

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - January 2015

Commitment & Communion Sunday
Sunday, January 25 - 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
“Give and it shall be given to you” Luke 6:38



Commitment Packets are available in the hall near the parlor. Forms should be returned by Sunday, January 25 as part of the service.



Susan Sparks
Lecturer

The 2015 Carolyn M. Parker Memorial Preaching/Teaching Lectures

Saturday, January 31 - Dinner and Lecture
Fellowship Hall - 6:00 p.m.

“The power of humor in the spiritual path.”

**Menu: Flank Steak with Plum Ginger Sauce,
Asparagus, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, French Silk Pie**

Adults: \$6.00 Children 12 & Under: \$4.00 Family Limit: \$20.00

RSVP: Sunday, January 25

10:00 a.m. Sunday School - February 1 - Fellowship Hall

Getting through the tough times (faith in times of pain).

It is based on a motorcycle trip my husband and I took out West and uses humor and storytelling in a piece entitled “*The Tisdale Triangle.*”

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

“The Mulch Pile”

Letting go of the negative things in life and allowing ourselves to grow something beautiful in their place.

Based on Paul’s words in Colossians 3: 7-10 and 12-14.

Originally from Charlotte, Susan Sparks has had an unusual life path. She attended UNC at Chapel Hill and WFU School of Law. After ten years as a lawyer and moonlighting as a standup comedian, Susan left her practice and spent two years on a solo trip around the world, including working with Mother Teresa’s mission in Calcutta, climbing Mt Kilimanjaro and driving the Alaska Highway. She entered Union Theological Seminary in New York City where she earned a Master of Divinity. She is currently the Senior Pastor of the historic Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City (and the first woman in its 165 year history). Susan is a cancer survivor and speaks to groups across the country on humor and healing. Susan has been featured in *O Magazine*, the *New York Times*, on CBS, CNN and ABC.

Meetings & Events

**FBC Office and MBCC will be closed
Monday, January 19 for MLK Holiday**

JANUARY 2015

14th:	First Family Night Dinner	6:15 p.m.
18th:	Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
19th:	<i>MLK Holiday / Office Closed</i>	
25th:	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Soup & Sandwich Lunch	12:15 p.m.
26th:	Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
27th:	Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
31st:	Parker Lecture & Dinner	6:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2015

1st:	Parker Lecture Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Parker Lecture Worship	11:00 a.m.
2nd:	Fraday/Johnson Mission Group	1:45 p.m.
	Bernice Cross Mission Group	2:00 p.m.
	Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
3rd:	Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Carolyn Phillips Group	12:00 p.m.
8th:	Communion Sunday	11:00 a.m.
9th:	Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
10th:	Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

Baptists Today

January 15 is the final date to renew or add your name to *Baptists Today* subscriptions. The price is \$20.00 if we have less than 25 orders or \$18.00 if we have 25 or more. Call the church office if you wish to renew or add your name.

MLK Celebration

Monday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church - Village Drive

Sunday Lunch - January 25, 2015
Grace Episcopal Church

We are still in need of volunteers to help serve and clean up on January 25 at Grace Episcopal. The time is from 12:15 until 2:00 p.m. Call the church office if you can assist.

Chrismons

Our Chrismon tree and Chrismons are showing their age. We have begun looking for a new tree. The current tree was purchased in 2003.

The Chrismons are simply wearing out. We need individuals and or a committee to either repair or place them. In Salisbury is Rufty's Chrismon Shop and they have classes and supplies to aid us in this process. Classes range from Beginner to Advanced. Please let Tommy know your interest. (tommy@fbclex.org)

Extended Sessions

January 11: Bed Babies: M/M Kevin Foster
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Christy Clark & Courtney Sams
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Hopkins
January 18: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley, Whitney Brooks
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Bryan Lingerfelt
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Thomas Jolly
January 25: Bed Babies: Margaret Ann Maddox,
June Honeycutt **Toddler & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Lee Davis
3 & 4 Year Olds: Sandra Wilson, Jack Davis
February 1: Bed Babies: M/M Richard Baxley
Toddlers/2Year Olds: M/M Dustin Hill
3 & 4 Year Olds: Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser and Andy Killebrew
February 8: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Phil Mickey

2015 TDCWL

Please mark your calendars for March 28 for Touching Davidson County with Love! Thanks to Judy LeCroy, Kay Albright and Tobin Shepherd who are serving as our coordinators. There will be an opportunity for everyone to serve!

