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Ironman Race

The 2017 Ironman Race is on Sunday, June 4. As necessary, please be prepared to alter your route to church. All parking areas will be accessible. You may view and print a Road Closure Map and FBC Barrier Pass with travel tips at <http://fbcraleigh.org/traffic-alerts/>.

Summer Social on July 9

Save the date for a Game Night at FBC! We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on the evening of Sunday, July 9, for food and fun. Look for more details soon.

5th Sunday Vespers

Our next Fifth Sunday Vespers service will be on Sunday, July 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Following the service, we'll gather for a social time in the Fellowship Hall. Invite friends and family members to join you for this special time of worship.

Call for Graduates

Do you know of FBC members who received a college or post-graduate degree this spring? Contact Denise Arnold (919-832-4485, ext. 200) by June 22 with the graduate's name, school, and degree awarded. Each graduate will be recognized in a future issue of this newsletter.

Support the Heck-Jones Offering

Heck-Jones Spotlight: Paula Settle Making an Impact in Eastern Kentucky

The 2017 Heck-Jones Offering will make an impact through our community and across the world. Your gift will support our Interfaith Habitat for Humanity Build, the Rise Against Hunger Packaging Event, our FBC Clothing Ministry, the FBC Honduras Ministry, WMU of NC, the Welcome House, the FIGS Vitamin Project, our BYW Vitamin Project, and our Together for Hope Mission trip to Helena, Arkansas.

Your gift will also support CBF Missionary Paula Settle and her work in eastern Kentucky with Mountain Hope, the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship's rural poverty effort. Paula serves in rural counties on the western edge of Appalachia that struggle with generational poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, and drug abuse.

"I am working with individual families, reading to children in the local elementary school, working in a food pantry, a clothes closet, women's groups, summer mission teams, housing repairs, a senior adult assisted living center, and being an advocate for the poor with the school system and government agencies. I have opportunities to share God's love with individuals and in group settings," Settle said.

In these areas, students often drop out of high school to help support their families, but their lack of education makes it even more difficult to find decent-paying employment in an area where jobs are scarce.

"I want to help people and see people reach their potential," Settle said. "I want to be with them in the good times and bad."

Our goal for the Heck-Jones Offering is \$10,000. Please add your support to make a positive impact on those who need it most. ■

It's Helena Time Again!

July will be here before we know it. Summer will be half over and it will be time for our mission trip to Helena, Arkansas. The dates are July 17-21. Volunteers are to arrive on July 15.

This is a great opportunity for families to travel and also help young kids have a new and exciting experience. The Helena experience can best be described as a giant outdoor Vacation Bible School. In addition to music, art and story sharing, there are also outdoor activities such as golf, tennis, and swimming. Daily activities usually end around 2:00 p.m.

We will be collecting gently-used bath towels to distribute to the kids. In mid-June a collection box will be placed near our Welcome Desk to receive the towels. The Clothing Ministry has been collecting bathing suits all year. WMU will be collecting sunscreen for Helena.

Volunteers choose their own mode of transportation to Helena. Some drive the approximately 800-mile trip from Raleigh to Helena. Others fly to Memphis and rent a car or van there. From Memphis to Helena is about a 60-mile drive through Delta country! Lodging is provided by local Helena churches. There will be volunteers from other Baptist churches through the south, and many friendships are formed.

If you or you and other family members have questions or would like to participate, email Dan Roberts at danrobs@gmail.com. ■

MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE 21ST CENTURY

From the Pastor

On Saturday, May 20, a number of FBC members gathered in our sanctuary with some friends from other CBF churches in our area for a Bible study on neighboring led by Wake Forest University religion professor Mary Foskett. This event was initiated by our Ministry to Internationals Committee and was co-sponsored by CBFNC. The purpose was to ground our love of all our neighbors, especially immigrants and refugees, the internationals among us, in biblical teachings. That purpose was met and exceeded.

After having us explore a few foundational questions (like – how do we use the word neighbor, whom do we envision as neighbor, and what is the opposite of neighbor?), Dr. Foskett began with a consideration of texts from Genesis and Exodus which name our identity as beloved children and our calling to reflect God's character in the way we relate to others. She then explored Jesus' teaching on the two great commandments – to love God with all that we have and are and to love our neighbor as our self. We examined the nineteenth chapter of Leviticus, which provides not only the source of Jesus' teaching on neighbor love, but the context for it. Next, we explored The Parable of the Good Samaritan in which Jesus expands our thinking about neighbor and neighboring. Finally, we considered Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount on loving the enemy.

