



First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - September 2014

Family Night at First Baptist

Wednesday, September 10, 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables, Salad Bar - Ice Cream Bar Children: Chicken Tenders

Cost: Adults \$6.00 Children under 12: \$4.00

Make Your RSVP Permanent or Weekly Today!

Special Entertainment - Music By

Paul Freeman, Brannon Gilliam, Brian Walker, Alan Williams

Welcome Our New Chef - Melissa Darr

Honoring Laverne Owen

We will have a place if you wish to give a love gift of cash or checks made payable to Laverne Owen for his outstanding service and dedication for these past thirty years.

Regularly scheduled Family Nights will start Wednesday, September 17.

Permanent Reservations: RSVP cards are available in Sunday school class rooms and on the back of Sanctuary Pews. **Note:** Permanent reservations do not carry over from the previous year.

Weekly Reservations: Contact the church office (242-1261) 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.fbclexc.org or call the information line.

Dr. Katherine Shaner - Guest Lecturer

Wednesday - September 17 & 24 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Places and People: Picturing the Communities to whom Paul Wrote

Katherine Shaner is the Assistant Professor of New Testament Wake Forest Divinity School and an Ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Dr. Shaner studied at Luther College, has both an MDiv and ThD from Harvard Divinity School. Besides teaching intro to NT she teaches courses on women and slaves in early Christianity, the Corinthian correspondence, and Revelation. Throughout her teaching and scholarship she examines the intersections of race, class, and gender as well as the ethics of contemporary interpretation.

Week 1: Where in the World is Paul?

Let's go on a virtual tour of ancient cities in Greece and Turkey! This week we will explore the archaeology and spaces of the cities Paul visited. We'll look for the kinds of places where Paul's friends in Christ would have lived, worked, and prayed. While we will see remains from several cities, our focus will be on Philippi (Philippians), Corinth (1 & 2 Corinthians) and Ephesus (Acts 19). What difference do our buildings, our work-spaces, and our homes make in our own faith journeys?

Week 2: Who listens to Paul?

This week we will meet the people to whom Paul wrote, both individuals (Romans 16, Philippians, Galatians) and as a community (the Corinthians). We will talk about where individuals and communities fit into social and economic structures, what kinds of religious education they had, and how they navigated institutions in the Roman Empire. How do we as 21st century Christians understand our relationship to money, to family, and to institutions in our communities?

Meetings & Events

September

17th: Building & Grounds Meeting	7:30 p.m.
21st: Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
29th: Budget Planning Committee	7:30 p.m.

October

6th: Frady/Johnson Mission Group	1:45 p.m.
Bernice Cross Mission Group	2:00 p.m.
7th: Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	7:00 p.m.

Deacons' Retreat

Our annual Deacons' Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13. All new deacons and current deacons and spouses are invited to dinner on Friday evening, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Then all deacons will gather on Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall, September 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to discuss the coming church year.

Deacon Ordination - September 14 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

The following will be ordained as Deacons:

Jimmy Davis	Brannon Gillian
Tobin Shepherd	Kristi Thornhill

World Communion

Sunday, October 5 - 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

We will join with others throughout the World in this service of Communion. We are asking you to bring cans of Ensure to benefit Cancer patients through Carolina Cancer Services.

2015 Budget Planning

Wednesday, September 24 and October 1, 8, 15 7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The Budget Planning Committee of six Deacons and five Finance Committee Members will be meeting along with the Treasurer and Chair David Huneycutt to formulate the 2015 Budget. Please be in prayer for this committee and Missions, Building and Grounds, and Personnel Committees as they prepare the Budget. The church discussion will be on Wednesday, November 5.

New Phone System

With our new phone system we continue to use our current number, however, the best way to contact the church office is dialing **336-245-1261**. We have realized a cost saving with our new system.

Extended Sessions

September 7: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Randall Potter

3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink & Anna Raye Tate

September 14: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:

3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Chad Williams

September 21: Bed Babies: M/M Carl Wagstaff

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kyle Kepley

3 & 4 Year Olds: Hazel Frady & Brenda Hipp

September 28: Bed Babies: M/M Brian Lancaster

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dave Thornhill

3 & 4 Year Olds: Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill

October 5: Bed Babies: M/M Greg Briggs

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth

3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Charlie Pyle

SteepleTalk Newsletter

www.fbcelex.org

The first of each month we are producing **ONE** newsletter. The Newsletter is available on the Web Site and also can be viewed on a mobile device. To date, we have **102** families who are receiving the Newsletter by email. To receive by email all you need to do is sign up on the Web Site. We need this number to increased to continue to reduce our postage cost. **PLEASE** take the time and sign up.

**The Newsletter deadline for the October issue is
Thursday, September 26**

Online Giving

Many of you receive envelopes in the mail for your contribution to the Church. Others just send a check or have your Financial Institution send the church a check. Most Banks will allow you to set this up at no charge to you or the church. If you would like envelopes and have none please contact the church.

We will be setting up a secure web page that will allow you to use Debit and Credit cards for your contributions and other gifts to the church. We also anticipate having a standalone place for you while at the church to key in your information and make a donation or payment. We also are working on ACH transitions from your Financial Institution.

We want to provide all available avenues of giving to the church to allow you the ease of giving. Financial Contributions are the life blood of the Church.

Annual Church Business Meeting Report

The Annual Church Business Meeting was held Wednesday, August 27. The 2014-2015 Nominating Committee Report was approved with the following changes:

Take off: Beverly Fulbright - Teacher (Rochella Baker Class & Good News Class)

Additions: Sally Davis - Wednesday Night Greeter

Also approved was the Personnel Recommendation to employ a part-time Assistant to the Minister of Music.

