

Meetings & Events

Wednesday, October 15

Budget Planning Committee Meeting
7:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 22

Finance Committee Meeting
7:15 p.m. Conference Room

Flu Shot Clinic

Just a reminder for those who have signed up for the flu shot, the clinic will be held Monday, October 20 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Pumpkins Are Coming!!!

Dr. Howell is visiting the Great Pumpkin Patch again and will return with a pickup truck full of special pumpkins for our children. He will have the pumpkins on Wednesday night, October 15. Every child is invited to get a pumpkin!

October Worship Services

On Sunday, October 19 Dr. Howell will present another Riverdale Narrative. Everyone is encouraged to sit somewhere different in the sanctuary. The following Sunday, October 26, is Reformation Sunday and everyone is encouraged to wear **RED**, the color of the Reformation.

Gift Shop - Craft Fair

As announced in an earlier newsletter, we would love to have items made by you to include in our gift shop on December 3rd. We have heard from some of you and are excited about some lovely items. It is not too late if you would like to donate items. We need these priced and turned in to Tommy by Sunday, November 2. All monies will go to missions.

Extended Session

October 12: BedBabies - M/M Dave Thornhill **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds** - Laura Owen & Blair Trexler **3 & 4 Year Olds** - Wendy Walker & Aldon Holton

October 19: BedBabies - Kerry Shea & Annie Penland **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds** - M/M Chad Williams **3 & 4 Year Olds** - M/M Jon Myers



Alternative Gift Fair

Wednesday, December 3
6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Christmas is about ten weeks away! Does the idea of shopping depress you? Give yourself the gift of ease while giving those on your shopping list a gift that keeps on giving and giving... The Alternative Gift Fair will be held here at FBC on December 3rd. You can donate to one or several different funds and organizations, write one check to First Baptist Church and receive honor cards to give to your loved ones telling them of your gift. Just to name a few of the funds and organizations that will benefit from our fair:

Davidson Medical Ministries, His Nets, Crisis Ministry, and Thailand Student Scholarship Fund. You can also choose to give a flock of chickens, a bee hive, a pair of rabbits or a well. A complete list of gifts will be made available at a later date. Our hope is that you can also learn about a variety of local and global mission efforts. There will also be a small gift shop where you can purchase fair - trade items and items made and donated by members of First Baptist. **Get ready to shop!**

Attic Antics

The youth will again hold their annual parking lot fundraiser at this year's BBQ festival from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parking spaces will be available for \$5.00 per vehicle. Jenn will be calling around to sign people up. Please let Jenn know if you are helping out with this event by either calling or leaving an e-mail to let her know when you will be available. Youth and adults are needed.

PLEASE SIGN UP!!!

Youth Choir has begun and will meet from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday Evenings. Youth small groups will continue to meet 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Sundays.

We will be having a house party at the Berrier's this Sunday, October 12! Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. to carpool over there. We should be back at the church by 7:30 or so.

High Schoolers and their parents, be looking for an upcoming meeting on our Summer 2009 Missions Trip. More information is on its way.

Jenn

North Carolina Missions Initiative

Poverty in Our Own Backyard

October 24 - 26, 2008

Eastern

(Halifax, Vance & Warren Counties)

Western

(Madison & Rutherford Counties)

Cost is \$25.00 per person (\$65.00 maximum for families). Register as individual (as a part of a group or alone), as a family (or couple) or as a youth group . www.cbfn.org

Memorials

HVAC: *Gale Smith* by the Frady/Johnson Mission Group, Dot Craver, Fellowship/Philpott Class, Polly Rollins, Tullia Hoover, Russell & June Palmer, LeGrand & Dolly Skinner, Nancy Lake, Rutherford-Polk-McDowell-District Health, Booty Hilton; *Amos Smith* by Dermont & Mary Everhart; *Paul Langley* by Polly Rollins; *Mr & Mrs. R. W. Sink & C. A. "Whitey" Smith* by Evelyn Smith; **Building & Grounds Fund:** *Gale Smith* by Brad & Laura Owen, Hal & Donna Routh; **General Fund:** *Amos Smith* by Mildred Ann Raper

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Honorariums

HVAC: *Jack Michael's 93rd. Birthday* by Dot Walser & Carol Young; **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** *Ann Hoover* by Hal & Donna Routh

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Bus Drivers Needed

First Baptist is in need of drivers for the church bus. Over the past few years our pool of drivers has decreased and we need drivers desperately. To drive the bus a class B CDL (Commercial Drivers License) with passenger endorsement is required. If you already have a CDL with this endorsement, and are willing to drive occasionally, we would appreciate you notifying us. If you do not have a CDL but are willing to get one the church will pay the cost of securing the license. Please let Tommy know of your interest by calling the church office 249-9158 or e-mail Tommy Wilson at tommy@fbcclex.org.

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Annual Area Crop Walk Sunday, November 2

The Annual Area Crop Walk has been delayed by four weeks. The new date is November 2. Crop Walk forms are available in the church office and during Family Night. The Crop Walk benefits our local shelter and helps with hunger needs around the world. Plan now to walk or sponsor someone in the ongoing effort to fight hunger.

Staff Appreciation

On October 10th., Jean Ashley will have served as the Director of the Martha Best Children's Center for 25 years. This is quite a milestone and our thanks to Jean for all she does. We are truly grateful for her dedication to First Baptist Church, the children and her service to our community.

Veteran's Day Celebration

Tuesday, November 11 - 12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall

Come join us for a Veterans' Day Celebration on Tuesday, November 11. World War II veteran Bill Mitchell, who captivated the audience last year, will return as our speaker. Tickets are \$7.00 which covers the cost of our catered lunch. You may purchase your tickets at the FBC office. Reservations required for lunch.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FALL CARNIVAL FOLLOWING THE MEAL TIME

OCTOBER, 29, 2008
6:15 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

COME ENJOY FRIENDS - FUN - FELLOWSHIP - COSTUMES (NOTHING SCARY)
GAMES - CRAFTS - FACE PAINTING - APPLE BOBBING - FOOD - HAYRIDE
BINGO - CAKEWALK - PRIZES AND MUCH MORE!!!! "WE NEED CANDY"

*Please drop off your candy for the Annual Carnival in the Fellowship Hall.

We need a lot of sweets for the children and also volunteers to help with the many activities. Please share your time and talent for this evening of fun, food and entertainment. Contact Tommy if you can help.

Pennies From Heaven

The sixth annual fall campaign for "Pennies from Heaven" is underway through November 30. Donations are for the direct financial support of The Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. The collection jug will be located in the fellowship hall on Wednesday Nights and in the office foyer during Sunday mornings.



Operation Christmas Child

This is our thirteenth year of participation in the mission project, Operation Christmas Child. If you are interested in this worthwhile mission, determine whether you wish to sponsor a boy or girl and choose the age group. Then simply buy and pack appropriate items in a shoe box. Include a \$7.00 check made payable to Samaritan's Purse (covers shipping and handling). Attach a brochure, available at the church office or Fellowship Hall entrance. Boxes need to be turned in no later than November 12. We are limited to 25 volunteers who will go to Charlotte to pack boxes on Tuesday, December 9 at 11:30 a.m. and return after dinner around 8:00 p.m. Work hours are from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.