



Dear First Baptist Church Family,

It has been such a gift to walk alongside you for the past year, and I am so thankful for the love and friendship you all have shared with me. It has truly been a blessing to serve as Associate Minister at First Baptist Church Lexington, and I have loved witnessing the many ways this family of faith lives out the Church's call to manifest the spirit of God and presence of Christ in the world.

I have been thinking a lot about this calling we share as the gathered people of Christ as well as the callings we each have on our own individual journeys. Frederick Buechner says, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." I find myself in a season of prayerful discernment about my own calling, and this process has led me to make some hard and bittersweet decisions about my future.

It is with great sadness that I share with you that I will be stepping away from my role as Associate Minister at First Baptist Church Lexington. My last day will be August 7. My experiences here have helped shaped me into the person and minister I am and am becoming. I am thankful for the opportunity I have had not only to work at First Baptist but to become part of this family. I will treasure all of the moments I have shared with you. Working with the youth and children of this church has filled me with such life and energy, and worshiping with you each Sunday has been a joy. This church will always hold a special place in my heart as the church that ordained me.

I am sad to leave this church family and the community of Lexington, but I am excited to continue discerning how God is calling me to best use my gifts and passions to meet the hungers of the world. I am excited for the future of First Baptist Church Lexington; within this congregation, there is deep passion and profound giftedness. Each of you, and the ministries you have formed and sustained together, shepherd the light of Christ to the community of Lexington and to the world.

Know that I will continue to pray for each of you and for First Baptist Church as you continue to grow and move into your future.

With deep gratitude and much love,

Meagan Smith

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

FALL FESTIVAL

A Fall Festival is being planned for Sunday, September 30th at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will have the following:

Soup and Sandwich Supper for
\$5.00 Silent and Live Auction
Bake Shop with Yummy
Treats Crafts
Games for Children

Our goal for this night is to raise money to get our church budget caught up and to have a night of fun and fellowship. We need people to sign-up for committees and/or to obtain auction items. Sign-up sheets are in each Sunday School classroom and the church office. We cannot erase our debt without your help. Thank you in advance for your help!

Contact Beverly Fulbright at
auntbev@lexcominc.net for more information

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 12th during our 11 a.m. worship service, our emphasis will be on our commitment to the church. We will focus on our financial commitment related to our annual mission budget and our current budget shortage. There will also be a focus on our commitment of our time, talents and resources towards our church ministries and operations. Information also will be given on a special event planned for the church this fall. Be in prayer for this special emphasis as we strive to do the work and mission of our church.

AUGUST WORSHIP

Dr. Howell will be preaching each Sunday

August 5th - "The Good Soil" Belize Testimonies

Church Picnic following the service

August 12th - "All for Jesus!" Special Testimony by Jim Tate

August 19th - "The B-I-B-L-E" Dr. Tony Cartledge of

Campbell University will be speaking to combined Sunday School Classes in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

August 26th "East of Eden" A sermon based on Genesis 4

CLUB 56

ATTENTION Youth who have just completed the 5th or 6th grade! Club 56 will conclude this summer with a sleepover at Whitney Brooks' home on August 17th from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. Hope to see you there!

BOOKBAGS NEEDED!

As we did last summer, First Baptist will be collecting bookbags and school supplies for the children of our community. A collection bin is located in the elevator lobby by the fellowship hall. Last year, we collected over 500 bookbags...can we match it? If you are not able to get out to purchase a bookbag and supplies, we will accept checks made out to First Baptist Church. Please note on the check that it is for the bookbags. Deadline to donate is: **Wednesday, August 15th.** Thanks so much for your support.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN THE FALL

Our Wednesday nights in the fall will have a different look and different feel! Each week, we will have a time to sing, share birthday wishes, celebrations, and prayer needs. Ray will be leading a Bible Study on most Wednesdays on Messianic Prophecy. While some of our meals will be catered, we would love to have a few Sunday School classes or groups volunteer to coordinate a "Meager Meal." Please let us know if your class can help. Our Wednesday Night activities kick off on September 12th with our Opening Celebration.

