



Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

September 2026

TOMMY WILSON FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sunday, September 27, 2026 will be a very special day. We will dedicate our Fellowship Hall in memory of Tommy Wilson. Tommy was involved in the planning and construction of the Fellowship Hall in 1989. For years, Tommy led our Wednesday Night Family Night meals and programs. He supervised Halloween Carnivals, Birthday Banquets, Children's programs, Dramas, Vacation Bible Schools, Musicals, Christmas food boxes, Senior Adult Banquets, and the list goes on and on. No one is more deserving of this honor than Tommy. We will have a time of dedication in the worship service followed by a catered meal. You will need a reservation for the meal. Refer to the RSVP announcement to make a reservation.

Coming in October

A Riverdale Narrative
Featuring the Music of
Brannon Gilliam

“Will the Circle Be
Unbroken?”

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Wednesday night fellowship meals are returning in September! We plan to have meals on September 9 and 23. You will need a reservation. Please refer to the RSVP announcement for details. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. At 6:15 we will sing a hymn and have time to highlight needs and celebrations. Ray will lead a Bible Study from 6:30 to 7 p.m. On September 9, he will review the Gospel of Mark. Matthew will be on September 23. We will also hold Wednesday night meals on October 7 and 28, and on November 4 and 18. We do need volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. Please let us know if you can help. See more about Wednesday nights below.

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September 6th	The Ordination of Harrison Fulbright and Gene Morris
September 13th	A Sermon: “Adam, Where Are You?”
September 20th	A Sermon: “You Count—I Count—We All Count.”
September 27th	Dedication of Fellowship Hall in memory of Tommy Wilson

THE LIFE CENTER OF DAVIDSON COUNTY

The Life Center offers a number of support groups for caregivers. These include “Early Stage Alzheimer’s and Dementia,” “Hybrid Family Caregiver,” “Parkinson’s,” and “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.” On October 21, the Life Center is hosting an “Advance Care Planning and Advance Directive Workshop.” Please contact the Life Center at 336-249-2155 for more details.

CHURCH BUDGET PLANNING FOR 2027

It is time for the Budget Planning Committee to begin its work of planning our 2027 Church Budget. David Huneycutt, our church treasurer, is the chairman of this committee. Our by-laws require that this committee be comprised of members of the Finance Committee, members of the Deacons and any church member who is willing to participate. Meetings will be held on September 21, September 28, October 5 and October 12 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 2027 Budget proposal will be presented to the congregation on November 4, 2026. The congregation will vote on the proposal on December 2, 2026. If you are interested in learning about the business process of the church and are willing to serve on this committee, please contact David Huneycutt or Jim Tate.

FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR FBC & MBCC

After the tragic death of Sherri Salinas, the Deacons have reviewed our financial processing and payroll services. The Deacons have approved to have these services outsourced to a professional service. The church has entered into a contract with Allison Brinkley of Brinkley Bookkeeping Service of Welcome, NC. Allison comes to our church with experience working with churches, daycare centers, private sector businesses and working with a local CPA. This experience as well as her educational background and her knowledge of our financial software make her an excellent choice to handle our financial services and payroll. Allison will split her time between working in our office and remotely in her Welcome office to complete our financial needs. We welcome Allison and her business to the FBC family.

NEED SOME HELP WITH AN OFFICE MATTER

Our church office has many members who elect to give financial contributions through their bank and or investment services. Recently, the church has received two financial donations from the Wells Fargo Financial Investment Services based in Chapel Hill, NC. These donations appear to be either a tithe, an offering or special donation. The checks received do not identify a donor. The church would like to acknowledge these gifts, but Wells Fargo will not identify the donor because of privacy concerns. We want to properly document and include the amounts given in a donor's giving records. If you have made these gifts to the church, please contact Jim Tate in the office so proper records can be established. Any information shared will be confidential.

SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR FBC

The church has recently received two very generous donations that are designated for special needs of the church. The people making these donations wish to remain anonymous. The first donation is to place cushions on all of the pews in our Sanctuary. We have worked with Church Interiors of High Point, NC to determine the best type of cushion and the proper color that would be needed to match the Sanctuary decor. Samples of the cushions were shared at a recent worship service and at our August business meeting. We hope to have the cushions in place in the next several weeks. The second donation was designated to help two areas of the church. Our Sunday School program will receive money to provide resources for it to grow and prosper. Our Technology Committee will receive money to research and possibly implement projection screens and/or monitors for the Sanctuary. The church has been blessed to receive these generous donations to help our church and its mission.

MARTHA BEST CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

MBCC is thrilled to announce that we have received a \$5,000 grant from Lauren's Ladder to go toward the purchase of our new Frog Street curriculum! 📖💚 Lauren's Ladder is a nonprofit organization right here in Lexington, created in July 2013 to honor the memory of 11-year-old Lauren Suzanne Cecil. The organization supports local community groups that help children grow in five important areas: educational, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual. For many years, Lauren's Ladder has raised funds through its annual golf tournament. Although that tradition will sadly not continue, the organization remains committed to supporting Davidson County through grants and community initiatives. We are incredibly grateful to Lauren's Ladder for investing in the children of MBCC and helping us provide quality, research-based learning experiences for our students. 💚 Donations to Lauren's Ladder can still be made through their website at laurensladder.org, and we encourage our MBCC families to follow them on social media at @LaurensLadder to learn more about the wonderful work they are doing in our community. **Thank you,** Lauren's Ladder, for helping us continue to grow!

BIBLE OPENERS

If your child is not on the list to open the Bible on Sunday mornings, please let me or Erin Richardson know. I will get you added. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS Connie Russell

A new Sunday School Year is rapidly approaching! We are planning to dedicate this coming Sunday School Year in memory of Parker McLendon and Sherri Salinas. They were two strong Sunday School Advocates who believed in Sunday School as being "the backbone of the church." More details will be announced in September. Our Sunday School Breakfast is September 13 at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall! Come join us for this time of Fellowship. We can still use some casseroles/quiches, donuts, milk, juice and other breakfast items. Dave Colescott, who was supposed to speak in March, will be our speaker! September 20, at 4:00, Sunday School Leaders are being asked to meet in the Fellowship Hall. An anonymous gift of money has been given to the Sunday School to make improvements in our Sunday School. We need to put together a plan of how to best utilize this significant gift.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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

October 4th – Sunday School First Stop – 9am – Fellowship Hall

October 4th – World Communion Sunday at Worship

October 18th – Finance Committee Meeting 9 am (Zoom)

October 18th – Deacons Meeting – 4 pm

October 24th – Youth Parking for Barbecue Festival

October 29th – Tentative – Halloween Festival with MBCC

VERY IMPORTANT !!! VERY IMPORTANT !!! VERY IMPORTANT !!! VERY IMPORTANT !!!

RSVP

Three events in September require a reservation. We will have Wednesday night meals on September 9 and 23 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Yarborough's will cater the meal on September 9 and Lexington BBQ the meal on September 23. The cost has not been determined, but we will only charge what our cost is.

We will have a luncheon in the Tommy Wilson Fellowship Hall following the worship service on September 27. It will be catered by Yarborough's. We will not charge for the meal, but donations will be accepted.

Here are five different ways to make a reservation for the Wednesday night meals and the meal on September 27 when we dedicate the fellowship hall for Tommy Wilson.

1. Follow this link: <https://forms.gle/tTrzYuvsNyNmrXrGA> that will be found in the FBC Friends Saturday email.
2. Call the church office at 336-245-1261, Ext. 5
3. Sign the sign-up sheet that will be located in the church office
4. Email your request to jim@fbclex.org
5. Text or call Ray at 336-239-4828

THANK YOU!

To my amazing church family of friends,

Thank you so very much for being my faithful positive supporters and prayer warriors through my cancer journey! I am so blessed by you all! Your many kind and positive words, cards and gifts, and heartfelt prayers have so blessed my life! May God richly bless your lives as you have blessed mine!God cares for the sparrows as he cares for us....sending my love to you all as I am praising my Savior all the day long!

Office Hours

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

Phone: 336-245-1261 Website: fbclex.org Email: fbclexington@fbclex.org

Connect with Us!

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Information Deadline is the 23rd of each month)

