



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Deacon Ordination

Sunday, January 22
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Church Conference

Wednesday, January 25
6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Lin Carter will be preaching on Sunday, January 29, in the absence of Dr. Chapman.

Food and Faith

January 25

Baked Ham
Brussels Sprouts
Sweet Potatoes
Bread
Salad
Dessert

February 1

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

February 8

Meatball and Sausage Casserole
Buttered Noodles
Garden Salad
Crusty Bread
Dessert

Next Fifth Sunday Vesper Service on January 29

Our October vesper service focused on new beginnings. In the service, we set aside time to reflect intentionally on new beginnings and what they meant for us personally and collectively as a congregation. In this month's vesper service at 6:00 p.m. on January 29, we will build upon the idea of new beginnings. Specifically, we will focus on the journeys that take place while we seek our new beginnings.

By focusing on the theme of

journeying, we will participate in an embodied reflection. Stations will be set up throughout the sanctuary, with each one addressing a specific theme or aspect of Christian growth and discipleship. Each station will also contain an interactive element that connects to the theme.

We look forward to your participation and hope that this service will be meaningful to you and our congregation as we begin a new year. ■

Churchwide Retreat: How Good to Be a Family

There is a song by Darrell Adams I learned when I first took Sarah to Passport Kids about thirteen years ago, and it has stuck with me ever since. The lyrics are as follows: "How good to be a family; God has made a church of you and me. We're not alone; we've found a home – the family of God."

During the weekend of April 21-23, we're offering an inter-generational retreat at Caswell to explore and live into this very theme: The Family of God. We'll focus on what it means to be church family as we enjoy small groups, worship, recreation, crafts, individual prayer time, free time, and meals together.

We have reserved three houses – Yaupon, Yucca, and Redwine – and can accommodate up to 113 people in those three houses. Sleeping arrangements range from single gender bunk rooms to rooms with double beds to a few rooms with a double bed and bunk. It will be

communal living – but that's part of the fun of getting to know each other! Youth and 3rd - 5th grade children can attend without their parents as long as we have individuals who are dedicated to help chaperone during free times and transitions.

The cost for the weekend (i.e. two nights plus four meals) will be \$70 per person. Our time together will begin after supper on Friday and will end after worship on Sunday morning.

Space is limited. Please contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) no later than March 5 if you are interested in being a part of this weekend retreat. Private bedrooms will be assigned on a first come/first served basis.

If you would rather find your own accommodations on Oak Island but participate in the retreat, the cost will be \$25 per person, which covers the cost of supplies and meals (three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday).

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From the Pastor

At the December 14, 2016, church conference, the Finance Committee reported that we have had a significant amount of money given to the capital campaign (or more accurately put – debt retirement campaign) even after we have paid off the debt. This is great news, but it requires the church to make a decision about what to do with these funds. Toward this end, the Finance Committee presented a recommendation, which the church approved after discussion, to direct half of these funds to the newly created building maintenance fund and half to missions endeavors to be voted upon by the church in conference as recommended by the Church Council. It was further recommended and approved by the church that the Church Council seek input from church members in the process of developing a proposal.

I'm happy to report that the Church Council had its first meeting this year on January 10 and began to develop a timeline and process to pursue this important task. We will still have debt retirement money coming in at least through March. So, between now and that time, we are working on parameters for these requests, including a working definition for missions, and assessment criteria. As soon as we have those in place, we will inform you and ask for your input. We also hope to have a clearer sense of how much money we have to work with, though we know already that it is a significant amount.

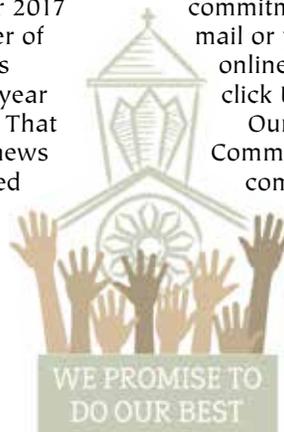
This is a wonderful challenge to have and the ways that the Finance Committee has recommended that we use these "over-and-above funds" says a lot about the character of this church. Using a significant amount on caring for our church facilities makes perfect sense, given that the

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Stewardship Update

Your Stewardship Committee wishes to thank all who have made a financial commitment to our 2017 ministry budget. The number of commitments or pledges has increased slightly from last year as has the amount pledged. That is the good news. The bad news is that, because our proposed ministry budget envisions more ministries, more financial resources are required. We are close but have not quite met that amount.

There may be some who have not yet made your financial commitment known to our financial administrator even though you intend to give during 2017 to help support the many ministries we do together. It will be a great help



to our Finance Committee if you make that commitment. You may send in the commitment card you received in the mail or you can make your commitment online (go to www.fbcraleigh.org and click Useful FBC Forms).

Our bylaws require the Finance Committee to evaluate the financial commitment level now and adjust the budget downward if the promised giving appears insufficient. What reduction means is less resources for our children's and youth ministries, less mission giving, less outreach to our community, less pastoral care, less resources for building upkeep, etc.

Please join us in praying for sufficient financial resources to do all the ministries reflected in our 2017 budget.

— Stewardship Committee

Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

February 1, 8, and 15 – *Movements of the Spirit*

Lin Carter teaches on Henri Nouwen's book, *Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit*. This three-week series will explore "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. ■

Inclement Weather Information

When winter weather occurs and you are uncertain about scheduled activities, you may find information by calling the church office (919-832-4485). Once a decision has been made, cancellation information will be noted on a recorded greeting. Information will also be supplied to www.fbcraleigh.org, Twitter (@fbcraleigh.org), WRAL-TV (1st Baptist, Salisbury St), WTVD-TV (First Baptist Church—Salisbury St, Ral), and Facebook (First Baptist Church Raleigh). Decisions are made as soon as adequate information regarding road conditions is available. Decisions about Sunday activities are usually made on Sunday morning unless conditions make an earlier decision possible.