It was a rich experience which reminded us of important truths we already know and offered fresh insights about whom we are called to love in a way that reflects God's love for us. There was time for dialogue and interaction, community building in and beyond our church family, a subtle way of getting to know better and thus love the neighbor in the room with us. Most of all, there was space to ground our neighbor love in

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VBS Coming in June

Join us as we look for God at work in the world, in our community, and within us during Vacation Bible School this summer! It's June 26 – 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and it's open to rising 3s through rising sixth graders. Our morning will be filled with Bible study, crafts, music, recreation, and lots of fun.

Registration forms are on our website (www.fbcraleigh.org) and are due to Lynn by Sunday, June 11. Tell your neighbors and friends.

If you have questions, please contact Lynn Lingafelt at llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org. ■



Silent Auction a Success

This year's silent auction was the most successful one we have had in many years, possibly ever. We raised more than \$14,000 to support our youth and college mission teams. Thank you to everyone who donated their space, their resources, their time, and their energy to this year's auction. Thank you also to everyone who bid generously. So many of our items have a clear value attached to them—a gift card, for instance—and yet many of you bid more than the item was worth. Taking advantage of this opportunity to help our students instead of only looking to get something for as little as possible played a huge role in our success. Thank you for making it possible for our youth to learn and grow through service while working for people in incredible need. ■



On a recent weekend, sixteen of our moms and daughters participated in an overnight retreat sponsored by our Raleigh Baptist Association. This year's theme centered on Growing with God through praying, reading the Bible, and serving others.

May Conference Highlights

These were the highlights of the May 24, 2017, Church Conference:

- Lauren Bradley, Nominating Committee Chair, presented recommendations for Youth Ministries Council, WMU Director, Communion Committee, and several adult Sunday School Teachers. The motion was approved.
- Tyson Graves, Properties Committee Chair, reported on the status of prior approved Properties items. The Committee entered a new HVAC maintenance contract with increased maintenance checks and lower hourly charges for repairs. The Committee will now consider a maintenance contract for the boiler.
- Jeff Hobart, Finance Committee Chair, reported on current revenues and expenditures.
- Chuck Nichols, as Chair of the Commission on Mission and Witness, presented a recommendation on behalf of the Church Council for the expenditure of the Surplus Missions Account as follows: (a) \$35,000 donated to the CBF Capital Campaign to be disbursed immediately; (b) \$20,000 donated to the Day Mission Fund to be disbursed immediately; (c) up to \$50,000 for a "major" downtown missions project for which the Church Council will develop criteria and obtain proposals for such projects and bring recommendations to church conference for approval of the project/s before any funding; and (d) that the Church Council develop criteria and obtain proposals for using the balance of the funds (\$26,678.12) to be used for smaller missions projects of up to \$5,000 each and bring recommendations to church conference for approval of the project/s and funding. The motion was approved.

— Beth Tyner Jones

On Sunday, May 14, Daniel Ray and 12 college students hopped into a van and headed to Birmingham, Alabama.

Although it was their first week out of school, these students chose not to rest and relax, but to volunteer to perform home repair ministry. While in Birmingham, we worked on two different roofs and stained a house. Although we worked hard, we also spent time asking ourselves where we found God in our lives, how we were being influenced, and who we were influencing. Overall, the trip was a wonderful blend of hard work and service with personal reflection and fellowship.



Family Promise Volunteers Needed

Each year First Baptist Church, along with many sister churches across the county, in partnership with Family Promise (Family Promise is the new name for Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network), takes its turn hosting families who are experiencing homelessness. This year we will be hosting families the weeks of June 25 and August 27. Members of this church 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!

To help new and returning volunteers get ready to host families this year we've asked Debbie Allen, the volunteer coordinator at Family Promise, to spend a little time with us on Tuesday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. in room 220. Debbie, along with members of the FBC Family Promise committee, will provide a brief overview of Family Promise, share a bit about what is involved in hosting these families, and answer any question you may have.

The committee will also begin the process of reaching out to ask for 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,
- 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 the following Sunday,
- washing laundry at the end of the week.

If you already know what you'd like to help with, please send an email to hi2810@bellsouth.net. I'll be happy to get you signed up! Thank you 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

Calling All Cooks!

Sales of our reprint of the 1997 *First Baptist Cooks* are underway and it is time for folks to submit recipes for the 20th anniversary FBC cookbook. Recipes may be submitted via email to susanekimball@gmail.com until August 1. The new cookbook will be printed and ready for distribution this fall. Assistance is needed in typing recipes into the program provided by the publisher. Please contact Susan Kimball if you would like to assist with this task or if you have any questions about the process. Reprints of the 1997 *First Baptist Cooks* will be available for purchase on most Sundays in the lobby of the Lewis building and in the church office. Proceeds from all cookbook sales will benefit the Day Mission Endowment. I look forward to receiving your favorite recipes.

