



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

FOUNDED IN 1812

Church Conference

Wednesday, February 22
6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 28
5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Concert to Benefit Family Promise of Wake County

Triangle Tenors Timothy Sparks, Wade Henderson, and George Deaton, accompanied by pianist Catherine Hamner, will present a free program of religious and folk songs, Broadway show tunes, opera arias, and piano music at Hayes Barton United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 12, at 3:00 p.m. An offering will be received for the benefit of Family Promise of Wake County (formerly known as Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network), a non-profit organization that helps homeless families back to independent living.

Play Ball!

Softball season begins in April and FBC will again field a team. Men and women sixteen and over are invited to play. Contact Lin Carter to sign up or for more information.



Go Green

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the word green? Grass? Leaves? Go? Money? Ireland? Something environmentally friendly? Maybe even Kermit the Frog? Green can represent a number of things, but in the liturgical year of the church it is the color used during Ordinary Time, the time between Epiphany and Lent and the time between Pentecost and Advent. Despite what the name might imply (typical or mundane), Ordinary Time is about counting the time in between and transitioning from one phase to the next. From Epiphany to Lent we observe and celebrate the growth of Jesus from baby to adult. The season of Ordinary Time between Pentecost and Advent focuses on the development of the church, renewing our purpose and mission and celebrating the many gifts and talents we have been given.

Together these seasons account for the largest portion of the liturgical calendar. Since our ministers wear stoles associated with the liturgical calendar

colors, this means that our green stoles get worn the most. This spring we will work to make a second set of green stoles to be debuted for Ordinary Time after Pentecost. Since that time focuses on the church and its many parts, we want these stoles to reflect all of you, and we need your help! Please contribute a piece (or two, or ten) of green cloth, any green will do. The fabric should be at least 3"x5" and can be anything, a scrap from a project, an old garment, or a new piece of material purchased just for this (fat quarters from the quilting section of a fabric store are perfect). These pieces of cloth will be cut up and quilted into stoles and a parament (a runner) for our communion table that reflect the diversity and growth of our extra-ordinary church community. We plan to work on these stoles as a part of our churchwide retreat in April, so we ask that you put your pieces of green in the marked collection drawer in the Lewis Lobby by March 31.

— Mary Hauser and Holly Ivel

Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

February 8 and 15 – *Movements of the Spirit*

Lin Carter continues this series on Henri Nouwen's book, *Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit*, exploring "spiritual wisdom on how to move from the mind to the heart and live there in the center – the place where God dwells" (from the preface). Copies of the book may be purchased from Lin Carter. ■

10th Anniversary Celebrated

On behalf of First Baptist Church, the Personnel Committee would like to thank Rodney Mobley for 10 years of dedicated service. Rodney is always there

to take care of the needs of our beautiful building and its members. We are all so thankful for him and the great job he does each day. THANK YOU RODNEY! ■

From the Pastor

As I write, I am preparing to leave for two conferences in Florida – one with the insightful Franciscan Richard Rohr and the other with three fine scholars at Stetson University’s Pastor’s School. I am looking forward to heading south for a week, trusting that it will be a bit warmer there, but I am looking forward to these conferences even more.

Continuing education is critical in any field of work, but in ministry it is not just a matter of keeping up with our disciplines of study, but experiencing renewal. Spending significant time with texts and scholars, with colleagues and friends, is restful and energizing. I haven’t done enough of this in recent years, which is a part of why I am attending two conferences in one week.

As I go, I am grateful to be part of a church that values ongoing education and learning in many different ways. We attend to matters of the heart, mind, soul and strength in all that we do, but in all of these realms, we seek to grow throughout life. This is reflected in our approaches to Christian nurture and in our valuing of continuing education time and funding for our ministerial staff.

These are wise investments, in my view, which make perfect sense for a church that has played such a significant role in so many institutions of higher learning in Baptist life. It is a privilege to be part of such a church! **CC**

Common Grounds

Beginning the evening of February 15, there will be a new gathering place on Wednesday nights. Room 110 will become “Common Grounds,” where off-duty preschool and elementary music and missions teachers can gather for coffee and conversation. Of course, all are welcome. You’ll find a coffee cart and topics for

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CBFNC Gathering in Hickory

Would you like to renew old friendships or make new ones? If so, consider attending the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC) meeting on March 31 and April 1 at First Baptist Church, Hickory. The theme is “As You Go.” The worship leader is Susan Sparks who is both an author and standup comedian as well as the senior minister of Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City. Her work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Oprah Magazine*, on ABC and CNN and many other places. She is a recipient of an award for interfaith work to promote justice, reconciliation and peace among diverse communities.

