



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

FOUNDED IN 1812

5th Sunday Vespers

Sunday, April 30

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Stanley Baird Group will provide the musical elements of this jazz-based vesper service.

Learning to Neighbor

On Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in our sanctuary, Dr. Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University Professor of Religion and Albritton Fellow, will lead a study titled "The Bible and Neighboring." Why does the Bible teach us to love and neighbor, what does loving our neighbor look like, and who is our neighbor, anyway? Join us as we explore biblical foundations for developing a Christian practice of neighboring.

Handicap Accessibility Improvements Made

In recent months, we have been working to make our facility safer and more accessible through the addition of new fire doors; ADA approved hardware on all stairwell, passageway, and entry/exit doors; additional handrails in the sanctuary balcony; and the installation of a window that opens in the preschool baby room.

The latest addition is an

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Silent Auction Opens May 3

First Baptist's annual silent auction to raise funds for our youth and college mission teams will be held May 3-7 in the Fellowship Hall. We hope that you are making plans to attend and to place a bid, and we are proud to share that we currently have a record number of donations from local businesses! We have only a few donations from church members, however, and so we hope that you've been holding out on us and have something you'd like to offer. We are again targeting donations such as gift cards, tickets, time in vacation homes,

and services offered by our members. Historically, some of our best sellers have come when people have baked cakes, knitted blankets, donated tax and legal services, or otherwise offered their professional talents to the auction. We hope that you will be able not only to attend the auction and place a bid, but also to give of yourself with a donation. If you would like to make a donation to the auction, please contact Trey Davis (tdavis@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 208). Thank you! ■

Unplug with FBC Choirs on May 7

After you've submitted your final bids on items in the Silent Auction and enjoyed a nice dinner with the church family in the Fellowship Hall, join us in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. for our end-of-year Music Celebration. You'll hear from our Youth Choir and Youth Bells; our children's bell group, under the direction of our church music intern Anna Moxley; and our preschool groups—the Music and Movement group and the Pre-K/Kindergarten group. The Celebration will conclude as our 1st through 5th grade choir members present *Unplugged*, a timely musical by Dennis and Nan Allen that encourages us to

choose to unplug from the technological devices that sometimes loosen our connection with family, friends, and God.

In addition to enjoying the musical offerings of our children and youth, we'll also have an opportunity to express our thanks to the dedicated choir leaders who have shared of their time and talents each week throughout the school year with our various groups. Their commitment and leadership is a significant factor in the success of our music ministry. We hope you'll join us at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, for this wonderful night of fellowship and celebration. ■



From the Pastor

Thanks to the generosity of a church family, Dana and I went to a performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar* the week before last, along with other members of our ministerial staff. It was a wonderful production of the show with strong voices and a talented orchestra (including our own Claudia Hinson). And for me, it brought back many memories.

As some of you may recall, seeing a production of this play when I was 15 provoked an interest in the Jesus story. Other factors led me to church and Christian faith, but *Jesus Christ Superstar* played a key role. And oddly enough, I met a man sitting on my row at this performance who had the same experience I had many years ago.

There is just something about the Jesus story, no matter how it is told, that draws people in and provokes reflection. Forty-one years after my first experience with the play, I have stronger opinions about Jesus' life and ministry. I still think the play tells his story in a way that resonates with the Gospel accounts in many ways, but there are things I would add or subtract (like the resurrection on the one hand and the claim that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute on the other). But the play is still powerful because the story is so compelling.

We discovered this again during Holy Week. I'd like to think we worked diligently and prayerfully to structure services that honored Christ, and many of you have offered kind words of affirmation for the planning and leadership involved, but I know that it is the story itself – the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection – that attracts us and moves and constantly reshapes our lives. In fact, what we seek to do in all of our planning is simply allow the story itself to speak. And it does again and again and again.

But the good news is – it is not over. Easter is not over, we have a whole season to explore the

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Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

May 3 – Baptists Around the World

Rev. Neville Callam, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), joins us to share the latest news about the ministries of the BWA. The BWA is a partner ministry of FBC that connects Baptists around the world, promotes Baptist heritage and engages globally in justice, relief and outreach efforts.

May 10 – Ministry to Internationals Update

Marc and Kim Wyatt, CBF Missionaries here in the Triangle and friends of FBC, catch us up on the many changes happening in their ministry. What is the latest with Welcome House? How are changes in immigration law affecting their ministry? What can we do to help? Join us to discuss these questions and more. ■



In Children's Worship recently, we talked about God being with us when we're afraid. One of our breakouts was reaching out to firefighters, recognizing the fear they might have experienced when responding to the downtown fire that weekend. The children made cards to offer the firefighters our thanks for their courageous response and for keeping everyone safe. The following Sunday several firefighters visited during Sunday School to receive the cards.

