

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

May 2024

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

SUNDAYS IN MAY

May 12th Mother's Day
May 19th Youth Sunday and Lexington Senior High School Chorus
May 26th Memorial Day Worship

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a quarterly Church Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will review financial reports, upcoming events and a very important personnel matter. This will be information on a pending candidate for the Director of the Martha Best Children's Center. Your attendance is encouraged at this meeting.

GRADUATES JUNE 2nd BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Our annual Baccalaureate Sunday to honor our High School Graduates will be on Sunday, June 2nd. Please let us know if you have a graduate who wishes to participate. Let us also know of any college or graduate school graduates. We would like to list all of our graduates in the June newsletter.

GIVING TREE

The "Giving Tree" provides an opportunity for the church family to invest in the mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Envelopes on the tree range from \$1 to \$100. Please take an envelope with the amount you are willing to give. The youth are departing on July 6th.

FIRST BAPTIST NIGHT AT THE WINSTON-SALEM DASH

Friday night, June 14th, will be our church's night at the Winston-Salem Dash. We have a limited number of tickets, so reserve your space today. Randy Everhardt will drive the bus for the first 15 who request transportation. Your all-inclusive ticket includes grandstand seating, all of your food and fireworks at the conclusion of the game.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

We continue to need volunteers to take care of the nursery on Sunday mornings. This vital service is needed as our church continues to grow. Please contact Jen Fuller-Allen if you are willing to serve.



2024 YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

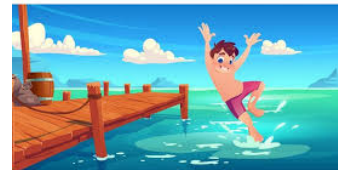
June

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



WORSHIP STREAMING VIA TELEPHONE

DID YOU KNOW?

Sunday morning worship services are now available via telephone. You can now call **833-659-9737** and listen to the service

SUNDAY SCHOOLMATTERS

Connie L. Russell

In the book Acts: Prayers That Can Change Your Church, the first chapter, talks about the importance of vision. The author, Toby Lofton, defines vision as desires for the church. At our recent Sunday School Leadership Meeting, we talked about vision and the implications it has for our Sunday School. We have a new Vision Statement which will give us something to strive for as we work together. Presently, it says, "Our Sunday School-Learning, Ministering and Growing together in Love." May those words become our vision as we strive to work together. Last year on the third Sunday in May, we had a covered dish and recognized the hard work of our Sunday School. We will do this once again on the third Sunday of May (May 19). A small token of appreciation will be given to our teachers. I hope each class will recognize the work your teachers put in as they teach each week. Thank them for their commitment and hard work. The celebration will begin at 5:30pm. We will have a Sunday School Leadership Meeting the first Sunday (May 5) at 4:00pm. We will work on budgeting for the new year. We will take a break in June and July. While our Sunday School has come a long way since coming back from CoVid, we still have a ways to go. It will take all of us working together to help it grow to the attendance figures we grew accustomed to.

GREECE-Following in the Footsteps of Paul



At Paul's Bema in Berea

Ray in Ephesus



Front Row: Joyce Howell, Debbie Carson, Julia Sherron, Suzanne Rohrbaugh, Dr. Jim Black, Glenyce Fulton & Dave Fulton. 2nd Row: Alan Carson, Katherine Team, Frank Sherron, Clara Benson, Nevin Rohrbaugh, Terri James, Beverly Black, Lewie Phillips & Beryl Phillips. Back Row: Ashley Whitfield, Dan Smith, Glenda Smith, Ray Howell, Robin Team & Bill James

MARTHA BEST CHILDREN'S CENTER

The Martha Best Children's Center is doing well in caring for children of our community during the Spring months. The Center is at full enrollment in all classes and programs. We maintain a waiting list of children who would like to attend MBCC. Enrollment for our summer programs and for daycare service in the Fall of 2024 is underway. Graduation and promotion ceremonies for our children are being planned for early June.

A potential candidate to fill the open Director's position has been identified. It is hoped a new Director will be hired very soon. All teaching positions and assistant positions are filled. The Assistant Director's position is currently open. We are always looking to fill positions of substitutes and floaters to supplement our staff.

Playground equipment that had been purchased during the pandemic has arrived and has been installed. Some landscaping concerns will soon be addressed to finalize the renovations in the playground. All of this work was paid with grant money.

MBCC recently passed its latest State Rules Compliance Inspection and semi-annual Sanitation Inspection with no difficulty and no infractions.

MBCC is very thankful for our "Transition Leadership Team" as they provide leadership and administration for the center on a day to day basis. This team has volunteered their service as we have searched for a new director. Thanks go out to Jean Ashley, Julia Dunn and Eryn Myers for what they do for MBCC and our church.

MBCC is definitely one of the best missions of our church!

FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

As of March 31, 2024

Church Budget

Income for March - \$46,793.30

Expenses for March - \$55,626.03

Shortfall for March - \$8,827.73

Shortfall for the Year To Date - \$13,959.56

Total Budget for 2024 - \$711,925.46

MBCC Budget

Income for March - \$53,360.64

Expenses for March - \$52,514.20

Surplus for March - \$846.44

Surplus for the Year To Date - \$5,127.00

Total Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - \$761,780.33

FBC Endowment Balance as March 31, 2024 -
\$2,189,394.88

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Phyllis Leonard* by Peggy Barnhardt and *Bill McGuinn* by Fred & Lynda Belk

Building & Grounds: *Paul & Betty Mason* by Hal & Donna Routh

HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND: *Trey Shoaf, Richard Honeycutt, Jim Honeycutt, Tommy Stroupe, Trish Green* by Fred & Lynda Belk

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