About fifty different breakout sessions will be led by passionate leaders on topics such as the Social Gospel,

Social Justice, Poverty, Coaching and many other topics of interest to Baptist Christians.

Executive Coordinator Larry Hovis will discuss the topic, *The Road Ahead*, which will give us the plans of what to expect of CBFNC for the future.

There will be childcare for infants–fifth graders. To register or to learn about hotels and other interesting things taking place at the meeting, go to www.cbfnc.org.

This weekend will not only be inspirational and fun, but will let us know a lot about what CBFNC does now and will give us a grasp about its future. I encourage you to make plans to attend the meeting. You will be glad you did!

— Laura Anne Vick

Denominational Relations Committee



Despite some unseasonably warm weather, a group of 66 from FBC traveled to West Virginia for our annual ski trip. Skiers of all ages enjoyed a day on the slopes, cooking and eating together, and worship surrounded by the beautiful Appalachian Mountains. Thanks to everyone who made the trip possible!

Food & Faith at FBC

February 8

- Meatball and Sausage Casserole
- Buttered Noodles
- Garden Salad
- Crusty Bread
- Dessert

February 15

- Skillet Chicken with tomatoes, pancetta, and mozzarella
- Sautéed Green Beans
- Rice
- Bread
- Salad
- Dessert

Among Our Family

Sympathy to the family and friends of Kathryn Cunningham who died on January 16. Sympathy also to Alan Mullins on the January 23 death of his mother, Linda Mullins of TN.

Congratulations to David and Margaret (Millen) Gora and big brother, Graham on the January 17 birth of Caroline Willow Gora. Proud grandparents are Jim and Carol Millen.

Church Conference Highlights

Highlights of the January 25, 2017, Church Conference include:

- Rodney Mobley was recognized for ten years of service to the church.
- Tyson Graves, Properties Committee Chair, reported that the Committee is reviewing the list distributed in December, obtaining estimates for the work, and prioritizing the items. Some of the safety issues will be addressed in the short term and others are long-term issues.
- Jeff Hobart, Finance Committee Chair, reviewed the financial report for December and for the year of 2016. The church ended the year with a surplus of revenues over expenses of approximately \$17,000.
- The expenditure of up to \$70,426 from the Capital Repair and Replacement Designated Account for eight repairs recommended by the Properties Committee was approved.
- Bob Bailey, Stewardship Committee Chair, reported that \$1,106,612.25 had been pledged, but that this amount is approximately \$90,000 less than the

goal of pledging 80% of the budget. He urged that those who have not pledged, particularly children and youth (who need to be educated about the importance of stewardship for the future of the church), be urged to do so and warned that without additional pledges the Finance Committee will be required to cut the 2017 Proposed Budget.

- At the request of Moderator Robert Ponton, Dr. Chapman reported on the work of the Church Council. For the Day Mission Fund's fiscal year September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017 the Council has distributed \$7,000: \$1,500 to the Helena, Arkansas, Mission trip; \$3,000 to the High School Mission Trip; and \$2,500 to building supplies for the January 2017 Mission Trip to Honduras. The Church Council is also undertaking the development of guidelines and recommendations for spending funds in the 21st Century Capital Campaign Surplus for Missions Account.

— Susan K. Nichols

Register for Churchwide Retreat

We hope you can be a part of our churchwide, intergenerational retreat at Caswell, April 21-23. Here's a recap of helpful details:

- Our theme is "The Family of God"; we'll explore what it means to be church family through small group Bible study, crafts, recreation, devotional time, and worship.
- Sleeping arrangements include bedrooms for two, bedrooms for four,

and single-gendered bunk rooms. Bedrooms are quickly filling up on a first come, first served basis.

- Cost is \$70/person for the weekend (this includes two nights and four meals) OR \$25/person for meals if you choose to spend overnights off campus.
- To sign up contact Lynn Lingafelt at llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org by March 5!

Words of Thanks

Dear FBC Church Family,

To say you are a blessing would be an understatement! Toy Joy does not happen without the efforts and donations of so many individuals and groups. We are so grateful for your support.

