



HOLY LAND 2021

We are going back to the Holy Land in 2021! Dates are February 25 - March 7, 2021. This is a life-changing trip, a transformational spiritual journey. Please let Ray know if you are interested in receiving more information.

PASSION PLAY. OBERAMMERGAU 2020

We have limited availability for our trip in September of 2020 to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. Seeing this timeless drama against the beautiful background of the Alps is a powerful experience. Following the play we will embark on a Viking Rhine River Cruise through some of the most beautiful areas of Europe. Information is available in the church office.

CHURCH INFORMATION LINE

Dial 336-245-1261 and press 2

Several have asked about our church Information Line. This telephone service started almost 30 years ago to share church information and let members know about those who were sick, in the hospital and for special needs. Throughout the years, many things have changed. Prayer needs are now shared on our prayer email network and church information is shared through our church website at www.fbclex.org.

We also have very strict privacy laws in place that prevent us from sharing news of those who are in the hospital. Prayer needs are shared on our prayer network only when requested or when we have obtained permission.

We realize that some of our church family do not use the internet, so we will update the Information Line with the weekly FBC Friends message. We will also share information when we have experienced the death of a church member. We hope you understand that we cannot share personal information on those who are in the hospital anymore.

FELLOWSHIP HALL CLOSED

The Fellowship Hall is currently closed and will reopen on Monday, August 12th. Please use the Hargrave Street entrance if you enter the church through the ground floor during this time.

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Dr. Howell will be preaching each Sunday

Aug. 4th - "What is Man?"

A sermon based on Psalm 8

Aug. 11th - Young People Away Service of Blessing

Aug. 18th - "This is What I Learned on My Summer Vacation"

Lessons learned from the recent Sabbatical

Aug. 25th - A Riverdale Narrative

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Fall Bible Study
"Sabbatical Serendipity"

Monday, September 30th and Tuesday, October 1st
Ending

Monday, November 18th and Tuesday, November 19th

First Baptist Church, West Third Avenue
Fellowship Hall

Monday Nights at 7 p.m.

Tuesday Mornings* at 10:30 a.m.

*No Study on Tuesday, October 8th

FBC FRIENDS

FBC Friends is a weekly email that previews the Sunday morning service. If you are not receiving this email, please share your email address with us. For those who do not use email, we will share the FBC Friends message on the Information Line.

JUNIOR-SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Sept 6th - Dinner at The Classic restaurant in Denton. Buffett - \$9.99 Small plates also available

Oct 1st - Lunch at Daniel Boone Inn and site-seeing in Boone, NC Lunch - \$23.64

Nov 8th - Wohlfahrt Haus: Christmas in the Park, Wytheville, VA Meal & Play \$42.00

Contact Sharon Palmer or church office for more info and more upcoming activities.

MEMORIALS

General Fund: Joanne Potts by Sue Beck & Louis Boyles & family, Booty Hilton, Diana Lewis, Bill Blackeney, Ron Blakeney, Paul Blakeney, Julia Anderson, Marla Wilson, Janet & Tom Smith, Aurelia Smith, Fred & Lynda Belk, Bob & Ann Cole, Sally Davis and Ken & Debbie Auman; **Michael Blackwelder** by Booty Hilton, Aurelia Smith, Ken & Debbie Auman, Fred & Lynda Belk, Bob & Ann Cole, Sally Davis, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck and Betsy Strickland; **Lamar Clark** by Aurelia Smith; **Sarah Snell** by Booty Hilton, TG "Wes" Westmoreland, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Betty Sink and Ken & Debbie Auman; **Chris Briggs & Mildred Thacker Ingram** by Ken & Debbie Auman

Building/Grounds Fund: Joanne Potts and Chris Briggs by Hal & Donna Routh

Music Ministry: Joanne Potts by Charles & Raye Leonard and Gerald Smith

MBCC Scholarship Fund: Joanne Potts by Gerald Smith

Endowment Fund: Joanne Potts and Michael Blackwelder by Peggy Barnhardt

BUDGET UPDATE

As of June

Budget Received: \$63,751.34

Expenses: \$45,966.94

Surplus: \$17,784.40

Year to Date

2019 Projected Budget:
\$718,355.00

Budget Received: \$ 297,179.56

Expenses: \$ 286,451.41

Surplus: \$10,728.15

These numbers reflect the budget as it stood at the end of June. We had a great month. Our giving is still below our target, but improving. Please remember to keep the church in your heart as you give so we can continue to do the great work of the Lord!