Food Boxes

Thanks to your generosity we were able to provide 60 food boxes for families for the Christmas season. Each box cost \$75.00. \$4,929 was given this year. Our expenses were \$4,415. We also had large number of individuals available to pack and distribute the boxes. Thanks to everyone for giving and helping in this mission project. A special thanks to Peggy Barnhardt and Jim Honeycutt.

Wednesday Family Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

January 14 - Gospel Without Borders*

January 21 - Gospel Without Borders*

January 28 - Quarterly Business Meeting

February 4 - FaithHealth - Heart Emphasis

*Gospel Without Borders brings more light and less heat to the issue of immigration. It separates myth from fact, examines what the Bible says about treatment of the "stranger," shows the experiences of documented and undocumented immigrants, and provides handles for Christians to advance the common good. The documentary highlights stories in five states: Arizona, Arkansas, North Carolina, Alabama and Iowa. Some stories break the heart. Others inspire the spirit. Still others challenge the mind. But all come together and show how that the Christian gospel is indeed without borders.

New Tree

Recently the Crusaders Sunday School Class purchased and planted a Deodara Cedar tree in the front lawn of the church. The tree was given in memory of Don Minner.

Soup and Sandwich Lunch with Bake Sale

Sunday, January 25 - 12:15 p. m. - Fellowship Hall

Our Youth are sponsoring the annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch with a Bake Sale following the worship service on January 25.

Joyce is making her delicious homemade vegetable soup and Jane Blackerby is organizing another great bake sale with wonderful homemade cakes and pies. You have a choice of Conrad and Hinkle Pimento Cheese, Peanut Butter or a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich. All proceeds support youth mission activities this summer. Tickets are \$7.00 adults, \$4.00 Children and \$20.00 family limit.



FBC Financial Updates - Year End 2014

2014 Budget:

Annual Budget:	\$750,202
December Giving:	\$110,093
Member Contributions:	\$82,086
Year End Totals:	\$691,346
Budget Shortage:	\$58,855

ALL NEEDED EXPENDITURES WERE PAID

All Mission Needs were fully funded

Endowment:

Balance: \$1,226,928

2015 Budget: \$740,136

Financial Statements

Year end statements will be ready in the coming days and we will try to hand them out on Sundays and Wednesday nights or they can be picked up at the office. If you have questions or concerns please contact Sherri. Her hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You should have received your 2015 offering envelopes. If you wish to receive envelopes in the mail contact Sherri sherri@fbclcx.org. Children box sets are available in the church office.

Online Giving

Giving online is simple and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.fbclcx.org.
2. Click on the **On-Line Giving** button top of page.
3. Click on the **Create Profile** button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

2015 Newsletter

To date we have 122 who receive the newsletter by email. If you have not signed up please go to the web site and sign up. This provides a saving of paper, postage and copier use. We have literally cut the amount we pay for the newsletter in half.

Memorials

Endowment Fund: Lois Howe, Evelyn Michael Myers, Henry Grady Barnhill, Jr., by Peggy Barnhardt; Frances McLendon, Tim Jones, William Dillahunt, Jr., by Don & Ann Bishop; **Music Ministry:** Graham Hall & Frances McLendon by Jeanne Wall; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** Ruth Mabe & R.B. Smith by Hal & Donna Routh; Grace Cox by Robert & Ann Cole; **Christmas Food Boxes:** Catherine Skipper by Robert & Martha Adams; **Transportation Fund:** Frances McLendon, Cindy Lanier, William Dillahunt, Jr., Helen Linder, Chad Kirkendall by Vinnon & Gloria Williams; Frances McLendon by Gary & Sue Wikstrom; Carroll Wall, Jr., Bryant Stutts, Bill Medford, Mary King, Chad Kirkendall, Cindy Lanier by Carol Stutts-Wall; Grace Cox by Robert & Jane Hedrick, William Dillahunt, Jr., Josh Lilly, Betty S. Smith, Frances McLendon by David & Julia Dunn; Graham Hall, Chad Kirkendall, Frances McLendon, John Thacker, Sr., Helen Linder, Don Kepley, Dermont Everhart, Horace Conner, James Bates by Chuck & Marilyn Taylor; **General Fund (Missions):** Frances McLendon, Helen Linder, Larry Beck, Bill Medford by Brenda Hipp; **General Fund:** Horace Conner by Suzy Conner; Frank Thacker by Ursula Thacker; Grace Cox by Turlington and Company, L.L.P. Frances McLendon by Carl Garrison; **Novella M. Tyler Music Fund:** Novella M. Tyler & Frances McLendon by Terry & Martha Hutchens;

