



# Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

January 2026

## First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

### Sanctuary and Chapel Lighting Project

The Sanctuary and Chapel Lighting Project is scheduled to begin on January 5, 2026. The work will be done by Central Services of Lexington. The work will begin in the Chapel. It will take about two weeks.

The congregation of Second United Church of Christ will have their worship services in the Fellowship Hall.

Work will then move to the Sanctuary in mid to late January. It will take about three weeks to complete the work there. Our congregation will have their worship services in the Fellowship Hall.

Updates on the progress of the work will be given as well as any schedule or location changes for worship. The work will include upgrading all light fixtures, wiring and dimmer equipment, that is over 70 years old, to a modern LED lighting system.

Lighting conditions in both the Sanctuary and Chapel will be much better. The changes will also help lower the church's utility bills. The project will be funded from our Endowment.

### Church Plans for January 2026

During the month of January, the church will have an emphasis on stewardship and financial matters. Our Deacons will have a planning retreat to consider membership needs and growth as well missions concerns and other church programs. These efforts are being done in hopes to let our church grow and continue to prosper.

### Crisis Ministry of Davidson County

For many years we collected Grape Jelly and Tomato Soup for the Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. Crisis Ministry is now First Hope Ministries but the need for jelly and soup remains. Please bring Grape Jelly and any type of soup to the container in the elevator lobby. Thanks to Ralph and Jean Ashley for coordinating this ministry.

### Lexington Backpack Program

We are providing food for the South Lexington Backpack Program as we have for over ten years. Julia Dunn is our Backpack coordinator. Items needed include canned pasta with protein, fruit or applesauce cups, pudding cups, pop tarts, peanut butter or cheese crackers. A container to receive your gifts is located in the elevator lobby entrance.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS

By the time you read this, I will be well on my way in Rehab, I hope. Positive things continue to happen in our Sunday School. The Young Adult Class is coming along and establishing itself as a vital part of our Sunday School. I am deeply appreciative of Joe Leonard for his Leadership in that class and in our Sunday School while I am away. I am indebted to all of our Sunday School Leaders who continue to raise the Sunday School Banner. We have a lot to do in 2026. I became aware of another class that contacts absentees. I am appreciative of the leadership of Jim Honeycutt and Ashley Whitfield for encouraging The Team Coed Class to contact absentees. On behalf of our Sunday School Leaders, we want to wish each of you a Very Happy and Meaningful New Year in 2026.

Our Sunday School: Learning, Praying, Serving, Worshipping,  
*and Growing Together in Love!!*

## Committee Appointments

As per our by-laws, the church moderator appoints new members to the Finance Committee and Personnel Committees for the new year. Church Moderator William Fulbright has made the following appointments.

### Finance Committee

Nathan Houser - to finish an open term for 1 year  
Erin Richardson - appointed to a 3 year term  
Alisha Powers - appointed to a 3 year term

### Personnel Committee

Bruce Hill - appointed to a 3 year term  
Greg Alexander - appointed to a 3 year term

## Church Bus Repairs

Our church Bus is currently undergoing repairs for water leaks and minor body issues. Work is being done at Carolina-Thomas Bus Services in Greensboro. Hopefully, all repairs will be completed by the end of January. Funding for this project was approved by the Deacons during their November 2025 meeting. Funds from our restricted savings accounts will be used to pay for these repairs.

## Thank You!

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous food donation this holiday season. The families were excited to receive the food boxes. Your kindness helped ensure that our student experience the joy & excitement of the holiday season. The impact of your support was truly felt by our children and their families and we are very grateful for your generosity. Sincerely, Melissa John, School Social Worker, Stoner-Thomas School.

## Thank You!

I am so grateful for the beautiful Christmas gift bag. It had so many wonderful gifts and cards inside. They really lifted my spirits. We are so blessed to have such a loving Church Family.  
Very Sincerely, Martha Hege

## FBC - November 2025 Financial Summary

### FBC

Total Assets - \$336,949.91  
November Income - \$71,278.23  
November Expenses - \$58,650.58  
November Surplus - \$12,627.65  
**YTD Shortfall - \$20,976.27**

### MBCC

November report is incomplete due to late postings.

### FBC Endowment

Balance as of 11/30/2025 - \$2,433,508.52

Additional Note - December 2025 giving and income appears to be strong.

## Carolyn Phillips Mission Group

The Carolyn Phillips Mission Group will meet on Tuesday, January 13 at noon at Yarboroughs Restaurant. Our speaker will be Nell Green, a former CBF field personnel who now heads threadsbynomad. This group "creates economic opportunities in ten different countries, establishes safe and meaningful work environments for refugees and designs timeless pieces in high quality materials." These materials include clothing, jewelry, nativities and much more. Purchases of materials fund this great work. Please let Brenda Hipp know by Saturday, January 10 if you plan to attend.

