



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.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING - SEPTEMBER 8th

We are inviting anyone who is interested in learning more about our church to a "New Member Gathering" on Sunday morning, September 8th, at 10 a.m. The coffee and refreshments that are normally on the second floor before Sunday School will be in the fellowship hall on September 8th to give everyone the opportunity to meet our guests. We hope we will have a number of our members to join us for this gathering. If you know anyone who is interested in our church, please invite them to this special gathering.

HOT DOG SUPPER - SEPTEMBER 15th

Family Nights are now Sunday nights! Join us for a hot dog supper at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, September 15th. The meal will follow Faith Factory for our children and before our youth meet. This will be a time to visit with our children and youth and learn more about their exciting activities. The Randy Hall Sunday School class is providing hot dogs. The youth are providing chips and drinks. We are asking you to bring a dessert.

JUNIOR-SENIOR OUTINGS

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

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

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

December 18th - Meroney Theater in Salisbury to see "Cinderella"
Dinner in a local restaurant and play at 7:30 p.m.
Play is \$10.00 + your meal.

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

The focus of our Sunday worship in September is the church as family. Dr. Howell will be preaching each Sunday. On September 29th, we will ordain our new deacons.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday nights will be fellowship gatherings. We hope to have a meal at least once a month provided by a Sunday School class. Our deacons will be providing the meal on September 18th. Following the meal, we will have a time of fellowship as well as discussing future Wednesday night plans.

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



CATCH-UP SUNDAY

We are planning a Catch up Sunday on September 22nd. On August 25th, contributions from the membership lagged by over \$50,000. If every member of the church gave \$85, we could wipe out that deficit. Just \$21.25 each week for a month would do it. Please consider ways to make it easy for you to remember the church in your household budget.

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Sarah Snell* by Florence Mullen Beam and Jacqueline Inman; *Joanne Potts* by Sandra Blackwelder and Jennie Sue Murdock; *Jack Hege & Kenneth McKinnish (Durango)* by Hal & Donna Routh

Building/Grounds Fund: *Hope Kennon* by Silba Rae Fennell

Music Ministry: *Joanne Potts, Sarah Snell and Sarah Vick* by Silba Rae Fennell

MBCC Scholarship Fund: *Joanne Potts, Sarah Snell & Mildred Ingram* by Don & Ann Bishop

Endowment Fund: *Sarah Snell & Chris Briggs* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Joanne Potts, Michael Blackwelder & Rod Penry* by Diane White

Missions Fund: *Sarah Snell* by Dewayne & Debbie Hobbs

Undesignated Memorials: *Michael Blackwelder, Rod Penry, Evelyn Kepley and Jack Hege* by Suzy Connor, Miriam Connor and Dave Colscott

BUDGET UPDATE

As of July

Budget Received: \$40,116.82

Expenses: \$51,862.90

Deficit: \$11,746.08

Year to Date

2019 Projected Budget:

\$718,355.00

Budget Received: \$337,296.38

Expenses: \$ 338,258.16

Deficit: \$961.78

These numbers reflect the budget as it stood at the end of July. This past month was not as strong as the previous 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!

FBC BOOK LOVERS CLUB

The FBC Book Lovers Club will hold a meeting on Sunday, September 8th from 3-5 p.m. in the Library. Please see Judy LeCroy for more details.

HONORARIUMS

General Fund: *Evelyn Bingham* by Kelly Sink

Music Fund: *Wes Richardson* by Sparky Brooks

WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Women of the Word Fall Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church will begin on Monday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 17th at 9:15 a.m. This 7 week study will examine the spiritual lessons learned from Biblical women and what they mean to your life today. This fresh look at the women of the Bible will help you discover new insights and provides a powerful witness to God's gracious love that will leave you feeling challenged, encouraged and deeply valued.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Our budget committee for the coming budget season is in the process of being formed. Please keep this committee in your prayers as they make the difficult choices on how to allocate our limited funds. Members of the committee will be announced once all appointments have been made.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

There are three updates for the 2019-20 Nominating Report. **Food Committee:** Brenda Sprinkle for Group I only (remove from Group II); **Faith Factory:** Add Linda Engstrom; **Columbarium Committee:** Add Vinnon Williams. Thank you to our team members: Molly Bailey, Greg Briggs, Beverly Fulbright, Courtney Foster, Ginny Flippin, Monette Frye, Margaret Ann Maddox, Sidney Minner, Jordan McCarthy, Adrianna Ortiz and Kelly Sink. And a special thank you to Sherri Salinas for her continued support making updates to the report.

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2-4 YEAR OLDS
Sept 1st	M/M Brian Lancaster (336) 596-9889	Sandra Blackwelder (336)-239-836 Crystal Alexander (336) 956-2765
Sept 8th	Libby Foster (336) 238-1441 Courtney Foster	Wendy Skotthy (336) 224-0035 Alyson Honeycutt (704) 433-0656 Grace Upton"
Sept 15th	M/M Richard Baxley(336) 243-1856	M/M Cory Kehl (803) 606-9526
Sept 22nd	M/M Don Watson (336) 237-1293	M/M Kevin Brown (336) 250-1551
Sept 29th	Donna Routh (336) 249-2350 Wendy Walker (336) 236-6301	Sandra Blackwelder 336-239-8366 Crystal Alexander (336) 956-2765
Oct 6th	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams(336) 956-1821	M/M Dale Lambeth (336)692-2039

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

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.

MARTHA BEST CHILDREN'S CENTER

We are off to a wonderful start to the new school year. The staff and children are excited for a fun-filled year! MBCC still has openings for our pre-school, daycare and school age programs. We have flyers in our office if you would like to put them in local businesses. Please keep us in prayer that we fill these vacancies quickly. Laura and Brandi would like to thank you for your continued support of the Children's Center.

Brandi Marker, Assistant Director
Martha Best Children's Center

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

Camp Mundo Vista will be the site of the Fall Youth Retreat September 21st & 22nd. It will be a fun-filled inspirational weekend with zip-lining, team building, worship and more. The cost is \$30.00. If you want to attend, contact Wendy Walker as soon as possible.

OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

First Baptist Church and the Martha Best Children's Center will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day

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