



First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - March 2016

Family Night - Church Fellowship/Bible Study

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

The First Disciples Story

Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23

No Family Night Wednesday, March 30

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 20

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

The story of Holy Week will be presented through Scripture and Anthems by the Sanctuary Choir followed by the Community Palm Sunday Celebration at the Square as we join the faith community in front of the old Court House at noon.

Following the Celebration the YMCA will hold a lunch with proceeds going to their scholarship fund for deserving children.

Maundy Thursday Service - March 24

7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

We will gather around the table and share communion.

Easter Morning Worship - March 27

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

On this Holy day we gather to celebrate resurrection. All children are invited to meet Dr. Howell in the vestibule before the worship service to receive their Alleluia Bells.

Meetings & Events

First Baptist Office and MBCC will be closed Monday, March 28 for the Holiday

March 2016

1st: Winter Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
7th: Frady/Johnson Mission Group	1:45 p.m.
Bernice Cross Mission Group	2:00 p.m.
9th: Building & Grounds Committee	7:30 p.m.
20th: Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.

**CBFNC 2016
General Assembly
March 18
Hayes Barton Baptist Church
Raleigh, NC**



Noon Lenten Services

Join the community for a weekly, ecumenical time of worship each Wednesday of Lent at noon at First United Methodist Church. A light lunch of soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage will follow the service at a cost of \$5.00.

Wednesday, March 9, Baptist will be leading the service.

Easter Lilies

If you wish to order Easter Lilies to place in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday call the church office. The cost will be \$32.10 tax included and the last date to order is March 18.



***Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 13
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
MBCC Dining Room***

Toddlers thru Grade 5

There will be games, stories and snacks, so bring your Easter basket and join the fun!

Global Missions Offering

It is this time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions. You have a Missions envelope in your packet or just make your check for CBF Global Mission offering. May we give so others can serve.

Extended Sessions

March 6: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Zak Young **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

March 13: Bed Babies: M/M Thomas Jolly **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kyle Kepley **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Beverly Fulbright & Brenda Hipp

March 20: Bed Babies: M/M Greg Briggs **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Jim Skotthy **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Anna Raye Tate

March 27: Paid Nursery (Easter)

RA's

A new, revamped RA program for boys, grades 1 - 5 begins Wednesday, March 2 at 5:45 - 6:30 in Room 226.

Lenten Sermon Series: Journey to the Cross

March 6	The Cross as Mercy
March 13	The Cross as Triumph

MBCC Fundraiser

The MBCC Valentine Lunch Fundraiser was a big success! We raised over \$6,000 for the Scholarship Fund. We have provided over \$7,000 in scholarships this fiscal year to date; so, the funds raised will certainly help! Thank you for your generous support!

Staff Appreciation

Paul Freeman has completed two years on March 2 as our Minister of Music and Debra Freeman has completed two years as our Administrative Music Assistant. We appreciate Paul and Debra's dedication and service to our church.

On April 1 Dr. Howell will have completed 26 years of ministry here at First Baptist. He joined us on April 1, 1990. We are grateful to Ray for his many years of ministry and service among us.

***Daylight Savings Time Is Coming
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead
on Sunday, March 13.***



Winter Bible Study

"The Exodus"

Fellowship Hall

Mondays 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

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.
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

Food Roundup for Baptist Children's Homes

Month of April

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina provide more than 700,000 meals and snacks to hurting children through their 19 statewide communities. The need is overwhelming and your help is needed. The annual "Food Roundup" has a goal of collecting \$350,000 in food and supplies. A complete list will be circulated to Sunday school classes and is available in the church office. Gift Cards and financial contributions are also needed. Many of the children who come to BCHNC are unchurched. Not only will the "Food Roundup" provide many nutritious meals, but it demonstrates God's love in a tangible way. The need is critical. A collection box will be located in the MBCC Dining Room.

Youth News

High School Youth will attend a performance by **Black Violin** at the High Point Theatre, March 26. These guys are wildly talented and entertaining. They're touring to promote their new album "Stereotypes" which falls right in line with our recent studies on race relations. The youth will leave from FBC parking lot at 6:00 p.m. and have dinner before the show. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. and the cost is \$15.00. **Please let Whitney know if you plan to attend by March 1st.** Tickets have to be pre-purchased and are going fast.

