



# First Foundations

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## Green Stoles Come Together

It's time to piece together our green stoles! Two workdays at the church are scheduled: Sunday, May 14, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 20, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. We will need folks to sew the strips of fabric our intrepid helpers from the churchwide retreat have cut and some people to iron and keep things organized. If you're interested in helping either day, please contact Mary Hauser at [marymary1412@hotmail.com](mailto:marymary1412@hotmail.com).

## Missions Celebration on May 17

Join us on Wednesday evening, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate missions education with "A Year In Review." Each Mission Friends, RA, and GA class will recap one of our seven units of study, highlighting the CBF field personnel they learned about and the ministry work they do.

## Church Conference

Wednesday, May 24  
6:15 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

## Pullen Park Picnic

Wednesday, May 31  
5:00 p.m.  
Shelter 4

## Ironman Race Traffic Alert

The 2017 Ironman 70.3 Raleigh Race will affect travel to First Baptist on Sunday, June 4, but with advance planning you'll be able to gather for Sunday School and worship with a few adjustments in your normal route. All three major parking areas for Sunday morning will be open according to the traffic plan received from the Raleigh Police Department. The following guidelines should assist with your planning.

- Eastbound travel on Hillsborough Street will be closed.
- The state parking lot and church lot can be accessed **only** by traveling South on Salisbury Street and turning right (West) on Hillsborough Street.
- Parking will not be allowed on Salisbury Street.
- The South side (church side) of Edenton Street will be open only for runners. Access to the parking deck will be permitted via the North side lanes of Edenton Street.
- Exits from all parking lots will be Westbound on Hillsborough Street and Northbound on McDowell Street.

A dashboard pass will be available in the weeks leading up to the race or one may be downloaded from the church website. On race day, please use flashing lights and your dashboard pass for access through police barriers. As necessary, mention that your destination is FBC on Salisbury Street. In the past there have been last minute changes to routes. Officers at each roadblock will direct you to another route as necessary. For road closure information in your neighborhood, visit [www.ironmanraleigh.com](http://www.ironmanraleigh.com).

Do not let this race hinder your presence at FBC on June 4, Pentecost Sunday – an important day in the life of the Church. Leave a little earlier than usual and join us for a wonderful morning of Bible study and worship. ■

## Reflections from the Churchwide Retreat

Chuck and I had high expectations for the church retreat, but the actual experience was even better. We loved the many opportunities to spend time with fellow church members we did not know well and reconnect with those that we did. The theme of the weekend was "family." We explored biblical examples of family and ways in which we can strengthen our church family.

The group bible studies were thoughtfully planned with all ages mixed together. Chuck enjoyed his role as a small group leader and relished the respectful, but

challenging, comments he received from three of the youth. For example, at the end of the second session the conversation veered to a discussion of alligators and how they can outrun a human. Chuck usurped the "bearable" joke that you do not have to be as fast as the alligator to avoid being eaten – you only have to be faster than the slowest human in your group. Rebecca D. looked straight at him and said, "That is not what we have been talking about this weekend." He roared, giving her an A+ for calling him out on

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## From the Pastor

Many years ago, a colleague of the founding pastor of the church I served in Winston-Salem called him and said, "Jack, I just read your church newsletter and I am exhausted just from reading!"

You might feel this way if you have tried to keep up with all the activities we have had this spring. From Holy Week and Vespers services to Touching Raleigh with Love and outreach activities like Burning Coal Theatre's production of *The Royale* and the Band Together concert, from annual events like the Youth Silent Auction and music and mission celebrations to special activities like a churchwide retreat and a Bible Study on neighboring, from an engaging interfaith series to updates from mission partners including the eloquent General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Neville Callam, we have had a busy spring!

But we have been busy with good and nurturing things connected to our visioning process and designed to deepen our bonds with God and each other. We'll slow down in the summer (except for children's and youth trips, the relentless return of the Sabbath, and ongoing care needs), but I encourage you to take advantage of the offerings we have as a way of deepening your faith and strengthening your bonds to other church members. Don't feel like you have to be involved in everything, but get involved enough to feel more connected to God and others.

Anything worthwhile takes time. It is no accident that the people who invest more of themselves in church life get more out of it. The good news is there are many wonderful people here. Getting to know more of them at a deeper level is rewarding. And at the risk of sounding self-congratulatory, we have some pretty substantive opportunities for learning and service. We encourage you to take advantage of as many as you can and invite friends to join you. Being busy in a good way is not a bad thing! **CC**

## VBS Coming in June

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on June 26-30. Rising 3s through fifth-grade friends are invited to join us for Bible study, crafts, music, and recreation.