Thank you for contributing your time, talents, monetary donations and donations of toys, books, stuffed animals and supplies. Extra thanks for taking extra time to clean and bag toys with parts together (and extra kudos to those who attached matching batteries!). Many hands make light work; if not for you and your willingness to be part of this ministry, Toy Joy would not exist!

With your help, we served 283 families, representing 952 children. Each family chose a toy, a stuffed animal, several books, and a stocking full of goodies for each of their children. Due to your generosity, we also shared small treats, gifts, and books with the adult shoppers. It was a wonderful day establishing connections, experiencing fellowship, and sharing God's love and joy.

Again, thank you for your efforts to "share Christ's love with others."

Joyfully,
— The Toy Joy Team

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 5

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

4:00 pm Youth Bells/307

5:00 pm Youth Choir/310

6:00 pm Youth Group/FH

Monday, February 6

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR

Tuesday, February 7

7:30 am Men's Bible Study/Metro Productions

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR

10:30 am WMU Group 2/Springmoor

6:00 pm Commission on Administration meeting/FH

Theology on Tap/Raleigh Times

6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Yerxas' home

Wednesday, February 8

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 & Prayer Time

Missions and Music

Evening Bells/307

Backpack Buddies Packing/301

6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, February 9

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

3:00 pm Clothing Ministry Committee/CR

Backpack Buddies delivery

Sunday, February 12

9:00 am Commission on Worship meeting/301

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service/S

Japanese Worship/227

Japanese Church

Fellowship/301, 302

4:00 pm Youth Bells/307

5:00 pm Youth Choir/310

6:00 pm Youth Group/FH

Monday, February 13

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR

6:00 pm Properties Committee/CR

Tuesday, February 14

7:30 am Men's Bible Study/Metro Productions

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/Yerxas' home

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Pastor Emeritus
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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 2/3 - Psalm 17	Sat 2/11 - Psalm 18:1-6
Sat 2/4 - John 20:30-31	Sun 2/12 - Luke 7:18-23
Sun 2/5 - Luke 7:1-10	Mon 2/13 - Luke 7:24-30
Mon 2/6 - Luke 7:11-17	Tues 2/14 - Luke 7:31-35
Tue 2/7 - 2 Corinthians 1:3-7	Wed 2/15 - Psalm 146:5-10
Wed 2/8 - Psalm 119:105-107	Th 2/16 - Malachi 3:1-6
Th 2/9 - Acts 3:1-10	Fri 2/17 - Acts 4:18-22
Fri 2/10 - Acts 3:11-16	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Current Week Revenue	\$24,557.94
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$62,284.44
Year-to-Date Revenue (as of 1/24/17)	\$62,284.44
Month-to-Date Expenses	\$77,352.77
Year-to-Date Expenses (as of 1/24/17)	\$77,352.77
Global Missions Offering	\$15,486.98

Deacon on Call

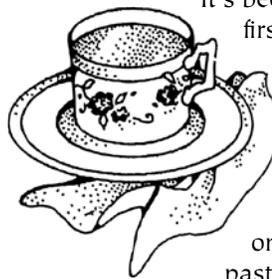
February 5-11
Mallory Underwood

February 12-18
Nancye Gaj

GA Tea

Save the Date
 March 12, 2017

**13th Anniversary Reunion
 GA Mother-Daughter Tea**



It's been 12 years since our first GA Tea, so this year we are having a "reunion tea" for all the GAs and their leaders, mothers and/or grandmothers who have attended one of the teas in the past. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again for this fun reunion, so mark your calendars and look for your invitation in the mail.

— *Nancy Moore Phillips*
 GA Missions Director

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 discussion written on the board. We hope this will become a place of fellowship, support, and even learning. See Lin Carter or Crystal Bacon for more information.

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- Wednesday, February 15**
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 12:00 pm WMU Group 7/P
 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
 4:30 pm Children's Bells/307
 5:00 pm Meal Served/FH
 5:45 pm Announcements & Prayer Time
 Missions and Music
 Evening Bells/307
 Backpack Buddies Packing/301
 ITC Board/110
 Common Grounds
 6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310
- Thursday, February 16**
 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
 3:00 pm Backpack Buddies delivery
- Friday, February 17**
 10:00 am Japanese-American Cultural Exchange/302
- Sunday, February 19**
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S
 Children's Worship/224
 Japanese Worship/227
 12:15 pm Deacons' Meeting/FH
 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH