



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Deacon Ordination: New Date

Sunday, January 22, 2017
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

2017 Church Conference Dates Announced

Please note these regularly scheduled Church Conferences to be held in 2017.

- January 25
- February 22
- March 29
- May 24
- August 23
- September 27
- October 25
- November 29
- December 13

Food and Faith

- January 4**
Pork Chops
Collard Greens
Black-eyed Peas
Cornbread
Salad
Dessert

- January 11**
Grilled Cheese
Vegetable Soup
Salad/Bread
Dessert

- January 18**
Meatloaf
Rice
Peas
Rolls/Salad
Dessert

Church Retreat in April

One of the things about FBC that I most frequently hear praised is the opportunity for intergenerational relationships to form and flourish here. Several Sunday School classes include folks in different life stages, our youth and children benefit from working with adults on either end of the age range of their parents, and numerous retreats and small groups provide opportunities for members of our church to grow and learn from those with very different life experiences. With an eye on

furthering some of those relationships, we're excited to announce plans for a churchwide retreat at Caswell during the weekend of April 21-23, 2017. We'll spend time playing games on the beach, eating meals together, and in discussions that will draw us closer together and closer to God. Details about lodging, pricing, and registration will be available soon, but for now, please reserve that weekend on your calendar and make plans to join us at Caswell in April!

— Trey Davis



Twenty-five volunteers from First Baptist gave gifts and served breakfast to over 200 men at the Wilmington Street Men's Shelter on Christmas morning.



From the Pastor

It has been the best of years, it has been the worst of years. It's been a year of many significant accomplishments, including the retirement of debt; it's been a year of many losses, 28 beloved church members, to be precise, not to mention many prominent public figures as well. It's been a year of many blessings for our state and nation, economic growth and relative peace; it's been a year of divisiveness, surely the nastiest election year in our history.

What do we make of 2016? Was it a great year or a terrible year or somewhere in between? The best answer is probably – yes – it was all of the above! Perhaps all years are like this, but there has been so much sadness and so much joy in every arena of life. It's difficult to take it all in much less sum it all up in just a few words.

The only thing we can say for sure is that it is over. 2017 has begun. As the great hymn says, "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its years away, they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day."

But, of course, this is not all the hymn says. It concludes not with a fatalistic nod to the passing of time, but with a word of acknowledgment and praise to the Author of time. "O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!"

That's how we live as people of faith, that's how we regard the passing of time, that's how we assess the joys and challenges of the past year and look forward to the hopes and fears of the new year. We place our trust in the God who is the Author of time; we follow the Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever; we live with hope based not on anything we anticipate, but on the goodness of God.

Reflecting on this past year and looking forward, this is not just pious talk, it is practical necessity.

How else can we live? CC

Church Conference Highlights

Highlights of the Church Conference on December 14, 2016, included:

- Chair Adam Harker distributed a list of repairs the Properties Committee had identified as needed, explaining that they were continuing to identify and prioritize needed repairs and work with the Finance Committee in identifying sources of funds for the repairs. He announced that Tyson Graves will chair the Committee in 2017.
- Jeff Hobart, on behalf of the Finance Committee, presented two motions that were approved after considerable discussion. First, he moved that the Capital Repair and Replacement Designated Account threshold for 2017 be set at \$500,000. This was based on identified needed repairs and the possibility of other repairs arising. There are several sources of funds that can go into this Account in addition to designated contributions to the Account or undesignated contributions to the Church. The amount anticipated from the Church Facility Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement Endowment Fund of approximately \$100,000 will be placed in the Account. Then approximately \$111,000 will be placed into the Account from surpluses from the 21st Century Campaign Account. In addition, an undesignated gift from an estate of \$119,000 is anticipated this year, with a gift in a like amount in 2017.
- Ron Maness, Personnel Committee Chair, moved the approval of housing allowances for 2017 for ordained ministerial staff pursuant to Internal Revenue Code § 107.
- Lynn Marshbanks, Nominating Committee Chair, presented recommendations to fill a number of positions. These recommendations were approved. Lauren Hobson Bradley will chair the Committee in 2017.
- Beth Jones, Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair, presented the Annual Report of the Committee.
- Dennis Ellis reported on the work of the Deacons' *Ad Hoc* Committee on Congregational Care to revisit and evaluate the congregational care teams that are led by the diaconate. Serving on this Committee were Hollis Dickens, Charles Petty, Robbie Puckett, Kay Taylor, and Jamie Vogel. The Committee recommended the formation of a Congregational Care Coordinating Team of three members recommended to the diaconate by the Deacon Nominating Committee.
- Moderator Sabrina Tyndall reported that the committee created by the bylaws for choosing members of the Nominating Committee had met and identified four of the six people it must select. Jennifer Bisette, Jason Gardner, Cathy James, and Ron Maness have agreed to serve; their nominations were approved.
- Mrs. Tyndall announced the following officers of the diaconate for 2017: Robert Ponton, Chair; Ann Rollins, Vice Chair; Ryan Willis, Secretary; and Kimberly Taylor, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.
- Those in attendance demonstrated their appreciation for Mrs. Tyndall's leadership this year with a standing ovation.

