



# First Baptist Church

## Lexington, NC

**Steeple Talk - February 2015**

### *25th Annual Birthday Banquet*

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



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

### *Family Night 2015*

*February - March*

*Church Fellowship/Bible Study*  
*6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, February 11 - Birthday Banquet

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 25 - Gospel Without Borders Follow Up  
(Special speaker! You will want to hear her story.)

### *March - Academy*

The four Wednesday nights in March we will be offering an Academy.

The Classes available for you to choose will be:

Master Gardening - Led by Doug Pearson

March 4 - The Basics of Pruning: Why, When, How

March 11 - Feng Shui in the Garden: the ancient Chinese art of perfect placement

March 18 - The Basics of Composting

March 25 - Day Lilies by Jimmy Davis

Chrismon Repairs and making new ones - Various Instructors

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Virginia Flippin



# Meetings & Events

## FEBRUARY 2015

9th: Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
10th: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
15th: Finance Committee	9:00 a.m.
16th: Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
17th: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
22nd: Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
23rd: Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
24th: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

## MARCH 2015

2nd: Frady/Johnson Mission Group	1:45 p.m.
Bernice Cross Mission Group	2:00 p.m.
3rd: Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	12:00 p.m.

## Noon Lenten Services

Wednesday, February 18th Ash Wednesday begins the Annual Noon Lenten Services at First United Methodist Church. Following the service a meal will be served with a cost of \$5.00 per person. Services run through Holy Week.

## CBFNC 2015 General Assembly March 19 - 20



Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

## Committees

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

**Personnel:** Alan Williams (Chair)

2015 Members: Chad Killebrew, Alan Williams

2016 Members: Jimmy Davis, Kathy Hinkle

2017 Members: Debbie Auman, Gene Klump

Our thanks to Chad Killebrew who served as Chair this past year and to Hal Routh for his years of service. Jon Myers also serves as past Moderator.

**Finance:** Phyllis Penry (Chair)

2015 Members: Freddie McMahan, Phyllis Penry

2016 Members: Lee Davis, LeGrand Skinner

2017 Members: Greg Briggs, Melinda Hartley

2018 Members: Judy LeCroy, Jon Myers

David Huneycutt is Treasurer and our thanks to William Fulbright for his years of service and to Melinda Hartley who serves as Secretary.

## Staff Appreciation

February 15th marks the 9th year anniversary of employment for Libby Everhart as Administrative Assistant/Church Secretary. We are grateful for her service. Thanks for all you do.

## Extended Sessions

**February 8: Bed Babies:** Donna Routh & Wendy Walker

**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Lambeth

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Simon Maddox

**February 15: Bed Babies:** Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Zak Young

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M William Fulbright

**February 22: Bed Babies:** M/M Nathan Houser

**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal

**Alexander 3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Courtney Sams & Sarah Hall

**March 1: Bed Babies:** Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kevin Brown

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham



## 2015 TDCWL

Once again, this spring, our church will be participating in Touching Davidson County with Love. **The date is March 28!** 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. Those are just a small portion of the projects that will be needing YOUR help. Signup will begin around March 1. This is the ninth year for TDCWL; please circle the date on your calendar and come out to help!

We hope you will order and wear this year's t-shirt (or a past TDCWL t-shirt) for our workday on March 28. T-shirts are \$9.00 for S thru XL, \$11.00 for XXL and \$13.00 for XXXL. All orders must be turned in by **THURSDAY, MARCH 12. Please submit money or checks (made to: First Baptist Church)** contact Debbie Auman [kdcauman@lexcominc.net](mailto:kdcauman@lexcominc.net) or 596-9053.

## WOW - Women of the Word

### Bible Study at First Presbyterian Lexington

Come join us as we study "What Love Is" The Letters of I. II & III John with Kelly Minter.

John anchors us with truth in a culture that has lost it's way.

Beginning February 16 & 17 for seven weeks.

Meeting times are Monday nights at 6:30 p.m.  
and Tuesday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

For further information contact Debbie Auman at 596-9053

## Junior/Senior Chili Meal

**Saturday, February 21 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

### FBC Fellowship Hall

Needed are: 4 Pots of Chili

Desserts, Breads and Crackers

Salads and Vegetable Side Dishes

Paper products, utensils, drinks are being provided

There will be no cost except what you prepare and bring  
Call Sharon Palmer 798-1369 or the church office 245-1261

## Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser

The youth of First Baptist are so very grateful for a loving and supportive church family. Through your support and generosity, we cleared almost \$1,300 at our Soup and Sandwich Lunch and Bake Sale on January 25. This money will be used for our Passport mission in July and our Belize mission in August. Thank you for making youth ministry a priority in our church!

## Financial Statements

Year end statements are ready 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@fbclx.org](mailto:sherri@fbclx.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.fbclx.org](http://www.fbclx.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 124 who receive the newsletter by email. If you have not signed up please go to the web site and sign up. This provides a savings of paper, postage and copier use. We have literally cut the amount we pay for the newsletter in half.

## Marching To Holy Week

We will have a special focus on Sunday School during the month of March and would like to have each Sunday School class participate in "Marching to Holy Week" by building our Sunday School. The fifth Sunday in March is Palm Sunday when we "March" to the Square.

