



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

FOUNDED IN 1812

Jazz Vespers on April 30

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, for our third Vespers service featuring local band, the Stanley Baird Group.

May 6 Outing

Band Together with FBC on Saturday, May 6, at Red Hat Amphitheater! Discounted tickets will be available on Wednesday, April 19. Tickets are \$25 each (a \$40 value). The featured artist is Ben Folds, with The London Souls and The Travers Brotherhood opening. Concert proceeds benefit the Band Together/YMCA partnership. For questions or further details, email valerie_cumbea@hotmail.com.

The Bible and Neighboring

Saturday, May 20
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Have you ever asked, “Who is my neighbor?” and wondered what the question has to do with your Christian faith? Dr. Mary Foskett, Kahle Professor of Religion and Albritton Fellow at Wake Forest University, will explore biblical teachings that will help us answer: “Why does the Bible teach us to love and neighbor, what does loving our neighbor look like, and who is our neighbor, anyway?”

In our increasingly diverse society the calling to love our neighbor becomes more challenging as we encounter

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BWA Leader to Visit

“The Baptist World Alliance is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ bonded together by God’s love to support, encourage and strengthen one another while proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit before a lost and hurting world.” (Vision Statement from the BWA website). As a BWA member congregation, we are honored to host Rev. Neville Callam, BWA General Secretary, on May 3 when he will speak on “Baptists Around the World.” Please join us and bring a friend to this significant event. ■

Touching Raleigh with Love on April 29

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, April 29, to begin a day of giving back. Help us spread Christ’s love throughout Raleigh by volunteering with Stop Hunger Now/Rise Against Hunger, in our Clothing Ministry, with Habitat for Humanity, or by bringing baked goods and delivering them to local law enforcement officials and firefighters. Look for details and sign-up information soon.

Additionally, we are participating in the Interfaith Habitat for Humanity Build. We need three volunteers on April 22, five to ten volunteers on April 29 (TRL Day), five volunteers on May 27, and five to ten volunteers on June 10. Contact Ryan Willis at gryanwillis@gmail.com to sign up or for more information. ■

Unplug with FBC Choirs on May 7

As our children’s choir year draws to a close, we’ll celebrate with a special program on Sunday evening, May 7. This year’s Music Celebration will include our elementary-aged choirs’ presentation of *Unplugged*, a timely musical by Dennis and Nan Allen. From our preschool Music and Movement group through our wonderful Youth Choir, please join us on this night of music making and celebration.

The evening will kick off with supper and the making of final bids for items in the Youth Silent Auction. So, shut down your phones and tablets for the evening and join your church family for food, fellowship, and celebration! ■

Silent Auction Coming in May

Each year, our students take trips to serve those in need. They learn valuable lessons about the nature of our world and the importance of working for others. You’ve likely heard a student share about experiences on these trips, and you know that the impact is deep and long-lasting. Perhaps you remember

going on a trip yourself and the way that experience changed you for the better.

As in past years, First Baptist will hold a silent auction to raise funds for our mission teams. Once again, we will focus primarily on offering gift cards from local restaurants and vendors; vacation home

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Gifts Received

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received in March 2017.

Brewer Johnson Class Fund

In Memory of:

Agnes B. Perry

Bus Pick-up Service Fund

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Kathryn Cunningham

Capital Repair & Replacement Fund

In Memory of:

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Agnes B. Perry

Music Ministry Fund

In Memory of:

Allen Burris
Dolores M. Frazier
John Holley Jr.

W.M.U. April Mission Project

The April WMU Mission Project is *Kidz in Need of Diapers* (K-I-N-D.) Needs are: baby or toddler diapers (newborn to size 6), pull ups, and sensitive baby wipes. Please deliver items to the marked drawer in the Lewis Building Lobby. Contact Catharine Dudeck (919-608-4353) for questions or pick up assistance.

An Expression of Gratitude

While we are grateful for every volunteer who serves here, there are occasions when a word of thanks is due to a specific person. Mazie Mangum has served as a faithful volunteer at First Baptist for decades...yes, decades. For many years, Mazie served as an office volunteer on Tuesdays. A few years back, when we needed a volunteer on Fridays, Mazie added that shift to her schedule. Eventually, Mazie dropped the Tuesday shift but kept the Friday shift, arriving early in the morning and staying late into the afternoon. She greeted callers on the phone or at our doors with warmth and kindness; addressed and stuffed envelopes to our homebound members, sharing Centerpoint news and a copy of Sunday's worship order so these dear ones could remain connected when they couldn't physically be present with us; stuffed countless inserts into worship

orders; and cleaned, polished, and filled our communion trays. In addition to being an office volunteer, Mazie has served as a Counting Team member, offering her sharp mind in recording offerings received on Sundays. She's nursed the many plants in the library/office area, helping some that we thought were not long for this world to flourish and bloom. She has been an encourager for those of us on the staff. In all her years of service, Mazie rarely missed a week.

