

Meetings & Events

Wednesday, September 17

Finance Committee

7:15 p.m.

Conference Room

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.

Senior Adult and Jr/Sr Calendar

On Friday, October 10 the Jr/Sr and Senior Adults will be meeting at the church by 9:00 a.m. for a trip to the Piedmont Triad Farmers Market. This will be craft day at the Farmers Market. The cost will be \$4.00 per person and lunch is on your own. We should be back at the church by 3:00 p.m.

Budget Planning Committee

The 2009 Budget Planning Committee will begin its process to formulate a new Budget for the church on Wednesday, September 24. The process takes about a month and then goes to Finance, Deacons' and the Church for discussion and final approval. Please be in prayer for this committee of Deacons and Finance Committee members as they prepare the upcoming budget.

Extended Session

September 14: BedBabies - M/M Kevin Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds** - Holly Kirkendall & Ashley Cannon **3 & 4 Year Olds** - Brenda Sprinkle & Casey White

September 21: BedBabies - M/M Charlie Pyle **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds** - Kathy Philpott & Aldon Holdon **3 & 4 Year Olds** - Margaret Ann Maddox & Caroline Garrett

Diaconate/Church Secretary

In a called Deacons' meeting on Sunday, September 7, Will Tate was elected as the Secretary for the new church year. This completes the 2008 - 2009 Deacon leadership with Lee Davis, Chair; Beth Bunce, Vice Chair; and Jerry Gardner Treasurer.

Building & Grounds Update

The painting is finished on the first floor and the carpet should all be installed within the week. Our thanks to Fred Belk, Lane Gilliam and Dan Hamrick for the numerous repairs that have been needed and now are done in the church. Thanks also to Sandye Saintsing and Mickey Sharpe for their work with choosing paint for this project. We appreciate everyone's efforts.

Young People Away

The Young People Away Committee wants to keep in touch with our youth while they are away at school. Please call or email your youth's **street or e-mail address** or any change of address for past students to Julie Garrett at jpg@triad.rr.com.

Attic Antics

From Sunday, September 7, the Middle School Group will meet 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and High School Group will meet 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. The Wednesday night Bible study will be from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. There will be no youth Bible Study Sunday, September 14 due to the youth retreat.

The annual fall retreat for the High School Youth will be September 12 - 14. We will be camping, so plan to bring a sleeping bag.

Just a reminder, I am back in school, so I'll only be in the office Wednesday (3 - 8 p.m.) and Sundays (9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.). You are always welcome to call me or e-mail me to schedule an appointment. (jennyferfredette@gmail.com or my cell 508-254-1357) I'll work to be as flexible as possible.

Jenn

Fall Bible Study Begins

The Monday night/Tuesday morning Bible Study begins September 22/23 in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the book of James. Bible Study begins at 7:00 p. m. on Monday nights and 10:30 a. m. on Tuesday mornings. The 2009 Bible Study Field Trip will be May 18 - 22 to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Belize Mission 2009

Plans are being made for our 2009 mission trip to Belize. Tentative dates are February 7 - 14, 2009. Construction and medical skills are needed. If you are interested, contact Vinnon Williams for construction and Connie Klump for medical.

Memorials

HVAC Fund: *Jane Barker* by Jim & Carolyn Phillips, Polly Rollins, Betty Sink; *Dr. Amos Smith* by Jim & Doris Helvey, Mildred Thomas, Jeanne Davis, Polly Rollins, LeGrand & Dollie Skinner, Wade & Opal Johnson, Dot Walser & Carol Young; *Polly Ward* by Jim & Carolyn Phillips, Barbara Beck, Donald & Rowann Carpenter, David & Terresa Parks, Polly Rollins, John & Sharon Haire; *Phyllis Hill* by Mildred Thomas, *Jeanne Carroll* by Don & Evelyn Kepley; *Dr. John Jordan* by Jeanne Wall; *Minnie Davis* by John & Harriet Smith, Dot Walser & Carol Young;

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Honorariums

Belize Mission Fund: *Ray N. Howell III* by Gene & Cheri Morris & Simon & Taylor Curtis; *Brooke & Jordan Bryan* by Booty Hilton; **Library Fund:** *Frank & Ursula Thacker's Anniversary* by Brad & Laura Owen & Family; **HVAC Fund:** *The Jackson's Birthday* by Betty Sink; *Dr. Robert Team, Jeanne Davis, Frances McLendon* by Jeanne Wall; **Martha Best Children's Center:** *Joyce Howell* by Rebecca Lanier;

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Members of First Baptist Church,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your participation in the Grace session of the 2008 Arts Discovery Camp! It was truly a time where children had their horizons broadened; students were not only exposed to but were also able to participate in art forms new to them.

Twenty-nine children were able to explore the arts at Camp this year, and for many, it was their first introduction to the arts outside of school classes.

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Wednesday Evening Family Night

4:30—5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir	Music Suite
5:15—6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Fellowship Hall
5:30—8:30 p.m.	Child Care—Babies—age 3 (as needed)	Nursery
6:00—7:00 p.m.	Children and Youth Activities	See Schedule Below
6:15—7:00 p.m.	Church Fellowship/Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
7:15—8:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite

Wednesday Evening Family Night Children's Rotation Year A

1 st Quarter	September 17—October 22	Music Activities
2 nd Quarter	November 5—December 10	Mission Activities

Meeting Places for Children and Youth

Youth	The Attic
Mission Activities	
Mission Friends.....	Room 225
RA's	Room 202
GA's (grades 1-3).....	Room 226
GA's (grades 4 & 5).....	Room 230
Music Activities	
Joyful Singers (age 4—1st grade).....	Room 206
Chancel Choristers (grades 2-5).....	Music Suite

Church Fellowship/Bible Study

Wednesday, September 17 - Dr. Ray Howell III
Wednesday, September 24 - Dr. James Dunn

Flu Shot Clinic

Monday, October 20, 2008

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Steeple Talk

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Dear Church Family:

In 2003, following my father's death, a series of remarkable events led to my being called to First Baptist Church to serve as minister of music. It was without a doubt the best move I ever made. Immediately, I knew that Ray and Tommy were exceptional ministers and I felt honored to serve alongside them. The church was exceptional too, having already dealt with many issues that other Baptist churches were struggling with, coming to terms with them, and establishing a clear identity. I had found a place that I would spend the rest of my ministerial career.

My intentions were honest and I spoke truthfully when I said that this is the place I would spend the rest of my "ministerial" career, but the time has come to move on to an opportunity that is not ministry related. Over the past couple of years I have wrestled with my calling and vocation as a minister. I am hereby giving official notice that I resign my position as minister of music of First Baptist Church, effective September 30, 2008.

This part of my journey has been filled with many emotions. I have experienced sadness through the grief and pain of families coming to grips with the reality of death. I have felt joy in baptizing my daughter Madeline and witnessing many other baptisms and child dedications. I have felt unconditional love as it is poured out by the Senior Adult group and laughed and cried with them as we sang, and traveled many miles together. And, yes, I have felt frustration and hurt. But it has all been good and I am a better person for having been here.

I am grateful that my new job allows me to stay in Lexington and that my family and I will be able to maintain relationships we have here and remain involved with this community. It is a great place to be and I will always be indebted to you for your kindness and generosity.

Yours truly,



Phil Rector

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