nancy Estes, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Carmaleen Walser, Catherine & Jeff Bowers, Frances Twiford, Nina Matlock, Avon & Carol Mize, Jill Nichols, Joe Morphis, Abby Nichols, Brenda & Nathan Houser, and Booty Hilton; *Joanne Potts* by Brenda & Nathan Houser, Booty Hilton, Faithful Workers Sunday School Class, Janet & Tom Smith, Marla Wilson, Diana Lewis, Bill Blakeney, Ron Blakeney, Paul Blakeney, and Julia Anderson; *Virginia Sink's 100th Birthday* by Kelly Sink

Chrismon Fund: *Rod Penry and Dot Walser* by Martha & Robert Adams

Van Fund: *Rod Penry* by Rick & Libby Samuels

MBCC Scholarship: *Hope Kennon and Sara Vick* by Don & Ann Bishop

MUSIC FUND: *Joanne Potts* by Charles & Raye Leonard

BUDGET UPDATE

As of May

Budget Received: \$43,937.53

Expenses: \$49,802.27

Deficit: \$5,864.74

Year to Date

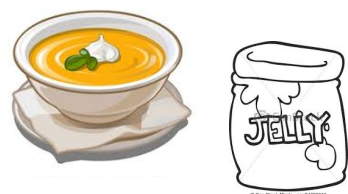
2019 Projected Budget:
\$718,355.00

Budget Received:
\$233,428.22

Expenses: \$240,484.47

Deficit: \$7,056.25

These numbers reflect the budget as it stood at the end of May. Last month was not as strong as the previous month, let's continue the positive trend and work to eliminate our deficit!



HONORARIUMS

General Fund: *Susan Bryan* by Booty Hilton

Audio Visual Fund: *Richard Honeycutt* by Jim & June Honeycutt

THANK YOU!

To an amazing group of people,

Jesus says we shall be known by our love for one another.

We have always known Joanne's love for her church family and now we, her family, likewise know the love of First Baptist Church, Lexington, NC.

Your compassion, love and preparations for her funeral created a celebration of life because although deceased, all that she was, was brought to life.

Therefore, we send our love to your church for all that was extended to us whether it be cards, visits, flowers, food, donations, special music and prayers.

As Jody would say, "We shall be known by our love for one another."

The Family of Joanne Potts

NEEDED!

Crisis Ministry is in need of soup and jelly. Please leave your donations in the baskets in the elevator lobby on the ground floor.
Thanks in advance for your generosity.

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2-4 YEAR OLDS
JULY 7th	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams(336) 956-1821	Tina Wall Sue Wikstrom
JULY 14th	Brenda Sprinkle (336) 859-3389 Sarah Hall and Spencer Hall	M/M William Fulbright
JULY 21st	Katie Hartley (336) 596-2008 Kelly Wright (336) 239-8346	Sandra Blackwelder (336) 249-9593 Crystal Alexander (336) 956-2765
JULY 28th	Sydney Minner, Ferry Lowder	June Honeycutt (336) 408-7223 Lori Gilliam (336) 596-2619
AUG 4th	M/M Dale Lambeth (336)692-2039	Donna Sink (336) 239-2691 Ben Bishop

Happy



4th of

July

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