She'll likely be upset that we've published this note of thanks; she's not one who welcomes attention. However, we couldn't let her "retirement" go by without public acknowledgement of the many ways she has enriched the life of our church family. Please join us in expressing your thanks to Mazie for sharing her time, talents, laughter, and love with us. ■

Additional Online Giving Options

You may now make donations or pay for activities and fees online. We expect this online option to help make giving more convenient. Vanco, a leading payment processing firm for churches, will process donations and fees paid through a checking account, savings account, or a credit/debit card. While not required, you may make an additional donation to offset the processing fee of 35 cents per transaction and an additional 2.45% of the total for Visa/MasterCard or 3.5% of the total for American Express.

Online donations and fees may also be paid through PayPal with an existing account or your credit/debit card. The church is charged 30 cents per transaction and an additional 2.2% of the total if a credit/debit card is used. As with Vanco, you may offset the processing fee with an additional donation.

Click the "How To" button at www.fbcraleigh.org to start using these giving options. For assistance, contact Wayne Hager at whager@fbcraleigh.org. ■

Welcome New Member

Emory Jackson joined by Profession of Faith for Believer's Baptism on April 2.

Among Our Family

Congratulations to Rachael and Kent Dickens on the March 27 birth of Celestia Louise Dickens. Proud grandparents are Kent and Carolyn Dickens.

Sympathy to Lindsey Davis on the April 3 death of her brother, Nick Rierson of MD.

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people who differ from us culturally, religiously, and racially. In response to this reality, our Ministry to Internationals Committee is sponsoring this opportunity for study and dialogue. Other CBFNC churches will join us as we explore biblical foundations for developing a Christian practice of neighboring. ■

Church Conference Highlights

Highlights of the March 29 Church Conference include:

- Lauren Bradley, Nominating Committee Chair, presented recommendations for Sunday School teacher positions.
- Tyson Graves, Properties Committee Chair, reported that all of the items presented in January and February are under contract. The chiller was repaired for \$9,000, which is \$21,000 under budget. Consideration of restructuring the current HVAC maintenance contract is underway.
- Jeff Hobart, Finance Committee Chair, moved the adoption of the 2017 Proposed Budget, which passed unanimously.
- Dr. Chapman thanked Lin Carter and the Discipleship Training Committee for organizing the interfaith seminars in a time when the church needs to be in connection with people of different faiths. He encouraged attendance at the April 30 Vespers service and noted that the Church Council will soon seek congregational input on how to spend funds in the 21st Century Capital Campaign Surplus for Missions Account.

— Jessica B. Helms

Lin Carter Degree Update

As you know, I began working on a doctorate (Ed.D.) at NCSU in Adult Education several years ago. I completed the coursework and passed the comprehensive exams. Then I began researching and writing the dissertation which, simply put, focused on how we grow spiritually by going on a mission trip. Through every part of the process, I have grown personally and professionally in ways that I find

satisfying and that benefit my ministry and the church. Unfortunately, in spite of my best efforts, I am not going to finish the dissertation. Instead, I graduated with a Masters in Adult Education. I am grateful for all your support of me both personally and professionally. Thank you for your encouragement and for allowing me and my family to be part of this wonderful congregation.

— Lin Carter

HS Youth Enjoy Retreat

Recently the high schoolers traveled to Ridgecrest for a retreat on the theme of truth. We talked about two aspects of truth—loyalty and honesty. We learned what loyalty truly means and how being honest, open, and genuine in the relationships we have with God and the people around us is something every one of us should strive to do. We played a game called “The Mole.” Teams competed against each other in a series of games. The catch was that each group had a “mole” who was supposed to attempt to sabotage their group in the various competitions. At the end of the retreat, each group tried to guess who the mole was. It was interesting to see how the moles felt about their role and how they went about tricking their teammates into thinking the mole was someone else.

