



# First Baptist Church

## Lexington, NC

### Steeple Talk - February 2016

#### To The Congregation and The Diaconate Of The First Baptist Church Lexington, North Carolina

Sunday January 31, 2016

Sandra and I were serving the First Baptist Church of Albemarle when in early 1987 we began to have conversation with the Personnel Committee from Lexington. In April, I will have completed twenty nine years as your Associate Minister. There is no way I would have imagined or thought that such a long tenure would have been possible or even a part of God's leading in my life and yours. But "thanks be to God" that He has led us down this road together. Carlyle Marney said of his congregation in Charlotte, "they were the most church I ever knew." First Baptist Lexington you are the most church I have ever known. Your love and commitment to Christ and your willingness to grow with me in ministry has certainly been a humbling experience. You have allowed me opportunities I would never have imagined. Your support and guidance throughout has been a true blessing to me and to Sandra.

This past year I have earnestly prayed and sought God's will and guidance as it comes to both my future and the future of First Baptist. I believe that God has led me to offer my resignation. I strongly believe that this decision is not only in my best interest but in the best interest of this great congregation as we both look to the future and God's leading in our lives. In the movie *A River Run's Through It*, the father says, "We can love completely even if we do not have complete understanding." I have certainly not come to this decision lightly, but through your love and the love and grace of God the time has come. I am grateful to Ray and our other staff members that I have had the privilege to serve alongside these past twenty nine years and to each of you who have embodied what it means to be Church. You have inspired me and have helped shape my soul into something so much deeper than it would be if I had not known you.

Sandra and I are not moving. She will continue her work at The Pastor's Pantry. This is our home. However, we recognize that in our staying the relationship will change. I commit myself to assisting with any and all aspects of this transition for the church. I will continue to serve with you over the next few months, with the anticipation of my full retirement starting the end of May.

My eternal gratitude and love,

Tommy Wilson

# Meetings & Events

FEBRUARY 2016

8th: Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
9th: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
15th: Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
16th: Winter Bible Study	10 30 a.m.
21st: Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
28th: Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
29th: Winter Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

CBFNC 2016

General Assembly

March 18

Hayes Barton Baptist Church  
Raleigh, NC



## Staff Appreciation

February 15th marks the 10th year anniversary of employment for Libby Everhart as Administrative Assistant/Church Secretary. We are grateful for her service. Thanks for all you do.

## Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser

We regret that we had to cancel the Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser due to the snow. We are grateful for your support and we do thank those of you who allowed your purchase to be a youth fund donations. Joyce will be working with David to make her vegetable soup February 10. Be sure to make a reservation. The cost is:

\$5.00 Adults, \$3.00 Children; \$17 Family Limit.

## Winter Bible Study The Exodus

Monday - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

## 2016 Bible Study Field Trip

Historic New Bern and Bath, NC

April 25-27, 2016

## Extended Sessions

**February 7: Bed Babies:** Donna Routh & Wendy Walker

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

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Frank

**February 14: Bed Babies:** Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

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

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

**February 21: 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 28: 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:** Kathy Hinkle (Chair)

2016 Members: Jimmy Davis and Kathy Hinkle

2017 Members: Debbie Auman and Gene Klump

2018 Members: Catherine Bowers and Tommy Saintsing

Our thanks to Alan Williams who served as Chair this past year and to Chad Killebrew for his years of service.

Brian Walker also serves as past Moderator.

**Finance:** LeGrand Skinner (Chair)

2016 Members: Lee Davis and LeGrand Skinner

2017 Members: Greg Briggs and Melinda Hartley

2018 Members: Judy LeCroy and Jon Myers

2018 Members: Tobin Shepherd and Jim Tate

David Huneycutt is Treasurer. Our thanks to Phyllis Penry for her years of service and for being the chair the previous two years and to Freddie McMahan for his four years of service. Our thanks to Melinda Hartley who served as Secretary this past year and will serve again this year.

## Columbarium

Our Columbarium still has vacant niches. Each niche can be purchased for \$1,500 and will hold up to two inurnments of ashes. We also offer space for a *Remembrance Plaque* at a cost of \$300. You can have the name or names of loved ones engraved and placed on the side of the Columbarium.

If you have any questions about the Columbarium or wish to make a purchase please contact Tommy (tommy@fbclcx.org) or 245-1261 ext. 101

## Junior/Senior Chili Supper

Saturday, February 6 - 5:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Call Sharon Palmer (798-1369) if you plan to attend and side dish you will be bringing.

