



# First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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## Andrew Connors Preaching

Dr. Chapman will be away from the pulpit on Sunday August 6. In his absence, the Pulpit Supply Committee is pleased to announce that Rev. Andrew Connors will be our guest speaker. Andrew is the son of Betty and Austin Connors and he grew up in the life and ministry of our congregation. Andrew is the Senior Pastor of the Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, MD. The committee is delighted that Andrew will be able to be with us for that Sunday and we hope that many of you who were a part of Andrew's early life in our congregation will want to see and hear him on that Sunday.

## Church Conference

Wednesday, August 23  
6:15 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

## Youth Kickoff

Students in grades 6-12  
and their parents  
Sunday, August 27  
at 5:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Come for a night of fellowship and a chance to prepare for the upcoming year!

Please contact Trey Davis at [tdavis@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:tdavis@fbcraleigh.org) if you have any questions.

## Join the Block Party Fun on August 30

Please make plans to join us for our end-of-summer/back-to-school Block Party on Wednesday, August 30! Just as we have the past several years, we'll gather from 5:00-7:30 p.m. for an evening of food trucks, live music, inflatables, and games and activities for children, youth, and adults. This is always a fun event that allows our church to reconnect after a summer of going 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.

## Music and Missions to Resume on September 6

Happy New Year! We'll begin a new year of music and missions education on September 6, and there's something for everyone! Check out the schedule below, and plan to join us.

5:00-5:45 - Suppertime! (Make sure to make a reservation.)

5:45-6:40 - Music education beginning with three-year-olds through fifth grade

6:45-7:30 - Missions education beginning with three-year-olds through fifth grade.

7:30 - Dismissal

*\*\*Childcare is provided for babies through twos beginning at 5:30.*

While our children are engaged in music and missions, our youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are engaged in hands-on missions and our adults are engaged in prayer time and seminars planned by our Discipleship Training Committee.

Let's pack the house this fall during Centerpoint! ■

## Parents Night Out: Bringing Back the Drive-In

On Friday evening, August 11, our preschoolers and gradeschoolers are invited to a drive-in movie! We'll travel through various centers to transform a cardboard box into a car (to drive to the movie, of course), and we'll make our own pizza to eat during the movie. We'll then cruise to the drive-in (Fellowship Hall) to watch the original Pixar movie, *Cars*.

While we're having fun at church, our parents can enjoy a night out! Care will also be provided for our babies - toddlers in their classrooms, though they won't be on the move as much as our older friends. Contact Lynn Lingafelt no later than August 4 to sign-up! ■



## From the Pastor

Earlier this summer, Anne Cooke from the Pathfinders Class let me know that the class had been offered a free viewing of a documentary film entitled "The Ties That Bind." It is a film about the gender transition of someone who grew up in our church, Chris (now Christine) Newton, and how the whole family has processed this experience. While the class wanted to see the film, they realized that many others have known the Newtons over the years (Bob and Winnie taught the Pathfinders for years) and thus might want to see the film. So, they wondered if we might make this film available to everyone.

I told Anne that I would want to talk with Diana Newton, one of Christine's sisters and the person who spearheaded the making of the film, to get more of a sense of the film's nature and to make sure she and the filmmakers would be "O.K." with more people seeing the film (it has been shown at a number of film festivals already and is scheduled for many more this fall). So, I talked with Diana and she not only told me a bit about the film, but allowed me to see it, and fully blessed a viewing at FBC for all who want to see it because of the love she and the whole Newton family have for this church.

It is a film about transgender issues, but as Diana told me in advance, it is also a film about how a family made up of people with very different views and beliefs (i.e., like all families and church families for that matter) manages a difficult and divisive issue. Different perspectives are shared, honest opinions are given, there is no assumption that everyone has to agree, but somehow this family tries to stay together and love each other through the differences they have. The film is only one hour and six minutes, but it covers a lot of ground. Dan Day even has an appearance, offering words of

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*During the second week in July, nine 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders and their chaperones trekked to Converse College in Spartanburg, SC for a Passportkids camp that focused on Bible study and missions in fun and engaging ways. With our Micah 6:8 theme of Do. Love. Walk., our missions focus was on the needs of clean water in Malawi. To help us learn more about the Malawian culture and the depth of need there, we spent an evening in an interactive Malawian village, pumping water from a well, walking around with a water jug on our head, carrying babies on our backs, playing games, and tasting foods that are common in their culture. A great time was had by all!*

## Eclipse Viewing Road Trip

On Monday, August 21, it will be possible to witness a full solar eclipse from parts of South Carolina. You're invited to join First Baptist on a day trip to see the eclipse. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on August 21 and drive to Sumter, SC, to participate in the party hosted by the town ([www.sumtersc.gov/TotalEclipse](http://www.sumtersc.gov/TotalEclipse)). We will eat lunch and dinner on the road and return Monday evening. There is room for approximately thirty people to ride in church vehicles but sign up is first-come-first-served. Sign up by August 16 by calling the church office at 919-832-4485 or emailing Lin Carter at [lcarter@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lcarter@fbcraleigh.org).

