



Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

February 2026

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY

February 8th Ray Nance Howell IV will preach

February 8th Sunday School Leadership Meeting 4pm

February 15th Jazz Sunday with Second UCC

February 15th Youth Chili Cook-Off

February 22nd Communion

February 22nd Deacon's Meeting 4pm

FBC DIGITAL COLLECTION

Have you had an opportunity to check out the amazing digital collection of past worship services, Bible studies, and special events? Tommy Stroup has given us a priceless gift. Go to our church website at www.fbclex.org. Click on Resources. At the bottom you will see Media Archives. Here you will find services and events going back to 1984. You can hear Dr. Hoke Coon preach again. You can see children's choir programs, Habitat House dedications, Vacation Bible Schools and many other events. Thank you Tommy, and thank you Tobin Shepherd for making these resources available to us through our church website.

YOUTH "SOUPER" BOWL CHILI COOK-OFF

February 15, 2026

We will be having our annual Youth Souper Bowl Chili Cook-off on February 15th to supplement the cost of our Passport trip to Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, NC, in June. Scan the QR code to sign up online! We need your "world-famous" recipes as well as a plethora of desserts and sides to accompany your dangerously delicious recipe! The competition will begin after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall, and donations will be accepted and graciously appreciated. See you then!



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

Connie Russell

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of February. We will begin contacting each Adult Class in order to find out a good time for Jim Edminson to visit your classes. He will lead the classes in a session entitled: "Beyond the Welcome Mat: What Makes a Sunday School Truly Welcoming." I think we will benefit from such a session. Be thinking about a Sunday, Jim can visit your class. Our Sunday School Leaders will meet at 4:00 on February 8. We will be looking at "Five Things A Growing and Impactful Church Needs." We will follow up in April with a look at "10 Ways to Encourage A Discouraged Church." It is not too early to begin thinking about our next Sunday School Breakfast. Dave Colescott will speak about "Life Lessons Learned from our Beloved Harold Bowen." As you remember, in September, he spoke about "Life Lessons Learned from Coach Dean Smith", the beloved former coach of the Carolina Tar Heels. Go ahead and look at your Breakfast Casserole Recipes for March 15, 2026, at 9:00 AM. Come join us for this wonderful time of fellowship.

LIGHTING RENOVATION PROJECT ON HOLD (TEMPORARILY)

Our lighting renovation project for the Sanctuary and Chapel is temporarily on hold. Our contractor has been dealing with manpower issues, projects with more priority and winter weather concerns. We are hoping to get this project started soon. Updates will be provided as they develop.

CAROLYN PHILLIPS MISSION GROUP

The Carolyn Phillips Mission Group will meet at noon at Yarborough's Restaurant on Tuesday, February 10. The group will be making Valentine's cards. There will be supplies but feel free to bring your own and your creativity. Let Bonnie Harvey know by Sunday, February 8th that you plan to attend, weather permitting.

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Dale Frank, Melissa Routh, Dr. Bob Cole, Lindsay Sink, Jerry Gardner, Raye Leonard, Avon Mize, Phil Mickey, William Dillahunt, Bill Bingham and Richard Lowder* by Shirley Crotts; *Tommy Wilson* by Shirley Crotts, Vinnon & Gloria Williams, Sally Davis, Carol Anne Copley and Fred & Lynda Belk; *Richard Lowder* by Bruce & Ginger Hill, Jane & Chuck Cummings, Brenda Hipp, Vinnon & Gloria Williams, Rev. Doug Rowe & Lynn Rowe, Sharon Andrews, David & Elaine Graziano, Mark Steven Smith, Debbie, Jim, Anna Raye & Will Tate, The Bunce Family and Fred & Lynda Belk; *Dale Frank* by Jim & June Honeycutt, Brenda Hipp, Vinnon & Gloria Williams, Debbie, Jim, Anna Raye & Will Tate and Fred & Lynda Belk; *Jeannie Belk* by Vinnon & Gloria Williams, Dianne & Heath Belk and Martha Lowder; *Jane Motlow* by Sally Davis, Robert & Catherine Bowers, Debbie, Jim, Anna Raye & Will Tate, Fred & Lynda Belk and Laura Lu Hedrick & Frank Bell; *Alma Bunce and William Harris* by Fred & Lynda Belk

Endowment Fund: *Tommy Wilson* by Jim & Debbie Tate, Ferry Lane Lowder, Gene Morris, William & Christine Wilson, Beth Bunce & Bill Bates, Sylvia Walser, Randy Leonard, Debra Everhart, Jane Hedrick, Greg & Dena Alexander, Libby & Larry Essick, David & Karen Sparrow, Catherine & Robert Bowers, Brenda Hipp, Nancy Wilson, Peggy Hope, Laura Owen, Ed & Claris Bryant and The Bunce Family; *Cheri Morris and Melissa Routh* by Gene Morris

Bereavement Fund: *Jeannie Belk* by Fred & Lynda Belk

HONORARIUMS

General Fund: *Tommy Stroupe* by Jim & June Honeycutt; *Sandra Wilson and Vinnon & Gloria Williams* by Shirley Crotts; *William & Melinda Hartley* by Bruce & Ginger Hill

Endowment Fund: *Ray & Joyce Howell* by Ferry Lane Lowder

Bereavement Fund: *Family Matters Class* by Fred & Lynda Belk

Thank You!

Dear First Baptist family,

There are no adequate words to say thank you. Tommy and I could not have traveled our Glioblastoma journey without you. Your many visits, gifts, yard work, chauffeuring, meals, cards and prayer support are the reasons we had the strength to keep going. You held us up! We felt your love and your prayers. We were overwhelmed with your outpouring of love. Everyday Tommy talked about how blessed we were. I am also so grateful for the many acts of kindness you have shown me since Tommy's death. Thank you to the church staff, the bereavement committee and the funeral committee for making Tommy's celebration a day to truly celebrate Tommy and God's blessings.

With a grateful heart,

Sandra

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your kindnesses to me as I travel the cancer journey. I appreciate every kind and encouraging word, card, gift, and prayer. Your many kindnesses and prayers are felt daily and are a blessing to me! Thank you so much!

Ginger Hill

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR FBC

Total Income for 2025 - \$688,029.02
Total Expenses for 2025 - \$684,201.04
Surplus for 2025 - \$3,827.98

We did not meet our budget of \$734,551.00, yet we were able to meet all of our commitments including outstanding bills and missions obligations.

FBC Endowment Balance as 12/31/2025 - \$2,450,409.11

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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