SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 7th World Communion Sunday

October 14th Dr. David Whiteman will preach

October 21st Dr. Howell will preach a sermon from Ecclesiastes

October 28th Reformation Sunday (Wear Red!)

DR. MICHAEL BLACKWELL and BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Due to Hurricane Florence, Dr. Blackwell's visit had to be postponed. The new date for his visit is November 18th.

Our church has a long and dedicated history with Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Dr. Michael C. Blackwell is celebrating his 35th year as President of BCHNC: a remarkable legacy! We are privileged to have Dr. Blackwell visit our church on Sunday, November 18th. We'll also have two very special guests from the past!

To honor Dr. Blackwell for his outstanding service, we want to receive a special offering for the Children's Home. Kennedy Home was damaged by the floods, so this offering will meet a critical need. Please make checks payable to the church designated for Baptist Children's Homes.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 7th is World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate with communion during the morning service.

ANNIVERSARY

This month, Jean Ashley will celebrate 35 years with the Martha Best Children's Center. We are grateful for her faithful service to the MBCC and First Baptist Church.

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time, once again, to begin collecting items for the annual Shoebox Project. This year the boxes are already folded with a brochure inside giving full instructions for packing. Shoeboxes are available in the Fellowship Hall, the Church Office and the Vestibule. Deadline for turning them in is Wednesday, November 14th. If you have questions or need help packing, contact Barbara Epley at 336-249-1331.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROCESSING OPPORTUNITY

For many years, members of our church have gone to the Charlotte Processing Center in the fall to help organize the shoeboxes of goodies that arrive there from all over the U.S. The shoeboxes are then sent to countries throughout the world to be distributed to needy children. In 2017, we were disappointed that the Center completed its work before we could get there to help. This year we have another opportunity to do this work in Charlotte. We are limited to 17 participants, so we urge you to sign up for this activity right away. If there are more than 17 who want to work, we will start a waiting list in case someone has to drop out.

Charlotte Processing Center
Friday, December 7th
Leave our bus parking lot at noon.
(Eat before you come)
Work from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m..
Eat dinner in Charlotte, returning around 8:00 p.m.
Limited to 17 people
Sign up with Judy LeCroy, 336-249-3766 or
ilecroy@triad.rr.com.

OCTOBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

October 3rd Messianic Prophecy Bible Study

(Catered Meal)

October 10th Messianic Prophecy Bible Study

(Catered Meal)

October 17th Family Night - Rochella Baker SS

Class providing meal

October 24th Fall Festival - Crusaders SS Class

providing hot dogs

October 31st No Wednesday Night Activities

(Halloween)

All Meals Require Reservations!

HONORARIUMS

MBCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Sherrie Smith by Don & Ann

THANK YOU!

Dear First Baptist,

Thank you so much for the school supplies you collected again this year. We have already given the supplies to the foster children to use. The book bags are a big hit. Thank you for supporting the foster children in Davidson county

Susan Craig

Dear First Baptist Church Members,

We thank you for your generous donation of \$160.00 to our Backpack program at South Lexington School.

We are gearing up for the start of our program this year. Your donation will help us to purchase the first round of food that we will be sending home with our students. We appreciate your continuous support of the program.

Thank you for your support of our students. You are making a difference, and we appreciate your partnership with us.

Sincerely,

Sharolyn Hamy-Clark Principal South Lexington School

MEMORIALS

GENERAL FUND: Jewell Deal by Betty Sink, Jim & Debbie Tate,
Berti Benfield, and Gerald Smith; Roger Ransom by Fred & Lynda Belk;
Paul Houser and Mr. & Mrs. William C. Harris by Cheryl Wicker;
Dot Craver by Brenda & Nathan Houser, Jeanne Wall, Lexington Chapter
98 Order of Eastern Star, Joseph & Kathy Edwards, and Fred & Lynda
Belk; Hazel & Sam Everhart by Rick & Billie Garrett; Jewell Deal, Jim
Phillips, and Lillie Stutts by Robert & Martha Adams; Dot Craver
and Roger & Juanita Ransom by Brenda Hipp; Dot Craver, Jewell
Deal, and Dixie Kidney by Booty Hilton; Roger Ransom, Thomas
Lee Dancy, Mary Thacker Carter, Lillie Stutts, Jewell Deal, Dot
Craver, Dixie Kidney, and McNair Tornow by Bob & Ann Cole

MBCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Jewell Deal by Frady/Johnson Mission Group; Dixie Kidney, Dot Craver, and Jewell Deal by Don & Ann Bishop.

BEREAVEMENT FUND: *Jewell Deal* by FBC Faithful Workers Sunday School class

ENDOWMENT FUND: Jewell Deal, McNair Tornow, Dixie Kidney, and Dot Craver by Peggy Barnhardt

MUSIC MINISTRY: Jewell Deal, Dixie Kidney, and Dot Craver by FBC Senior Adult Choir

BUILDING/GROUNDS: Roger Ransom, Jewell Deal, and Dot Craver by Hal & Donna Routh

GOD IS GOOD,
ALL THE TIME
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THANK YOU FBC! BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME DONATION

We are pleased to announce that your generous donations from the Randy Hall SS class Wednesday night dinner resulted in a donation of \$1000.00 to the Baptist Children's Homes of NC to help with flood damage from hurricane Florence.

SUMMER 2019

Vacation Bible School June 24th - 27th

Passport Kids June 30th - July 3rd (3rd - 6th Grade Children) Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC

> Passport Missions July 8th - 13th (6th - 12th Grades) Furman University, Greenville, SC

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2 - 4 YEAR OLDS
Oct 7	M/M Brian Lancaster (336) 238-3046	M/M Dale Lambeth (336) 752-2083
Oct 14	Libby Foster (336) 238-1441 Courtney Foster	M/M Thomas Jolly (336) 746-5034
Oct 21	M/M Don Watson (336) 237-1293	M/M Dave Thornhill (336) 249-2115
Oct 28	M/M Richard Baxley(336) 243-1856	M/M Zak Young(336) 746-4451
Nov 4	Donna Routh (336) 249-2350 Wendy Walker (336) 236-6301	Wendy Skotthy (336) 224-0035 Alyson Honeycutt (704) 433-0656 Grace Upton

FINANCIAL UPDATE

August

Budget Received: \$51,505.16

Expenses: \$51,738.27

Deficit: \$ 233.11

Year to Date

2018 Projected Budget: \$717,837.00

Budget Received: \$ 382,858.61

Expenses: \$ 408,131.32

Shortage: \$ 25,272.71

Weekly Budget Required: \$17,567.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE

This month, the Budget Committee is meeting to formulate the 2019 church operating budget. Please be in prayer for them as they work on this important task.



BACKPACK PROGRAM

The BackPack Program continues to need your support. As of September 25th, we have identified 32 students with food insecurity. These children arrive to school each morning truly hungry. They gobble their breakfast and lunch and ask for more. The bag of food these children take home each weekend helps insure they will have food over the weekend. My office continues to receive referrals each week. Please support these children with monetary gifts and the following food items: canned pasta with protein, chicken noodle soup, Raman Noodles, applesauce cups, fruit cups, pudding cups and pop tarts. I am grateful for each donation. Fondly,

Julia Dunn

INTIMATIONS IN THE NIGHT: THE SOUL'S CALL TO RETURN HOME

Dr. Michael Conforti, founder of the Assisi Institute, will be speaking at Grace Episcopal Church November 9th and 10th. Contact Grace Episcopal Church for more information and tickets.

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