

CBF National Leader to Speak at First Baptist

FBC Wednesday Night Fellowship, February 15, 2017, 6:30-7:00 p.m.

At our February 15th Wednesday night fellowship, we will be joined by Dr. Matt Cook, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wilmington, N.C. Dr. Cook is the immediate past Moderator of the general assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and continues to serve on the Governing Board for CBF. An active CBF pastor and co-founder of the South Africa Ministry Network, Dr. Cook brings a commitment to doing collaborative ministry and mission. According to the CBF website, “He is an inspiring figure for the newest generation of Baptist leaders as he assesses the challenges from our past and looks toward solutions for challenges through partnerships and relationship building.” Join us from 6:30-7:00 p.m. to hear this exciting missional leader. Dr. Cook will also be meeting with the Missional Leadership team in the church parlor from 3:00-5:00 on that Wednesday and everyone is welcome to attend.

Dr. Terry Hamrick - Missional Leadership Workshop March 3 & 4, 2017

On March 3 and 4, 2017, Dr. Terry Hamrick will be conducting a Friday evening-Saturday morning workshop on Missional Leadership at First Baptist. Dr. Hamrick retired from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship national headquarters as coordinator of missional visioning. He is the author of Leadership In Constant Change, Embracing A New Missional Reality, and will help us as we develop a new mission focus for our church. This exciting workshop will explore many areas including: Taking Mission to a Local and Personal Level, Individual/Small Teams/Classes, Empowered to Action, Entrepreneurial mark your calendar now and plan on joining us for this unique opportunity to learn from this renowned Christian educator, author, and missional leader.

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Lenten Services

Begins March 8, 2017

12:00 Noon - First United Methodist Church

Lunch is provided for \$5.00

The week that the Baptist’s are in charge volunteers will be needed.

Soup and Jelly

Please remember to be faithful in our giving soup and jelly for Crisis Ministry. Items can be dropped in the basket marked Crisis Ministry that is located in the entry of the Fellowship Hall. You may also make cash donations and items will be purchased.

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Steeple Talk - February 2016



Meagan Smith

Our Associate Minister Search Committee and Personnel Committee unanimously recommend that we call Ms. Meagan Smith as our Associate Minister. Meagan is a native of Auburn, Alabama, and grew up in the First Baptist Church of Auburn. She graduated from Columbus State University in 2014 and will graduate with honors from the McAfee School of Theology—Mercer University in May. Meagan comes highly recommended from her professors, her supervisors who have worked with her, her pastor and all who know her. She has received many different academic awards and honors. She currently serves as a Teaching Assistant at McAfee, as well as working with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Atlanta and Baptist Women in Ministry. Her ministerial experience includes being a staffer and Bible Study/Missions leader at Passport. She served as the Interim Minister of Youth at her home church and also served as Children’s Ministry Assistant. She served as Minister to Children and Youth at the First Christian Church of Lawrenceville, Georgia. Meagan comes from a loving, supportive, close-knit family. She is single and is looking for a church where she can become a “part of the family.” She wants to find a community where she can establish roots and stay for a long time. Meagan will be visiting with us the weekend of March 17 -19. We will be sharing more details of her visit and the opportunities that you will have to meet her.

Meetings & Events

FEBRUARY 2017

Feb. 1	Business Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Communion—Come & See	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 6	Johnson/Frady Mission Group	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 19	Underground Church (Youth @ YMCA)	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	Deacons’ Meeting	7:00 p.m.

CBF -NC 2017
General Assembly
March 30
First Baptist Church
Hickory, NC



For more information go to the CBF-NC website at cbfnc.org.

Winter Bible Study

“I Am Sayings”

Monday - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

20th Annual Bible Study Field Trip

We have been traveling to exciting destinations by bus for 20 years on our annual Bible Study Field Trips. These are times of great fellowship and fun, plus they are educational and inspirational. This year’s destination is beautiful Charleston, South Carolina on May 1-3. Reservations are going fast. Information is available in the church office.

