



# Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

First Baptist Church - Lexington, NC

July 2021

## REOPENING TO REUNION TO HOMECOMING!

There is growing excitement as we are seeing more and more people back in the sanctuary for worship each Sunday. Our Sunday School classes are beginning to meet at the church again, and the Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsals in August! Our goal is to celebrate a glorious Homecoming this fall!

While we are all excited about coming back to church, we will need all of our church family to be engaged in "being the church!" Our Deacons are organizing several different ministry teams to help facilitate our Homecoming. As we resume full church activities, we need members to fill important roles of leadership. We need teachers for our children and youth. Our ushers need more volunteers. There are several important church committees that have vacancies.

In the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul compared the church, the body of Christ, to the human body. He talked about every part of the human body having an important function to fulfill. He concluded his thoughts by saying that we are "the body of Christ and individually members of it." We all have an important function to fulfill as we move from returning to church to being the church.

## CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES

We're back! Our first choir rehearsal will be on July 28 at 7:00 PM. If you were ever interested in singing with us before, now is the time! One thing I've noticed the most is how many of us desperately want to sing together, whether that be in the congregation or in the choir loft. This pandemic sure has made me appreciate how special music is, especially when you can't make it together safely. As I've told the choir, the *only* expectation I have for them is to enjoy making music together through worship. That's it. So get ready to hear your favorites as we begin anew as we pull out all the choral "warhorses" in our music library. We are also excited to start making new recordings of hymns and anthems during the service. The importance of documenting our history and preserving our sound is vitally important. So the next time you see a member of the Tech Team or Sound Engineering Team, give them a big thank you for everything they've done. If we didn't have recordings of our hymns from years ago, the youtube and radio broadcast during the last year would not have been nearly as successful. All that being said, expect some special music during October, and especially during Christmas for our Nine Lessons and Carols service. Things may look a little different as we gain a different perspective on these sacred services, but I can assure you the meaning and life of the service will be just as pertinent, if not more this time around. See you soon!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### As of June 2021

Budget Received: \$ 73,223.66  
(this includes PPP Loan Transfers of \$13,814.53)  
Expenses: \$ 58,773.19  
Excess: \$14,450.47

### Year to Date

2021 Projected Budget: \$ 709,303.00  
Budget Received: \$ 368,178.28  
(Includes PPP Loan Transfers of \$65,943.06)  
Expenses: \$ 273,948.75  
Excess: \$ 94,229.53

These numbers reflect the budget as it stood at the end of June. Some of the year to date surplus is due to the fact that we had the Payment Protection Plan loan, but much of it is due to the faithfulness of our church. We continue to see positive flow into our church coffers, and we have been able to make payments to our local missions as well as maintain our ongoing obligations. Those payments to the missions will continue as we monitor our budget during this COVID crisis.