HANDMADE QUILT RAFFLE

HONORARIUMS

General Fund: Betty Sink's Birthday by Booty Hilton and Theodosia "The" Jackson

Music Ministry: Legrand & Dolly Skinner by Ellen Smith

MARTHA BEST CHILDREN'S CENTER

First, we would like to take the time to thank the church for the support you have shown through our transition from Jean Ashley to Laura Adams. The daycare is running smoothly, and Laura has settled in nicely. Our daycare and school age program has filled up for the fall program. Our Nursery School program still has plenty of openings. **Please help get the word out to fill these spaces.** Thank you again for your continued support!

Martha Best Children's Center Staff

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

I can't thank you enough for the Bible and shawl that you got me for graduation. These gifts will always be lasting memories for me. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support.

Love, Madeline Blackwell

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Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for honoring me on Baccalaureate Sunday. Thank you also for the gift of the Bible and the handcrafted quilt. They will bring me great comfort in college. Please continue to pray for me. Thanks again.

Colby Skotthy

Pastor's Pantry is raffling off a handmade baby quilt to help fund their programs. FBC's own, Cheryl Harris Wicker designed and handcrafted a beautiful baby quilt in pastel colors for this raffle. The quilt is 36" x 36" and is ideal for a baby girl or toddler. (See left) Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at Pastor's Pantry or by contacting Jennifer Davis at 336-249-8824, ext 304. You may also contact Cheryl Wicker at 336-249-2700 or Beryl Phillips at 336-249-9200.

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2-4 YEAR OLDS
Aug 4th	M/M Dale Lambeth (336)692-2039	Donna Sink (336) 239-2691 Ben Bishop
Aug 11th	M/M Jon Myers (336) 248-6550	Julie McNaught (978) 979-6406 Rena Morrison (941) 204-7969
Aug 18th	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams (336) 956-1821	M/M Thomas Jolly (336) 746-5034
Aug 25th	M/M Greg Briggs (336) 731-8031	M/M Dave Thornhill (336) 249-2115
Sept 1st	M/M Brian Lancaster (336) 596-9889	Sandra Blackwelder (336)-239-836 Crystal Alexander (336) 956-2765

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

We are collecting school supplies for the Davidson County Foster Children. General school supplies are needed as well as book bags. You can place the school supplies in the designated container at the downstairs fellowship hall entrance.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Thank you First Baptist family for your continued and faithful support for our Backpack Program serving all food insecure children at South Lexington and South Lexington's Developmental Center. Because of your and others in our community's concern for feeding hungry children, not a single student or family identified with food insecurity went without weekend and holiday food bags. Last school year, we served anywhere from 42-48 families on a weekly basis. Your generosity helped to make this possible.

I have officially retired from the school system effective August 1st, however, I will remain involved with our Backpack Program overseeing fundraising and insuring that all students who lack sufficient nutrition have food. We will still need to fill the bins in the elevator entrance with Protein Enriched Canned Pasta, Individual Servings of Fruit (mixed fruit, peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, pineapple and applesauce), Ramen Noodles, Chicken Noodle Soup, Pop Tarts, and Individual Cups of Chocolate and Vanilla Pudding. We are grateful to another church that supplies all our oatmeal and to our Cracker Angel who continues to underwrite the Horace Conner Memorial Lance Cracker Fund.

Tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated and can be made directly to the school: South Lexington Backpack Program, South Lexington School, 1000 Cotton Grove Rd., Lexington, NC 27292 or through the church office.

Our church has always tried to "serve the least of these." What better way to live out this practice than to "feed his lambs."

With gratitude,
Julia Dunn,
BackPack Liaison for South Lexington School

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S (MILLS) HOME FUNDRAISER

Baptist Children's (Mills) Home will hold its annual "Hope in Style" fundraiser on August 17th at 9 a.m. at the Greensboro Country Club. Tickets are \$35 and includes brunch, fashion show sponsored by Belk's and modeled by residents of Mills Home and a silent auction. Tanya Rivera of WFMY News 2 is the special host emcee. See Linda Engstrom or Debbie Auman for tickets. More info at www.Hopeinstyle.org.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please make plans to join us for the annual church meeting on Wednesday, August 21st in the Fellowship Hall. We will approve the report of the nomination committee, review the church finances and hear about updates from Ray, among other things. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., no meal will be served.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The time is fast approaching for budget season. The Budget Committee will soon be formed. If you have an interest in serving on the committee, please contact either Lewie Phillips, 2019-2020 Church Moderator, or Jim Tate, Finance Committee Chairman. This committee is one of the most important committees as the work of putting together the church budget falls upon them. Please keep this committee in your prayers during this time.

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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