Holy Land Presentation Feb. 13 and 14

Dr. Howell will give a Holy Land Presentation on Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m. Our next Holy Land Pilgrimage is scheduled for February 22 – March 4, 2018. The presentation is open to everyone.

Extended Sessions

February 5: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Dale Frank
February 12: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Zak Young
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Fulbright
February 19: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander
3 & 4 Year Olds: Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall, & Spencer Hall
February 26: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kevin Brown
3 & 4 Year Olds: Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

Committees

As we begin a new year there have been several changes to two committees.

Personnel: Brian Walker (Chair)

2017 Members: Debbie Auman and Gene Klump
2018 Members: Catherine Bowers and Tommy Saintsing
2019 Members: Brian Walker and Randy Amos
Our thanks to Kathy Hinkle who served as Chair this past year and to Jimmy Davis for his years of service. Rod Penry also serves as past Moderator.

Finance: Jon Myers (Chair)

2017 Members: Greg Briggs and Melinda Hartley
2018 Members: Judy LeCroy and Jon Myers
2018 Members: Tobin Shepherd and Jim Tate
2019 Members: Linda Engstrom and Johnny Beck

David Huneycutt is Treasurer. Our thanks to LeGrand Skinner for his years of service and for being the chair this past year and to Lee Davis for his four years of service. Our thanks to Melinda Hartley who served as Secretary this past year and will serve again this year.

Sunday, February 5 Communion - 11:00 a.m.

This Sunday, February 5, we invite all who listen to us on the radio to join us for a special communion service. Have some juice and bread ready to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. As the church is having communion in the sanctuary, Dr. Howell will guide all of our radio listeners in a special observance. In this way the Table of our Lord is expanded beyond the walls of our church. Our broadcast can be found at 1440 AM or 99.9 FM beginning at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. It can also be streamed through our website.

Online Giving

Online giving 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.fbclex.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

Save the Date

Saturday, April 22

Touching Davidson County



With Love

Once again, this spring, our church will be participating in Touching Davidson County with Love. **The date is April 22!** Please plan now to participate. There will be construction projects, yard cleanups, nursing homes to visit, and blankets to be made for children who are abused. These are just a small portion of the projects that will be needing YOUR help. Signups will begin around the middle of March. This is the 11th year for TDCWL; please circle the date on your calendar and come out to help!

Family Night

Church Fellowship/Bible Study

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 1 –Business Meeting
Wednesday, February 8 - Faith Health
Wednesday, February 15—Matt Cook
Missionary Leadership
Wednesday, February 22—No Meal
No activities or program

Memorials

General Fund:

Millie Fisher by Brenda & Nathan Houser; **Betsy Wall Medford** by Burnett & Pamela Jarvis; **Mary Alice Tysinger** by Marilyn Lohr, Gregory & Amelia Gach, Don & Ann Bishop, Wanda Freeman, Gary Brierton, and Marylyn “Booty” Hilton; **Josephine Waller** by FBC Light Bearers Sunday School Class and David & Julia Dunn; Rebecca **“B.J.” Nelson Hughes** by Betty Sink.

Endowment Fund:

Millie Fisher, Madge Jones, Ed Swing, Michael Berkurt, Mary Alice Tysinger by Peggy Barnhardt; **Mary Alice Tysinger** by Silba Rae Fennell; **Harold Bowen** by George & Amy Chambless.

Small Jobs Ministry:

Jack Michael, Horace Conner, Betsy Wall Medford by Margaret Strickland

Building/Grounds:

Rotha Belk Tarlton by Mr. & Mrs. Hal Routh

Senior Adult Ministry:

Mary Alice Tysinger by Frady/ Johnson Mission Group:

Honorariums

General Fund:

Faithful Workers Sunday School Class Members Birthdays by Elaine Alexander

Small Job Ministry:

Lane Gilliam by Shawn & Amy Deforest; **Angie & Wayne Thomas** by Margaret Strickland.