Our theme, *Have You Seen? Looking for God's Fingerprints*, will help us discover God at work around us and will invite us to join God in this important work. Bible stories pointing us toward those discoveries are:

- Discovering God's Son – John 9:1-8 (Jesus heals a blind man)
- Discovering God's Work through Others – Luke 5:17-26 (Jesus heals a paralytic)
- Discovering God's Work in My Community – Nehemiah 2:17-18; 4:6-9; 6:15-16 (The community rebuilds the wall)
- Discovering God's Work in the World – Matthew 5:14-16 (Jesus says we are the light of the world)
- Discovering God's Work through Me – 2 Kings 5:1-19 (Naaman dreams of healing)

We could use an extra hand or two (or three) in our preschool classrooms, so if you are able to help, please contact Lynn at [lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org).

Be on the lookout for an email with registration details! ■



## Gifts Received

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received in April 2017.

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## Who is My Neighbor?

This question was not first proposed in our pluralistic society. It is an age-old question, perhaps most familiar to us in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Every generation confronts the question and we have no better answer than guidance from our Bible.

On Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Dr. Mary Foskett will engage us and guests from sister

churches in a discussion of *The Bible and Neighboring*. Dr. Foskett is professor of religious studies at Wake Forest University and a member of FBC Winston-Salem. She presented this discussion to her home church to enthusiastic reviews. We will each be enriched as we join her for this timely discussion.

— Suzanne Sanford, chair  
Ministry to Internationals Committee

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the meaning of family.

We both enjoyed our very different elective activities, again with all ages in a group. I participated in creative writing, led by Jennifer Davis. Among my group was Luke, who created a graphic novel, i.e., a comic book based on an army soldier he chose from a group of items serving as prompts. There were battles in his book, complete with appropriate exclamatory dialogue. Austin Connors wrote about a wrench, reflecting on the memories of working with young men in a juvenile training program to teach them missing skills when Austin was serving in the U.S. Army in upstate NY.

In one of his electives, Chuck conferred with Isaac P. on strategy as Isaac played the board game "Ticket to Ride." It was just a warm-up for a battle that night in which Mary Hauser dominated Chuck and me. (Warning: Anyone who owns a commemorative edition of a game is likely to be a tough adversary.) We



enjoyed playing while Nathan B. and Alejandro A. observed in order to learn the game, growing confident enough to offer strategy advice.

Perhaps what meant the most was hanging out with our housemates made up of younger families. Lila D. was a sight to behold as she used her whole face to get every drop of juice from a chunk of watermelon. The adults shared funny stories about teaching kids money management. We even laughed while packing uneaten food for return to the church, speculating on whether Julie Gilbert would consider an unopened bag of cheesy puffs to be food.

Chuck and I hope this will become an annual event. The whole weekend was well planned and executed by the staff. It achieved the theme of celebrating the family of God. Learning, praying, playing, and laughing together as we did strengthens a family. If you were unable to go this year, we encourage you to make it a priority in future years. We will.

— Susan Nichols



## 25<sup>th</sup> CBF General Assembly in June

The 2017 CBF General Assembly is at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, June 26-30 (and the Braves are in town the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>). The Assembly will be a celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fellowship, and much more. During the week there'll be more than 60 workshops on an array of topics, including sustaining global missions and nurturing young Baptists. There'll be luncheons and other events hosted by several affiliated organizations. There'll be all day activities for children and youth for a portion of the week too. The CBF website can tell you lots more. The keynote speaker at Wednesday's celebration dinner will be Brian McLaren, well

known speaker, theologian and author.

Reverend Neville Callam, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and our Centerpoint guest on May 3, reminded us of the value of Baptists fellowshiping with Baptists. He suggested too that Baptists are frequently seen as divisive. The Assembly is an occasion next month to model the behavior that more accurately indicates who we are and the love of God that motivates us. Our committee members, Laura Anne Vick and Nancy Phillips, and others, plan to attend. Please join them for some or all of the week's activities.

