



FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

Feb 3rd - "A Prayer for Deliverance"	Psalm 71
Feb 10th - "Going Deep"	Luke 5: 1-11
Feb 17th - "Finding Joy"	Luke 6: 17-26
Feb 24th - Guest Preacher	Dr. Andy Jung

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY SEPTEMBER 3RD - 16TH, 2020

Once every ten years, the beautiful little village of Oberammergau, Germany fulfills a vow made in the seventeenth century by hosting a spectacular Passion Play. We had a group from our church attend the play in 1990 and in 2000. We are going again in 2020. Following the Passion Play we will visit Switzerland and the Black Forest before embarking on a thrilling Viking River Cruise, visiting Germany, France and The Netherlands on the historic Rhine River. Contact Ray for information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY

- Feb 6th - Business Meeting No Meal 6:30 p.m.
Feb 13th - Birthday Banquet 5:45 p.m.
Feb 20th - "Growing Young"
Meal: Chicken Pie, Green Beans, Cole Slaw,
Salad, Rolls & Dessert
Feb 27th - Bible Study
Meal: Grilled Pork Chops, Rice Pilaf with
Vegetables, Salad, Rolls & Dessert

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our Wednesday night activities will resume on February 6th at 6:30 p.m. with the Quarterly Business meeting. We will review the 2018 Financial Report, discuss Wednesday night programming for the Spring and have an update on our "Growing Young" emphasis for 2019.

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

MARTHA BEST CHILDREN'S CENTER CHANGES

As many of you know, our Children's Center Director, Jean Ashley, has announced her retirement from the Martha Best Children's Center after 35 years of faithful service. Her last day will be Tuesday, February 26th.

We are so very grateful that Jean was sent to us by the Lord and gave us so many years of service. We owe her our undying gratitude for a job well done and our love and best wishes for a retirement that gives her everything that life can offer!
CONGRATULATIONS JEAN!!!

While we are sad that Jean is leaving us, we are also excited to announce that Laura Adams has agreed to become the new Director of the Martha Best Children's Center. Laura comes to us from Churchland Elementary School in Davidson County where she was the Pre-K/EC teacher. She has 8 years of teaching experience and a daughter currently enrolled at the MBCC. Laura plans to begin at the MBCC at the end of the month. **CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME** Laura to First Baptist Church and the Martha Best Children's Center.

CBF MISSIONARIES VISIT IN MARCH

We welcome Butch and Nell Green to Lexington on Saturday and Sunday, March 30th and 31st. Everyone is invited to a Dutch-treat dinner at Yarborough's on Saturday evening to visit with the Green's. All Sunday School classes will be invited to hear the Green's on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Kay Albright for more information..

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Joyce Houser* by Cheryl Wicker; *Horace Conner* by David Colescott; *Evelyn Kepley* by Brenda & Nathan Houser, Betty Sink, Faithful Workers SS Class, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Smith, Peggy Snider, Robert Oates, Frank & Judy Stoner, Bonita Hooper, E.Z. Sink and National Wholesale Company; *Kathryn Frye* by Betty Sink, Faithful Workers SS Class, Susy Conner, Miriam Conner, David Colescott, J.B. & Betty Lopp, and E.Z. Sink

Senior Adult Ministry: *Evelyn Kepley* by Hubert & Cateen Olive

Youth Designated: *Evelyn Kepley* by the Charity League Children's Theatre Group

Endowment Fund: *Langden Garrett, Joyce Houser & Betty Mason* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Evelyn Kepley* by Bob & Ann Cole; *Kathryn Frye* by Hubert & Cateen Olive and Bob & Ann Cole

Building/Grounds: *Evelyn Kepley and Kathryn Frye* by Hal & Donna Routh

HONORARIUMS

Small Jobs: *Paul Epley* by Mary Everhart

General Fund: *Betty Sink* by Billy & Susan Bryan; *Ray & Joyce Howell* by Kelly Sink

MBCC Scholarship Fund: *Dr. & Mrs. Laws* by D.H. Beam.

