



## PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday is April 14th. As is tradition, the children will gather for a "Palm Parade" in the vestibule before the service begins. At the conclusion of our worship service, everyone is invited to walk to the Square for a 12:15 p.m. service with other uptown churches. Afterwards, you are invited to a Palm Sunday Luncheon at the YMCA. The YMCA will open the doors at 11:30 a.m., and the menu will be chicken pie and traditional vegetables. **Advance** tickets are required and can be purchased in the church office. Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children ages 4-8. On Easter Sunday, the children will receive an "Alleluia" bell. They are encouraged to ring their bells whenever they hear the word "alleluia" during the service.

**Thursday, April 18th Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m. Chapel**  
**Friday, April 19th Good Friday Service 7 p.m. Chapel**

## WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS

April 3rd - Assorted Soups (Meat & Meatless), Crackers & Bread, Assorted Salads, and Desserts

April 10th - Quiches (Assorted: Lorraine, Broccoli & Cheese, etc.), Assorted Salads, and Desserts

April 24th - Broasted Chicken (like fried), Green Beans, Assorted Salads, Dessert, and Rolls

**Reservations are required.** Please call the church office to make a reservation.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is an exciting and important time in the life of FBC. Our kids, as well as the daycare children, look forward to Bible School each year. It is time, once again, to begin planning for this exciting event! We need people who have talents in decorating, teaching, serving snack/supper, crafts and recreation. We also need those who can simply provide love and encouragement to our children. VBS will be June 24th-27th this year. If you are available to help in ANY way, whether through teaching, leading a group, or just spending one on one time with a child, please let Eryn Myers know. You may call/text 336-250-8363 or email, [jegwmyers@triad.rr.com](mailto:jegwmyers@triad.rr.com). We will have an organizational meeting on Sunday, April 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

## ANNIVERSARIES

On April 1st, Ray Howell will have served our church as Senior Minister for 29 years, and Ronnie Smith will have served as our weekend Security man for 14 years. **CONGRATULATIONS!**  
We are grateful for their service to the church!

# Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

## SUNDAYS IN APRIL

April 7th - Randy Hall

April 14th - Palm Sunday Ray Howell III

April 21st - Easter Ray Howell III

April 28th - Randy Hall

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our diverse personalities and talents are great assets for God's Kingdom. We each bring something special to the fellowship of believers, just as each of the disciples did for Jesus. It's when we serve together, that we find something special happens. It grows out of our commitment to Christ and to each other. We hope you will join one of the committees (teams) and watch God at work. Nominating Committee Members: Debbie Auman, Molly Bailey, Greg Briggs, Ginny Flippin, Courtney Foster, Monette Frye, Beverly Fulbright, Margaret Ann Maddox, Jordan McCarthy, Sidney Minner, Adrianna Ortiz, and Kelly Sink.

## MEMORIALS

**GENERAL FUND:** *Dot Walser & Rod Penry* by Don & Ann Bishop; *Evelyn Kepley* by Claudia Philpott, George & Amy Chambless; *Scott Price, Lois Perryman, & Evelyn Kepley* by Becky Kirkendall; *Rod Penry* by Team Co-Ed SS Class and Tommy & Sandye Saintsing; *Evelyn Kepley, Kathryn Frye, Don Lanning, Dot Walser, & Rod Penry* by Vinnon & Gloria Williams; *Lois Perryman* by Richard & Vicki Baxley; *Rod Penry & Kathryn Frye* by Eddie & Jimmietta Allred; *Dot Walser, Betsy Riggs, Don Lanning, Janet Kay Macias & JoAnn Sides* by Bob & Ann Cole; *Kathryn Frye* by Catherine & Jeff Bowers; *Dot Walser* by Jacquelyn Brown; *Lois Perryman's Birthday* by Betty Sink

**ENDOWMENT FUND:** *Rod Penry* by Bonnie Graham and Bob & Ann Cole; *Rod Penry, Dot Walser & JoAnn Sides* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Rod Penry, Evelyn Kepley, Kathryn Frye, & Dot Walser* by David & Julia Dunn

**TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE:** *Rod Penry* by Tricia Laws

**MUSIC FUND:** *Rod Penry* by Frank Longest Jr.

**VAN FUND:** *Rod Penry and Evelyn Kepley* by Aurelia Smith, William & Ann McMurray III; *Rod Penry* by Frank & Nancy Cagle, Roger Mayhew, Cindy McNeill, Sara Delapp, David & Vicki Clarkson, Gene & Cheri Morris, Margaret Marshall, Carol & Avon Mize, John & Rebecca Scarff, Clark & Abby Smith, Robert & Paula Applegate, Dennis & Debbie McCrary, Thompson & Kristi Miller, Rochella Baker SS Class, Legrand & Dolly Skinner, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck, Jim & June Honeycutt, Donald Fisher, Nancy Nance, J. B. & Betty Lopp, Tom & Sandra Smith, Philip Lohr-Attorney at Law, George & Amy Chambless, Catherine & Jeff Bowers, Gordon & Nancy Wright and Gary & Sue Wikstrom; *Evelyn Kepley* by Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

