



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Church Conference

Wednesday, September 27
6:15 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Credit Card Kiosk Available on Wednesdays

You will now be able to pay for Wednesday Night Meals with a credit or debit card through the Credit Card Kiosk. Wayne Hager will be on hand to assist with first-time users.

“The Ties That Bind”

A Film about Gender Transition and Family Systems

Sunday, September 17,
in the Fellowship Hall

(Please see “From the Pastor” in the August 4 issue of *First Foundations* for more details.)

Small Groups Starting

The fall is a great time to join a small group! There are several to choose from at FBC with different meeting times throughout the week and with various topics of study. Some are continuing from summer into fall and others are starting again after a summer break. If you would like to join a small group or simply learn more, contact Deborah in the church office.

Deacon Election Process Begins

Election of deacons will take place on Sunday, October 22. Nominations will be received during worship on Sunday, September 24. Listed below are those who are ineligible to serve (current deacons and their spouses as well as deacons who have served an active term and must wait four years to serve again). All other church members are eligible for nomination.

If you are eligible but do not wish to be nominated, please contact Denise Arnold (919-832-4485, ext. 200, or darnold@fbcraleigh.org) by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 6, to add your name to the list below.

If you will not be present on September 24, you may submit nominations *in absentia* via forms available in the church office on Wednesday, September 20. Nomination forms can be mailed upon request. Nominations must be received in the church office by 12:00 noon on Sunday, September 24. Each member may nominate eight men and eight women. Please give thoughtful and prayerful consideration to your nominations for deacon.

Bob Bailey	2018	Tyson Graves	2019	Robbie Puckett	2018
Carl Bailey	2019	Mary Hauser	2016	Dawn Raynor	2019
Dolores Bailey		Betsy Herman		Glenn Raynor	2016
Ruth Bailey		Dennis Herman	2018	Bob Rhodes	
Margaret Barham	2015	Jeff Hobart	2019	Mary Powell Rhodes	2018
Libby Barnes	2017	Marcy Hobart		Ann Rollins	2019
Carol Blanchard	2014	Shirley Hobson	2015	Tom Rollins	2015
Myra Brickell	2018	Felicia Hoover	2014	John Rusher	2017
Sterling Brickell	2014	Kathleen Huggins	2015	Mary Nash Rusher	2014
Steve Brown	2016	Al Hunter	2016	Ebele Saint-Louis	2017
Anne Bullard	2018	Blair Jackson	2019	Suzanne Sanford	2016
Matt Bullard	2014	Jeremiah Jackson		Eddie Sasser	2016
Sam Carothers	2015	Hayden James	2017	Frances Shell	2015
Ralph Cavin	2015	Barry Jones		Leah Shell	2016
Maria Childrey	2016	Beth Jones	2018	Harriet Smith	
Tom Childrey	2019	David Kelley	2014	John W. Smith	2018
Greg Clary	2014	Jennie Keown		Matt Strickland	2017
Margaret Clary	2016	Jim Keown	2018	Alan Taylor	2015
Ann Cobb	2019	Bob Kimball	2019	Kay Taylor	2017
Britt Cobb		Susan Kimball	2015	Kimberly Taylor	2019
Austin Connors	2014	Janet Kinsey	2013	Danny Thomerson	2016
Betty Connors	2017	Lynn Loomis	2016	Noel Tucker	2016
Mike Dare	2014	Rhonda Lowe	2013	Randy Tucker	2018
Carolyn Dickens	2018	Lynn Marshbanks	2017	Zoe McKay-Tucker	
Kent Dickens	2015	Jeff Mercer	2016	Sabrina Tyndall	2016
Mike Dodd	2014	Clint Neal	2016	Chuck Underwood	2015
Nancy Edwards	2014	Chuck Nichols	2017	Mallory Underwood	2018
Dennis Ellis	2017	Susan Nichols	2014	Laura Anne Vick	2017
Diane Ellis	2014	Zach Padget	2019	Cara Lynn Vogel	2015
Greg Flowers		Lacey Pegram	2014	Jamie Vogel	2018
Marchelle Flowers	2019	Anthony Petty	2018	Robin Willis	
Chris Ford	2015	Charles Petty	2017	Ryan Willis	2019
Derek Foster	2017	Bobby Phillips		Debbie Willmschen	2015
Penny Frisbie	2014	Nancy Phillips	2019	Royce Willmschen	2019
Nancye Gaj	2019	Robert Ponton	2017	Hollis Yelverton	2018
Charles Gale	2018	Karen Poteat	2016	Wyatt Yelverton	2015
Ginger Graves	2015	Frank Powers	2014	Beth Yerxa	2017

MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE 21ST CENTURY

From the Pastor

All of us were horrified at the events which took place in Charlottesville, Virginia, the weekend of August 11-13. While reasonable people can disagree about how to honor historic figures, this was not a monument preservation protest. It was advertised very clearly as a white supremacy rally and supported by Neo-Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan. Even the Friday evening march was filled with anti-Semitic and overtly racist chants, symbols, and actions. Three Neo-Nazis stood outside a synagogue with semi-automatic rifles while faithful Jewish people attempted to worship inside. The rabbi suggested that congregants leave through a back door.

Then, on Saturday, matters escalated. Two protest groups were far too close to each other and crowd violence ensued. In this part of the story, there may be some shared responsibility between protestors, counter-protestors, and law enforcement. But in the end, an enraged white supremacist drove a vehicle into a crowd, killing one and wounding many others, and two law enforcement personnel lost their lives, leaving the nation in shock. To be sure, there have been many kinds of terrorist activity around the world in recent months and years, most recently in Spain, but that Neo-Nazis are active in this country in 2017 is simply unimaginable.

So, how do we respond to such a tragedy and the larger national trend it represents? One fourth-grade teacher in Charlottesville talked about how she and other teachers got together first to attend to their own emotions and then to plan a strategy for helping their children sort through this. It is a needed reminder. What do we say to our children about such things and how do we help them process this part of life? I attended

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Block Party Fun on August 30

Our end-of-summer/back-to-school Block Party is on Wednesday, August 30, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. There will be food trucks, live music, inflatables, and games and activities for children, youth, and adults. Reservations aren't necessary.

This is a great time to reconnect after

a summer of going in different directions. It's also a great night to bring a friend, so if you know of someone who would like to check out First Baptist, invite them along! Hope to see you in our parking lot on August 30.

Flu Shot Clinic on September 28

On Thursday, September 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Maxim Health Systems will provide the Quadrivalent flu shot in the Lewis Building Lobby. Medicare Part B and other insurance plans are accepted (Medicare Advantage, Aetna, Anthem, BCBS, Coventry of the Carolinas, Healthspring, Humana, Sierra Health & Life, and SummaCare). Unfortunately, Maxim is not able to accept United Health at this time. On the

day of the clinic you *must* present your Medicare Part B card or your insurance card. The cost for those who wish to pay cash is \$32.

To obtain your flu shot at FBC, please sign up by Monday, September 25. Sign-up sheets are available in Sunday School boxes or you may call the church office. If you have questions, please contact Mary Alice Seals (919-832-4485, ext. 215, or maseals@fbcraleigh.org).

Active Adults Who Learn, Serve, and Go

Most folks under the age of 50 don't have a clue who Jack Benny was, so they also don't "get" the name of *The Thirty-Niners*. Jack Benny, noted comedian from the 1930s to the 1960s who claimed that 39 was much funnier than 40, refused to admit his age past 39. As a result, he celebrated his 39th birthday forty-one times! Years ago, our senior adult group took the name *The Thirty-Niners* as a way of saying that their chronological age may be beyond 39, and their knees and other joints might be a bit creaky, but their energy levels and spirits remain vibrant and strong. They prove this each Thursday when they gather in the Fellowship Hall for informative programs and a time of fellowship over lunch.

If you have celebrated your 39th birthday at least 12 times (you must be at least 50), you are invited to become

part of this active and interesting group of mature adults. Starting on Thursday, September 7, the group will meet each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Most meetings are at the church and conclude with a nutritious lunch at the very affordable price of \$3. Interesting programs have been planned, including a few day trips. In addition to learning and traveling, the group also participates in service projects like providing educational scholarships for two children in El Carrizo, Honduras, filling Christmas stockings for children served by The Salvation Army, and assisting with the Clothing Ministry and Toy Joy.