## MEMORIALS

**General Fund:** *Mark Davis, Jean Hough Young, Don Strickland, R.N. Hardin, Paul Epley, Sandye Saintsing, Sharon Palmer, Janelle Smith Bunn, Beverly Easter Bingham, Lee "Buddy" Andrews, Darlene Peak, Edith Honeycutt, Tom Riggs Jr., Eddie Sheets and Joyce Harrell* by Robert & Martha Adams; *Don Strickland, Lee and "Buddy" Andrews* by Cindy McNeill; *Paul Epley, Sharon Palmer, Sandye Saintsing, Greg White, Francis Price Ashby, Kerry Saintsing Puckett, Sandye Saintsing and the Myers Family "Tommy, Cindy, Sarah and John"* by Sally Davis; *Tom Myers* by Alfred Adams; *Janelle Smith Bunn, Ettrice Strickland, Don Strickland, Jean Hugh Young, Alan Hall, Beverly Easter Bingham, Paul Epley, Sandye Saintsing, Doug Parnell, Charles Bell, Mark Davis, Greg White, Glen Epley, David Carrick, Alice Jones, R.N. Hardin, Iris Early, Jeri Robbins, Joyce Harrell, Louis Bowles, Kerry Saintsing Puckett and Tom Myers* by Bob & Ann Cole. *Doris Butchart, Kerry Saintsing Puckett* by Suzy & Mariam Conner; *Sharon Palmer, Dr. Mark Davis, Glenn Epley, Jean Hough Young, Jeri Robbins* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Paul Epley and Sandye Saintsing* by Becky Kirkendall; *Sharon Palmer, Paul Epley and Sandye Saintsing* by Gloria & Vinnon Williams, Sally Alexander, Betty Sink, Margaret & Harold Hoover, J.B. & Betty Lopp and Ashley & Gay Whitfield; *R.N. Hardin* by Joe & Rosalind Walker. *Jack Sink and Sharon Palmer* by Betty Sink; *Percy Bloxom, Paul Epley and Sandye Saintsing* by Fred & Lynda Belk; *Paul Epley, Sandye Saintsing and Sharon Palmer* by Don & Ann Bishop; *Sandye Saintsing* by Gail McCrary and Chuck Bell; *Alan Hall* by Peggy Barnhardt. *Stan Tate, Louise Tate and Sherri Tate Taylor* by Jim Tate; *Paul Epley* by Cateen & Hubert Olive, Ralph & Jean Ashley, Linda Enstrom, Charles & Glenda Everhart and Betty Sink; *Sharon Palmer* by Linda Enstrom and Jack & Joan Briggs; *R.N. Hardin* by Wayne & Elaine Hardin & Rachel McAbee, Sidney Minner, David & Harriet Whiteman, Judy LeCroy, Rochella Baker SS Class, Miriam Conner, Davy & Penny Smith and Eric & Amber Freeman; *Patricia Kay Kepley* by Peggy Jones, Ben Thompson, Ricky & Jan Hedgecock, Robert Wellons, Bob & Ann Cole and Peggy Barnhardt; *Floyd "Pete" Snides and James Floyd Moore, Jr.* by Bob & Ann Cole; *Lori Gilliam, Ed Ward, Myra Thacker, Howard Mae Hinson, Edith Honeycutt and Dolly Howell* by Alan & Melody Williams; *Floyd "Pete" Sides* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Thomas Riggs Jr. and Patricia Kay Kepley* by Miriam Conner; *Edith Honeycutt, Pat Davis, Lee "Buddy" Andrews and John Cotton* by Bob & Ann Cole. *Patricia Kay Kepley* by Faithful Workers SS Class. *Paul Epley* by Richard Baxley, Dan Hamrick, Gene Klump, Richard Perryman, Vinnon Williams, Sterling Wall, William Hartley, Jim Tate, J. Michael & Theresa Wagner, Betty & J.B. Lopp. *Rod Penry* by Shirley Crotts; *R.N. Hardin* by Don & Ann Bishop; *Tom Riggs* by Jack & Deb Riggs; *Sharon Palmer, R.N. Hardin, Allen Hall, Sandye Saintsing, Paul Epley, Ed Ward, Howard Mae Hinson, Edith Honeycutt, Jim Helvey and Dolly Howell* by Brenda Hipp. *Robert "Chuck" Bell* by Turlington & Company, LLP; *R.N. Hardin* by Crusaders SS Class; *Joyce Harrell, Sharon Palmer, Paul Epley, Sandye Saintsing, David Carrick, Kerry Saintsing Puckett, Don Strickland, Jean Hough Young, Mark Davis, Janelle Smith Bunn, Beverly Easter Bingham, Lee "Buddy" Andrews, Eddie Sheets, Tom Riggs, Jr. Charles Bell, Tom Myers, Edith Honeycutt, R.N. Hardin, Jeri Robbins, Louis Bowles, Dolly Howell, Kay Kepley, Howard Mae Hinson and Myra Thacker* by Anonymous Donor

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**MBCC Scholarship:** *Ralph & Jean Ashley, Peggy Barnhardt and Laura Adams* by Bob & Ann Cole; *Jean Ashley, Evelyn Bingham and Bob & Ann Cole* by Tom & Cammy Manning

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## HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS HONORED

October 17 will be a great day of celebration as we honor our healthcare professionals who have truly been our heroes during the Pandemic. We are inviting special guests to join us and open the door for all healthcare professionals on this special Sunday.

## CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE!

If you would like contribution envelopes please contact the church office.

## FALL BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!

Our traditional Monday night/Tuesday morning Bible Study is back! Beginning Monday night, September 27 and Tuesday morning, September 28, we will be studying the Book of Romans. I hope you can join us for this special study.

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

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