



# Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

First Baptist Church  
Lexington, NC

March 2024

## PALM SUNDAY

Our Palm Sunday Service on March 24th will begin with a Palm Parade around the sanctuary. The choir has two great anthems. "The Palms" by Faure and a Joseph Martin composition, "A Shadow Fell on Sharon's Rose."

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## PALM SUNDAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION MARCH 24th

The Community Palm Sunday Community Celebration started in the 1970s under the leadership of Dr. Hoke Coon. We revived this great tradition a number of years ago, and it is always a day of great joy and celebration. Following our Palm Sunday worship at the church, you will have the option of walking to the Square or driving over. The Community Service begins at 12:15 p.m.

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Our Maundy Thursday service will be in our Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. on March 28th. Join us as we observe this sacred night and celebrate communion.

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## EASTER SUNDAY—MARCH 31st

We will celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 31st, at 11 a.m. The children will receive Alleluia Bells, and the service will be highlighted by Brass and two magnificent anthems: "Easter Acclamation" and a Dan Forrest arrangement of "Crown Him."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10th - Easter Egg Hunt-2:30pm-4pm

March 13th - Deadline to order Easter Lillies

March 17th - Sunday School Breakfast - Fellowship Hall -  
9:00am

March 17th - Habitat House Dedication in Memory of Brenda  
Houser

March 24th - Palm Sunday and Worship at The Square

March 28th- Maundy Thursday Service - Fellowship Hall-  
7pm

March 31st - Easter

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## EASTER LILLIES

Easter Lillies are available for order through March 13th. You may purchase one in memory or in honor or a loved one. Cost is \$25.00 each. Please contact the Church office to order.

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## MARCH 17th WILL BE A SPECIAL DAY

St. Patrick's Day will be a special day for our church. We will begin with our Sunday School Breakfast at 9 a.m. Our friends from Second United Church of Christ will be joining us. During the worship service we will hear the combined choirs of First Baptist and First United Methodist Churches. They will be singing "O Love" and "Shall We Gather at the River." That afternoon at 2 p.m. will be a dedication of a new Habitat House in memory of **Brenda Houser**. All are welcome to attend. Location to be announced at a later date.

# FBC YOUTH

## 2024 YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### March

Sunday March 3rd – 5:00 (Combine with FUMC)

Sunday March 10th – Bowling – 5:00 YMCA

Sunday March 17th – Youth 4:00  
Dominican Republic Meeting (**Mandatory**) – 5:00 FUMC

Sunday March 24th – Kickball – Grimes Park – Time – TBA

### April

Sunday April 7th – Youth 5:00

Sunday April 14th – Spare Time – Time TBA

Sunday April 21st – Youth 4:00  
Dominican Republic Meeting (**Mandatory**) – 5:00 FBC

Sunday April 28th – Youth 5:00

### May

Sunday May 5th – Cinco De Mayo! – Mi Casa – 5:00 – Bring \$ for supper

Sunday May 19th – Youth – 4:00  
Dominican Republic (**Mandatory**) – 5:00 FUMC

### June

Saturday June 1st – LAKE DAY! Leave FBC at 1:00; Return at 8:00

Sunday June 30th - Mission Trip Commissioning????

### July

July 6th-12th – Dominican Republic Mission Trip



## SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS

*Connie L. Russell*

Mark your calendars for March 17, 2024. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Breakfast at 9:00AM. Come join us for this time of Fellowship. Our Guests Speakers during our Sunday School Time that day for our Adults and Youth will be Cathy Robertson, Part Time Executive Director of the NC Department of Corrections Ministry, and David Vanstory, the Part-Time Pastor for our NC Department of Corrections Ministry in Davidson County. This ministry is making a major impact on the lives of inmates in our Corrections System. Please sign up via the link in Ray's Sunday Preview, call the Church Office or call/text Connie at (743) 239-8159 in order to help with food. We look forward to this meaningful time together. The Children and Preschoolers will go to their regular classes after breakfast. Good News! The Youth Suite is ready for the Youth to move back into. Thank you to everyone who helped make the remodeling of this area happen!! At the February Sunday School Leadership Meeting, we talked about Outreach. While we as a church do several things in outreach such as YouTube for Worship, Christmas Boxes for those who need help with food at the holidays, etc., there are still things that need to be done in order to build relationships and meet needs. As we build relationships and meet needs, we have opportunities to draw people to Christ and include them in our circle. At our Children's Teachers' Meeting, we talked about ways to reach out to children and families. You will be hearing more about these soon. **WE WILL NOT HAVE A LEADERSHIP MEETING IN MARCH!**

## MEMORIALS

**General Fund: *Jeanne Wall*** by Sally Davis, Dwight & Kathleen Hedrick, Gary & Sue Wikstrom and Mr. & Mrs. Mark Steven Smith; ***Jerry Cissel & Jeanne Wall*** by Peggy Barnhardt

**Music Ministry: *Jeanne Wall*** by Cateen Olive

**Building & Grounds: *Jeanne Wall*** by Hal & Donna Routh

## HONORARIUMS

**General Fund: *Jane Hedrick*** by Franklin Bell

## Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, support, encouragement, phone calls, food, and your many acts of kindness before and after my surgery. I have never felt the power of prayer more in my life. A special thank you to our pastor Ray and his wife, Joyce for their phone calls, visits and encouragement during this time.

Many Blessings,

Bruce Hill

## BUDGET UPDATE

As of January 31, 2024

Budget Received: \$43,638.32

Expenses: \$48,373.19

**Shortfall of \$4,734.87**

Total church Budget for 2024 -  
\$688,287.14

Endowment Balance

As of January 31, 2024

\$2,061,344.56

**Increase for the month of \$6,672.60**



*Alleluia*

## CONTACT US!

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