If you desire more information about joining *The Thirty-Niners*, contact Mary Alice Seals (maseals@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 215).

Food and Faith at FBC*

September 6

Sloppy Joes
French Fries
Peas
Garden Salad

Reservations required by noon on Friday.

September 13

Chicken Fajitas with Toppings bar
Black Beans
Tortillas
Fresh Fruit

*Menus are subject to change

Centerpoint

Sept 6: Evensong—The Discipleship Committee will lead this evening prayer service, including lighting of candles, Scripture reading, shared litanies, silent reflection, hymn singing, and guided prayers (prayers of bidding) for our church, community, nation and world. Join us as we begin our fall Centerpoint schedule.

Sept 13: Youth Mission Trip Report—Have you ever wondered what *really* happens on these youth mission trips every summer? We will get to hear directly from our youth about the experiences they had during their trips in June. The Middle Schoolers went to Charlotte to participate in a variety of projects through Cross Ministries, and the High Schoolers were in New York City. Come hear about what they did and the impact it made on them and the people they served.

Sept 20: State Missions Emphasis—Amy Pardue Boone, Executive Director/Treasurer for WMU of North Carolina will speak about on-going programs and projects that our offering helps support. For 14 years, Amy was a missionary to Mozambique and South Africa before coming home to North Carolina.

Gifts Received

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received in July 2017.

Clothing Ministry

In Memory of:

Carolyn Holloway
Anne Matthis

In Honor of:

Lou & Don Kline's
60th Wedding
Anniversary

General Fund

In Memory of:

Agnes Perry & others
passing from
Pancreatic Cancer

Heck-Jones Offering

In Memory of:

Mary Louise
Hunnicut

Library Fund

In Memory of:

Kathryn
Cunningham

In Honor of:

Lou & Don Kline's
60th Wedding
Anniversary

Music Ministry Fund

In Memory of:

Dolores Frazier

Mike Morris Fellowship Fund

In Memory of:

Frank Elliott
Agnes Perry

In Honor of:

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Honoring Lin Carter

As everyone should know by now, Sunday, August 27, will be Lin Carter's last Sunday as Minister of Christian Education and Outreach. While he begins the next phase of his professional life in the world of business on September 1, he and his family will remain part of our church. So, there will be other opportunities to talk with all of the Carters about this change in their lives. But we will honor Lin in worship on the 27th and have a reception in the Lewis Lobby immediately following worship to allow time for expressions of gratitude and affirmation for Lin's thirteen years of ministry among us. It will be a day of mixed emotions – happiness for Lin, sadness that the nature of our relationships will change, and gratitude that our relationships will endure. Please join us for worship and an important moment in the life of our church. ■

Words of Thanks

We want to thank everyone that has been so kind to us during Joe's surgeries and recoveries. It is amazing the caring spirit FBC exhibits when someone is not feeling well or is dealing with illness. We have experienced this on several occasions and are always thankful to each and every one that is praying for us and sending us notes and cards. It is truly uplifting and we feel so privileged to be part of FBC.

— Rose and Joe Dammann

Sheila and I would like to thank all of those in our Church Family who have expressed their condolences to us in the recent death of my brother, Thomas R. Hite, Sr. These expressions of concern and support have been very meaningful to us.

— John and Sheila Hite

Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 27

Family Promise (through 9/2)

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service, Baptism/S
Japanese Worship/227