## Church Mailing Address

The postal service is no longer delivering mail to our street address, 201 West 3rd Ave. Mail is no longer being transferred to our post office box. Mail addressed to our street address is being returned to sender. In the future please send all mail to P.O. Box 436, Lexington, NC 27293. If you are having an IRA distribution and was using the street address please contact your institution to have this changed and to make sure no distributions have been returned. We will work with the post office to have street delivery soon.

## New Telephone System

The church has converted to a new telephone system and new equipment this past week. None of the church phone numbers or extension numbers will change. The new system has more features and newer technology than our old system. It is working, but we are still working on "tweaking the equipment" and "working out the kinks." Be patient with the office staff as we finish making this transition. The new system will cost less than our older vendor which will help our budget. You can still contact the office and staff through cell phones and email if needed.

## Memorials

**General Fund:** *Jeannie Belk* by Sally Davis, Jim and Debbie Tate, Gloria & Vinnon Williams, Bruce & Ginger Hill, Becky Kirkendall, Ron & Judy Worthington, Hal & Donna Routh, Cheryl Wicker, David & Julia Dunn; *Dr. Bob Cole* by Cammey & Tom Manning and Shirley Crofts; *Edgar & Mildred Thomas* by Cammey & Tom Manning; *Rod Penry* by Cammey & Tom Manning; *Alma Hill* by Jim & Debbie Tate, Peggy Barnhardt, David & Julia Dunn; *Melissa Routh* by Jerry & Aurelia Smith, Jim & Debbie Tate, Peggy Barnhardt, Shirley Crofts, David & Julia Dunn; *Tommy Wilson, Dale Frank, Lindsay Sink, Jerry Gardner, Raye Leonard, Avon Mize, Phil Mickey, William Dillahunt, Bill Bingham and Richard Lowder* by Shirley Crofts; *Lisa Epley, Judy LeCroy, Ann Bishop, Doris Helvey, Cheri Morris, Ruth Mitcham, Sandra Blackwelder, Dr., Bob Cole, Raye Leonard, Dearl Bunce, Bill Bingham, Melissa Routh, Bob Jackson, Jeannie Belk* by Martha & Robert Adams; *Raye Leonard, Bob Jackson, Sherry Sink Bonner, Lindsay Sink, William B. Harris* by David & Julia Dunn; *Tommy Wilson* by Jean & Ralph Ashley

**Music Ministry:** *Alma Lee Hill* by Herb & Newell Davis

**Christmas Food Boxes:** *Melissa Routh* by Carol-Stutts Wall

**Endowment Fund:** *John Rodwell Penry, Jr.* by Phyllis Penry; *Tommy Wilson* by Cammey & Tom Manning

**MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Tommy Wilson* by Cammey & Tom Manning

## Honorariums

**General Fund:** *Sandra Wilson and Vinnon & Gloria Williams* by Shirley Crofts; *Team Co-Ed SS Class, Marylyn Hilton, Ray Howell, Jim Tate, Sherri Salinas and Martha & Robert Adams* by Cammey & Tom Manning; *Ray & Joyce Howell, Sandra Wilson, Jim Tate and Sherri Salinas* by Jean & Ralph Ashley; *Bruce & Ginger Hill* by Ron & Judy Worthington; *Ray Howell* by Gerald Smith; *Ray & Joyce Howell, Sherri Salinas, Wes & Erin Richardson, Krystal Murphy and Marty Stanbery* by Jim & Debbie Tate

**Audio Video Fund:** *Audio Visual Team, Technical Team and Social Media Team* by Cammey & Tom Manning

**Music Ministry:** *Wes Richardson and Choir* by Gerald Smith

**Christmas Food Boxes:** *Joyce & Ray Howell, Carol & Dale Frank* by Carol-Stutts Wall; *Ray Howell, Wes Richardson, Jim Tate, Sherri Salinas, Marty Stanberry, Krystal Murphy* by David & Julia Dunn

**Endowment Fund:** *Sandra Wilson, Ray & Joyce Howell, Bruce & Ginger Hill, Tina & Sterling Wall, Wayne Raynor & Beth Davis, The Family Matters SS Class and teachers, Bryan & Kim Lingerfelt* by Phyllis Penry

**MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Ann Cole, Sandra Wilson, Jim & June Honeycutt, Ashley & Gay Whitfield, Phyllis Penry, Jean & Ralph Ashley, Krystal Murphy and MBCC Staff* by Cammey & Tom Manning

## STAY CONNECTED!

If you are not able to be with us in person, you can join us on our YouTube Channel by clicking here: [First Baptist Church, Lexington, NC USA YouTube Channel](#) . In addition to our YouTube Channel, we now offer telephone streaming by calling 833-659-9737.

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