

# Meetings & Events

## Sunday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Finance Committee Parlor  
Parent Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, February 17

7:00 p.m. Threads of Life Parlor

## Sunday, February 22

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting Parlor

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 25  
6:15 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

## The Lenten Services

Wednesday - 12:00 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
Ash Wednesday - February 25

Lunch is provided at a cost.

\*The annual Lenten Series runs through April 1  
The Baptist will be leading on March 25.

## Academy

March 11 - 18 - 25 & April 1

\*Note the date changes\*

We have three offerings this Academy  
Re-inventing You - Marilyn Taylor  
We Baptist and Our Beliefs - Parker McLendon  
Our Environment - Lorelei Elkins  
(Regional Coordinator - Triad Air Awareness)  
More information in the next newsletter and a  
handout will be available with a full description.

## The Ministry of Encouragement: February Emphasis

Write a Letter to an old Friend.

## Extended Session

**February 15: BedBabies** - Carol Stutts  
Wall & Jane Blackwell **Toddlers/2 Year  
Olds** - Becky Kirkendall & Donna Routh **3  
& 4 Year Olds** - M/M Kyle Kepley  
**February 22: BedBabies** - M/M Richard  
Baxley **Toddlers/2 Year Olds** - Sandra  
Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander **3 & 4 Year  
Olds** - Debbie Auman & Anna Raye Tate

## Save The Date!

Join in a "Season of Commitment" Celebration.  
Covered Dish Lunch and Talent Show  
Sunday, March 1  
*Following the morning worship service.*

## Threads of Life

The Threads of Life Mission Group will hold its first regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Anyone who quilts, wants to quilt, likes quilts, or once saw a quilt is welcome. This group will offer fellowship, devotional time, and opportunities to share our love of quilting. Possible mission projects will be presented. For more information you may e-mail Betty Jane Honeycutt at [bj@triad.rr.com](mailto:bj@triad.rr.com) or Ann Ryalls at [aryalls@ptmc.net](mailto:aryalls@ptmc.net).

## CBFNC - General Assembly

March 20 - 21  
Fayetteville, NC

## Southeast Regional Gathering of the New Baptist Covenant

April 23 - 25  
Wake Forest University

## Attic Antics

### Thank You for Supporting the Souper Bowl!!

We would like to thank our church family for joining us for Souper Bowl Sunday. Vegetable soup, pbj sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches and brownies were enjoyed by all. Through ticket sells and donations, we were able to make a profit of over \$1,500.00. It was a great success. All proceeds will assist the high school youth preparing for their mission trip to Belize this summer. Again, your support is greatly appreciated.

### Youth Fundraiser: Port - a - Pit Chicken Dinners

The youth will be selling tickets for boxed Port - A - Pit chicken dinners, available for pick-up at FBC on Saturday, March 21, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The dinners will include 1/2 chicken, baked beans, slaw, roll and homemade dessert. Tickets are \$8.00 and funds will be applied toward the July mission trip to Belize.

Willing to help sell tickets or donate a home-made dessert? Contact Ann Davis (238 - 3361 or 239 - 4610.)

As always, thanks for supporting our FBC youth!

## Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you so very much for your participation in the Christmas Party in December for the inmates and staff at Davidson Correction Center. You provided homemade brownies, cakes, cookies and even pepperoni rolls! You also volunteered at the party itself by serving desserts, visiting and giving out Christmas gift bags to each of the 248 inmates. Because of your tithes and offerings throughout the year to the mission budget, the ministry is able to continue to reach out to these prisoners in the name of Jesus Christ. Chaplain Martin and the Board of Directors of Davidson Prison Ministry are very grateful.

## Welcome New Members

January 18, 2009



James & Linda Gilliam  
1497 Turner Road  
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Scott Gilliam  
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## CBFNC NC Missions Initiative

FBC members have two opportunities for participating in mission activities this spring: "Touching Davidson County with Love," on April 25 and the NC Missions Initiative on March 27 - 29.

NC Missions Initiative activities will take place in Eastern Halifax, Warren, and Vance Counties. The theme is "Addressing Poverty in Our Own Backyard."

For registration information, contact Linda Jones, Missions Coordinator for CBFNC at 888 - 822 - 1944, or the website [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org).

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# Touching Davidson County

## With Love

### Saturday, April 25, 2009

On Saturday, April 25, First Baptist Church will team up with other churches and partnering community service agencies to help residents whose needs have exceeded local resources. Through this collaborative partnership it is our hope that we will be able to complete these projects in just one day, **but we need your help.** Volunteers are needed in a variety of light construction and non-construction areas. Project leaders are also needed. If you are unable to be a part of a volunteer project team please consider making a donation (checks made payable to First Baptist Church) to help provide the many resources need for this ambitious Christian mission's undertaking.

Volunteer forms have been distributed in SS Classrooms and during FND activities. Forms are due by Sunday, February 22. For more information contact: Lamar Clark (248-2951) or lamar-clark@hotmail.com. Return the forms to the church office. T-shirts can be purchased also. Make checks payable to FBC.

We hope you will join us on April 25 as we serve *to Glorify God, help the needy and build Christian fellowship.*

### Twenty Second Annual Church Retreat NC Baptist Assembly

May 1,2,and 3, 2009

Cost: Adults: \$86.00 - Children: \$86.00

Preschoolers: 2 Year Olds - 5 Year Olds: \$45.00

**DEPOSIT IS HALF OF THE TOTAL COST**

**DUE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**\*\*Space is Limited\*\***

# Steeple Talk

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Dear Church Family,

After much thought and prayer, I have come to the decision to resign as the youth minister at First Baptist Church. While I have loved and cherished my time with the youth. I have come to realize that given my academic commitments and vocational goal to pursue a PH.D., I am unable to effectively split my time between church and school. The expectations of this job are incompatible with what I am able to offer in terms of my gifts and time. I regret having to leave the youth who are some of the most insightful, compassionate people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I will continue to hold them in my prayers. I have learned so much from them and will always cherish them in my heart.

Effective as of today, February 2, 2009, I hereby tender my resignation and give my two weeks notice. If it is amiable to the committee, February 15, 2009 will serve as my last day.

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenn Fredette".

Jenn Fredette

## Quarterly Business Meeting

The church held its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, January 28. Jerry Gardner, church treasurer, reviewed the financial statement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. In December giving was \$123,959. Contributions by members to the budget totaled \$792,738 and \$53,945 was received in miscellaneous giving for a total giving of \*\$846,684 towards a budget of \$943,500. The shortfall was \$96,815. Two areas that were not funded due to the shortfall were Missions and Building & Grounds. This years giving was down over \$35,000 from the previous year.

The HVAC Loan currently has a balance of \$329,902. We are making monthly payments to BB&T plus any additional funds we receive on the principal loan of \$481,625.

The Endowment Fund has a balance of \$336,319. Interest earned from the fund may be spent, while the principal must remain intact.

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