

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

June 2026

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

JUNE 28th SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

On Sunday, June 28th, we will host a very special service of celebration in anticipation of our nation's 250th anniversary. The ministers, congregation, and choir of First United Methodist Church will be joining us. The combined choirs will sing, we will have visiting brass, and the three ministers will lead the service as we celebrate our glorious heritage of liberty and freedom.

JUNE'S MISSION HIGHLIGHT Cancer Services of Davidson County

Cancer Services of Davidson County is a nonprofit organization whose mission is "Giving Cancer Patients Hope for Life" by providing emotional, physical, and financial support to local cancer patients and their families. Their programs include transportation and medication assistance, nutritional supplements, wigs and prostheses, medical equipment loans, and support services that help improve quality of life throughout cancer treatment and recovery.

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Hazel Frady is hosting a 100th Birthday celebration in her honor in the church Fellowship Hall on July 11th from 2-4 p.m. Please come by and wish Hazel a Happy 100th Birthday. No gifts please, cards are welcome.

If you would like to leave a card at the church office there is a card box on the front desk designated for Hazel's 100th Birthday!

REMEMBERING SHERRI SALINAS

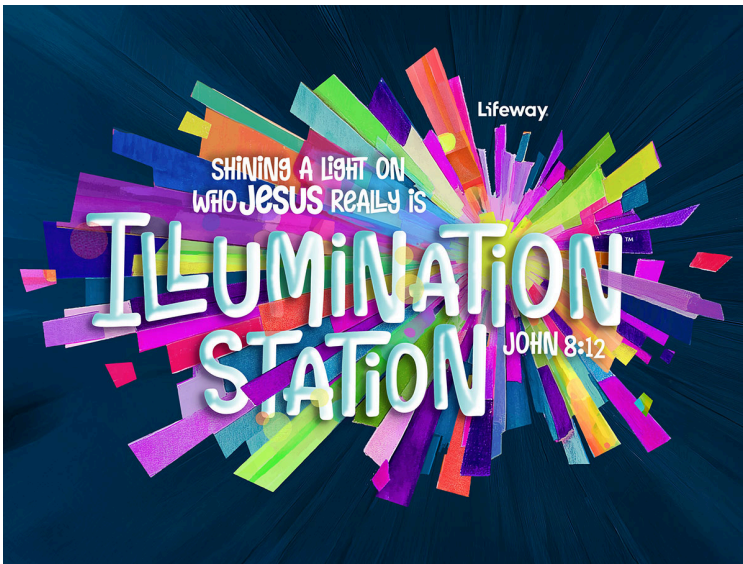


On Monday, June 1, our loyal and dedicated Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary, Sherri Salinas, was tragically killed in a car crash. Sherri was going home early because a gas leak closed our church for the day. Tommy Wilson hired Sherri to be our Financial Secretary. At that time, we had a full-time church secretary. Sherri later assumed both roles. Sherri loved our church. She knew our church members and always went out of her way to accommodate every request. She handled the finances and payroll for the church and the Martha Best Children's Center. She was a part of our family. A Celebration of Sherri's life will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, June 13. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Sherri's tragic death is a profound loss for all of us. Our prayers are with Joey and all of her family.

JUNE CALENDAR

- June 7th Ray Howell preaches
- June 14th Ray Howell preaches
- June 14th-18th Youth at Passport in Banner Elk, NC
- June 21st Finance Committee Meeting – 9am (Zoom)
- June 21st Ray Nance Howell Preaches at worship
- June 28th Joint service with First United Methodist Church & Special Patriotic Music with MBCC at worship
- June 28th Deacons Meeting – 4pm - Parlor

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Our annual Vacation Bible School is back this July, and this year we are gathering at "Illumination Station!" VBS will help our kids discover the bigness of God in the smallest of things as they explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals. While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are still in the dark about who He really is. Together we will discover that Jesus is God's promised Son, God's perfect Son, the powerful Son of God, the proven Son of God, and God's plan for forgiveness. Let's shine bright together!