We would like to ask each class to send a representative to a brief meeting Sunday morning, February 15, at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss details on how we can reach out to new and inactive members, set attendance goals, and find other ways to enrich your class.

## Memorials

**General Fund:** *Grace Cox* by Jean Penland; **Bereavement Committee:** *Cornelia Coble* by Fred & Lynda Belk; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Paul Holman* by Hal & Donna Routh, *Grace Cox* by Don & Ann Bishop & Shirley Crotts; **Transportation Fund:** *Jack Sink* by Betty Sink and Susan Bryan Family; *Grace Cox* by Bernice Cross Mission Group, Ann Corn, Marylyn Hilton, *Lois Howe & Cornelia Coble* by Betty Sink, *Mary Jo Shoaf* by Marylyn Hilton; *Jim Underwood* by Robert & Martha Adams, Marylyn Hilton, Robert & Jane Hedrick; *Harold McNeill* by Robert & Martha Adams. Marylyn Hilton, Robert & Jane Hedrick; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Grace Cox* by Fred & Lynda Belk; **Caring Committee:** *Grace Cox* by Barry & Renee Sink; **Endowment Fund:** *Cornelia Coble & Mary Jo Shoaf* by Peggy Barnhardt

## Honorariums

**General Fund:** *Grace Cox* by Barbara Blackwelder, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck; **Transportation Fund:** *Faithful Workers SS Class* by Elaine Alexander; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Fred Belk* by Dale & Carol Frank, *Lane Gilliam* by Betty Sink & Bernice Cross Mission Group, *Lane Gilliam, Fred Belk, Richard Perryman* by Martha Hege; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Jackie Inman* by Marguerita Sandrock; **Music Ministry:** *Peggy Barnhardt* by Fellowship/Philpott SS Class

February 2015

## Thank You

To: Dr. Ray Howell and First Baptist Church Members

Thank you does not seem enough to express our sincere gratitude for you allowing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to use your beautiful Fellowship Hall and for the hospitality that you extended to us. Next, please know that we are very grateful and appreciative of all your acts of kindness. Our prayers are that God will continue to shower you with His blessings.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte Roberts, Chair  
MLK Breakfast Committee

## January Financial Update

Giving:	\$ 41,760
Needed:	\$ 61,678
Budget:	\$740,136
Needed Contributions:	\$674,636
Yearly by Membership Monthly:	\$ 56,220

# February Worship

Our church mission statement will be the focus of our worship in February. We will explore the second half of the statement: "We are committed to nurturing one another, sharing Christ with everyone, and seeking God's will in all that we do." February 8 will be "Nurturing One Another;" February 15, "Sharing Christ With Everyone," and February 22 will be "Seeking God's Will."

## A Special Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for your faithfulness to the Bamong People. The money that you have generously given will be used to help both the Bamong People who wish to know more about Christ and local believers who wish to know more about ministering among the Bamong. We have learned that many Bamong People are at least curious about Christ but are not willing to risk the great social pressures that would come upon them if caught publicly searching. This is where our new Media and Internet project come in. Most of our people group have smart phones and surf the web in the privacy of their own homes. We are working on taking the scriptures that we have already translated and editing them for the web. This allows our friends to read the scriptures online in privacy. We are developing another website that will have material for those in the people group who are curious about Christ. Part of the money you have given will be used to translate appropriate materials.

Another area your gift will be sponsoring is the translating and creating material for the local believers a DVD series is done and contains a very wide array of topics for congregations wishing to learn more about the faith of our people group and how to minister to them.

We are also working toward creating our own DVD that will contain questions from local believers and responses to those questions from leaders among the Bamong People. We have gathered some questions already but need to find local believers to help with the production.

The money you have given truly is a blessing from God, and many people will be blessed because of it. Thank you once again for your faithfulness.

## *First Baptist Endowment Fund*

*\$1,399,713.00 total as of February 4, 2014*

As we began the New Year the church received a \$200,00 gift to the Endowment. This gift along with other gifts will provide perpetual income for the financial future of First Baptist. We are grateful for this 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. **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 beneficiary of a percentage of your life insurance, IRA, 401(k) or annuity.

Brenda Houser is the Chair of the **Endowment Committee** along with Ken Auman and Chuck Taylor. For additional information or assistance, please contact them or Tommy Wilson in the church office. Thank you for your support of the ministries and outreach of our church.

### DIRECTORY

Dr. Ray N. Howell III  
Senior Minister  
ray@fbclex.org  
ext.104

Rev. Tommy Wilson  
Associate Minister  
tommy@fbclex.org  
ext. 101

Mrs. Jean Ashley  
Director, MBCC  
jean@fbclex.org  
ext.108

Mr. Paul Freeman  
Minister of Music  
paul@fbclex.org  
ext. 105

Ms. Libby Everhart  
Administrative Assistant  
libby@fbclex.org  
ext.102

Mrs. Sherri Salinas  
Financial Assistant  
Sherri@fbclex.org  
ext.103

### Phone

336-245-1261 Phone

336.249.9158 Phone

336-249-4762 Fax

www.fbclex.org



## Steeple Talk (USPS 763-910)

Published monthly by  
First Baptist Church, Post Office Box 436  
Lexington, North Carolina 27293

Periodical Postage paid at Lexington, NC

**Return Service Requested**