Welcome New Member

January 31, 2016



Charlotte Pyle
9 Hege Drive
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Memorials

WMU Fund: *Margaret Hodges* by Barry & Renee Sink; **Music Ministry:** *Bill Glenn* by Betty Sink; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Frances Wilson* by Larry & Libby Bennett; *Clyde Cole* by Team Coed; **Endowment Fund:** *Frances Wilson* by Kathryn Frye; *Hayden "Buddy" Thomas, Bill Glenn* by Peggy Barnhardt; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Zeb Beam, Minnie Banks, Frances Wilson* by Gary & Sue Wikstrom; *Jack Michael* by Barry & Renee Sink; **Youth Ministry:** *Minnie Banks* by Kathryn Frye; **General Fund:** *Hayden "Buddy" Thomas* by Doug & Alice Person, Arnold & Frances Heilig, Cindy McNeill

Honorariums

General Fund: *Tommy & Sandra Wilson* by Richard & Vicki Baxley; *Birthdays of members of Faithful Workers SS Class* by Elaine Alexander; **Media/Library Fund:** *Dr. Ray Howell III & Rev. Tommy Wilson* by Emogene Thomas and Family

Thank You

Thanks to all of you for your surrounding love, kindness, and concerns during Mother's decline and her death. Mother loved her church family so much and cared for each and every one of you. The last two months of her life was very hard on all of us and we know that your sustaining prayers to our loving God gave us the peace and strength that we needed each and every day.

The family of Minnie Banks

Dear Dr. Howell and First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for the invitation to join you for the Wednesday Night Dinner. It was an honor to be with you and share in fellowship and good food.

We are grateful for your interest in FaithHealth and all the support that you have given since the beginning of FaithHealth. We look forward to our continued partnership as we care for the beloved community.

Sincerely, Rev. Dianne Horton

With Deep Appreciation

The Board of Directors of the Davidson Prison Ministry wants to thank you so very much for your faithful support through the years. Providing a full-time Chaplain for the inmates and staff at Davidson Correctional Center is our main purpose. Funding comes in large part from the churches of Davidson County as well as individuals. Each Board Member has a heart for the inmates and our meetings are worshipful and focused on God's leadership. That is why we appreciate your support – we believe that God has led you to help provide hope for these inmates and prison personnel. I know that in our challenging economy, all church members make real sacrifices in order to give. For this reason, I appreciate your support even more.

Sincerely, Newell Davis, Davidson Prison Ministry

Touching Davidson County with Love 2016 is April 16



Ten years ago our church instigated a community-wide effort to spread Jesus's love by combining efforts to 1) glorify God 2) build fellowship among Christian churches and 3) help the needy. Since that time hundreds of projects have been accomplished that speak to these goals. Please plan to be a part of our efforts for 2016!

We need project managers who will form teams of workers to undertake projects such as constructing wheelchair ramps, cleaning yards and houses, and doing repairs. There will also be opportunities for folks to engage in "soft" projects such as making blankets for the Dragonfly House, delivering food, and visiting nursing homes. Everyone can find a way to help! Project managers will identify the needs that they agree to work on in mid-March. Also at that time, individuals will begin to sign up for a variety of jobs. Financial donations are welcomed and need to be in by April 1.

Each year, the participating churches (13 this year) agree to collect needed items to help agencies. Our assignment for 2016 is to gather food for Pastor's Pantry:

Canned pasta
Canned fruit

Canned peas
Canned tuna

Please look for the collection box for these in the entry-way, near the elevator.

The 10th anniversary tee shirt will be cobalt blue. Please order in the church office, at Wednesday night supper, or by contacting Debbie Auman, 596-9053. The cost is \$9.00, \$11.00, and \$13.00 according to size and the last day to order tee shirts will be April 3.

FBC Sanctuary Christmas Prints

Sparky Brooks has a **limited** number of paper prints of the sanctuary Christmas picture available for sale. These prints are the same size as the 20 x 30 metal print displayed near the church offices. If you are interested, contact Sparky at mobrooks@lexcominc.net or by phone 239-2051.

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Music Notes



There are many exciting things coming up involving the Music Ministry here at First Baptist Church. The hand bell choir, the youth choir, the Senior Adult choir, and the Sanctuary choir all have openings for anyone who would like to join this wonderful fellowship of worshipers. The children's choirs and the youth choir are working on music to be performed at the Wednesday night family meal in April. The Senior Adult choir will join the Sanctuary Choir for a wonderful service of music on Palm Sunday and our Sanctuary choir will be accompanied by a brass quintet on Easter Sunday morning, to celebrate our risen Lord.

We are also looking forward to having guest musicians on March 13th. The choir will sing "My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs" by Mack Wilberg and will be accompanied by a Flute and Oboe. It will be a beautiful service. Thanks to all our gifted musicians of all ages who work so hard to grace our services with beautiful music of worship.

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