

Meetings & Events

First Baptist Office and MBCC will be closed

Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day

Sunday, 8/25

Deacons' Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Parlor

Monday, 8/26

Fraday/Johnson Mission Group

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bernice Cross Mission Group

2:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Tuesday, 9/3

Carolyn Phillips Mission Group

7:00 p.m.

Home of Lois Hill



Family Movie Night

Fly Away Home

Friday, August 23 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

School Supplies



During the month of August, the WMU will collect much needed school supplies for area foster children. A collection box is located in the Children's dining area of the

Building & Grounds

The exterior painting has almost been completed for this year. Some interior painting has been done as well, such as the Sanctuary Stairs. More interior will be done in the future. The Fellowship Hall, 1st floor classrooms and Music Suite, MBCC hall, Kitchen, and other areas will be scheduled.

Extended Session

August 25: Bed Babies: Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham **Toddlers/2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander

3 & 4 Year Olds: Brenda Sprinkle & Casey White

September 1: Bed Babies: Jenn Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams **Toddler/2 Year Olds :** M/M Kevin Brown **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Josh Boyle

Help Needed For Extended Sessions

Volunteers for extended session has dropped drastically. If you are willing to donate one hour a month to assist with this worthy cause, call Brooke Williams at 956-1821 or the church office.

New Web Site

Soon the NEW First Baptist Church Web Site will be launched. After months of updating and changes the new site is soon to be up and running. We have worked directly with our IT people MyGeek Computer Services. Our thanks for hours of labor to Tobin Shepherd and the committee working with Tobin which include Chad Killebrew, Brian Walker, Judy LeCroy, and Ann Ryalls. Our thanks to these for their efforts and time. Changes to the bi-monthly newsletter are also coming.

Mars Hill University

Mars Hill begins it's 158th year as an institution of higher learning and is changing. We will work toward a transformation educational experience for our students to "pursue intellectual, spiritual, and personal growth."

As we have added undergraduate programs, Implemented a graduate program in education, had significant enrollment growth and open an Asheville center, the Board of Trustees has approved the *change to university status*, becoming effective August 15, 2013. As we open a new academic year, we open as **MARS HILL UNIVERSITY**.

Join us in celebrating this historic event.

Youth News

For the past two years, Roger and Tammy Garrison have faithfully led our Youth Ministry. We are grateful for their dedication, love, and service. As we enter the new church year, Savannah Kepley and Whitney Brooks will be coordinating our youth ministry. They will be joined by a number of leaders who will lead Middle and Senior High ministries and activities. A highlight this year will be Downtown Youth Choir that will include youth from all the downtown churches. Plans will soon be announced for Passport 2014! The fun begins this Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with the Middle School Kick-off Party at Jon and Eryn Myers' house.

Financial Update

Through the month of **July** we have received: \$392,176. Our Financial commitment for 2013 was \$749,000. The same month last year he had received \$394,838.

Mission contributions to date: \$33,260. (Budgeted amount: \$74,900)

Building and Grounds to date has spent: \$5,514 of the budget amount of \$59,907. We also have a challenge budget of \$35,000 for missions.

HVAC Loan

We reported in the last newsletter that our loan was now down to \$15,159. Another payment of \$4,000 was sent this month now reducing the debt to **\$11,149**. With your continued support and through memorials this debt will soon be retired.

The Endowment balance is \$565,545.00. We hope that we will continue to receive gifts to the Endowment from Estates and Life Insurance as well as other gifts from the membership.

Holy Land Trip 2014

Information available in Church Office

Memorials

Music Ministry: *Catherine Pritchard* by Silba Rae Fennell, James & Doris Helvey; **HVAC Fund:** *Mary Frances "Polly" Rollins* by Silba Rae Fennell, Ann Corn, Robert & Ann Cole, Peggy Barnhardt, Judy LeCroy, Betty F. Sink, Jim Phillips; *George Wynn* by Robert & Ann Cole, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck, Hal & Donna Routh; *Barrie Grant, Robert Almstead* by Betty F. Sink; *Zeb Barnhardt* by Diane White, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck, Jerry & Betty Gallimore, Clyde & Betty Jo Beck, James & Doris Helvey, Jack & Joan Briggs; *Don Minner, Larry Crotts* by Diane White;

Honorariums

HVAC Fund: *Chad Kirkendall* by Richard & Vicki Baxley; *The Jackson's Birthday* by Betty F. Sink; *Betty Sink, Jordan Knox & Brooke Bryan's Birthday's* by Marylyn Hilton; *Tommy & Sandye Saintsing's 50th Anniversary & Rev. Tommy & Mrs. Sandra Wilson* by Diane White

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Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, and all other expressions of love and sympathy that surrounded Polly Rollins and her family during her illness and in her death. The Rollins daughters grew up I this church and we are eternally grateful for your love and support.

Jane, Lou, and Ann Rollins

Fall Bible Study - The Lord's Prayer

Monday Nights 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Mornings 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

A Seven Week study beginning Monday and Tuesday, September 23 & 24 and finishing November 11 & 12.

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MBCC News

Enrollment for 2013/2014 is low. We still have openings in all programs:

- Full Time Child Care: 76% full
- 1/2 Day Nursery School: 84% full
- After School: 61% full

Reminder: We have a box in the MBCC entrance area for contributions of supplies. We GREATLY appreciate your help with these items: Band aids, Ice Packs, Black Sharpies, Glue Sticks, Magic Markers, Zip Lock Baggies (all sizes), Large/Small Paper Plates, White Paper Bags.

Thanks for your continued support of this program!

Music Notes



Family Choir - Sunday, August 25 - 10:40 a.m. rehearsal

A rousing setting of "Brethren, We are Met to Worship." Everyone is invited.

Choir and Friends Picnic

On **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 pm** the Sanctuary Choir would like to invite anyone who might have any interest in singing with the choir to a picnic to be held at the church. As time moves on, all choirs need new members to be able to remain a vital force in the worship life of the church. Although everyone's life is busy, if you have ANY interest at all, come have fun with us that evening. Please RSVP to Jim jimbates123@gmail.com or 624-7007 so we will know how many plan to attend.

Deacons' Retreat

Our annual Deacons' Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21. All new deacons and current deacons and spouses are invited to dinner on Friday evening, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. (location will be announced). Then, all deacons will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, September 21 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to discuss the coming church year.

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Sunday School Promotion

Sunday, August 25 - 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, August 25, during the Sunday School Hour, all children and youth will be promoted to their new classes for the new church year. Any adults wishing to make a change are urged to do so at this time. A bell will ring when it is time to promote.

Fellowship Hall Closed

The Fellowship Hall will be closed from Wednesday, August 28 until Wednesday, September 11. This will give us the opportunity to have the room painted and cleaned in preparation of the start of Family Night.

Family Night at First Baptist

Wednesday, September 11 - 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Family Night Dinner Reservations

Permanent Reservations: RSVP cards are available in Sunday School class rooms and Sanctuary pews. **Note:** Permanent reservations do not carry over from the previous year. **Weekly Reservations:** Contact the church office (249-9158) by noon Monday of the week attending or fill out a FND card located in Sunday School rooms or Sanctuary pews. Reservations may also be made on the home page of the church web site: www.fbcclex.org or call the information line, (249-3224).

Menu: BBQ Chicken, BBQ Butt, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cobbler/Ice Cream
(Tommy Poag will be our chef for the night)

Cost: Adults \$6.00, Under 12 \$4.00. Family Limit \$20.00 - Take Out Meals Add \$1.00
Special Pricing for Opening Celebration

The regularly scheduled Family Nights will start **Wednesday, September 18.**