Here are the details:

When: Monday, July 27 through Wednesday, July 29 (three evenings)

Time: 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM each night

Cost: Free, and all meals are included

Who: All kids are welcome (must be potty trained)

Each evening, kids will take part in a Worship Rally, Music, Recreation and Games, Bible Study, and Arts and Crafts.

Register your children here: [VBS Sign-Up Form \(Kids\)](#)

There is **no cost** and everyone is welcome, so invite friends and neighbors too!

Volunteer with us: VBS only happens because of our incredible staff, and we would love to have you join the team. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the volunteer form here: [Volunteer Sign-Up Form VBS](#)

First Planning Meeting - Sunday, May 31st - 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

There will be a few other meetings as well before the end of July. Once you're on the email list, you'll receive updates regularly.

If you have any questions about registering a child or volunteering, just reach out to me at wes@fbclex.org.

Let's shine bright together!

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS

Connie Russell

Our Sunday School continues to evolve. While we have struggled with attendance this year, there are still positive things happening when the larger picture is considered. The new Young Adult class continues to thrive. Our church has gained three new members since that class began in September. Normally, a new class takes about a year before producing new members. Several people who were out of Sunday School for a long while have come back and rejoined their classes.

The Vacation Season is upon us, and many will be away at times. I encourage you to attend Sunday School and Worship when you are on vacation. Whether you are staying in a motel or a campground, there are services in the area where you are enjoying some rest. Feel free to bring a bulletin back to share with us. It is always good to see how others are serving Christ in their communities.

First Stop is on Summer Break. We will kick off in the fall with the Sunday School Breakfast on September 13, then the first official First Stop will be on Sunday, October 4, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM.

Sunday School Leadership Meetings are on Summer Break. However, the Children's teachers and Preschool Teachers will meet at 4:00 on July 19, in order to plan for the Children's Sunday School Open House. Otherwise, our meetings will begin on October 11 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We normally meet on the third Sunday in October, but there is a calendar conflict on October 18.

On behalf of our Sunday School Leadership, we wish you a fun and meaningful summer!

LOOKING AHEAD!

July 3rd	Church office closed for July 4
July 5th 250th	Religious Liberty Emphasis for America's Birthday at worship
July 12th	Communion at Worship
July 19th	Finance Committee Meeting – 9am (Zoom)
July 20st – 24th	Davidson Co. Sheriff's Dept. Safety Town for MBCC (Set-Up on July 17th)
July 26th to August 23rd	– Ray's Summer Sermon Series
July 26th	Deacons's Meeting (Tentative if needed)
July 27th – 29th	– Vacation Bible School
August 16th	- Finance Committee Meeting – 9 am (Zoom)
August 23rd	- Deacons Meeting – 4 pm - Parlor
August 26th	– Church Annual Business Meeting– 6:30pm Fellowship Hall
August 30th	– Children's Sunday School Open House – 9:30am
September 6th	– Sunday School First Stop – 9 am – Fellowship Hall
September 7th	- Labor Day Holiday – Church Office Closed
September 13th	– Sunday School Breakfast – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall

BIBLE OPENERS

We are planning to restart the Bible Openers program for our children ages 3 thru 10 (up to 5th grade). At this time, the plan is to begin in the fall. If you would like your child to open the Bible on Sunday Mornings, please contact Beryl Phillips at bhphillips1960@outlook.com or 336-225-7000.

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.

FINANCE REPORT

FBC Finances

April Income - \$40,569.68
April Expenses - \$57,417.07
April Shortfall - \$16,847.39
YTD Shortfall - \$47,415.22

Mbcc Expenses

April Income - \$29,570.39
April Expenses - \$42,531.22
April Shortfall - \$2,960.83
Fiscal YTD Shortfall - \$17,054.85

FBC Endowment

Beginning Balance January 1, 2026 \$2,450,409.11
Balance as of March 31, 2026 - \$2,274,705.00
Balance as of April 30, 2026 = \$2,412,807.49



CONTACT US!

Office Hours

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