



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**PALM SUNDAY (March 25th)** Our children will begin our Holy Week observance with the "Parade of Palms" around the sanctuary, and the Sanctuary Choir will share several beautiful anthems. After the service, we will leave our sanctuary and march with our palm branches to the Square where we will join the greater faith community in our Community Palm Sunday Celebration. Following the celebration, the YMCA will host a chicken pie dinner.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY (March 29th)** Join us in the chapel at 7 p.m. for a sacred service of remembrance and communion as we recall the last supper of Jesus with his disciples in the Upper Room.

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE (March 30th)** We will share Scripture that tells the story of Jesus' crucifixion as we extinguish candles and leave in silence on this somber night. The service begins at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

**EASTER SUNDAY (April 1st)** The celebration of the resurrection with trumpets and Alleluia Bells begins at 11 a.m.

**Christ is Risen  
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

## COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL GATHERING

Join with Cooperative Baptists from around the state on March 15th-17th at Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem for fellowship, worship, workshops, food, and more. The gathering theme this year is "Fit Church: Nurturing Healthy Congregations." To register and learn more visit [www.cbfn.org/fitchurch](http://www.cbfn.org/fitchurch).

# Steeple Talk

**Faith Fellowship Mission**

## TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

This year, we are pleased to have 11 participating churches volunteering their time for TDCWL. Sometime around March 1st, you will have the opportunity to sign up for "hard" projects such as constructing ramps or "soft" projects such as making blankets for the Dragonfly House. Signups will be posted in the elevator lobby at the Hargrave St. entrance.

Every year all the participating churches gather items for our helping agencies. This year, our church's responsibility is two-fold: 1) to collect **twin** sheet sets with boys' comforters and towels for the American Children's Home and 2) to collect children's diapers of all sizes for the DSS Foster Child Program. Large boxes for these items are located in the elevator lobby.

**Did you know Easter lasts for 7 weeks?** On April 8th, we will continue to celebrate the resurrection and the Easter season with an Easter Egg Hunt. Look for more information in the April Newsletter.

## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

**Each Wednesday at Noon**

**First Lutheran Church**

## WALK, RUN, RIDE FOR LIFE APRIL 14th

We are organizing a FBC Walk Team for the annual Cancer Services 5K Walk on Saturday, April 14th, at Davidson County Community College. Registration forms are available in the church office. The \$30 registration fee gives cancer patients hope for life. Plan now to be a part of this exciting community event that supports cancer patients in Davidson County.

## YOUTH SUNDAY AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Join us on March 11th as our youth share their gifts and passions by leading us in worship. Following the service, you are invited to a Chili Cook-off and Bake Sale to help the youth raise funds for their upcoming Belize Mission trip. Rather than charge for the chili lunch, we are asking for donations. Please consider supporting our youth by eating delicious chili!

## 144 CHALLENGE

You can also support our Belize Mission trip by participating in the 144 Challenge. There are envelope trees in the sanctuary and fellowship hall with envelopes numbered from 1 to 144. Please consider taking an envelope with an amount you are able to give. If you can give \$1.00 - wonderful! \$50.00 - great! \$144 - go for it! Each envelope contains a photo of our team and a youth to pray for. Every donation and prayer means so much to our team.

## CHILDREN'S CONNECTION

On March 25th, all families with children are invited to join us for a **Movie Day** as we watch "A Wrinkle in Time" at a local theater. Details on time, location, and cost will be made available as showtimes are released.

## PASSPORT KIDS!

Lynchburg, VA  
June 20th-23rd

Parent's Meeting  
June 3rd @ 12 noon  
Fellowship Hall

## 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 3 p.m. All are invited to join us!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 30th - August 2nd

Volunteers Needed!

Contact church office for more details

## CHILDREN'S CALENDAR

Wednesday Night Missions/Choir  
March 7th, 14th, 21st

Touching Davidson County with Love  
March 24th

Movie Day: A Wrinkle in Time  
March 25th (details TBA)

Church Wide Campfire Songs  
(no choir)  
March 28th

## YOUTH MINISTRY YOUTH-A-PALOOZA!

### All youth are invited!

#### Bowling Party

Friday, March 9th  
8 p.m. at the YMCA.

#### Lunch Uptown

Saturday, March 10th  
We will meet at FBC at 12 noon.

#### Youth Sunday

March 11th

#### Spring Beach Retreat

May 18th-19th  
If you plan to attend,  
please sign up by  
March 11th.

## NEW VEHICLE

Our large church bus is going on 20 years old and is giving us plenty of maintenance issues. In addition, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find licensed CDL drivers. The time has come to retire that bus. The church is looking into purchasing another mini-bus, similar to the one we currently have. The estimated cost will run approximately \$70,000. A restricted fund has been set up to cover the cost of a new bus. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution to this fund.

## WOMEN'S CRAFT DAY & FELLOWSHIP

We invite all women to join us to make a craft for the homebound/ senior adults who aren't always able to attend church. Meet at the church on Saturday, March 17th at 10 a.m. Bring a snack to share if you so desire. We look forward to enjoying a very special time of fellowship. No special talent needed, just your presence.

## EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	TODDLER/2 YR OLDS	3 & 4 YR OLDS	CONTACT
Mar 4	M/M Jon Myers 336-248-6550	Wendy Skotthy 336-224-0035	Alyson Honeycutt 704-433-0656 Grace Upton	Kelly Lambeth 336-752-2083
Mar 11	M/M Kyle Kepley 336-245-9062	M/M Thomas Jolly 336-746-5034	Katie Hartley 336-596-2008 Kelly Wright 336-239-8346	Savannah Kepley 336-245-9062
Mar 18	M/M Greg Briggs 336-731-8031	M/M Dave Thornhill 336-249-2115	Margaret Ann Maddox 336-250-8527 Anna Raye Tate 336-472-8269	Margaret Ann Maddox 336-250-8527
Mar 25	M/M Brian Lancaster 336-238-3046	M/M Zak Young 336-746-4451	M/M Josh Boyle 336-769-6552	Savannah Kepley 336-245-9062

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our 2017 projected budget was \$717,493.00. Our actual revenue was \$703,576.85, leaving us \$13,916.15 behind our goal. However, we were able to keep our expenses lower than projected which means that we ended up with a surplus of \$23,918.40. The surplus funds were distributed into various restricted accounts within the church budget. Our 2018 projected budget is 717,837.00. In January, our revenue was \$41,734.67 and our expenses were \$50,734.47. That leaves us 8,999.80 short of our projected budget through the first month of the year. Our Endowment Balance is \$1,705,445.91. We continue to see positive growth with our endowment funds. Please continue to be faithful with your financial commitments to the church.

## MEMORIALS

**General Fund:** *Louise Michael* by John & Sandra Lockwood, Robert Hedrick, Betty & JB Lopp, Jerry Smith, Richard & Lois Perryman, Eric & Patricia Lilly, Jane Shields, Carl Garrison, Robert & Martha Adams, Frank Leonard, Larry Kirkman, Don & Ann Bishop, George & Amy Chambless, Elizabeth Gee and Cassie Thornton, Robert & Evelyn Swing; *Sheri Tate Taylor* by Robert & Martha Adams, Richard & Lois Perryman and Don & Ann Bishop; *Doris Frye* by Robert & Martha Adams; *Louise Tate* by Jerry & Meta Keen; *Charlie Pyle* by Carol Stutts Wall; *Don Kepley* by Faithfull Workers SS class, Mr./Mrs. Steven Smith, Hubert & Cateen Olive, James & Nancy Hartzog, Talmadge Silversides, Stanley & Mary Lou Wellman, Frank & Judy Stoner, Wayne & Jean Everhart, Jimmy Everhart, Thomas & Carol Kern, Jr.; *Mary Bell*: by Legrand & Dolly Skinner

**Endowment Fund:** *Doris Frye, Sheri Tate Taylor, William Arthur Simmons, Leetha Hall and Mary Bell* by Peggy Barnhardt

**Small Jobs:** *Louise Michael and Sheri Tate Taylor* by Booty Hilton; *Jack Sink* by Betty Sink

**MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Jack & Louise Michael* by Jack & Martha Hege; *Doris Frye, Sheri Tate Taylor and Don Kepley* by Don & Ann Bishop; *Mildred Thomas* by Ralph & Jean Ashley, Sue Lanfitt, Legrand & Dolly Skinner, Stephen Inman, Jane Ebert and Booty Hilton

**Bereavement Fund:** *Louise Michael and Mildred Thomas* by Fred & Lynda Belk

**Building & Grounds:** *Don Kepley* by Mr./Mrs. Hal Routh; *Leetha Hall* by Fred & Lynda Belk

**Music Ministry:** *Don Kepley and Richard Thomas* by Richard & Lois Perryman

**Youth Designated:** *Don Kepley* by The Hansel & Gretel Cast

**Vehicle Fund:** *Mary Bell and Don Kepley* by Booty Hilton

## HONORARIUMS

**General Fund:** *Evelyn Bingham* by The' Jackson; **Clergy and Staff** by Brenda Hipp; *Jim Skotthy* by Jean Ashley; **Booty Hilton and The' Jackson** by Betty Sink; *Peggy Barnhardt and Beverly Khemlani* by Kelly Sink

**Building & Grounds:** *Ray Williams, Sterling Wall and Tobin Shepherd* by Richard & Lois Perryman

**Small Jobs:** *Booty Hilton and Betty Sink* by Bill & Susan Bryan

**Sunday School:** *Honor of Sunday school teachers* by Brenda Hipp

**East St. Louis Mission:** *Honor of Extended Session Directors* by Brenda Hipp

**MBCC Scholarship:** *Bob & Ann Cole* by Herb & Newell Davis; *Jack & Martha Hege's Five Grandchildren* by Jack & Martha Hege

## SUNDAY SERVICE WARMUP What's Next???

Spring is around the corner and we are about to "reboot" the exciting Sunday Service Warmup series. It has been such a special treat to enjoy the wonderful and varied talents of our fellow church members at these 10:40 a.m. Sunday morning mini-concerts in the Sanctuary.

### BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

As we make our plans for the Spring series, we invite each of you to share your talent and/or recommend someone who you think would be a good addition to this series. Our music styles have run from "Beethoven to bluegrass", jazz, gospel, praise, and even Cowboy!! We are having some fun and praising our Lord through music. Come and join us.

## WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Monday Nights 7 p.m.  
or  
Tuesday Mornings 10:30 a.m.

**NOTICE:** The workroom will be closed Sunday mornings. If you need copies made, please contact a member of the church staff.

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