Building/Grounds: *Richard Perryman* by Jackie Sink

THANK YOU!

Dear Members & Staff of First Baptist,

Happy New Year! Pastor's Pantry is once again, so grateful for your support. Your collection of yams helped feed our clients with a special Christmas meal.

We are very fortunate to be a part of such a giving community.

Much Appreciation!

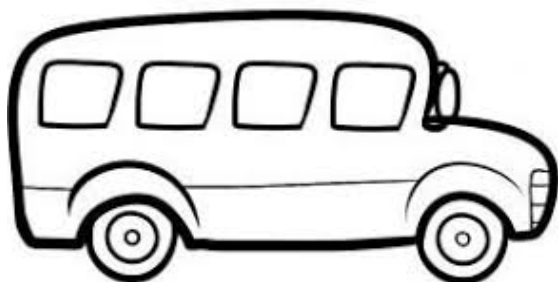
Greetings, First Baptist Church!

As you are well aware, I am the new Interim Minister of Music, and I cannot tell you how grateful and blessed both my wife and I feel about starting another chapter in our life as a part of the church family. I would hardly call it a coincidence that my mother, Pamela, used to direct church choirs for years before I stepped through the door for my first experience with the Nine Lessons and Carols as your tuba player. I've been singing with church choirs since I was in middle school and on through college. My experience with wind band performance, musical theater, and my studies at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro have all attributed to my love for music and music education. As I learn more about the church and musical traditions here, it gives me hope that sacred choral music, the first medium of Western Music as we know it, will live on to serve and fulfill generations of members to come. My goals here at First Baptist are to make as smooth a transition as possible during this time, provide a meaningful and beautiful worship experience, both for the congregation and the choir, to bolster fellowship through song and help teach through experience the wonderful lessons that music can provide to us through God. One thing I've noticed in the six or seven churches that I've been a part of is that there are many, many church members that have beautiful voices that never get the chance to be a part of the choir, whether it be for fear of being in front of a lot of people, busy schedules, or they just don't think they're good enough to be a part of the group. All that being said, **I want to extend an open invitation** to all of you to experience a side of fellowship that is unparalleled and a side of worship that is inspiring. There's something truly special about a group of people that get together to use their talents for the glory of the Lord. Lastly, I want to thank the church for being so friendly, helpful and kind to us since we were brought on board. Erin and I feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful tradition that is First Baptist Church. I look forward to seeing you in the loft on Sundays!

-Wes

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2 - 4 YEAR OLDS
FEB 3	Libby Foster (336) 238-1441 Courtney Foster	Wendy Skotthy (336) 224-0035 Alyson Honeycutt (704) 433-0656 Grace Upton
FEB 10	M/M Richard Baxley (336) 243-1856	M/M Cory Kehl (803) 606-9526
FEB 17	M/M Don Watson (336) 237-1293	M/M Kevin Brown (336) 250-1551
FEB 24	Donna Routh (336) 249-2350 Wendy Walker (336) 236-6301	Sandra Blackwelder (336) 249-9593 Crystal Alexander (336) 956-2765
MAR 3	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams(336) 956-1821	M/M Dale Lambeth (336)692-2039



NEW BUS NEEDED!

First Baptist is in need of a new bus. The larger bus is 20 years old and is now cost prohibitive to maintain. It is also increasingly difficult to find CDL drivers. A new bus, similar to the smaller one we have is estimated to cost between \$70-80,000.00. We have set up a reserved fund for this new purchase which currently has about \$8,400.00. Please consider a special contribution for this new vehicle.

FINANCIAL REPORT

December

Budget Received: \$94,754.97

Expenses: \$ 89,159.63

Surplus: \$5,595.34

2018 Year to Date

2018 Projected Budget: \$717,837.00

Budget Received: \$ 645,643.41

Expenses: \$ 645,643.41

Deficit: \$0

Although we were able to zero out our budget for the year, we fell \$72,194 short of our projected totals. We accomplished savings by severe spending cuts, cancelling budgeted work and diligent oversight of the operating budget. May we change that trend in 2019 and be faithful in our giving to the church.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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