12:15 pm Lin Carter reception/Lewis
Building Lobby

5:30 pm Youth Kickoff/FH

Tuesday, August 29

10:00 am Ministerial Staff meeting/CR

5:30 pm Toy Joy meeting/CR

6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh Times

Wednesday, August 30

10:00 am Clothing Ministry

5:00 pm Block Party/Parking Lot

6:30 pm Properties Committee/CR

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal/310

Thursday, August 31

11:00 am Library Committee/L

1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

Sunday, September 3

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service/S

Japanese Worship/227

Monday, September 4

Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Ministry

5:00 pm Meal Served/FH

WMU Group 6/108

5:45 pm Music and Missions

6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH

6:40 pm Evening Bells/307

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, September 7

7:30 am Band of Brothers/CR

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

10:30 am Thirty-Niners/FH

11:00 am Library Committee/L

1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

Sunday, September 10

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service/S

Japanese Worship/227

5:00 pm Youth Choir/310

6:00 pm Youth Group/Blue Room

Monday, September 11

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Ministry

5:00 pm Meal served/FH

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MINISTERS
All members of the church

Denise Arnold
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Lin Carter
Christian Education/Outreach

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Pastor

Trey Davis
Youth/College

J. Daniel Day
Pastor Emeritus

Julie Gilbert
Food Services

Wayne Hager
Church Administrator

Donna G. Jolly
Organist

Lynn Lingafelt
Children

Deborah Mastrodonato
Staff Administrative Assistant

Rodney Mobley
Lead Custodian

Mary Alice Seals
Music/Senior Adults

Jimmy Thompson
Custodian

Bible Verses for Daily Use

From Reflections Adult Devotional Guide, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 8/25 – Acts 19:3-5	Tues 9/5 – Matthew 12:1-8
Sat 8/26 – Romans 12:1-2	Wed 9/6 – Psalm 81
Sun 8/27 – Psalm 65:1-4	Th 9/7 – Mark 14:12-16
Mon 8/28 – Psalm 65:5-9	Fri 9/8 – Mark 14:10, 17-21
Tue 8/29 – Psalm 65:10-13	Sat 9/9 – Mark 14:22-25
Wed 8/30 – 1 Corinthians 11:17-22	Sun 9/10 – Genesis 1:1-8
Th 8/31 – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Mon 9/11 – Genesis 1:9-19
Fri 9/1 – 1 Corinthians 11:27-32	Tues 9/12 – Genesis 1:20-25
Sat 9/2 – 1 Corinthians 11:33-34	Wed 9/13 – Genesis 1:26-31
Sun 9/3 – 1 Samuel 21:1-6	Th 9/14 – Genesis 2:1-4a
Mon 9/4 – 1 Samuel 21:7-9	Fri 9/15 – Psalm 8

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Current Week Revenue	\$25,043.67
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$56,125.17
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$865,957.51
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 8/15/17)	\$60,352.73
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$873,613.02

Deacon on Call

August 27– September 2
 Beth Yerxa

September 3-9
 Tonya Carter

September 10-16
 Mary Powell Rhodes

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a multiracial, interfaith prayer vigil held at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church on August 16. It provided wonderful space for people to come together, pray for our nation, seek healing, and proclaim loudly that this is not who we are. Dr. Harshaw and I vowed that night to create space for our congregations to come together more and I am sure that Rabbi Dinner and I will do the same.

But beyond these strategies, there are things we can all do every day to help, simply by extending kindness to those who are different, by refusing to accept caricatures and demonizations of others, by seeking to love all people in the manner in which Christ loves, even those who seem driven by hatred and evil, for they too are children of God. This is not an easy path to walk, nor is it a new one for our nation, but it is a path we cannot avoid. Rabbi Dinner quoted Elie Wiesel at the prayer vigil as saying that hatred is not the real enemy of love. Indifference is. In this cosmic struggle, we cannot afford to be indifferent. Jesus people cannot be indifferent. We must stand up and speak up for love. CC

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5:45 pm Music and Missions
 6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 6:40 pm Evening Bells/307
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, September 14

7:30 am Band of Brothers/CR
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:30 am Thirty-Niners/FH
 11:00 am Library Committee/L
 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
 2:30 pm Clothing Ministry Committee/CR

Friday, September 15

Middle School Retreat/Caraway
 Children's Retreat/Willow Run (return 9/17)

Saturday, September 16

9:00 am Clothing Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 17

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 5:00 pm The Ties that Bind/FH

Among Our Family

Sympathy to Brenda Snead, 3122 Southall Rd, Raleigh NC on the August 4 death of her husband, Elmore Snead.