— Susan K. Nichols, Church Clerk

Welcome New Member

Caleb Carter joined by Profession of Faith for Believer's Baptism on December 25.

Inclement Weather Information

When winter weather makes an appearance in Raleigh this year 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.

Online Giving Now Available

First Baptist Church is pleased to offer the option to give online, an easy option that allows the donor to set up automatic recurring contributions and to view a complete online giving history.

This option allows the donor to be in complete control of the giving process. Those who currently take advantage of the Automatic Draft option for giving may contact our Financial Office (financeadmin@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext 210) to change to this new online giving option.

In addition to regular giving to support the church budget, donations may also be scheduled for our three yearly mission

offerings (Heck-Jones, State Missions, and CBF Global Missions) and the Mike Morris Fellowship Offering. We hope to add the option of making memorial and honorific gifts in the future. No matter the type of gift, you may make a one-time donation or set up a weekly/monthly recurring donation.

Visit www.fbcraleigh.org and click on HOW TO at the bottom of the home page to find complete instructions on how to set up your account, as well as answers to common questions. If you need additional assistance, contact Wayne Hager at whager@fbcraleigh.org. ■

Gifts Received

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received in December 2016.

Church Maintenance Endowment

In Memory of:

Bernice Ashcraft
Allen Burris
Judson Yates Creech
Edythe Crocker
William B. Dowell Jr.

In Honor of:

Charles & Peggy
Barham

Clothing Ministry

In Memory of:

Mary Lily Gaddy
Edna Green

In Honor of:

Joan Hobson
Mr. & Mrs. Skip Jones

Day Mission Endowment

In Memory of:

Edythe Crocker
Van Cuthrell
William B. Dowell Jr.
Mary Lily Gaddy
Margaret Morton
Dwain Pilkington
Michael Thornton

In Honor of:

Charles & Peggy
Barham

General Fund

In Honor of:

Jane R. Burris
Jim & Margaret Clary
Randall & Lou Lolley

Mike Morris Fellowship Fund

In Memory of:

Edythe Crocker

In Honor of:

Mike & Noel Morris

Music Ministry

In Memory of:

Allen Burris
Dolores M. Frazier

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. ■

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am SS Teachers' Breakfast/FH
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/FH

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

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 Centerpoint Seminar/FH
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

10:00 am Japanese-American Cultural Exchange/302

Sunday, January 15

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service/S
Children's Worship/224
Japanese Worship/227
5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
6:00 pm Youth Group/FH

Monday, January 16

11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR

Tuesday, January 17

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

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Daniel Ray
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Jimmy Thompson
Custodian

Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 1/6 - Isaiah 60:1-6	Sat 1/14 - 1 Peter 3:13-22
Sat 1/7 - Ephesians 3:1-13	Sun 1/15 - Luke 4:14-21
Sun 1/8 - Luke 3:1-14	Mon 1/16 - Luke 4:22-30
Mon 1/9 - Luke 3:15-20	Tues 1/17 - Isaiah 61:1-11
Tue 1/10 - Luke 3:21-22	Wed 1/18 - Psalm 146
Wed 1/11 - Psalm 51:6-17	Th 1/19 - Luke 4:31-37, 40-43
Th 1/12 - Acts 2:29-41	Fri 1/20 - 2 Corinthians 3:1-6
Fri 1/13 - Philippians 2:1-11	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Current Week Revenue	\$60,463.19
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$159,112.84
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$1,352,028.47
Month-to-Date Expenses	\$101,590.27
Year-to-Date Expenses (as of 12/29)	\$1,341,031.75
Global Missions Offering	\$12,272.00

Deacon on Call

January 8-14
 Derek Foster

January 15-21
 John Smith

Among Our Family

Sympathy to Frank Powers and Mary Miller May on the December 10 death of their sister, Becky Hines; to Bill Loomis on the December 12 death of his sister, Donna Delaney of WA; and to Debra Peach, on the December 19 death of her father, Coll Sexton of Lillington. Sympathy also to the family of Dolores Frazier, who died on December 20.

Words of Thanks

To all my FBC family,
 I cannot seem to find words that adequately express how much I appreciate all the prayers, cards, calls and hugs that I have received during my recent health problems. I truly believe I am here today because of those prayers and wishes. My sincere thanks to each of you.

— Barbara Jacobs

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Wednesday, January 18

9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 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
 5:15 pm Announcements and Prayer Time
 5:45 pm Missions and Music Evening Bells/307
 ITC Board/110
 6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, January 19

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, January 20

Churchwide Ski Trip to WV (returning 1/22)

Sunday, January 22

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service, Deacon Ordination/S
 Japanese Worship/227