



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5th, is **All Saints Sunday**, the day we honor the memory of our church members who have died in the past year. If you have experienced a death in your family and would like to remember your loved one by lighting a candle of hope during this service, please contact Ray or the church office.

BIBLE STUDY

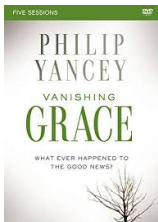
FOR BY GRACE... A PRELUDE TO THE REFORMATION

Led by Dr. Ray Howell III
Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Monday Nights - 7pm Tuesday Mornings - 10:30am
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

NEW! BOOK LOVERS CLUB

INTRODUCING: FBC BOOK LOVERS CLUB

The First Baptist media center announces a new book club for our church members. If you like to read, please consider joining with others who are also book lovers for a lively discussion. Our first gathering will be Sunday, Nov. 5th at 5 p.m. in the church library. The meeting will last until approximately 6:30. We will be discussing *Vanishing Grace* by Philip Yancey. Some of you may be familiar with an earlier book by Yancey entitled *What's So Amazing about Grace?* The meeting will mean more to you if you have read the book beforehand, but this is not required. There is one copy of the book in our library, and our public library will borrow the book from other libraries if you will present your library card for checkout. Please consider becoming a book club member! Contact Judy LeCroy at jlecroy@triad.rr.com or 336-249-3766



Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please consider packing one more shoebox than you did last year so we can reach our goal of 200 shoeboxes. If you are unable to shop, contact Barbara Epley at (336) 249-1331, and she will shop for you. Wednesday, November 15th, is the deadline for all shoeboxes to be turned in. Boxes and labels are available in the fellowship hall and in the hallway near the church office. We are counting on you to help us meet our goal and so are the children.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROCESSING

Once again, our church will send volunteers to help with the processing of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in Charlotte. Processing day is Tuesday, December 12th. Doug Pearson has graciously agreed to drive our group. We will leave from the church parking lot at 11:30am, work from 1-5pm, eat dinner and return around 8:30pm. We are limited to 17 participants, so if you're interested, please contact Judy LeCroy ASAP to secure your place. Contact Judy at 336-249-3766 or jlecroy@triad.rr.com

PARKER LECTURES

We are happy to announce that Pam Durso, the Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry will lead us in the 2018 Parker Lectures on February 3-4, 2018. Pam has her Ph.D. in Church History from Baylor University. She will speak on Women In Church History.

SOUTH LEXINGTON BACKPACK PROGRAM

Your generosity to the Backpack Program at South Lexington School has made a profound difference in the lives of many children. A collection box is in the elevator lobby. Monetary donations are appreciated as well and should be made payable to South Lexington School and note it is for the Backpack Program. You can mail your donation to South Lexington School in care of Julia Dunn at 1000 Cotton Grove Road, Lexington, NC 27292. **Items Needed:** Canned Pasta with Protein, Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups, Applesauce Cups, Pop Tarts, Raman Noodles, Chicken Noodle Soup (Note: Prefer pop top cans as some of my homeless children may not have access to a can opener.)

COMMITMENT COMMITTEE

The Commitment committee will meet November 5th at 9:15AM in the church library. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Engstrom. She can be reached via email at lindaengstrom31@gmail.com or call her at (336) 596-4492.

POINSETTIAS!

If you would like to place a poinsettia in our beautiful sanctuary for the Advent Season, they are now available for purchase. Cost is \$35.00 per poinsettia. Although not required, poinsettias may be purchased in honor of someone or in memory of someone. **DEADLINE** to purchase is November 19th. Contact Sherri in the Church office for more information and ordering.