— Denominational Relations Committee

## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, May 14 *Mother's Day*

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S  
Japanese Worship/227
- 1:00 pm Green Stole Project/301
- 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH  
College Mission Trip to  
Birmingham (return 5/20)

### Monday, May 15

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR
- 7:00 pm Third Monday Meeting/  
Lucky Tree

### Tuesday, May 16

- 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
- 6:45 pm Softball Game/Millbrook  
Exchange Park

### Wednesday, May 17

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
- 12:00 pm WMU Group 7/P
- 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
- 5:00 pm Meal served/FH
- 5:45 pm Announcements and Prayer  
Time/FH  
ITC Board/108
- 6:00 pm Missions Celebration/S
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

### Thursday, May 18

- 7:00 am Band of Brothers/CR
- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 10:30 am Thirty-Niners/FH
- 11:00 am Library Committee/L
- 12:00 pm Yoga Class/302
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
- 7:45 pm Softball Game/Millbrook  
Exchange Park

### Saturday, May 20

- 9:00 am The Bible and Neighboring/S
- 1:00 pm Green Stole Project/301

### Sunday, May 21

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S  
Japanese Worship/227  
Children's Worship/224
- 12:15 pm Deacons' Meeting/220
- 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH

### Monday, May 22

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

### Tuesday, May 23

- 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

### Wednesday, May 24

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
- 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
- 5:00 pm Meal served/FH
- 5:45 pm Announcements and Prayer  
Time/FH
- 6:15 pm Church Conference/FH
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

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*Children*  
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*Youth/College*  
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**Jimmy Thompson**  
*Custodian*

## Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 5/12 – Psalm 22:1-21	Tues 5/23 – Galatians 2:15-21
Sat 5/13 – Psalm 22:22-31	Wed 5/24 – Psalm 27:1-6
Sun 5/14 – Acts 15:1-5	Th 5/25 – Psalm 27:7-14
Mon 5/15 – Acts 15:6-11	Fri 5/26 – Luke 18:9-12
Tue 5/16 – Acts 15:12-17	Sat 5/27 – Luke 18:13-14
Wed 5/17 – Psalm 24	Sun 5/28 – Galatians 3:1-5
Th 5/18 – Luke 2:25-32	Mon 5/29 – Galatians 3:6-9
Fri 5/19 – Psalm 25:1-11	Tues 5/30 – Luke 1:67-70
Sat 5/20 – Psalm 25:12-22	Wed 5/31 – Luke 1:71-75
Sun 5/21 – Galatians 1:13-17	Th 6/1 – Luke 1:76-77
Mon 5/22 – Galatians 2:11-14	Fri 6/2 – Luke 1:78-79

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## The Record We Wrote

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Current Week Revenue	\$12,486.68
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$172,215.01
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$492,967.43
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 5/3/17)	\$6,562.55
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$463,294.61
Heck-Jones Offering	\$3,680.00

## Deacon on Call

May 14-20  
 Beth Jones

May 21-27  
 Kimberly Taylor

May 28 – June 2  
 Tyson Graves

## Among Our Family

Sympathy to **Teresa Teague** on the April 23 death of her mother, **Connie Teague** of Hudson; to **Gerry Leet** on the April 24 death of his son, **Dr. Douglas Leet**; to **Nancy Moore Phillips** on the April 24 death of her father, **Jack Moore**; and to **Carol Millen** on the May 4 death of her mother, **Mary Louise Hunnicutt** of Hartsville SC.

## Food and Faith at FBC\*

### May 17

Lemon Ginger Chicken Salad  
 Lentil Salad with Goat Cheese and Tomatoes  
 Roasted Vegetable Salad  
 Rosemary Focaccia  
 Green Salad  
 Dessert

### May 24

Clean out the Freezer Medley (including, but not limited to, cheesy brussels sprouts with bacon, squash casserole, mac and cheese, sweet potatoes, and green beans)  
 Beef Entrée  
 Salad  
 Bread  
 Dessert

\*Menus are subject to change

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### Thursday, May 25

7:00 am Band of Brothers/CR  
 10:30 am Thirty-Niners/FH  
 11:00 am Library Committee/L  
 12:00 pm Yoga Class/302  
 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

### Friday, May 26

Pathfinders Retreat to Caswell (return 5/28)

### Sunday, May 28

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

### Monday, May 29

Memorial Day – Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 30

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

### Wednesday, May 31

10:00 am Clothing Ministry  
 5:00 pm Pullen Park Picnic/Shelter 4

### Thursday, June 1

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

### Sunday, June 4 Ironman Race

9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service/S  
 Japanese Worship/227  
 12:15 pm Rise Against Hunger Packing Event/FH  
 5:30 pm Youth Group/FH