

Steeple Talk - July 2014



Annual church Pícníc VBS Kíck-Off Sunday, July 20 5:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall Family Activities 6:00 p.m. Covered Dísh Supper - (Bring a Full Basket) 7:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School Opening

God is speaking to you!

Vacation Bible School - July 21 - 24 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Monday - Thursday

Theme: Have U Herd?



Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." John 10: 27

July 6 - Relígious Liberty Sunday

On the weekend in which we commemorate our nation's independence, we will celebrate our freedom on Religious Liberty Sunday. The Sanctuary Choir has a stirring rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and Dr. Howell will deliver a dramatic monologue based on the life of the 18th century Baptist minister James Ireland, "From my Palace in Culpepper."

NC Baptíst All-State Youth Choir Concert July 18 ~ 7:00 p.m. Fírst Baptíst Church Sanctuary

Ninety-six young people from Baptist Churches all over North Carolina will come together to form the "North Carolina Baptist All-State Youth Choir." These young people will participate in a week-long retreat and tour scheduled for July 13-20, 2014. The choir presents concerts and is involved in missions projects through the week. This year's theme is IMAGE, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" Colossians 1:15. The Director for the 2014 tour is Greg Parker, Department Head and Professor of Music of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. Admission is free and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Meetings & Events

First Baptist Office and MBCC will be closed Friday, July 4th for the Holiday

July

20th: Finance Committee Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Membership Update

First Baptist is in the process of updating our member database. Please mail, email or call the office to give us your latest contact. Many have switched internet and telephone carriers and some have moved. As always we are trying to keep our information as current as possible. If you have changed any contact information please keep us updated. Send to libby@fbclex.org or 249-9158.

Vacation Bible School Needed Supplies

As plans are being made for this year's VBS we need several items. These listed below can be dropped at the church. Please feel free to contact Tommy.

One kiddie pool donated/borrowed for the week of VBS Foam Letters, Foam Hearts with sticker backs Yarn 1 bag potting soil, 1 bag grass seed Knee high hose - 100 White paper cups 8-12 oz Cotton Balls Tacky Glue Fabric Scraps

Baby wipes for cleaning hands

Sunday school classes have also been contacted about supplying refreshments for the week. We are grateful for all donations.

Extended Sessions

We are grateful to the Leadership Team that coordinates the Extended Sessions each and every Sunday. We also are thankful to each of you who volunteer each and every Sunday providing care to the children of our church in this vital ministry. As in the past we need **YOU** to sign up to help.

Starting this quarter the list is being sent by email and as in the past each person doing that Sunday is responsible to make any changes and notify the coordinator. Through our web site and Sign Up-Genius you will be notified two days prior to your Sunday that you are serving to be a reminder.

Church Travels

We are planning an Eastern Caribbean Cruise in late February and the Bible Study Field Trip the first week of May. Contact Dr. Howell for details.

Extended Sessions

July 6: Bed Babies: M/M Greg Briggs Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Charlie Pyle July 13: Bed Babies: M/M Kevin Foster Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dustin Hill 3 & 4 Year Olds: Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser, Andy Killebrew July 20: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley, Whitney Brooks Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Bryan Lingerfelt **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Thomas Jolly July 27: Bed Babies: Margaret Ann Maddox, June Honeycutt Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Lee Davis 3 & 4 Year Olds: Sandra Wilson, Jack Davis August 3: Bed Babies: M/M Richard Baxley Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Christy Clark, Courtney Sams 3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Hopkins

2014 Summer Sermon and Singing Celebration

This summer we celebrate our favorite hymns and anthems. The choir has voted on their favorite anthems and each Sunday we will focus on one of the anthems they selected. Anthems include, "A Mighty Fortress," It is Well with My Soul," "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name," "Softly and Tenderly," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and many others! The anthem will set the theme for each worship service and the sermon, the Scripture, and hymns will be based on that theme.

We invite you to send us some of your favorite hymns so that we can incorporate them into our services. We conclude our Summer Celebration on August 31 with a good, old-fashioned hymn sing! Make plans now to attend every Sunday. Please email your favorite hymns to paul@fbclex.org or pafreeman@ptmc.net or ray@fbclex.org or 249-9158.

Steeple Talk Newsletter

We are doing **ONE** newsletter per month. We hope all who can will sign up on the website to have the newsletter sent to you by email and thus reducing the cost of mailing. **The Newsletter deadline for the August issue is Monday, July 28.**

To date, we have 89 receiving the Newsletter by email.

Contribution Statements First Six Months

Individual contribution statements are being prepared and will be available for pick up by Sunday, July 13 during Sunday School and other times at the church. The hope is to eliminate the cost of postage. When you receive your statements look for any changes and or corrections. If you have any questions contact Sherri Salinas, our Financial Assistant either by phone (249-9158) or email sherri@fbclex.org.



Transportation Fund

The church will be purchasing a "used" van costing \$24,000 to \$30,000. We currently have \$11,104 In the Transportation Fund.

The current van will be sold to provide additional income. Currently memorials and honorariums are coming in to the Transportation Fund. We will be looking for funds to fully pay for the purchase. Pleased consider making a contribution to the **Transportation Fund** to defer the cost of the van

FaithHealth Ministries

Would you like to be involved in FaithHealth Ministries? We need volunteers who are willing to provide meals occasionally for those who are recovering from surgery or illness and also hospital and nursing home visitors. If you could help with the meals, contact Michelle Hopkins at whopswife09@gmail.com or 300-5551 and if you are willing to visit contact Connie Russell at clrussell13@windstream.net or 242-9617.

Baskets of Hope

The Family Matters Sunday School Class has been providing a food basket weekly to a needy family in our community for the past year. This mission project began last June and a "Basket of Hope," consisting of groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables has been delivered weekly to a family in need.

If you have an abundance of garden vegetables this summer and would like to donate to a food basket please contact one of our class members.

Carol Frank 859-5976 - Julia Dunn 239-1846 Lee Davis 239-4613 - Connie Klump 787-4232

Stitch for Students

Pull out the fabric and thread! Communities in Schools is again sponsoring the Stitch for Students project, which produces nap blankets for all the Pre-Kindergarten students in the county. Our fantastic volunteers have made this project a great success, and the schools are deeply grateful for the blankets. For more information, contact Betty Jane Honeycutt, (336) 596-0366 or bj@triad.twcbc.com.

Financial Giving Six Month Update

On Catch-Up Sunday we received \$9,832. For the month of June total receipts were \$70,372. This left us \$34,208 short of the first six months of the year's goal.

Remember we also have \$35,000 Missions challenge goal after we meet the budget. With summer months ahead please remember your financial gifts.

Memorials

Transportation Fund: Brenda Bost & Bradley Powell by Peggy Barnhardt; Small Jobs Ministry: Jack Sink by Betty F. Sink; MBCC Scholarship Fund: Billy Joe Kepley by Hal & Donna Routh;

Honorariums

Small Jobs Ministry: Susan Bryan's Birthday by Betty F. Sink; **Transportation Fund:** Richard & Lois Perryman's Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary by Dorothy Craver; Susan Bryans' Birthday by Marylyn Hilton;

July 2014

Welcome New Members May 18, 2014

Ethan Fulbright Harrison Fulbright 251 Royal Ashdown Lane Lexington, NC 27295 336-956-6390



Thank You

Dear Congregation of First Baptist Church,

My children and I express our deepest heart gratitude to the Beautiful Body of Christ at First Baptist for the gift to the Crohn's Foundation in honor and memory of our beloved Jim.

May sovereign miracles of healing and medical miracles be poured down upon those who suffer through such a loving tribute.

> Love and Blessings, Susan Bates

Greater Greensboro American Guild of Organist Summer Recital Series Sunday, July 27th ~ 3:00 p.m. Organ Recital UNCG In Memory of Jim Bates Organist Susan Bates

School Supplies



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

Church - Cook - Thank You Celebration Wednesday, September 10 - 6:00 p.m.

