Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

November
2026

SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 1 st	All Saints Sunday
November 8th	Randy Hall will preach
November 15th	Ray will preach a sermon, "Forever and Ever and Ever"
November 22nd	Thanksgiving Sunday
November 29th	First Sunday of Advent



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You can place a Christmas Poinsettia in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone on Sunday, December 13th (Nine Lessons) or December 20th (Fourth Sunday of Advent). The cost is $30. Please contact either Ray or Jim with the information. The deadline is November 29th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS IN NOVEMBER

November 4	Meal catered by Yarborough's. Program by Catherine Pyle on Dementia and the services of The Life Center.
November 18	Meal catered by Lexington BBQ. Ray will teach a Bible Study on the Gospel of John.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 9th for our annual Christmas Food Box Project. Working with our city and county School Social workers, we plan to share the gift of food with 72 food insecure families. Participation in the past has been amazing as volunteers are essential to help load food at the Food Lion on Talbert Blvd, then unload, sort, and box food in the Tommy Wilson Fellowship Hall. Look for specific times and details in our December Newsletter, Ray's weekly emails and church bulletins.

Monetary support to fund this beloved local mission project is essential. We estimate food for each family will cost around $100.00. Checks should be written to First Baptist Church earmarked Christmas Food Boxes. This mission project requires participation from everyone in our church. If you have questions please reach out to me or Jim Honeycutt.

Julia Dunn- (336) 239-1846
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HOLIDAY MEAL FOR PASTOR'S PANTRY

Pastor's Pantry provides a special Holiday Meal for all of their clients. Each church is asked to provide an item for the meal. We have been asked to provide cans of Cranberry Sauce. Our goal is 500 cans by November 12th. A container is located in the elevator lobby. Please help us reach our goal!

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ANGELS

You can bring joy to a local child by adopting a Christmas Angel through the Salvation Army. Our goal is to adopt 50 angels. The angels will be available on Sunday, November 8th. Let's adopt all of our angels and bring Christmas joy into the life of a child!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Share the good news of Jesus Christ with children around the globe. By packing a shoebox with small gifts, you can share God's love with children. Fill the shoebox with fun items, school supplies, and personal care items. Shoeboxes are available at the church. Please return your shoebox by Sunday, November 22nd.

CANCER SERVICES CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will host the Christmas Party for Cancer Services on December 17th. Volunteers will be needed as well as food donations.

Sunday School Matters

Our Sunday School continues to be a work in progress. We still need a Lead Teacher for the Youth. While some of the Youth are stepping up and providing leadership, we need a Lead Teacher who will coordinate to make sure each Sunday is covered. That person will also need to help fill in the gaps when the Youth are not available to teach. We also need someone to be a rotating teacher in our K-2 Grade Class. The person who is interested in that will rotate with the present teachers. Please let Connie know if you can help with either of these classes.

We will not have a Leadership Meeting in November or December so everyone can get ready to enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season. Also, First Stop will be held November 1at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall,, but we will not have First Stop in December due to a full Advent Calendar. We will resume First Stop the first Sunday of January 2027.

On behalf of our Sunday School Leaders, I want to wish each of you a blessed and meaningful Thanksgiving!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office hours have changed. Our new office schedule is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The Church Office will be closed on Monday and Friday. Office needs during other times will be by appointment. Contact Ray Howell at 336-239-4828 or Jim Tate at 336-689-1392 for office needs and/or appointments. Staff can also be contacted on Sunday mornings before the morning worship service.



CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

A new Advent activity for our church family

When: Sunday December 6, 2026
5:00-7:00pm

Where: The Tommy Wilson Fellowship Hall

What can you do: Signup as early as possible (sign-up time to be announced)

Bring your favorite Christmas treat for the tasting area

What's happening:

Dinner of homemade soups and delicious sandwiches.

Gingerbread House Decorating Station

Christmas Crafts Station for the young ones

Show your creativity in the Advent Wreath Station

Note Writing Station for merry wishes to our homebound church family

The Tasting Station will be a delightful assortment of your favorite Christmas treats, cookies, etc. with delicious mulling spice cider.

The evening will end with a few of our favorite Christmas carols.

We will need lots of beautiful fresh greenery for our advent wreath station. If you have access to this greenery, please contact Teresa Herman 336-596-7961 or therman521@yahoo.com.

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.

NOVEMBER

November 1st – Sunday School first Stop 9 am – Fellowship Hall

November 1st – All Saint's Sunday at worship

November 15th – Finance Committee Meeting–9 am (Zoom)

November 22nd – Deacons Meeting – 4 pm Parlor

November 26th & 27th – Thanksgiving Holidays—Church Office Closed

November 29th – First Sunday of Advent

November 30th – December 4th – Church Decorated for Christmas

DECEMBER

December 3rd – 5th – Lexington Charity League using the Fellowship Hall

December 6th – Second Sunday of Advent

December 6th – FBC Christmas & Advent Family Event Starts at 5:00pm

December 9th – Christmas Food Boxes Project

December 13th – Third Sunday of Advent

December 13th – Nine Lessons and Carols at worship

December 17th - Cancer Services Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall

December 20th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23rd – 25th – Christmas Holidays – Church Office Closed

December 27th – Informal worship Service at 10:00am

Connect with Us!

Office Hours

Monday-Closed

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m to 1 p.m.

Friday Closed

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Information Deadline is the 23rd of each month)