## Family Promise Volunteers Needed

FBC will host Family Promise families the week of August 27. Members of FBC play crucial roles in making our guests feel safe and at home – we simply couldn't host these families in their time of need without you! We need help with the following activities:

- Prepping the bedding for easy distribution into the guest rooms,
- converting our Sunday school rooms into guest rooms for families on Sunday afternoon, August 27,
- providing a dinner for families,
- staying overnight with families,
- driving families to and from the

Family Promise day center,

- breaking down the guest rooms before Sunday school begins on Sunday, September 3,
- washing laundry at the end of the week.

If you already know what you'd like to help with, please email me at [hi2810@bellsouth.net](mailto:hi2810@bellsouth.net). I'll be happy to get you signed up! And thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration and support this summer. Your contributions help to shine the light of Christ into the lives of parents and children in a time of darkness and need.

— Holly Ivel

## Welcome New Members

**Mary Jordan Tucker** joined by Profession of Faith for Believer's Baptism on July 9; and  
**Leigh Hobart** joined by Profession of Faith for Believer's Baptism on July 23.

## Words of Thanks

*Thanks very much to all of my church family for all of the cards, thoughts, good wishes, and prayers during my treatment and recovery following my stay in the hospital, and thanks also for your visits at the hospital. I have been overwhelmed and uplifted by all the care, concern, and support from everyone at First Baptist. God is good! And so are His people.*

— Louis Meyer

## Food and Faith at FBC

As August approaches, it is time to think about Fall and that includes Wednesday night family dinner at FBC! Please take a moment and make online permanent reservations if you plan to attend regularly. Several items to remember as you look ahead:

- Reservations are required by **noon on Friday** prior to Wednesday night dinner as I must order food for the week by noon on Sunday. Note that this is a change from the previous cutoff on Mondays. I will do my best to accommodate people who forget to make reservations; however, please understand that you will be asked to serve yourself after everyone else has been served.
- If you were on the permanent list last year, that does not mean that you will automatically be on the list this year. To make a permanent reservation, call the church office by noon on Friday, email me at [jjgilbert@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:jjgilbert@fbcraleigh.org), or visit <http://fbcraleigh.org/wednesday-night-meal/>.
- Please consider paying for your semester in full if you know you will be attending weekly. The weekly cost remains the same: \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for ages 4-12; Free for ages 3 and under. There is a \$20.00 family cap for immediate family residing under the same roof.

Feel free to email me with any questions. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

— Julie

### August 23 Menu\*

*(Reservations are required by Friday, August 18!)*

Composed Summer Salad with Grilled Chicken, Green Beans, New Potatoes, Tomatoes, and other Garden-Fresh Veggies; Crisp Baguettes with butter; Dessert.

*\*Menus are subject to change.*

## Retreat Explores Four Loves

For most youth, it isn't hard to argue that Kure Beach is our favorite trip of the year. What could be better than spending time at the beach with your best friends while simultaneously learning about God and strengthening your relationship both with your church friends and with Him? This year's Kure Beach retreat lived up to, and surpassed, the expectations I had. After five trips to Kure Beach, and an honorable mention to the Salter Path trip my sixth-grade year, I am beyond happy to say this was my favorite Kure trip so far. The theme was the "Four Loves": *eros* (romantic love), *philia* (friendly love), *storge* (familial love), and *agape* (Godly love). Being able to dive deep into each of these loves helped refine my definition of love and realize the places in my life where love is

working through. The ability to have fun and talk about deep, emotional feelings is something that I can only find at Kure Beach. We spent the week playing games where we cracked eggs on each other's heads, made skits about the worst dates ever, and ate the absolute best food. But inside of all this fun, I learned that love is big, fragile, volitional, relational, and finally, Love is God. Through quiet times, small groups, sessions, and worship, I could feel my love for God strengthening. Watching my friends, and the love that they exhibit, exemplified the love of God in my life and reminded me of how absolutely blessed I am to be able to travel to Kure and to have been able to call this youth group my family for the last seven years.