## 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.fbclex.org](http://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 16**  
**Touching Davidson County**  
**With Love**



Once again, this spring, our church will be participating in Touching Davidson County with Love. **The date is April 16!** 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. Signups will begin around the middle of March. This is the 10th year for TCWL; please circle the date on your calendar and come out to help!

## Soup and Jelly

In 2014 you gave 406 cans of soup and 523 jars of jelly, a total of 929 items as well as money which purchased both items. In 2015 you gave 208 cans of soup and 320 jars of jelly, a total of 528 items.

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.

Thanks to LeGrand Skinner for being so faithful in delivering the soup and jelly to Crisis Ministry of DC.

## *Family Night* *Church Fellowship/Bible Study*

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

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17

FaithHealth

The First Disciples Story

Wednesday, February 24

Wednesday, March 2

Save the Date

Saturday, April 16, 2016

## Memorials

**General Fund:** *Jan White* by Marylyn Hilton, Robert & Ann Cole, Robert & Martha Adams; *Jack Michael* by The Family of Jack Michael; *Minnie Banks* by Robert & Ann Cole, Robert & Martha Adams; *Hilda Hedgecock* by Robert & Ann Cole; *Horace Conner* by David Colescott; *Frances Wilson* by Robert & Martha Adams; Wake & Amy Hamrick, Robert & Ann Cole; *William Medford* by Carol Stutts-Wall; **Elevator Fund:** *Frances Wilson* by Dorothy Craver; *Minnie Banks* by Dorothy Craver, Silba Rae Fennell, Marylyn Hilton, Mary Everhart, Frank Leonard, Jr., Hubert & Cateen Olive, Linda Prevette, Mary Everhart; **Music Ministry:** *Minnie Banks* by Senior Adult Choir; **Undesignated Fund:** *Frances Wilson* by Richard & Lois Perryman; *Jan White*, *Minnie Banks* by Don & Ann Bishop; **Endowment Fund:** *Betty Knight* by Don & Ann Bishop; *Phyllis Frye*, *Jan White*, *Minnie Banks*, *Hilda Hedgecock* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Frances Wilson* by Don & Ann Bishop, Peggy Barnhardt, Davidson Funeral Home, Marylyn Hilton, Carl Garrison, Cindy McNeill, Ed & Carlisa Bryant, Judy LeCroy, Jeff & Catherine Bowers, Estelle McKinney; **Building & Grounds Fund:** *Frances Wilson* by Silba Rae Fennell; *Minnie Banks* by Judy LeCroy, Hal & Donna Routh; **Local Missions:** *Donald Latta, Jr.* by Taylor Training and Development; **Bereavement Committee:** *Buddy Thomas* by Emogene Thomas & Family; **Global Missions:** *Frances Wilson* by Betty Ammons; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Frances Wilson*, *Donald Latta, Jr.*, *Nicole Blackburn* by Chuck & Sarah Frye

## Honorariums

**General Fund:** *R.N Hardin's 90th Birthday* by Robert & Martha Adams; **Library Fund:** *Dr. Ray Howell III*, *Rev. Tommy Wilson* by Emogene Thomas & Family;

## Thank You

Thank you, First Baptist Family for showing such love, kindness, and concern during the time of my sister's illness and death, during my daughter's foot surgery, and during my back procedure. The past month has been full of unexpected chaos and your prayers gave me the strength to get through these trying times.

Again I thank you, Sharon Palmer

*Sunday, February 7*  
*Communion - 11:00 a.m.*  
*Worship Service*



## MBCC Fundraiser - Valentine Luncheon

Friday, February 12 - 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 7 thru Lunch Friday, February 12



## 2016 26th Annual Birthday Banquet Wednesday, February 3 - 5:45 Fellowship Hall

*Entertainment:*  
*The Bahama Mamas Steel  
Drum Band*



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### *Ash Wednesday Service, February 10*

*6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall*

*Following Family Night Dinner*

### Lenten Services

Wednesday, February 10

12:00 Noon - First United Methodist Church

Lunch is provided for \$5.00

The annual Lenten Series runs each Wednesday, during lunch for 6 weeks. The Baptist will be leading the service on March 9th. Volunteers will be needed to help prepare and serve lunch on that Wednesday.

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