

Meetings & Events

Sunday, 10/8

Youth Choir

5:15 p.m. Music Suite

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Music Suite

Wednesday, 10/11

Budget Committee

7:20 p.m.. Conference Room

Sunday, 10/22 & 10/29

New Member Orientation

9:45 a.m. Parlor

Flu Shot Clinic

Monday, October 23 Fellowship Hall

The Health and Wellness Council will sponsor a Flu Shot Clinic from 2:00—4:00 p.m. For Reservations call the church office (249-9158). Bring your Medicare or insurance card with you.

Annual Senior Adult Banquet

Sunday, 11/5 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Count on a fabulous meal, and dancing if you choose, to the big band sounds of Finishing Touch! Come hungry, get those requests ready and don't forget your dancing shoes.

Cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations required by October 29.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Wednesday, 10/25 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

The Family Matters Sunday School Class will be coordinating this year's Carnival. If you would like to help, please contact a class member. Don't forget we need lots of **CANDY**.

Extended Session

October 8: BedBabies/Toddlers—Brenda Sprinkle & Casey White **2 & 3 Year Olds—**Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander **4 & 5 Year Olds—**M/M William Fulbright

October 15: BedBabies/Toddlers—M/M Chad Williams **2 & 3 Year Olds—**M/M Jack Hege **4 & 5 Year Olds—**Sandra Wilson & Rebecca Tutterow

“Pennies from Heaven”

The fourth annual fall campaign for “Pennies from Heaven” is underway thru 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.

Thank You to the History Committee

Our 125th celebration was a great day. We are thankful to all who made the day possible. Many individuals and committees worked to make the two Sundays of celebration possible. Our thanks to those who worked to help make our covered dish one of the best. We are grateful to all of you. A special thanks to the History Committee: Jeanne Wall and Kay Albright—Co-Chairs, Evelyn Smith, Ann Corn, and Sidney Minner.

Tapestry of Sun and Shadow A Weaving of Music and Poetry

Grace Episcopal Church

Sunday, 10/15 7:00 p.m.

News & Views From The Attic

Saturday/October 21

BBQ Festival

The youth will again hold their annual parking lot fund raiser at this year's BBQ festival from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Parking spaces will be available for \$5.00 per vehicle. Please let Steve know if you are helping out with this event. Youth who participate will be eligible to receive funding to be applied toward their mission trips this summer. PLEASE SIGN UP!!!

Community Repair Outreach Day

Saturday

October 28

The Lexington Housing Community Development Corporation will be sponsoring the 3rd. Annual Community Repair Outreach Day. All youth and parents are encouraged to participate in this annual event. Please let Steve know ASAP if you plan to volunteer your services. A \$10.00 fee is required to help offset the cost of building materials.

High School Mission Trip

June 22—July 1, 2007

The high school youth will be taking a mission trip to Belize. The deadline to sign up for this amazing trip is October 15. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is needed to reserve a spot. More details will follow soon.

Crop Walk A Success

Sunday, Oct. 1, our youth participated in CROP Walk to raise money for world hunger. Fifteen youth and adults walked six miles. The funds raised by FBC participants was \$1,000, with more expected to come in this week. Thanks so much for your support in a truly worthy cause!

Memorials

HVAC Fund: *Lillian Hough* by M/M William Medford, Jr., Anna Morgan, Dolly Boone, Robert & Gloria Palmer, John & Gail McLeod, Catherine Smith, Jeanne Davis, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Bob & Jane Hedrick, Jimmy & Markay Carter, Frady/Johnson Mission Group, M/M Hal Routh, Tullia Hoover, Mia Hough Price's Wake Forest Friends, Dorcas-Fidelis Class of FBC, David & Frances Parker, W. Allen & Debra Cobb, William Hough, Juanita S. Wooten, Admiral G. Howell, Don & Jane Swing; *Melver Barnes* by Frady/Johnson Mission Group; *Edna Sheets* by Catherine Pritchard, Ann & Don Bishop, Don & Jane Swing, Matthew & Heather Barnes, John & Minnie Conrad, Edward & Joan Athay, Roger & Tamera Garrison, M/M Sam McBride; *Dennis Hipp* by Don & Jane Swing; *Emma Doris Rogers* by Don & Jane Swing; *Elizabeth Walker* by Don & Jane Swing; *Mary Reece* by Anna Morgan, Don & Jane Swing; *Lonnie Davis* by Don & Jane Swing, George & Amy Chambless; *Polly Ashley* by George & Amy Chambless; **Martha Best Children's Center:** *Martha Best* by Kelly Sink

Honorariums

HVAC Fund: *Ann Corn, Lou McGinn, Addie Wallace, Dot Walser* by Jacqueline Inman;

Staff Appreciation

On October 10th. Jean Ashley will have served as the Director of the Martha Best Children's Center for 23 years. We are truly grateful for her dedication to children and her service to our community.

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Family Night Bible Study "The Providence of God"

October 11, 18 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Dr. Frank Tupper, Professor of Theology
Wake Forest Divinity School

Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study "II Samuel"

Monday, 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

October 16/17
October 23/24
October 30/31
November 13/14
November 20/21

Operation Christmas Child

This is our eleventh year of participation in the mission project, Operation Christmas Child. Ginger Hill is coordinating our efforts. 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 by November 15. We need volunteers to send to Charlotte to help with the sorting and packing. We are limited to 27 volunteers and will go Monday, November 27 at 11:30 a.m. and return after dinner. Work hours are from 1:00—5:00 p.m. Contact Judy LeCroy if you are interested in this great mission (jlecroy@lexcominc.net or 249-3809).

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HVAC UPDATE

The drilling has begun. The tearing out of old and out dated equipment is happening. Dust is literally everywhere. The sounds of drilling through floors are deafening. The beauty of new air conditioners and a new boiler are marvelous. Needless to say the church as been taken over by PI Mechanical. Each day a host of workers converge on every square inch of First Baptist. The Children's Center is displaced daily. Sleep rooms and dining rooms change weekly. Sunday School rooms have chairs missing more than usual. The choir room, chapel and media center have been coated multiple times with dust and debris.

The updating of our heating and air conditioning systems is moving at a rapid pace. Just this week we have had a briefing on what is next and generally it is happening very soon. The boiler has been installed and many new air handlers and new compressors have also been installed. We appreciate the cooperation of the Children's Center staff, the church staff and everyone who has had to make adjustments almost daily.

With the updating progressing the need for funding will be next. We continue to get contributions. To date we have only partially paid the Engineer firm. Soon a payment to the contractor will be due. As funds are available we will pay them in order to reduce the amount we will borrow. To date the estimated amount to borrow is \$600,000.00. All contributions will help to offset the amount borrowed. In the coming days you will be receiving a letter and three year pledge card to help retire this debt. Begin now prayerfully considering what you can do to help fund this project. We are grateful that we are able to make all the adjustments and updates to our out dated equipment. The total cost of the project is \$782, 065.18.

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Sunday, October 15
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Deacon Ordination