



Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

April 2024

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to hear a unanimous recommendation from our Personnel Committee that has been unanimously approved by our Deacons. It is concerning the Search for a Children's and Youth Minister. We hope you will make every effort to attend.

WINSTON-SALEM DASH FIRST BAPTIST NIGHT

Mark your calendar now for Friday night, June 14th. It will be First Baptist Night at the Winston-Salem Dash. Your all-inclusive ticket includes all of your food and reserved seats in the grandstand for a fun-filled night of fellowship and baseball. The cost is only \$15. Fireworks will follow the game!

Reserve your place today by contacting Ruth Mitcham, Ray, or the church office. You can also reserve your place on the church bus.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

Our High School Baccalaureate Service is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd. Please let us know of any seniors who would like to participate. We would like to list college graduates in the June newsletter. Please send us names, college, and degree earned.

APRIL FOOD ROUNDUP FOR BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

April is Food Roundup month! We will be accepting non-perishable food items, household supplies and paper products. Please place your items on the Fellowship Hall stage. Donations of gift cards from Food Lion and Walmart as well as monetary contributions will be accepted through the church office. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church-note for Food Roundup. This has been a successful missions project over the past 3 years. The Family Matters Sunday School Class is coordinating this project. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Dunn by phone or text at 336-239-1846.

NURSERY WORKERS CONTINUE TO BE NEEDED

There is an urgent need for nursery workers during the worship services. We have several dedicated volunteers, but as our church continues to grow, we need even more. Please contact Jen Fuller-Allen if you can serve.

OUR YOUTH NEED YOUR HELP!

A number of our young people are preparing for a mission trip this summer to the Dominican Republic. They are having Bible School and will be leading a session on the Creation from Genesis 1. They need old magazines that have pictures of animals, the sky, water, the ocean, trees, etc . . . anything related to God's creation. If you have some old magazines that you no longer need, please bring these by the church.

Thank You!

There are no words to express my appreciation for the cards, hugs, encouraging and supportive words that I have received since the passing of my mother. I am so blessed to be part of such a loving and caring Christian family. It is difficult to lose a parent regardless of the circumstances. My mother knew her Lord and Savior and is now whole and at peace which truly warms my soul. Thank you again for your kindness and love.

Teresa Herman

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express how deeply we appreciate everything that you have done to help us get through this sad time. Thank you for the cards, phone calls, prayers and support shown to us as we grieve Sonny's passing. We are so thankful and love our church family.

Love in Christ,
Raye Leonard & Family

2024 YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

To all of you who supported our third Sunday School Breakfast by bringing food, decorating the Fellowship Hall, and making sure the Fellowship Hall was properly set up, I want you to know how much you are appreciated. We had 110 FBC folks present plus our friends from Second UCC. Thank you all for making it such a success. We will have another in September 2024 the Sunday after Labor Day. Our Youth Suite remodeling has been completed. Our Youth are now back in there for Sunday School. If you have not gone up to the Third Floor to see it, I hope you will go and see the good work that has been done! Thank You to Building and Grounds and an anonymous donor who helped make this possible. We will have a Sunday School Leadership Meeting on April 21 at 4:00 in the Parlor. We will continue our discussion on ways to reach out to people. Our Children's teachers have decided they would like to have a Children's Activity once per quarter. The first one will be on May 5, 2024, beginning at 3:30. We will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo. We will have Tacos and Mexican Ice Cream. Our Special Activity will be having the children make cards to distribute to Veterans closer to Memorial Day Weekend. Come join us for a fun time together. Children from both churches are invited.



MARTHA BEST CHILDREN'S CENTER LEXINGTON, NC DIRECTOR POSITION OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Martha Best Children's Center (MBCC) and First Baptist Church of Lexington, NC are seeking applicants for the position of Director of the facility. MBCC is a long established childcare facility with a history of quality childcare for children of Lexington and Davidson County, NC. MBCC provides full daycare services, after school care (Grades K-5) and a half-day nursery school (ages 2-5). The Director of MBCC would need to provide leadership of the programs and a staff of 25 people. The Director would be responsible for administrative duties, training and directing staff, and financial affairs with a yearly budget of \$600,000. A Bachelor's degree and leadership skills related to childcare are preferred. Prior childcare experience will be considered. An applicant must be able to complete the state required certification requirements for a childcare director and a complete background check. The salary range for the position is \$35,000 to \$41,000, plus benefits. Interested applicants should submit a resume with qualifications and references to Martha Best Children's Center, C/O First Baptist Church, PO Box 436, Lexington, NC 27293 or by e-mail to tate@fbclcx.org. A full job description for the position is available upon request.

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FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

FBC Income for February - \$42,967.13
FBC Expenses for February - \$42,883.87
FBC Surplus for February - \$83.26
FBC Shortfall year-to-date - \$4651.61
FBC 2024 Budget - \$711,925.46

MBCC Income for February - \$61,231.62
MBCC Expenses for February - \$49,279.84
MBCC Surplus for February - \$11,951.78
MBCC Shortfall Fiscal Year-to-date \$.02

FBC Endowment Balance as of February 29, 2024
\$2,134,343.31

MEMORIALS

General Fund: **Charles "Sonny" Leonard** by Becky Kirkendall, Peggy Barnhardt, Bob & Ann Cole, Beryl & Lewie Phillips, Sally Davis, Hazel Frady and Brenda Hipp; **Wyatt Helsabeck, Richard Baxley, and Hubert Olive** by Becky Kirkendall; **Hubert Olive** by Brenda Hipp; **Brenda Houser** by John & Harriet Smith; **Margaret Dowdell** by Peggy Barnhardt and Beryl & Lewie Phillips; **Jeanne Wall** by Bob & Ann Cole, Peggy Barnhardt and Beryl & Lewie Phillips

Music Ministry: **Charles "Sonny" Leonard** by Bruce & Ginger Hill, Ken & Debbie Auman, Debbie & Jim Tate and Will & Anna Tate; **Brenda Houser** by Ken & Debbie Auman

Building & Grounds: **Charles "Sonny" Leonard** by Hal & Donna Routh

HONORARIUMS

Building & Grounds: **Dr. Ray & Joyce Howell & Family** on 34 years of service by Hal & Donna Routh

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has
given us new life and renewed hope.*

*Help us to live as new people in
pursuit of the Christian ideal.*

*Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the
courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it and the strength
to complete it.*

New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

CONTACT US!

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