

# Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

August 2026

## First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

### SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

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| August 2    | "A Six-Month Journey in Grief"    |
| August 9    | Passport Sunday                   |
| August 16   | "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" |
| August 23   | "The Parable of the Sower"        |
| August 30   | Wes Richardson will lead worship  |
| September 6 | Deacon Ordination                 |

### FELLOWSHIP HALL DEDICATION

**Sunday, September 27th**

We will have a very special service of worship on September 27th in which we will dedicate our Fellowship Hall in memory of Tommy Wilson. Following the worship service, we will gather in the Tommy Wilson Memorial Fellowship Hall for a meal.

### AUGUST'S MISSION HIGHLIGHT

#### Pastor's Pantry of Davidson County

For more than 20 years, Pastor's Pantry has been dedicated to reducing senior hunger in Davidson County by providing nutrition groceries to older adults facing financial hardship. Each month they provide free groceries to hundreds of seniors and also offer emergency food assistance to individuals and families experiencing a crisis. This ministry is provided through local churches, businesses, volunteers, food drives and community donors. Pastor's Pantry is just one of the ways we care for our community. We support them through food collections (can be found in the entry by the fellowship hall) and monetary support.

Thank you for your support to this mission and all of our missions!!!

### CHURCH SECRETARY

The unexpected, tragic death of Sherri Salinas has left a huge void in our church. Sherri took care of all the financials, payrolls, and bills for both the church and the children's center. In addition, she served as our church secretary. Our Deacons voted at the July meeting to outsource all of our financials. We are in the process now of finding the best firm to handle this for the church and children's center. The Deacons also voted to find a part-time church secretary. The secretary will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the meantime, we are grateful to our volunteers. Gene Morris, Lisa Michael, and Nevin Rohrbaugh are at the church office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Jean Ashley is our backup. Emma Knopf is volunteering once a week until school starts. Beryl Phillips continues to do our newsletter and Alisa Powers is doing our bulletin. Tobin Shepherd continues to handle FBC Friends and the Prayer Network. It will take several more weeks to finalize everything in the office. Thank you for your patience and your prayers.

### 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.

## **AUGUST and SEPTEMBER**

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

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN THE FALL**

Plans are underway for a return to Wednesday night fellowship meals. While our plans are not definite, we will begin on Wednesday, September 9 and Wednesday, September 23. We will have two more nights in October and two in November. We will have a catered meal followed by a program. Reservations will be necessary and we will charge the cost of the meal. We need volunteers to help make this happen. If we have enough volunteers, we can offer activities for our youth and children. Please let Ray know if you would like to help.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS**

*Connie Russell*

## **SOUTH LEXINGTON BACKPACK PROGRAM**

On Monday August 10, children at South Lexington and South Lexington Developmental Center will be returning to school. Those suffering from food insecurity are at the forefront of our focus and concern. For over ten years our church has helped to collect needed food items to send home each Friday with identified students. Currently, we are gearing up our efforts to serve these children. I am honored to serve as the BackPack Liaison for our church. Once again Kelly Young and I will meet bimonthly to pack the bags these children take home. As of now, I'd like our church to focus on donating the following items. Donations can be left in the collection box near the entrance of the Fellowship Hall.

1. Canned pasta with protein such as Beefaroni, etc. (pop tops preferred)
2. Fruit or applesauce cups
3. Pudding cups
4. Pop Tarts
5. Nabs-peanut butter or cheese crackers-Lance or other brands

First Baptist has been such a wonderful partner for this vital food program. We are so very thankful for your continued support.

With gratitude,  
Julia Dunn

"As the Sunday School goes, so goes the church." We continue to work on things in our Sunday School which will help set our church up for future growth possibilities. The new Young Adult Class continues to evolve. They began with three regular attenders. Now they are averaging 7 per Sunday. On July 19, they had 8 in attendance. Several other classes have guests in their classes, while some have regained members who had not been in a long time. Let us keep up the good work.

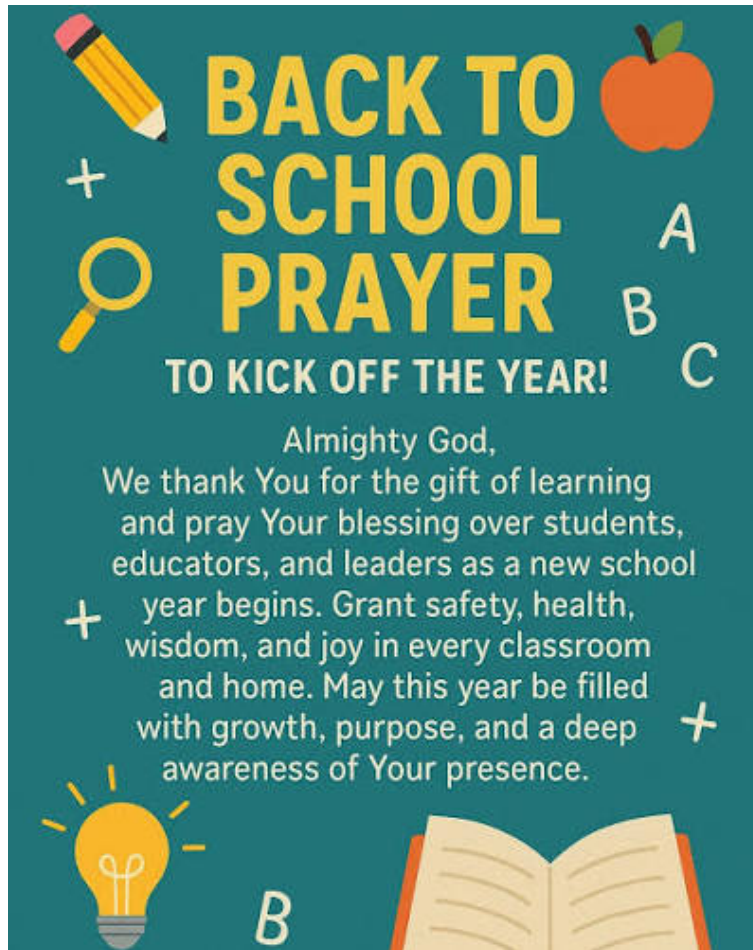
August 23, 2026, will be a special day for our children's Sunday School when we have Open House. The theme this year will be "Jesus is the Light." Our children will enjoy making a craft to remind them that Jesus is the Light. They will also have a lesson on that theme, and they will enjoy some light refreshments. Parents are always invited to participate and experience your children's Sunday School!

Beginning in September, you will see some new signs at various entrances to help emphasize our Sunday School. We thank Tommy Stroupe for graciously fixing these very attractive signs.

Mark your calendars for September 13. That is the date of our school breakfast next Sunday School

## 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](mailto:bhphillips1960@outlook.com) or 336-225-7000 or Erin Richardson.



### CONTACT US!

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