BUSINESS MEETING!

Our annual Church Business Meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 15th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will receive an update on the activities taking place, hear a financial update and a report from the Nominating Committee. We will then vote on the Nomination Committee recommendation. All church members are urged to attend this meeting.

HONORARIUMS

Small Jobs: *Bob Tate's birthday* by Betty Sink; *Betty Sink's birthday* by Jackie Sink; *Lane Gilliam* by Betty Sink

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Louise and Jack Michael* by Alan & Melody Williams; *Joseph Hill* by First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir, Fred and Lynda Belk, David and Julia Dunn; *Sammy Pridgen* by Gary and Sue Wikstrom, David and Julia Dunn, Ken and Debbie Auman; *Thomas Dancy* by Gary and Sue Wikstrom, Suzy and Miriam Conner, Peggy Barnhardt, Ken and Debbie Auman; *Jim Phillips* by Sally Davis, David and Julia Dunn, Fred and Lynda Belk, James and Doris Brown; *Shirley Dunn* by Suzy and Miriam Conner, David Colescott and Ken and Debbie Auman; *Sheri Tate Taylor, Louise Tate and Horace Conner* by Suzy and Miriam Conner; *Lillie Stutts* by Nathan and Brenda Houser; *Juanita Ransom* by Fred and Lynda Belk, Ken and Debbie Auman; *Paul Houser, Joyce Price, and Kat Burkhart* by David and Julia Dunn, Ken and Debbie Auman; *Mildred Thomas, Jesse Flake, David Dennis, Loila Young Wallace, and Sue Bowie* by Ken and Debbie Auman

MBCC Scholarship Fund: *Juanita Ransom* by Betty Sink; *Mary Carter and Lilly Stutts* by Don and Ann Bishop

Endowment Fund: *Jim Phillips* by Betty Sink

Undesignated Memorials: *Jim Phillips* by Noah & Dorothy Huffstetler, Dr. Max and Margaret Walser, Silba Rae Fennell

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2 - 4 YEAR OLDS
August 5	M/M Nathan Houser (336) 956-6148	Katie Hartley (336) 596-2008 Kelly Wright (336) 239-8346
August 12	M/M Dale Frank (336) 859-5976	M/M Zak Young (336) 746-4451
August 19	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams (336) 956-1821	M/M Kevin Brown (336) 250-1551
August 26	Brenda Sprinkle (336) 859-3389 Sarah Hall and Spencer Hall	Margaret Ann Maddox (336) 250-8527 Anna Raye Tate (336) 472-8269
Sept 2	M/M William Fulbright (336) 956-6390	M/M Josh Boyle (336) 769-6552

Extended Session: 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. Keep in mind that two volunteers (at least one adult) are needed for each class. Do not hesitate to contact any of the Committee Contacts, if any questions arise! Brooke Williams (336) 956-1821, Kelly Lambeth (336) 752-2083, Margaret Ann Maddox (336) 250-8527 or Jen Fuller-Allen (336)250-0714

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

You have been so faithful to remember my mother, Lillie Stutts over the past seven years. I am so grateful for all of the cards, visits and prayers while she resided at Brookdale.

Thank you for your prayers, cards and other sweet expressions of sympathy since her death. My heart is full of love and gratitude.

Sincerely,

Carol Jean Stutts-Wall

Dear First Baptist Church,

I am so thankful for all the prayers for my mom, myself and my family during mom's declining health and her death. The outgoing love, care and support I have received since she passed away has been such a blessing. I am so grateful to work for such a caring church.

Sincerely,

Sherri Salinas

SPARE CHANGE NEEDED!

Bring your spare change to church and place it in the offering plate each Sunday. You might even give it to a child in attendance and ask them to drop it in. They would probably love that. Your spare change will help us make up for our budget shortage. Remember, every penny counts!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

JUNE

Budget Received: \$53,736.33

Expenses: \$45,006.81

Surplus: \$9,812.62

Year to Date

2018 Projected Budget: \$717,837.00

Budget Received: \$276,716.64

Expenses: \$308,344.73

Shortage: \$31,628.09

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