## HONORARIUMS

**GENERAL FUND:** *Jean Ashley* by Vinnon & Gloria Williams

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** *Joyce & Ray Howell* by Hal & Donna Routh

**MBCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** *Jean Ashley* by Jim & Debbie Tate, Anna Raye Tate, Will, Chelsea, Levi & Sophia Tate and Bob & Ann Cole

## THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many expressions of love and kindness you shared with me upon my retirement from the Church as Director of Martha Best Children's Center. Please know that I consider it a blessing and a privilege to have served in this position for more than 35 years. Thank you for the opportunity! I look forward to continuing to serve alongside each of you in our Church for many years to come.

In Christ, Jean Ashley

## BUDGE UPDATE

### February

Budget Received: \$44,446.28

Expenses: \$ 49,958.72

Deficit: \$ 5,512.44

### Year to Date

2019 Projected Budget: \$718,355.00

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 7th

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Children's Fellowship  
Hall

Bring a basket and  
join us for crafts,  
stories and an egg  
hunt.

Ages 2 - 5th grade

## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

### Quarterly Business Meeting

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 1st for the church's quarterly business meeting. Our new MBCC Director, Laura Adams, will be with us, and we will have some other news to share. Look for details in the bulletin later this month.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

You may place an Easter Lily in memory or honor of someone on Easter Sunday, April 21. The cost is \$19 orders will be taken until noon on Friday, April 12. Please contact the church office if interested in placing an order 336-245-1261.

Dan Hopkins joined January 20th  
Randy & Luann Everhardt joined March

## EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2-4 YEAR OLDS
04/07/2019	M/M William Fulbright	M/M Josh Boyle (336) 769-6552
04/14/19	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams(336) 956-1821	Donna Sink (336) 239-2691 Ben Bishop
04/21/19 Easter	Easter Sunday - FBC Staff	Easter Sunday - FBC Staff
04/28/19	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams (336) 956-1821	Ray Nance Howell (336) 239-3344 Brenda Hipp (336) 476-0965 Anna Raye Tate (336) 472-8269
05/5/19	M/M Greg Briggs(336) 731-8031	Margaret Ann Maddox (336) 250-8527 Whitney Brooks (336) 479-8191

## UNDERSTANDING THE BUDGET

A presentation is being put together for those who are interested in learning how our church budget is constructed and managed. This presentation is designed to last approximately 15 to 20 minutes with questions/answers to follow. We are making the presentation easy to understand so everyone is encouraged to attend. We will have two presentations...one during the day and one in the evening so everyone will be able to come when it's good for them.

## FAMILY LIFE RETREAT



Twenty nine of our members attended the Family Life Retreat at Caswell in March. They enjoyed a series of lessons about the "Growing Young" project by Dr. Andy Jung.

## A NOTE FROM RANDY

Dear Members of First Baptist Church,

Jane and I thank you for your warm welcome, which in a very real way is a "welcome home." The significance and impact of this congregation on my life cannot be exaggerated. So it is meaningful for me to be able to "give back" a bit. We had a lively discussion on Wednesday evening, March 20th. I asked for topics that people would like for me to address on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. I hope to have sermons/presentations on some of those. But I'm finding that in my short time of service there are already emphases on the calendar for those Sundays or Wednesdays, so we'll see what happens. On either Wednesday, April 3rd or 10th, we will look at the set of emotions that God has put inside of us relating to personal loss. We call it "grief." I encourage you to invite friends or relatives who have recently experienced a loss. And you'll know soon on which Wednesday it will be discussed. On the other Wednesday there may be a presentation on this church's outreach in the form of local missions. You'll be informed soon about it. Again, thank you for receiving us so kindly. We look forward to the next three months. And I'm sure you'll be remembering Ray and Joyce with hopeful prayers for renewal and refreshment. I am.

Yours in Christ, Randy

## LENTEN SERVICES

Community Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday at noon at First United Methodist Church. A meal will follow the thirty-minute service.

## CONTACT RANDY

We are grateful to Randy Hall who has agreed to be our interim Associate Minister during Ray's absence. If you need any ministerial guidance or help, please contact Randy. His cell phone is 336-250-0402. His emails are [randy@fbclex.org](mailto:randy@fbclex.org) or [jrhall164@gmail.com](mailto:jrhall164@gmail.com).

## CONTACT US!

## Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m to 5 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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