Honorariums

Endowment Fund: Lillie Stutts, Betsy Medford, Ray & Joyce Howell, Tommy & Sandra Wilson by Carol Stutts-Wall; **Transportation Fund:** Sally Davis, Betty Privette, Germaine Wagner, The Jackson, Ann Corn by The Faithful Workers SS Class; **Christmas Food Boxes:** Tommy & Sandra Wilson, Ray & Joyce Howell, Paul Freeman, Jean Ashley by David & Julia Dunn; Sarah Frye, Jim Honeycutt, Rod Penry, Doug Pearson, Jim Snyder by Robert & Ann Cole; Melinda Hartley, Sharon Palmer, Judy LeCroy, Kay Albright by Rochella Baker SS Class; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** Kelly Mitcham, William Hopkins, Alyson Honeycutt, Phil Ryalls, Brenda Sprinkle, Catherine Bowers, Ginger Hill, Virginia Flippin by Simon & Margaret Ann Maddox; Robert & Ann Cole, Vinnon & Gloria Williams by Shirley Crotts; Ralph & Jean Ashley, Edgar & Belinda Thomas, Tom & Cammey Manning, Jason & Katrina Romblad by Robert & Ann Cole; **Music Ministry:** Silba Rae Fennell by Kay Kepley; Peggy Barnhardt by The Fellowship/Philpott SS Class; **General Fund:** Ray & Joyce Howell by Paul & Jemmetta Allred; Don, Gale & Amelia Lanning & John & Myra Thacker by Brenda Hipp; Foy & Shirley Owen by Brad & Laura Owen; Ray & Joyce Howell, Robert & Ann Cole, Paul Freeman by Brenda Hipp; Jerry & Tricia Laws, Don & Ann Bishop, Gary & Sue Wikstrom by Hicks & Jan Beam; **Benevolent Fund:** Carol Stutts-Wall, Connie Klump, Carol Frank by David & Julia Dunn; **Music Ministry:** Silba Rae Fennell by Kay Kepley; **Small Jobs Ministry:** Fred Belk by Dale & Carol Frank;



2015 25th Annual Birthday Banquet

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

Ticket purchase is required and tickets will be available through **Sunday, February 1.**

Cost: Adults: \$6.00 Under 12: \$4.00 Family Limit: \$20.00

Entertainment: Ken Davis

Menu: Chicken Diane over Pasta, Spinach Salad with Mandarin Oranges and

Craisins Salad with a Raspberry Vinaigrette, Bread, Cake/Ice Cream

Children: Chicken Tenders

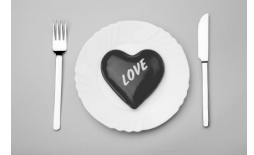
MBCC Fundraiser - Valentine Luncheon

Friday, February 13 - 12:00 - 1:00 p. m. - FBC Fellowship Hall

Ham or Turkey Sandwich, Potato or Pasta Salad, Fruit Cup, Tea and Dessert

\$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children - Tickets now on sale

Basket Silent Auction Open Sunday, February 8 thru Lunch Friday February 13



Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study

January 26 - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

January 27 - 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

"The Beatitudes" and "The Sermon on the Mount"

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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 Fellowship Hall
(Children Eat First)

5:45 - 6:30 p.m. GA's Room 212
(Grades 1st. - 5th.)

RA's Room 225

Mission Friends Room 225

Acteens Room 226

6:30 - 7:15 Joyful Singers Room 206

(Age 4 - 1st. Grade)

Chancel Choristers Music Suite

(Grades 2nd. - 5th.)

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Youth The ATTIC

Church Fellowship /Bible Study

Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Music Suite

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