Words of Thanks

Thanks to all church people, especially the Brewer Johnson and Everette Miller Friendship classes, for their support and prayers for the difficult time of Agnes Perry's passing. This was a terrible tragedy.

Thank you,
Gaston and Walt Perry

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automated door in the Garth near the sanctuary elevator. This door will make the sanctuary easily accessible from Edenton Street. Soon, the ramp door from the parking lot will have an

automated door for use during the week and on Sundays.

The Properties Committee thanks the church for its support in helping to make our building safer and more accessible. ■



Celebrations of Easter started a few days early with an egg hunt on the eve of Holy Week with our sister church, FBC Wilmington Street. Under blue skies and with just right temperatures, we sang songs of praise, remembered the story of the empty tomb, and hunted eggs in a shaded courtyard just down Salisbury Street. A fun time was had by all!

Welcome New Member

Emily Hoover joined by Profession of Faith for Believer's Baptism on April 9.

Among Our Family

Sympathy to Cindy DeFoor on the April 5 death of her father, Walter James Moorhead of Garner.

Congratulations to Nick and Lauren Bradley on the April 14 birth of Caroline Nicole Bradley. Proud grandparents are John and Shirley Hobson.

Week at a Glance

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 5th Sunday Vespers/S

Monday, May 1

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR

Tuesday, May 2

- 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

Wednesday, May 3

- 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

WMU Group 6/108

- 5:45 pm Announcements and Prayer Time

All Music Night/S

Common Grounds/110

- 6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH

- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, May 4

- 7:00 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

- 7:45 pm Softball Game/Millbrook Exchange Park

Saturday, May 6

- 5:00 pm Band Together/Red Hat Amphitheater

Sunday, May 7

- 9:45 am Sunday School

- 11:00 am Worship Service, Communion/S

Japanese Worship/227

- 5:00 pm Silent Auction Dinner/FH

- 6:00 pm Music Celebration/S

Monday, May 8

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool

- 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR

Tuesday, May 9

- 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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Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 4/28 – Acts 1:12-14	Sat 5/6 – Luke 23:39-44
Sat 4/29 – Acts 5:27-32	Sun 5/7 – Acts 8:26-29
Sun 4/30 – Acts 6:1-7	Mon 5/8 – Acts 8:30-31
Mon 5/1 – Acts 6:8-15	Tues 5/9 – Acts 8:32-35
Tue 5/2 – Acts 7:1-2a, 44-53	Wed 5/10 – Acts 8:36-39
Wed 5/3 – Acts 7:54-60	Th 5/11 – Luke 24:44-47
Th 5/4 – Psalm 21	Fri 5/12 – Psalm 22:1-21
Fri 5/5 – Luke 23:32-34	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Current Week Revenue	\$19,430.77
Month-to-Date Revenue (as of 4/17/17)	\$69,680.87
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$390,433.29
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 4/19/17)	\$64,467.79
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$408,535.02

Deacon on Call

April 30 – May 6
Chuck Nichols

May 7-13
Dennis Herman

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implications of resurrection, and the larger story of Jesus' life and ministry continues to shape our lives and worship through the year (this is why we follow the Christian calendar). We can't always live with the extreme emotional highs and lows a play like *Jesus Christ Superstar* evokes. Not even all of Jesus' life is about Holy Week. But we can live with a clear sense of purpose every day, an awareness of just how much this one life shapes our own.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have seen the play again. I am grateful for the privilege of helping to retell the story year after year. Most of all, I am grateful for the story itself, the story of God's love for the world. **CC**

Food and Faith at FBC*

May 3 Shredded BBQ Chicken Sandwiches Coleslaw French Fries Garden Salad Dessert	May 10 Sweet and Sour Chicken Oriental Veggie Stir Fry Fried Rice Sherbet
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*Menus are subject to change

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 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
 5:00 pm Meal served/FH
 5:45 pm Announcements and Prayer Time
 All Missions Night/S
 Evening Bells/307
 Common Grounds/110
 6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, May 11
 7:00 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
 2:30 pm Clothing Ministry meeting/CR
 6:45 pm Softball Game/Millbrook Exchange Park

Friday, May 12
 Mother/Daughter Retreat/**Mundo Vista** (return 5/13)

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH