



First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

MARCH 2020

SUNDAYS IN MARCH

- March 8th Special music presentation by combined Sanctuary Choirs from FBC and First Methodist Church
- March 15th "Census Sunday" Our City Officials will join us as we focus on the theme: "You Count. I Count. We All Count!"
The Sanctuary Choir will be joined by an orchestra for very special music including: "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name."

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

First United Methodist Church will be hosting the Community Lenten Services each Wednesday at noon during the Lenten season. A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will follow each service. Donations will be accepted for the meal. This year's offering will benefit the Open Hands Ministry.

2020 WINTER BIBLE STUDY

"The Struggle for an Unhindered Gospel:

The Book of Acts"

Monday Nights at 7 p.m.

Tuesday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

For the 14th consecutive year our church will participate in Touching Davidson County with Love (TDCWL), this time on April 4, 2020. This is a multi-denomination effort to help those in our county that are in need. Participating churches appoint a committee of their members who serve on a Steering Committee and meet with groups from the other churches to plan projects that have been suggested by local agencies. Some examples of our work will be building ramps, yard work, painting, making repairs, singing at nursing homes, making blankets for children who are served at Dragonfly House, and planting gardens. Our faith is bolstered as we work with other believers in the county who seek to serve Jesus Christ. Kay Albright heads up the effort to find worthwhile projects. We need you! Each year we get to know many wonderful people. There is definitely a work effort for everyone that will match your skills and interests. Very soon there will be sign-up opportunities; everyone can find meaningful jobs. We will also gather a collection of items that are needed; watch to see what we are collecting at FBC. We need prayers for this special day. Will you join us as we strive to be Christians who can make a difference?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COVERED DISH & FELLOWSHIP

We are planning a church-wide Covered Dish Supper on Wednesday, March 4th. Reverend Chet Cantrell from the Christian Activity Center in East St. Louis will be our special guest. Reverend Cantrell is a native of Davidson County. Dinner will begin at 5:45 p.m.

FBC BOOK LOVERS CLUB

The FBC Book Lovers Club will meet on Sunday afternoon, March 8th at 3 p.m. in the Library.

For more information, please contact Judy LeCroy at 336-406-9988.

FUNDRAISERS FOR THE YOUTH BELIZE MISSION TRIP 2020

144 Challenge

The 144 Challenge gives everyone a chance to support our Youth Mission trip to Belize this summer. There will be 144 envelopes on a tree in the sanctuary. We ask that you select one envelope that has the number representing the amount of your donation to the mission. Envelope # 75 would be a \$75 contribution, envelope #120 would be a \$120 contribution and so on. The number 144 comes from the 12 Tribes of Israel multiplied by the 12 Disciples--all the people of God. This is an opportunity for all of God's people to join together in supporting our youth on their summer mission.

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

Also, Chick-Fil-A of Lexington is supporting our Belize Mission Trip by sponsoring a Spirit night on Monday, March 16th. Come to Chick-Fil-A between 5-8 p.m. and be sure to tell the cashier you are there to support the Youth Belize Mission. A percentage of your order will be donated to the mission trip. Please note that **drive-through orders do not qualify**. You can get your order to go, but you must come inside Chick-Fil-A to place your order. Members of our Mission Team will be helping serve inside the restaurant.

FBC LIBRARY

Spring is almost here! We have several books on display for the children so please bring your children to our library and help them choose a book. Our feature book for our Adult readers is "Remember to Forget" by Deborah Raney. The book tells the story about a young woman who is caught up in a volatile relationship until an accident literally changes her life. If you are a fan of Jan Karon or Karen Kingsbury you'll enjoy this book.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Please remember that each Sunday School will now be responsible for paying for their Bible Study Literature. Contact the Church office for the price. Checks can be made out to the church and Sherri will order them for the Sunday School classes.

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee would like to know if there is anyone that would like to be included in our visitation. If so, please email Jo Ellen Edwards joellenedwards@gmail.com or Sherri Salinas sherri@fbclex.org. You may also call the church office 336-245-1261.

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2-4 YEAR OLDS
March 1st	M/M Richard Baxley(336) 243-1856	Sandra Blackwelder 336-239-8366 Crystal Alexander (336) 956-2765
March 8th	M/M Nathan Houser (336) 956-6148	Katie Hartley (336) 596-2008 Kelly Wright (336) 239-8346
March 15th	M/M Dale Frank (336) 859-5976	Need Help Here
March 22nd	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams(336) 956-1821	M/M Bryan Lingerfelt (336) 853-5388
March 29th	"Brenda Sprinkle (336) 859-3389 Sarah Hall and Spencer Hall"	"Margaret Ann Maddox (336) 250-8527 Anna Raye Tate (336) 472-8269"
April 5th	M/M William Fulbright	M/M Josh Boyle (336) 769-6552

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Ed Ward* by Robert & Diane Campanale, George & Amy Chambless and Rick & Libby Samuels; *Howard Mae Hinson* by Doug & Alice Pearson and Fred & Lynda Belk; *Patricia Smith Marlowe* by Fred & Lynda Belk

Building & Grounds: *Howard Mae Hinson* by Nevin & Suzanne Rohrbaugh

Endowment Fund: *Howard Mae Hinson and Jean de Luca* by Peggy Barnhardt

MBCC Scholarship Fund: *Howard Mae Hinson and Patricia Smith Marlowe* by Don & Ann Bishop

HONORARIUMS

Endowment Fund: *Sterling & Tina Wall and William Fulbright & Family* by Peggy Barnhardt

FAITHFUL GIVING

There are several ways to give to your church and support our mission and ministry. **Offering Envelopes** are mailed each quarter. Please let the office know if you are not receiving them. **Online Giving** is available through our church website. This is a wonderful way to give systematically. You can schedule a weekly, monthly, or one-time gift. If you are over the age of 70, consider designating part of your **RMD (Required Minimum Distribution)** to the church. This is beneficial to you and your church. You can also arrange for the **sale of stocks and bonds** with proceeds going to the church. This is another way to provide for the church in a manner that is beneficial to you personally. It is a win/win. But any way that you decide to give is a win/win, because you will be blessed. The Apostle Paul reminds us that "God loves a cheerful giver!"

Don't Forget to set your clocks 1 hour forward Sunday morning, March 8th at 2 a.m.



BUDGET UPDATE

As of January

Budget Received: \$ 41,704.64

Expenses: \$ 40,256.36

Surplus: \$ 1,448.28

Year to Date

2020 Projected Budget: \$ 699,873.00

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These numbers reflect the budget as it stood at the end of January. We are off to a great start, but we will have expenses coming due shortly. Please remember the church in your monthly budget. Also remember to give a little extra in addition to your commitment. Every little bit helps.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee has updated the bulletin board just outside of the Sanctuary near the bell tower stairs. Each month, they will change it to include a local, national or international mission that we at First Baptist support through our volunteerism, our prayers and our dollars. If you are not familiar with the organizations and activities we support, please take a moment and check out the board and speak with a member of the missions committee. You can contact Newell Davis, Missions Committee Chairman for more information.

U.S. CENSUS WORKERS

The Census Bureau is looking for workers to assist with this year's census count. The pay is \$16/hour and .58/mile. Flexible hours and shifts. If you are interested, there are flyers posted around the church with additional information.

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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