Youth News and Schedule

Sunday, September 7

Sunday, September 7 the Middle and High School Youth activities will have a kickoff pool party at the home of Paul and Debra Freeman from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 14

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Joint High School Belize Planning Meeting FUMC
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Snack Supper & Program FBC

Sunday, September 21

5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Youth Choir 1st Rehearsal FBC
Parents Meeting at FBC
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Snack Supper and Youth Program FBC

Sunday, September 28

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Youth Choir Rehearsal FBC
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Snack Supper and Youth Program FBC

Sunday, October 5

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Youth Choir Rehearsal FBC
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Snack Supper and Youth Program FBC

Plans are also being made for a Fall Retreat to Camp Caraway, the BBQ Festival Parking, and the Family Night Fall Carnival.

Lost & Found - Cleaning Out

With the start of Family Night a couple of tables will be set up against the wall with all the items that have been left at the church. If they belong to you please claim them. The tables will remain up from September 10 thru the 21st. Help us clean up.

COMING THIS FALL

Sunday Morning Coffee Room

In order to encourage fellowship and enjoy a beverage, join us on the second floor near the elevator on Sunday mornings for a hot beverage and conversation. Watch for it and smell the coffee!
Coming Sunday, September 14, 9:30 a.m., second floor.

Music Notes

If you ever wanted to sing in the choir or learn to play hand bells, now is the perfect time to join. The sanctuary choir will resume their normal practice schedule, Wednesday, September 3 at 7:30 p.m. The Senior Adult Choir will resume their regular schedule Wednesday, September 17 at 4:30 p.m. The hand bell choir will resume their practice on Monday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. Hand Bell choir is open to anyone, no experience required. **Come ring and sing!**

New Display

Many of you have helped the library committee in the past as we display items of interest in the exhibit case near the library. We would like to showcase the vacations of some of our members in 2014. Please lend us photographs (at least 5" x 7") and other memorabilia that you may have from this year, and we will display it in the case. Well-labeled items are needed on later than September 14.

Memorials

Belize Mission Projects: *Graham Hall* by LeGrand & Dolly Skinner, Peggy Barnhardt; **Belize Pastor Training:** *Graham Hall* by Richard & Ferry Lane Lowder, Earl Johnson, Dale & Joanne Potts, Robert Tate, Frank & Ann Greer, Fellowship-Philpott SS Class; **General Fund:** *Catherine Pritchard, Horace Conner, Chad Kirkendall, Helen Linder* by David & Julia Dunn; **Transportation Fund:** *Bryant Stutts, Betty S. Smith, Cindy M. Lanier, Zeb Barnhardt, Bette Moore, Clarence & Ruth Corn, Dermont Everhart* by David & Julia Dunn; **Music Ministry:** *Graham Hall* by Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck

Thank You

Dear Members of First Baptist,

All of the acts of kindness from food, telephone calls, cards and visits meant so much to us during the recent death of my younger sister, Cindy Myers Lanier.

Thank you for being so supportive during a very difficult time.

Martha & Robert Adams

Fall Bible Study - The Beatitudes

Monday, September 22 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23 - 10:30 a.m.

A seven week study beginning Monday and Tuesday, September 22 and 23 and finishing November 11 and 12.

Welcome New Members - August 10, 2014



Alton & Billie Warren
234 Shuler Circle
Thomasville, NC 27360
803-0653

Martha Best Children's Center Enrollment September 2014

Full Time Child Care: 87.5% full
1/2 Day Nursery School: 61.5% full
After School Care: 74.4% full

We are looking forward to a great year! Thank you for your support and prayers. Jean Ashley, Director

First Baptist Endowment Fund

This past month the church received the largest contribution in its history. The gift was given to the Endowment with the understanding that it will provide perpetual income for the financial future of First Baptist. We are grateful for this generous gift and all gifts.

What is an Endowment exactly? An endowment is a pool of invested assets. Gifts are invested through the endowment and only the earnings are spent, never the principal. The Four Funds are: Building and Grounds, Enrichment, Missions, and Unrestricted. An endowment is a perfect way to create a lasting legacy. First Baptist remains very dependent on members to fund the Annual Operating Budget. Today with economic issues it is becoming increasingly challenging to raise the necessary funds needed to provide the services and ministries we have come to expect. **Due to declining giving to the financial support of our church we have used the endowment to cover costs that should be covered in the Annual Operating Budget.**

Members of FBC both living and deceased have contributed to the Endowment Fund. So, you may ask... How can I continue the legacy by contributing to the Endowment Fund? Of course lifetime gifts are always welcome; although some gifts are made through a deceased member's Last Will and Testament. If you have a Will, it can be as simple as contacting your attorney and asking that a Codicil be added to benefit the Endowment Fund with some portion of your estate. Another very easy and simple way to include FBC in your estate plan is to name the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of a percentage of your life insurance, IRA, 401(k) or annuity. For additional information, please contact Tommy Wilson in the church office. Thank you for your support of the ministries and outreach of this church

Women of the World

Please join us for the next Women's Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church beginning Monday, September 8, 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 9, 9:15 a.m. We will be studying Beth Moore's "Children of the Day." (I & II Thessalonians)

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Wednesday Evening Family Night

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir	Music Suite
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Childcare Babies	Nursery
	(Please inform the church if you need child care)	
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Children Eat First)	Fellowship Hall
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's (Grades 1st - 5th)	Room 212
	RA's	Room 225
	RA's Youth	
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 226
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st Grade)	Room 230
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5)	Music Suite
	Youth	The ATTIC
	Church Fellowship /Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite

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