

#### 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 3rd & 4th, 2018. Pam has her Ph.D. in Church History from Baylor University and will speak on Women in Church History. We will begin with a catered meal on Saturday, February 3rd at 6 p.m., followed by the first lecture. We will combine our adult Sunday School classes on February 4th for a 10 a.m. session in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

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#### WINTER BIBLE STUDY

"The Parables of Jesus"

Classes meet Monday nights at 7 p.m. or

Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.



## FEBRUARY 14th "A MEAGER MEAL"



February 14th is not only Valentine's Day, it is also Ash Wednesday; the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a season of sacrifice and reflection; it is a time to reflect on our mortality and our relationship with God. In keeping with this theme, we are having a Meager Meal—"Pintos, Onions, Greens, Potatoes, Cornbread and Pickles."

Following the meal, we will spend time reflecting on the meaning of Lent, the sacrifice that true love requires and our mortality as we receive the ashes. This is an intergenerational experience, and we encourage children and youth to participate.

There will be no charge for the meal that will be prepared by members of our church family We will be receiving donations for the Dragonfly House. The meal is a part of the experience, so we will not be offering a children's menu. If your child will not eat the meal that is offered, we ask you to bring something for your child.

#### **COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

Beginning February 14
Each Wednesday at Noon
First Lutheran Church

### ALL EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Open Door Sunday School Class would like to invite you and your family to a "Thank You" lunch immediately following the worship service on Sunday, February 11th in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Kelly Lambeth @ kelslambeth@gmail.com

## MONEY TREE! BELIZE MISSION TRIP

Our First Baptist Youth have a Mission Trip planned this summer to Belize. It is our hope that each child will only have to cover \$1,000,00 of their travel cost. While the experience and opportunity to share with others is priceless, we hope to raise funds to supplement the remainder of the cost. As we did a few years ago, we plan to utilize a Money Tree to help us raise the necessary funds. Money Trees will be placed in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and the Vestibule. Each tree will hold envelopes which have been hand decorated by the youth going on the Mission Trip and will be numbered from 1 to 144. We ask that as you feel led and are able, to please take one. Each envelope will have a picture of the youth going on the trip and a personal note. We hope you will return the envelope with the dollar amount shown on the front and pray for the youth whose note and picture was in the envelope. We are also asking for your prayers for the entire group while they are away.

The youth appreciate your support both monetarily and spiritually.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY NIGHT RESERVATIONS

#### **FEBRUARY 21st**

We will kick off our regular Wednesday evenings on February 21st with our Quarterly Business meeting. Children's and Youth Missions programming, as well as the Children's Choir, will start back at this time. If you plan to join us for the meal, remember to make your reservations by noon on Monday! You may make a reservation by calling the church office, filling out a reservation card in the pew racks on Sundays, or by emailing <a href="mailto:wednesday@fbclex.org">wednesday@fbclex.org</a>

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

February 14 - Meager Meal

February 21 - Quarterly Business Meeting

February 28 - To Be Announced

March 7 - Practicing Prayer Series

March 14 - Practicing Prayer Series

March 21 - Practicing Prayer Series

March 28 - Campfire Songs (children & youth invited to stay)

April 4 - No Wednesday Night Activities

April 11 - April Academies

April 18 - April Academies

April 25 - April Academies

May 2 - - Children's Choir Performance

#### **MEMORIALS**

**General Fund:** Virginia Josephine Waller by First Baptist Sanctuary Choir; Jane Hearn, Rebecca "B.J." Nelson and Rotha Belk Tarlton by Robert and Martha Adams; Rebecca "BJ" Nelson Hughes by Carl Garrison; Jack Blackburn by Nancy Blackburn

**Endowment Fund:** Rebecca "BJ" Nelson Hughes, Rotha Belk Tarlton, and Josephine Waller by Peggy Barnhardt

Small Jobs Ministry: Rebecca "BJ" Nelson Hughes, Scott Nelson and Jane Hearn by Sylva Hope Kennon; Rotha Belk Tarlton by Edgar & Belinda Thomas and Brenda Pruett

**Building/Grounds:** Rotha Belk Tarlton by Vinnon & Gloria Williams

Martha Best Children Center: Jane Lawing by Robert and Martha Adams

#### **BIBLE OPENERS WANTED!**

If your child would like to open the Bible on Sunday mornings and they're not on our list, please email Beryl Phillips at <a href="mailto:bhphillips1960@outlook.com">bhphillips1960@outlook.com</a>

