



Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

March 2026

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Church Family,

Thank you. Thank you for your love, prayers, visits, encouragement, and support during our long journey with dementia. You have been there for us and I will always be grateful.

On Sunday, March 22, I plan to share our story in a sermon titled: The Journey. The choir will sing a very special anthem that was written to address dementia: When Memory Fades. The words are powerful and the music is healing.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians that we should "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Thank you for helping to ease our burdens in our time of need.

In Gratitude,

Ray and Family

LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE

The long-awaited renovations to our lighting system in the Sanctuary and Chapel have begun. The Chapel is almost complete. 2nd United Church of Christ will be able to use the chapel for worship until the finishing touches are made.

Work started in the Sanctuary on February 23. We will be back in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship Services March 8. Central Services of Lexington is doing all of the work with the lighting renovations.

EASTER LILIES

Order an Easter Lily in memory or honor of a loved one. All orders must be placed by March 19, the cost is \$35 each.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1, 2026 – Communion during 11:00am Worship Service

March 15, 2026 – Sunday School Breakfast at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

March 15, 2026 – Finance Committee Meeting

March 15, 2026 – First Baptist and First United Methodist Choirs sing together at Morning Worship

March 20 and 21, 2026 – MBCC closed for carpet replacement in the hallways of the ground floor

March 22, 2026 – Deacons Meeting , Parlor at 4:00pm

March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

YOUTH FOOD DRIVE

The Youth of First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church are collecting non-perishable food donations to support local families in need. Leave your bag of groceries on your porch, Sunday, March 22 at 4 p.m. for porch pick-up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS

Connie Russell

Our Sunday School Breakfast is just three weeks away. Get out your favorite Breakfast Casserole recipe or other favorite breakfast items, and come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship. Dave Colescott will speak about: Lessons Learned from our Beloved Harold Bowen. We, as is our custom, will not have First Stop in March since we are having the Breakfast on March 15. We will not have the Sunday School Leadership Meeting in March. Our next meeting will be on April 19. We will look at 10 Ways to Encourage a Discouraged Church. You will be happy to learn that our new Young Adult Class has begun to have some new people visiting. I appreciate Joe Leonard's Leadership with this new class. If you are not involved in a class, Joe Leonard and I will be happy to help you find one that meets your needs.

Our Sunday School: Learning, Worshipping, Serving, Praying, and Growing Together In Love.

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Jane Motlow* by Jane Hedrick, Paul Green, Beryl & Lewie Phillips and Guy Cornman III; *Jack Colescott* by Jim & Debbie Tate, Beryl & Lewie Phillips and Vinnon & Gloria Williams; *Sandra Blackwelder* by Paula Hodak; *Tommy Wilson* by Julia & David Dunn, Beryl & Lewie Phillips and Mary Everhart; *Richard Lowder* by Bob & Kay Timberlake, Dan & Rhonda Timberlake, Julia & David Dunn and Beryl & Lewie Phillips; *Dale Frank* by Julia & David Dunn, Beryl & Lewie Phillips and Alan & Melody Williams; *Thomas Turner* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Joyce Howell* by Bob and Kay Timberlake, Sally Davis, Robert & Catherine Bowers, Ashley & Gay Whitefield, Jim & Debbie Tate, Patricia Laws, Mary Everhart, Thursday Morning Bible Study, Peggy Barnhardt, Charles & Vikki Hodges, Lisa Hilliard, William & Ann McMurray, Mark Steven Smith, Peggy Provost, Vinnon & Gloria Williams, William & Lee Anne Distler and Barbara Perrell

Endowment Fund: *Tommy Wilson* by Jean & Ralph Ashley, Barbara Epley, Peggy Barnhardt, Thompson & Kristie Miller, Richard & Ginny Frick, Betty Sink, Herb & Newell Davis, Alan & Melody Williams, Betty Ammons, Nevin & Suzanne Rohrbaugh, Second UCC and Bryan & Kim Lingerfelt; *Jane Motlow* by Ginger & Bruce Hill; *Dale Frank* by Bryan & Kim Lingerfelt; *Harriet Hartley* by Peggy Barnhardt

Miscellaneous Restricted Fund: *Joyce Howell* by Nevin & Suzanne Rohrbaugh, Mary & Bobby Harris, Carolyn Townsend, Jugrette & Roget Whitt, Cateen Olive, John Lee and Doug & Lynn Rowe

Music Ministry: *Joyce Howell, Tommy Wilson and Jack Colescott* by Sparky Brooks

Chrismon Fund: *Joyce Howell* by Gene Morris

Building & Grounds Fund: *Joyce Howell, Tommy Wilson, Jack Colescott and Dale Frank* by Hal & Donna Routh

Youth Designated Fund: *Dale Frank* by Nevin & Suzanne Rohrbaugh

HONORARIUMS

General Fund: *Richard Honeycutt* by Dave Colescott & Suzy Conner

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Lowder family, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your kindness, support, and prayers for Richard during his illness and loss. Thank you simply is not enough, but please know how much my family and I love and appreciate you all!

In Christ's love,
Ferry Lane

JANUARY 2026 FINANCE REPORT

FBC

January Income - \$34,134.05

January Expenses - \$45,399.10

January shortfall - \$11,265.05

(Note: Missed one Sunday due to weather.)

MBCC

January Income - \$44,961.62

January Expenses - \$47,266.61

January Shortfall - \$2,304.99

Fiscal YTD Shortfall - \$29,780.24

FBC Endowment

Balance as of January 31, 2026 - \$2,456,892.60

TIME CHANGE ON MARCH 8

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8. Be sure to set your clocks ahead by one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. You don't want to be late for church on Sunday! Remember to "Spring Forward" this Sunday.

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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