



Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

July 2026

First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

SUNDAYS IN JULY

July 5th	"A Biblical Witness to Religious Liberty"
July 12th	Communion
July 19th	Summer Sermon Series Begins The Parables: The Sower and the Seed
July 26th	The Parables: The Good Samaritan Church Picnic at 6 p.m. Activities for Children at 4 p.m.

JULY'S MISSION HIGHLIGHT

Feeding the Homeless at Grace Episcopal

In January and July we demonstrate love in action through the Grace Food Ministries Sunday Lunch Program at Grace Episcopal Church. Since 2005, the church has partnered with local congregations and volunteers to provide hot meals in a welcoming and compassionate environment for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity and homelessness in our community. Serving an average of 80 meals each Sunday, the ministry helps meet a vital need while offering fellowship, dignity, and hope. We currently help serve in January and July. Thank you to all our volunteers for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 27 – Wednesday, July 29

5:30 – 8 p.m.

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!

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

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 or Erin Richardson.

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.

LUNCH AND LEARN

**Genesis, Humanity
and the Nature of God**
Led by Jim Luck

July 8 and 15
Noon - 2 p.m.

First United Church of Christ Parlor
Bring a lunch

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS *Connie Russell*

The Sunday School Leaders and I hope you are enjoying the summer in spite of the heat! We hope that as you go to the beach, mountains, and other destinations, you will make time to visit a church in the area you are vacationing in. If you encounter a church doing something special that helps emphasize their Sunday School, please feel free to share new ideas with us. It is interesting to see how others work together to put emphasis on Sunday School and the church in general. Children's Teachers will meet on July 19, 2026, at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to plan the Open House for Children's and Preschool Sunday School, which is scheduled for Sunday, August 23, during the Sunday School Hour. Mark it on your calendar!!!

September 13, 2026, we will kick off our new Sunday School Year with one of our famous Sunday School Breakfasts. Mark it on your calendar and join us as we fellowship with each other and also our friends from Second UCC.

We hope you have a safe and happy remainder of the summer!!

PLEASE BEAR WITH US

With the sudden and tragic loss of Sherri Salinas, there have been some changes in the church office. If members have questions about financial matters or things Sherri normally handled, please contact Jim Tate at his phone numbers or email. We are working to keep the financial matters current and learning the software that is used to handle the financial matters. It is taking some time to learn some of these processes. We are working to access information on Sherri's computer. Our church treasurer, David Huneycutt (a CPA) is assisting in working with the transition on financial matters.

The church office hours may vary in the next few weeks as we work through the transition. Several folks have volunteered to assist us in the office. A schedule and listing of tasks is being developed. Contact Ray Howell if you are willing to help out. Our schedules have been varied over the last few weeks. If you need to come by the office, you may want to call to make sure someone will be available to assist you.

The Deacons recently met and have begun the process of determining how Sherri's position will be filled or changed to best serve the church. As this process proceeds, more information will be relayed to the church. We are committed to professionally handling church business. We intend to follow the legacy of Christian service that Sherri left us.

CONTACT US!

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m to 5 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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