



Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

June 2024

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

LOVE OFFERING FOR TRANSITION TEAM

The Martha Best Children's Center has remained open and continued to operate without a director due to the faithful and competent leadership of four special individuals: Jim Tate, Jean Ashley, Julia Dunn, and Eryn Myers. All four have given countless hours of their time and talents in leading our Children's Center. They have done this without any expectation of remuneration and have stated that they do not want anything in return. This has been done out of their love for children, our church, and the Lord.

However, our deacons feel that their service has gone way above and beyond normal expectations. Therefore, we are receiving a love offering during the month of June that will be divided as a gift of love and appreciation for our Transition Team. Please earmark checks to the MBCC Team.

SUNDAYS IN JUNE

June 2nd	Baccalaureate Sunday
June 9th	Jim Edminson will preach
June 16th	Father's Day
June 23rd	Baptism & Communion
June 30th	Commissioning Service For DR Mission Team

FIRST BAPTIST NIGHT AT THE WINSTON-SALEM DASH

Friday night, June 14th, will be our church's night at the Winston-Salem Dash. We still have tickets available for the discounted price of \$15. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Natalee Mitcham- Central Davidson High School
Mary Evann Thornhill- Lexington Senior High School
Sarah Thornhill- Lexington Senior High School
Anden Williams-West Davidson High School



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will be going down to "Breaker Rock Beach" this year for VBS! We'll kick off this four day event on Sunday, July 21st, and commence on the 24th. All activities and times will be in the evening. More details to follow! If you are interested in helping out, please fill out the youth/children volunteer form that was sent out to the entire church. Thank you so much to those of you that have filled out the form already! I'll be in touch soon.

2024 YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOTHERS

On Mother's Day we recognized our mothers. We know of eight mothers in their 90's. Jackie Inman, Peggy Barnhardt, Barbara Epley, Ann Bishop, Doris Helvey, Germaine Wagner, Bonnie Harvey and Elaine Alexander. The mothers in attendance that day received a devotional book. Here is a thank-you from Elaine Alexander.

Dear Dr. Howell and FBC Family,

Getting old isn't so bad. There are so many blessings in life to act, think, and be positive.

One of the blessings was receiving the devotional book on Mother's Day. I started reading the day I received it.

First Baptist has been home to me for a long time, and that has been good.

Thanks to everyone,

Elaine Alexander.

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 SCHOOL MATTERS

Connie L. Russell

We continue to experience positive things happening in our Sunday School. This year, we have had more triple-digit Sundays of attendance than double-digit Sundays. Let us keep that trend going forward. We are entering that part of the year that many Sunday School Directors refer to as "the Summer Slump." It is that time that attendance drops because people are on much-needed and well-earned vacations. When you are in town this summer please join us for Sunday School. We will be glad to see you!!!

On June 9th, there will be a Children's Sunday School Celebration. We will have some light refreshments for your children, some games, and a Pinata to bust and enjoy being together. If you know children who are not in Sunday School, we encourage you to invite them to come join us. Our teachers are reminded to contact children in their classes and invite them to come be a part of the time planned for them.

Sunday School Leaders, please remember to email me any budget needs you anticipate for next year. My email address is crussell1958@outlook.com. We will not have a Leadership Meeting in June or July. We will have a meeting on August 18, 2024.

When you are on vacation and visit other churches in your vacation area, please look at things they are doing and share new ideas with your Sunday School Leaders. We are open to trying new things.

Vision Statement: Our Sunday School-Learning, Growing, Praying, and Ministering together in Love!

MBCC WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Martha Best Children's Center is pleased to announce the hiring of its new director, Krystal D. Craven. A native of Lexington, Krystal comes to us after a 23-year career in public education. Most of that time was with the Thomasville City Schools. She has served in teaching roles, a principal in two elementary schools and in public education administration. She has Bachelor's Degrees from NC State University and NC Central University, a masters degree from the University of North Carolina and administration course work from Appalachian State University. Krystal is a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Lexington. She serves in leadership roles there with their youth and their Tech Team. Krystal serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Davidson County. In her youth, Krystal was a student in the center. Several other family members have been enrolled here over the years. Our congregation approved to hire Krystal during our business meeting on May 15th. She has already started work in the center where she is learning the children, their parents, the staff and the operations/programs that are provided. We welcome Krystal as the new MBCC Director and to our church as a staff member.



CHURCH DATABASE

We are updating our membership database. Our last pictorial directory is 7 years old. Many things have changed since then. Please let us know if there has been a change in your email, telephone, or address.

APRIL 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

First Baptist Church

Total Assets - \$420,781.41

Total Restricted Funds - \$362,569.99

April 2024 Income - \$41,835.78

Year to Date Income - \$192,067.50

April 2024 Expenses - \$44,704.19

April 2024 Shortfall - 2,868.41

Year To Date Shortfall - \$16,827.97

Still needed to meet 2024 budget - \$536,685.93

Martha Best Children's Center

Total Assets - \$353,798.12

Total Restricted Funds - \$173,706.27

April 2024 Income - \$63,376.55

Fiscal Year to Date Income - \$\$452,893.05

April 2024 Expenses - \$50,969.14

Fiscal Year to Date Expenses - \$435,358.15

April 2024 surplus - \$12,407.41

Fiscal Year to Date surplus - \$17,534.90

FBC Endowment

Balance as of March 31, 2024 - \$2,054,671.96

Balance as of April 30, 2024 - \$2,121,904.11

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Billy McGuinn and Scott Engstrom* by Peggy Barnhardt; ***Denise Hipp*** by Brenda Hipp; ***Bill McGuinn, Scott Engstrom, Robbie Ingle and Jeanne Wall*** by Suzy Conner and Dave Colecott

Endowment Fund: *Sonny Leonard, Phyllis Leonard, Margaret Dowdell and Bill McGuinn* by David & Julia Dunn

Youth Mission Trip: *Margaret Dowdell* by Nevin & Suzanne Rohrbaugh

HONORARIUMS

MBCC Scholarship Fund: *Jean Ashley & Eryn Myers* by David & Julia Dunn

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH FEEDING THE HOMELESS

July is the next month when we will partner with Grace Episcopal to provide lunch for the needy on Sundays. Please let Jen Fuller-Allen know if you can help.



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