#### **HONORARIUMS**

General Fund: Cindy McNeill's birthday by Robert and Martha Adams

Benevolent Fund: Marylyn "Booty" Hilton by Silba Rae Fennell

#### **NEW ADDRESS!**

Ann & Lee Davis 1058 Irving St. Winston-Salem, NC 27103

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **February**

Sunday 4th - Super Bowl Party Sunday 18th - Underground Church Sunday 11th, 18th, 25th - Youth Group & Choir

#### **BOOK LOVERS CLUB**

Membership in the FBC Book Lovers Club has grown to 16. This group meets on Sunday afternoons five times a year in the church library. The last meeting held was on January 14th with discussion of the book *Same Kind of Different As Me* led by Kay Albright. The next meeting will be on March 11th when the book featured will be *The Irresistible Revolution* by Shane Claiborne. The meeting will be at 3p.m. All are invited to join us!

#### 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday/Sunday, February 3rd & 4th-Parker Lectures
Sunday, February 18th-Pulpit Swap with Dr. Arnetta Beverly
Saturday, March 24th-Touching Davidson County with Love
Saturday, April 14th-Meagan Smith's Ordination
Sunday, April 29th-Homecoming with Tracy Fulbright Love
July 14th-23rd-Youth Belize Mission Trip

#### **EXTENDED SESSION**

DATE	BED BABIES	TODDLER/2 YR OLDS	3 & 4 YR OLDS	CONTACT
Feb 4	Donna Routh 336-249-2350 Wendy Walker 336-236-6301	M/M Dale Lambeth 336-752-2083	Alyson Honeycutt 704-433-0656 Grace Upton	Kelly Lambeth 336-752-2083
Feb 11	Jen Fuller-Allen 336-250-0714 Brooke Williams 336-956-1821	M/M Lee Davis 336-239-4610	M/M William Fulbright 336-956-6390	Brooke Williams 336-956-1821
Feb 18	M/M Nathan Houser 336-956-6148	Sandra Blackwelder 336-249-9593 Crystal Alexander 336-956-2765	Brenda Sprinkle 336-859-3389 Sarah Hall and Spencer Hall	Margaret Ann Maddox 336-250-8527
Feb 25	Jen Fuller-Allen 336-250-0714 Brooke Williams 336-956-1821	M/M Kevin Brown 336-242-1435	Margaret Ann Maddox 336-250-8527 Whitney Brooks 336-479-8191	Brooke Williams 336-956-1821

Extended Session: If you are unable to be available to assist on your assigned Sunday, make sure you contact another volunteer to switch. After communication with another individual is established, please inform the Committee Contact listed for that particular Sunday of the change. Then the Committee Contact person will know who to expect and contact each Sunday.

Out of respect for our wonderful Sunday School teachers, please be in the classroom by 10:45 a.m. so they can arrive to worship service or choir on time. Please continue to remain in the empty classroom until at least 11:30 a.m. Often times, there are children brought later, and we need to be available for these circumstances. There also may be assistance needed in one of the other classrooms, so please check the other rooms prior to leaving as well.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE & CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Our December contributions to the 2017 budget totaled \$115,998.54. While we did not meet our budget revenue projections for the year, we were able to meet all of our obligations, including all mission obligations by limiting expenses and ended the year with a surplus. The final report for the 2017 budget year will be shared at the upcoming Quarterly Church Meeting on February 21, 2018.

#### SPARE CHANGE?

Spare change can really add up. Imagine how it would help our church if everyone would place their spare change in the offering plate each Sunday. We would welcome the sound of jingling coins each week.

#### NEW SECURITY PROCEDURES Effective January 7, 2018

In order to keep the church and the congregation safe and secure on Sunday mornings, we have put into place, new procedures for locking and unlocking doors. Please make note of the new times. Additional procedures and policies will be published as necessary.

**Fellowship Hall Doors-**Doors that face the playground will remain locked on Sundays. Doors that face West 4th Avenue will be unlocked at 8:50 a.m. and will be locked at 10:50 a.m.

Elevator Lobby Door-Unlocked at 8:50 a.m. and locked at 10:50 a.m.

Martha Best Child-Unlocked at 9:15 a.m. and will remain open until the conclusion of the worship service.

**Sanctuary Doors-**Unlocked at 10 a.m. and will remain open until the conclusion of the worship service.

As stated, this has become necessary due to increased security. Additional measures are underway and will be announced in due course. We regret that these measures must be taken, but as a church, we have the responsibility to keep our visitors and members safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **CONTACT US!**

#### Office Hours -

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