On June 15 Laverne Owen turned 90 years young. For 30 years Laverne has been our Church Cook providing delicious meals during Family Night and on other special occasions. Laverne has decided that he can no longer continue in this capacity. We want to thank him for his service to First Baptist. On the first Family Night back you will have the opportunity to thank Laverne. We will also have a place if you wish to give cash or checks made payable to Laverne Owen for his outstanding service and dedication for these past thirty years.

Parlor Updates

Paint and flooring has been picked out, furniture ordered and work has begun on the refurbishing of the church parlor. The parlor should be completed by the end of the summer.

There are two pink wing back chairs for sale if you or someone you know would like to purchase a chair or chairs. We also have shutters and curtains available for sale. See Tommy if you are interested.

First Bapti ww	gistration 2014 st Church of Lexington w.fbclex.org y 21 - 24, 2014	Have	Herd?
Child's Name		- Acces	
Parent/Guardian Nar	ne		
Phone Numbers			
Home phone	Cell	Work	
Age/Grade Inform	nation		
Date of birth (for Pre	schoolers) or last grade co	mpleted in school)	
Medical Informati	on		
Medical or other info	rmation we need to know.	. (Include Food Allergies)
Emergency Contac	cts		
	Phone Number		
		Phone Number	
Dismissal Informa	tion		
Who will pick up you	Ir child at the end of each	VBS day?	
Other Information			
	y School? If so where?		
	church, who are you a gu		
	ion to use your child's pho		
, 1	g on our Web site, for the	01	
(Yes) (No)	c ,	1 1 1	
Please return com	pleted form to:		
-	of Lexington: P. O. Box 4	436 Lexington, NC 272	93
Steeple Talk ((JSPS 763-910)	Period	ical Postage paid at Lexing
Published monthly by		101100	Return Service Re
	C D 426		

DIRECTORY

336-245-1261 336-249-4762 Fax

www.fbclex.org

F

Address				
Phone Numbers				
Home phone	Cell W	ork		
Date of birth (for Preschoolers) or last grade completed in school)				
Medical Information				
Medical or other information w	re need to know. (Include	e Food Allergies)		
Emergency Contacts				
	Phone N	umber		
Dismissal Information				
Who will pick up your child at	the end of each VBS day?			
1 1 5	J			
Do you attend Sunday School? If so where?				
May we have permission to use	your child's photograph	in church		
Administrative Assistant libby@fbclex.org				
(Yes) (No)				
Please return completed fo	orm to.			
A				
Thist Daptist Church of Lexingt	JII. 1. 0. DOX 150 LEXI	ington, ive 27293		
Steenle Talk (USDS 762	010)	Devi 1		
•	-910)	Periodica		
First Baptist Church, Post Office Box 436				
	Address Phone Numbers Home phone 0 Age/Grade Information Date of birth (for Preschoolers) Medical Information Medical or other information w Emergency Contacts Name Dismissal Information Who will pick up your child at Other Information Do you attend Sunday School? If If you are visiting our church, w May we have permission to use Publications, including on our V (Yes) (No) Please return completed for First Baptist Church of Lexingted Steeple Talk (USPS 763 Published monthly by	Home phone Cell We Age/Grade Information Date of birth (for Preschoolers) or last grade completed Medical Information Medical or other information we need to know. (Include Emergency Contacts Name Phone Ni Name Phone Ni Dismissal Information Who will pick up your child at the end of each VBS day? Other Information Do you attend Sunday School? If so where? If you are visiting our church, who are you a guest of? May we have permission to use your child's photograph Publications, including on our Web site, for the purpose (Yes) (No) Please return completed form to: First Baptist Church of Lexington: P. O. Box 436 Lexi Steeple Talk (USPS 763-910) Published monthly by		

Lexington, North Carolina 27293