

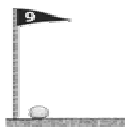
Meetings & Events

Jr/Sr/s and Seniors

Triad Farmers Market

Friday, July 23 - 9:00 - 1:00

Sign up sheets are in the classrooms or call Sharon Palmer at 798-1369 or the church office. A minimum of 10 persons is needed for the trip.



14th Annual FBC Golf Outing Saturday - August 21

11:30 a.m. Sapona Country Club

Cost: \$45/Person, \$25/Club Members

Format: Captains Choice (in teams of four)

Fees Due: Sunday, August 1 Last chance to sign up

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

My words feel so inadequate, but my heart is overflowing with emotion and gratitude to all of you for the love and care you have shown to us during Keith's illness and in this terrible time of loss. You have truly reaffirmed my belief that God does care and that God is good, even when nothing else makes sense. Thank you also for wrapping your arms around Kristen and Matt and making them your own, part of this wonderful family known as the body of Christ.

In His Love,
Jane Johnson

To All My Friends at 1st Baptist,

I want to "thank you" for your prayers, cards and donations in memory of my grandson Jacob Foster Nance. They were thoughtful and appreciated.

Please continue your prayers for our family.

GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME.

Dixie Kidney

Extended Session

July 18: Bed Babies - M/M Kevin Foster
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds - M/M Bryan Lingerfelt
3 & 4 Year Olds - M/M David Mitcham

July 25: Bed Babies - Kerry Shea & Annie Penland
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds - M/M Kevin Brown
3 & 4 Year Olds - M/M Kyle Kepley

August 1: Bed Babies - Elizabeth Fuller & Jennifer Allen
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds - M/M Randy Leonard
3 & 4 Year Olds - M/M Mike Morgan

August 8: Bed Babies - M/M William Hopkins
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds - M/M Telly Hess
3 & 4 Year Olds - M/M Chad Williams

Financial Update

We made a commitment to reverse the downward trend in our giving in 2010 and most importantly, to reach our 2010 budget. Based on our historical living trends, the first quarter goal was \$182,968. Our total receipts for the first quarter were \$185,155. We exceeded our goal by \$2,187! The second quarter goal was \$203,635. Receipts for the second quarter were \$190,088. With the overage from the first quarter we were only \$10,567 short of our second quarter goal. The third quarter goal is \$186,835.

Good News! Based on our giving as a church we have been able to fund our Missions to local and national causes by thirty three percent. We also have sent our youth to Passport. We are currently on schedule to put a new roof on the MBCC entrance and to complete painting. As we continue to receive funds we will fund more missions efforts and fund other budgeted items.

The HVAC debt is currently at \$236,400. We continue to make monthly payments of \$947 and as funds come in we make additional payments to decrease this debt. Maturity date for final payment is November 11, 2011.



Vacation Bible School

July 26-29, 2010

9:00am-12:00pm

2 year olds-5th graders

Thank you so much to all of you who have committed your time and energy toward our Vacation Bible School this year. As we continue to prepare for our Vacation Bible School, we still need several adults to assist the "Shepherds" to take our children from area to area in most age groups.

Please continue to consider donating the following items: empty wrapping paper tubes, various sizes of aluminum cans (soup, baked beans, sauce, etc), paper bags or brown postal paper, artificial plants/flowers, old magazines, old fabric (sheets, shower curtains, curtains, pillow cases), old greeting cards, egg cartons (not Styrofoam), packets of seed, left over seeds such as grass seed, beans, etc., large and extra large boxes, bird nests, empty food boxes such as cereal boxes, cracker boxes, etc., paper dolls (boys and girls), potting soil and various sizes of flower pots. Collection boxes are located in the Old Fellowship Hall.

In keeping with our theme *RENEW*, we will be digging into the Bible to focus on the Parable of the Sower.

Day 1 - *Planting Seeds* ("A sower went out to sow")
God's love is a seed in me.

Day 2 - *Taking Root* (Path & Birds)
God's love takes root in me.

Day 3 - *Growing* (Rocky Ground)
God's love is growing in me.

Day 4 - *Facing Challenges* (Thorns)
The love of Jesus helps me face challenges.

Day 5 - *Living Together* (Good Soil)
We live together in God's love.

Contact Wendy Walker at 236-6301 or (bwwaker@lexcominc.net or Tommy Wilson at 249-9158 or tommy@fbclex.org for more info.