We do not follow the Wake County School System closures. On school days, always check the sites listed above for cancellation notices for church-related activities.

Among Our Family

Sympathy to Marie Lewis on the December 31 death of her brother, A. J. Blackwell, of Oxford.

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Please indicate these wishes as well when you contact me.

Because we know not everyone will be able to join us at Caswell, we will also

have Sunday School and worship at First Baptist on Sunday, April 23.

Indeed, how good to be a family.

— Lynn Lingfelt

Honduras Mission Team Departs Soon

A team from FBC will depart on January 26 to serve in Honduras through February 2. The team will be building a home in a village near Choluteca. As internet service is available, blog posts and/or photos will be shared at <http://fbchonduras2017.blogspot.com/>.

Team members are: John Baldwin,

Joel Brown, Steve Brown, Tom Childrey, Dennis Ellis, Brad Harvey, Bob Kimball, and Suzanne Sanford. A commissioning service will be held during the January 22 worship service. Please keep the team members in your prayers as they travel and serve. ■

Words of Thanks

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

How do I thank each and every one of you for your heartfelt prayers and kind expressions of love and care throughout Daddy's fight with cancer and upon his death. The love of our church and its members meant more than I can ever say. Daddy greatly appreciated it too. Your love as our church family and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ's Kingdom meant more than I can ever express.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and from my entire family. Daddy is at peace with God in Heaven.

Love,

— Debra and Mike Peach and family

An enormous "Thank you" from all of the Clothing Ministry volunteers and the hundreds of families we serve for your thoughtfully organized and generous donations. We have a larger inventory of blankets than in other years and the donations have been clean, divided by season, gender and groups (women, men & children). Your support allows those who volunteer in this vital and large ministry to provide assistance to families in need.

Members Only Section Available Online

We are pleased to announce that a MEMBERS ONLY section is now available on the FBC website. The purpose of this section is to offer FBC members convenient online access to information not shared with the public, like the weekly publication of CENTERPOINT which includes financial data and prayer concerns, and an updated list of prayer concerns distributed through our Prayer Ministry. Soon we will add a form on which you can make confidential prayer

requests. Additional information for this section is still under consideration. To offer suggestions, contact Wayne Hager at whager@fbcraleigh.org.

This section is reserved for FBC church or Sunday School members only. To review the guidelines and to request access, visit www.fbcraleigh.org and look for MEMBERS ONLY ACCESS on the top toolbar.

We hope you will enjoy this new addition to our website. ■

Go Paperless with *First Foundations*

As you start the New Year please consider receiving this newsletter electronically rather than in hard copy via the US Postal Service. E-delivery is easy, you'll get the newsletter earlier, and it will save the church on the cost of printing and postage. To take advantage of this option, visit www.fbcraleigh.org, click on the FBC Newsletter link, and click on the "Sign Up" button. You will need to provide your name and email address. Once you complete the process you'll begin receiving a notification via email each time a new issue of the newsletter is available.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 22

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service, Deacon Ordination/S
Japanese Worship/227
5:00 pm Toy Joy meeting/CR

Monday, January 23

9:30 am Weekday Preschool
11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR
5:30 pm Deacons' Meeting/301

Tuesday, January 24

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/Yexas' home

Wednesday, January 25

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
6:15 pm Church Conference/FH
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, January 26

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
Honduras Mission Trip
(return 2/2)

Sunday, January 29

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service/S
Japanese Worship/227
5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
6:00 pm 5th Sunday Vespers/S

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

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/Yexas' home

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Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 1/20 – 2 Corinthians 3:1-6	Sat 1/28 – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Sat 1/21 – Micah 6:6-8	Sun 1/29 – Luke 6:1-5
Sun 1/22 – Luke 5:1-7	Mon 1/30 – Luke 6:6-11
Mon 1/23 – Luke 5:8-11	Tues 1/31 – Luke 6:12-16
Tue 1/24 – Isaiah 6:1-8	Wed 2/1 – Psalm 92
Wed 1/25 – Psalm 90:14-17	Th 2/2 – John 5:1-18
Th 1/26 – Romans 12:3-5	Fri 2/3 – Psalm 17
Fri 1/27 – Psalm 138	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Current Week Revenue (inclement weather)	\$1,512.00
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$13,084.00
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$13,084.00
Month-to-Date Expenses	\$10,978.23
Year-to-Date Expenses (as of 1/10/17)	\$10,978.23
Global Missions Offering	\$13,432.00

Deacon on Call

January 22-28
 Laura Anne Vick

January 29 – February 4
 Jamie Vogel

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debt we paid off was for major maintenance projects for our facilities. Using a significant portion for missions also makes sense, given this church's passion for missions.

Extra and unanticipated income may seem like an unmixed blessing, but this is rarely the case for most churches. What begins as a blessing ends up calling out values differences and thus, creates conflict. I am thankful for the Finance Committee's wisdom in recommending an approach that embraces all of our values. We may still have minor differences of opinion over how much to direct to which mission causes, as we differed over the initial proposal in minor ways, but we have a clear way forward to enhanced ministry and mission endeavors. Thanks be to God for the generosity of our members and the foresight of our leaders! **CC**

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Wednesday, February 1

9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
 5:00 pm Meal Served/FH
 WMU Group 6/108
 5:45 pm Announcements and Prayer Time
 Missions and Music
 Evening Bells/307
 6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

10:00 am Japanese-American Cultural Exchange/302

Sunday, February 5

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service, Communion/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH



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.