— Claire Willmschen



## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, August 6

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S  
Japanese Worship/227
- 5:30 pm Youth Group/Blue Room

### Tuesday, August 8

- 10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
- 6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh Times

### Wednesday, August 9

- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry  
HS Bible Study/Blue Room

### Thursday, August 10

- 10:30 am Thirty-Niners/Sanford
- 11:00 am Library Committee/L
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
- 2:30 pm Clothing Ministry Committee/CR

### Sunday, August 13

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

- 12:15 pm Personnel Committee/CR
- 5:30 pm Youth Group/Blue Room

### Tuesday, August 15

- 10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
- 6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh Times

### Wednesday, August 16

- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry  
HS Bible Study/Blue Room
- 5:45 pm ITC Board/108

### Thursday, August 17

- 11:00 am Library Committee/L
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

### Sunday, August 20

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S  
Japanese Worship/227
- 12:15 pm Deacons' Meeting/220
- 5:30 pm Youth Group/Blue Room

### Monday, August 21

- 8:00 am Solar Eclipse Trip/Sumter, SC

### Tuesday, August 22

- 9:00 am Ministerial Staff Retreat  
(through 8/23)
- 6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh Times

### Wednesday, August 23

- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
- 5:00 pm Meal served/FH
- 6:15 pm Church Conference/FH
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

### Thursday, August 24

- 11:00 am Library Committee
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

### Sunday, August 27

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service, Baptism/S  
Japanese Worship/227
- 5:30 pm Youth Kickoff/FH

## Among Our Family

Sympathy to William Plyler on the July 21 death of his father, B.B. Plyler Jr. of Raleigh (formerly Wilson).

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*All members of the church*

**Denise Arnold**  
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**Jimmy Thompson**  
*Custodian*

## Bible Verses for Daily Use

*From Reflections Adult Devotional Guide, Smyth & Helwys*

Fri 8/4 - Ephesians 5:15-21	Tues 8/15 - Psalm 51:1-9
Sat 8/5 - John 15:1-4	Wed 8/16 - Psalm 51:10-19
Sun 8/6 - Ephesians 6:10-12	Th 8/17 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
Mon 8/7 - Ephesians 6:13-17	Fri 8/18 - Galatians 3:26-28
Tue 8/8 - Ephesians 6:18-20	Sat 8/19 - Isaiah 55:1-13
Wed 8/9 - Ephesians 6:23-24	Sun 8/20 - Psalm 84:1-9
Th 8/10 - Matthew 10:28-31	Mon 8/21 - Psalm 84:10-12
Fri 8/11 - Psalm 48	Tues 8/22 - Romans 6:1-5
Sat 8/12 - Psalm 49	Wed 8/23 - Romans 6:6-11
Sun 8/13 - Psalm 46	Th 8/24 - Romans 6:12-14
Mon 8/14 - Acts 2:37-42	Fri 8/25 - Acts 19:3-5

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### The Record We Wrote

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Current Week Revenue	\$10,045.66
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$76,106.29
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$794,817.40
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 7/27/17)	\$103,141.43
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$810,327.26
Heck-Jones Offering	\$10,368.00

### Deacon on Call

August 6-12  
 Ann Cobb

August 13-19  
 Robbie Puckett

August 20-26  
 Jeff Hobart

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insight and reflection on his ministry with this family.

So, after much thought and prayer and conversation with key leaders, we will show the film Sunday evening, September 17, an evening when at least Diana from the family can be here. We have not nailed down the time yet because we are still working through the schedule which will include the film, a meal, and facilitated dialogue, but the events will take place somewhere between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (middle schoolers will be on retreat and high schoolers will have an activity away from the church). We will communicate a more detailed schedule when it is finalized.

I realize this is a sensitive subject, though an important one. But I also trust that this is a church that can handle important issues. The related family systems issues have added benefit far beyond the specific subject considered. And our love for the Newton family is the most critical factor of all.

Realizing that some are not comfortable dealing with this subject being considered at all, we have scheduled the film at a time when we do not meet on a regular basis and will be very clear about the content in all communications. No one should feel any pressure to attend. Furthermore, though there is nothing explicit that would be inappropriate for younger viewers, the subject matter itself is of a mature nature. So, we are scheduling this at a time when youth are elsewhere. If any older youth wish to attend and have their parents' blessing, that is fine. Feel free to let me know if you have further questions in this regard. And know that Lynn Lingafelt will arrange childcare for babies through fifth graders for parents who want to attend (please email her at [llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) if you need childcare).

As the title of the film indicates, there are ties that bind Christians, families, and churches together through all the differences we have. I am grateful for the way we claim these ties here at FBC Raleigh and for yet another opportunity to stretch our understanding and experience. **CC**