EXTENDED SESSION

November 5th-BED BABIES-Donna Routh (336) 249-2350 & Wendy Walker (336) 236-6301

TODDLERS & 2's-M/M Dale Lambeth (336) 752-2083

3 & 4 YR OLDS-Alyson Honeycutt & Grace Upton (704) 433-0656

November 12th-BED BABIES-Jen Fuller-Allen (336) 250-0714

Brooke Williams (336) 956-1821

TODDLERS & 2's-M/M Lee Davis (336) 239-4610

3 & 4 YR OLDS-M/M William Fulbright (336) 956-6390

November 19th-BED BABIES-M/M Nathan Houser (336) 956-6148

TODDLERS & 2's-Sandra Blackwelder (336) 249-9593

Crystal Alexander (336) 956-2765

3 & 4 YR OLDS-Brenda Sprinkle (336) 859-3389 Sarah & Spencer Hall

November 26th-BED BABIES-Jen Fuller-Allen (336) 250-0714

Brooke Williams (336) 956-1821

TODDLERS & 2's-M/M Kevin Brown (336) 242-1435

3 & 4 YR OLDS-Margaret Ann Maddox (336) 250-8527

Whitney Brooks (336) 479-8191

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RESERVATIONS

For Wednesday Night Dinner Reservations please send an Email to:

Wednesday@fbclex.org or call the church office to make reservations. Deadline for reservations or cancellations is Monday noon.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through September 30, 2017, total revenue received for the church was \$457,493. The total expenses for the same period were \$453,596. Our giving is behind what it was at this time in 2016. Our total 2017 budget is \$717,493. We will have a catch up Sunday on November 12th.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

November 19
Georgia O'Keefe Exhibit
December 10
Trans-Siberian Orchestra
Contact Sharon Palmer for more information at kd40ga@aol.com

DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK!

Time Changes
Sunday Morning, November 5th at 2AM



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 5 - Commitment Committee Meeting-9:00 am-Church Library
November 5 - FBC Book Lovers-5pm-Church Parlor
November 18 - Youth trip to Wake Forest Football Game
November 19 - Finance Committee Meeting-9:00am-Church Parlor
November 19 - Families with Children Game Night-4:00pm-Fellowship Hall
November 19 - Deacon's Meeting-7:00pm-Church Parlor
November 29 - Advent Workshop-6:15pm-Fellowship Hall

MEMORIALS

General Fund:

Louise Tate by Carl Garrison, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck, Don & Ann Bishop and Clark & Abby Smith.

Endowment Fund: **Louise Tate and Mike Lambros** by Peggy Barnhardt.

Small Jobs: **Jack Sink** by Betty Sink

MBCC Scholarship Fund: **Mrs. & Mrs. Fred Sink** by Kelly Sink

Building/Grounds: **Mike Lambros, Melvin Young, Louise Tate and Earl Johnson** by Richard & Lois Perryman

Music Ministry: **Margaret Brown and Earl Johnson** by First Baptist Church Senior Adult Choir

HONORARIUMS

Small Jobs Ministries: **Small Jobs Committee** by Luanne Humphries

Dragon Fly House: **Ray & Joyce Howell** by Kelly Sink

Misc. Restricted (Pictorial Directories for Shut-ins): **Kay Albright, Brenda Hipp, Bonnie Harvey, Sidney Minner and Judy LeCroy** by Barry & Renee Sink

Prayer Shawl: **Meagan Smith** by unidentified

CONTACT US!

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(Information Deadline the 23rd of each month)



THE INMATE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HERE SOON!

On Tuesday, December 12th, Davidson Prison Ministry will hold its' annual Christmas Party for the inmates and staff of the Davidson Correctional Center on Raleigh Road. We are asking for your help!

*Desserts - Homemade or store-bought are our **greatest need**. Pies, cakes, cookies, doughnuts, and many tasty treats will be needed in large quantities! No fresh fruit or raisins. (A few sugar-free items could also be used). There are 258 hungry and appreciative men! Please bring goodies to the church by noon on December 12th or to the rear entrance of the prison between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on the same day. From the Raleigh Road approach, drive into the parking lot on the right, then proceed to the back of the prison where the entrance to the Dining Hall is located. There will be volunteers to greet you. with open arms!

You may volunteer to help by assisting with the party itself. Women will manage the dessert buffet. Men will assist the Chaplain in presenting gift bags to the inmates in the Chapel. Please call Newell Davis at (336) 248-5831 by December 5th for your name to be placed on the volunteer list.

You are always so faithful and generous. **Thank you** for your help as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with these men.



Cancer Services of Davidson County Christmas Party

Save the Date! Cancer Services will hold a Christmas party for cancer patients on Thursday, December 21 in the Church Fellowship

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