— Susan Kimball

Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 4 *Ironman Race*

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service, Communion, Baptism/S
Japanese Worship/227
- 12:30 pm Rise Against Hunger Packing Event/FH
- 5:30 pm Youth Group/**Blue Room**

Tuesday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 7

- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, June 8

- 7:00 am Band of Brothers/CR
- 10:45 am Thirty-Niners/**Meadow Restaurant**

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

Sunday, June 11

- 8:30 am HS Graduate Breakfast/FH
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S
Japanese Worship/227
- 5:00 pm Youth Mission Trip Meeting/FH, 108

Tuesday, June 13

- 10:00 am CBF Illumination Project/FH
- 2:00 pm Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
- 6:00 pm Theology on Tap/**Raleigh Times**
- 6:30 pm Family Promise Volunteer Training/220

Wednesday, June 14

- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
HS Bible Study/**Blue Room**
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, June 15

- 7:00 am Band of Brothers/CR
- 11:00 am Library Committee/L
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
- 5:45 pm Finance Committee/CR

Sunday, June 18 *Father's Day*

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S
Japanese Worship/227
MS Mission Trip to Charlotte (return 6/24)

Monday, June 19

- HS Mission Trip/**New York** (return 6/26)

Tuesday, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 21

- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
- 5:45 pm ITC Board/108

Thursday, June 22

- 7:00 am Band of Brothers/CR
- 11:00 am Library Committee
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

Sunday, June 25

- Family Promise (through 7/2)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service, Baptism/S
Japanese Worship/227
- 5:30 pm MS Youth Group

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Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 6/2 – Luke 1:78-79	Tues 6/13 – John 1:15
Sat 6/3 – Luke 1:80	Wed 6/14 – John 1:16-17
Sun 6/4 – Acts 2:1-4	Th 6/15 – John 1:18
Mon 6/5 – Galatians 4:1-7	Fri 6/16 – Psalm 34:1-10
Tue 6/6 – Psalm 29	Sat 6/17 – Psalm 34:11-22
Wed 6/7 – Psalm 33	Sun 6/18 – Psalm 13
Th 6/8 – Galatians 5:16-21	Mon 6/19 – John 6:35-40
Fri 6/9 – Galatians 5:22-26	Tues 6/20 – Psalm 28
Sat 6/10 – Luke 11:11-13	Wed 6/21 – Psalm 31:1-13
Sun 6/11 – Psalm 100	Th 6/22 – Psalm 31:14-24
Mon 6/12 – John 1:14	Fri 6/23 – Psalm 32

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Current Week Revenue	\$22,566.83
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$96,616.76
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$589,990.52
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 5/23/17)	\$96,634.14
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$554,334.42
Heck-Jones Offering	\$4,060.00

Deacon on Call

June 4-10
 Carl Bailey

June 11-17
 Lynn Marshbanks

June 18-24
 Myra Brickell

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scripture, to remember that anything we say and do for someone we have known for years, the stranger in our midst, or the person we might name as enemy, is not just a show of human kindness, but an act of faith, an attempt to follow Jesus' teaching, an effort to fulfill our calling to reflect the character of God.

It is a much-needed task for the church in our time. As our society becomes more and more diverse and pluralistic, the challenge to love our neighbor grows exponentially. And as our political rhetoric becomes more and more inflammatory and divisive, the need for a calm and healing voice is critical. The church can offer such a voice if we remember our identity and calling. We are reflections of God, called to love our neighbor as our self, no matter how we feel about it at the time, no matter who our neighbor is. It is easy to forget this. But when we return to scripture, which the book of James says is a mirror in which to see ourselves (James 1:22-27), we remember. I am grateful for the eloquent and inspiring ways in which Mary Foskett helped us to do this. (Note – an audio recording of this study is available in the church office.) CC

Among Our Family

Sympathy to Jay Bissette on the May 9 death of his mother, Rose Bissette of Wilmington.

Words of Thanks

Thank you for your prayers and kind gestures for Bea and me during her surgery and recuperation. Your support has meant so much to both of us.

— Jimmy Thompson

CBF Illumination Project

Tuesday, June 13

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This 90-minute session is part of a CBF project to illuminate the qualities that have built unity in CBF, and through discernment, to identify intentional processes by which we can maintain and grow unity through cooperation. For more information, visit <http://fbcraleigh.org/the-illumination-project/>.