Memorials

HVAC: *Keith Johnson* by David & Julia Dunn, Bob & Ann Cole, Mildred Thomas, Fairgrove Family Resource Center, Walter & Kimberly Hayes, John & Anne Cansler, Jr., LeGrand & Dolly Skinner; *Iris Queen* by Mildred Thomas, Betty Sink; *Kelly Lowder* by Mildred Thomas, Bob & Ann Cole, David & Julia Dunn, Betty Sink, Wake & Amy Hamrick, Robert & Jane Hedrick, Hal & Donna Routh, Jeanne Davis, Rebecca & Sydney Ball, LeGrand & Dolly Skinner, Hubert & Cateen Olive; *Evelyn Underwood* by Bob & Ann Cole, Jerry Johnson, Mildred Thomas; *Mary Jo Pickett* by Bob & Ann Cole, Mildred Thomas; *Jack Sink, Evelyn Tate, Sarah Copley, Charles McDade* by Betty Sink; *Don Barnhardt, Jacob Nance* by Mildred Thomas; *Martha Young, Mickey LeCroy* by Bob & Ann Cole; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Keith Johnson* by Barry & Rene Sink; **Jean Bowen Youth Fund:** *Keith Johnson* by Robert & Phyllis Stump; **Senior Adult Ministry:** *Evelyn Underwood* by Robert & Phyllis Stump; **Community Assistance:** *Kelly Lowder* by Dorothy Craver; **Global Missions:** *Mickey LeCroy* by William & Carolyn Cooper, Robert & Phyllis Stump, Richard & Ferry Lane Lowder

Honorariums

HVAC: *Sterling & Tina Wall* by David & Julia Dunn;

July 15, 2010

Dear Sweet Members of First Baptist,

It always means so much when people take the time to send a heartfelt note to those who have suffered a loss. The very effort is a sign of love. I received so many of these sweet cards and notes when my brother Mike died. With each visit to the mailbox, I came away with a deep feeling of comfort and caring. Your kindnesses will not be forgotten.

Thank you and Love,
Tina Wall

VBS Registration 2010

First Baptist Church of Lexington

www.fbclex.org

July 26 - 29, 2010

Name _____ Birth date _____

Street Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Parent(s) name(s) _____

Parent(s) work phone(s) _____

In case of emergency, contact _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

Preschool/School grade just completed _____

Please return completed form to:

First Baptist Church of Lexington: P. O. Box 436

Fax (336) 249-4762 Lexington, NC 27293

e-mail: libby@fbclex.org

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the love and support you gave to us during the illness and death of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Evelyn Tate. Your prayers, cards, visits, calls, gifts of food and memorials continue to comfort us with the love from our church family. Jesus instructed us to "Love one another.," and we have felt that love during this difficult time.

Bob Tate and Family

DIRECTORY

Dr. Ray N. Howell III
 Senior Minister
 ray@fbclex.org

Rev. Tommy Wilson
 Associate Minister
 tommy@fbclex.org

Jim Bates
 Director of Music

Mrs. Jean Ashley
 Director, Martha Best
 Children's Center
 jean@fbclex.org

Ms. Libby Everhart
 Administrative Assistant
 libby@fbclex.org

Mrs. Melissa Helmstetler
 Financial Secretary
 melissa@fbclex.org

336.249.9158 *Phone*
 336.249.4762 *Fax*
 336.249.3224 *Info. Line*
 www.fbclex.org

Steeple Talk SPS 763-910)

Published semi-monthly by
 First Baptist Church, Post Office Box 436
 Lexington, North Carolina 27293

Periodical Postage paid at Lexington, NC

Return Service Requested

Steeple Talk

First Baptist Church

Post Office Box 436

Lexington, NC 27293

Vol. 27

July 15, 2010

No.13



Jim Bates

Director of Music

First Baptist Church, Lexington, NC

On Sunday morning in a special business meeting, the church called Jim Bates as our new part time Director of Music. Jim will begin his ministry among us this week. He will fulfill his duties as outlined in the new job description and work 15 to 20 hours per week.

Jeanne S. Davis

This past Sunday Jeanne Davis finished her fifth employment with First Baptist. First as fulltime Minister of Music and other times serving as our interim Minister of Music. We are grateful to Jeanne for her years of service and dedication. In her honor the current Music Suite will be renamed the Jeanne Saunders Davis Music Suite. A fitting honor for one who has served this church family for almost fifty years. Thank you Jeanne!

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, July 25

Vacation Bible School Kick-Off



- 5:00 p.m. Fun Activities and Games for the Entire Family
- 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish Supper (Bring a bountiful basket for your family to share with the church family.)
- 7:00 p.m. Opening of the 2010 Vacation Bible School: Music, Theme Interpretation, and Bible Learning