My favorite part of the trip was the Saturday night worship service. Something about being in the mountains with some of the best people I know, worshipping in

a cabin by firelight, gives me chills and allows me to be still in a way that is hard to come by in my everyday life. I loved playing basketball until midnight and gaining insight from God and the people around me. Being true to ourselves is important, and Jesus wants us to be authentic; he will love us for who we are. This retreat was full of thought-provoking conversations and reminded every single person there that being truthful is important and part of what it means to be a Christian.

— Emily Hoover



Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 16

- 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service/Capitol
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S
Japanese Worship/227

Monday, April 17

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR
- 7:00 pm Third Monday Meeting/Lucky
Tree, Hillsborough St

Tuesday, April 18

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
- 10:30 am WMU Group 2/Springmoor
- 6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh
Times
- 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Yexas' home
- 8:45 pm Softball Game/Millbrook
Exchange Park

Wednesday, April 19

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
- 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
- 4:30 pm Children's Bells/307
- 5:00 pm Meal served/FH
- 5:45 pm Announcements and Prayer
Time
Missions and Music
Evening Bells/307
Backpack Buddies Packing/301
Common Grounds/110
- 6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, April 20

- 7:30 am Band of Brothers/CR
- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 10:30 am Thirty-Niners/FH
- 11:00 am Library Committee/L
- 12:00 pm Yoga Class/302
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
- 3:00 pm Backpack Buddies delivery
- 8:45 pm Softball Game/Millbrook
Exchange Park

Friday, April 21

- 10:00 am Japanese American Cultural
Exchange Covered Dish
Lunch/302
Churchwide Retreat/Caswell
(return 4/23)

Sunday, April 23

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S
Japanese Worship/227

Monday, April 24

- 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR

Tuesday, April 25

- 10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
- 10:30 am WMU Group 2/Springmoor
- 6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh
Times
- 8:45 pm Softball Game/Millbrook
Exchange Park

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Lynn Lingafelt
Children
Deborah Mastrodonato
Staff Administrative Assistant
Rodney Mobley
Lead Custodian
Daniel Ray
Youth/College
Mary Alice Seals
Music/Senior Adults
Jimmy Thompson
Custodian

Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 4/14 – Luke 23:32-47	Sat 4/22 – 2 Corinthians 4:13-18
Sat 4/15 – Luke 20:50-56	Sun 4/23 – Luke 24:13-35
Sun 4/16 – Luke 24:1-8	Mon 4/24 – Luke 24:36-43
Mon 4/17 – Luke 24:9-12	Tues 4/25 – Luke 24:44-49
Tue 4/18 – 1 Corinthians 15:12-19	Wed 4/26 – Psalm 30
Wed 4/19 – Psalm 118:17, 21-24	Th 4/27 – Luke 24:50-53
Th 4/20 – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Fri 4/28 – Acts 1:12-14
Fri 4/21 – 2 Corinthians 4:7-12	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Current Week Revenue	\$30,907.00
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$30,907.00
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$347,928.24
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 4/4/17)	\$4,258.67
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$345,548.71

Deacon on Call

April 16-22
 Nancy Phillips

April 23-29
 Blair Jackson

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rentals offered by our members; tickets for sporting events, plays, and concerts; handcrafted items; and services offered by our youth and members. To make a donation of this kind to the auction, please contact Trey Davis (tdavis@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 208). Bidding will begin on Wednesday, May 3, and will conclude at the Music Celebration on Sunday, May 7.

First Baptist has demonstrated a deep passion for missions and a tremendous amount of generosity. Participating in the auction, with donations and with bids, reflects both of those traits. We hope that you will support our students' mission efforts this summer by supporting the auction this spring. ■

Food and Faith at FBC*

April 19 Chicken Pot Pie Green Beans Salad Rolls and Butter Dessert	April 26 Pork Chops and Gravy Black-eyed Peas Cheesy Cauliflower Cornbread Garden Salad Dessert
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**Menus are subject to change*

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Wednesday, April 26
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
 4:30 pm Children's Bells/307
 5:00 pm Meal served/FH
 5:45 pm Announcements and Prayer Time
 Missions and Music Evening Bells/307
 Backpack Buddies Packing/301
 Common Grounds/110
 6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, April 27
 7:30 am Band of Brothers/CR
 10:30 am Thirty-Niners/FH
 11:00 am Library Committee/L
 12:00 pm Yoga Class/302
 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
 3:00 pm Backpack Buddies delivery

Saturday, April 29
 9:00 am Touching Raleigh with Love

Sunday, April 30
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 12:15 pm Deacons' Meeting/220
 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
 6:00 pm Jazz Vespers/S