



# First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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## Church Conference

Wednesday, February 28  
6:20 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

## Directory Photos, Round 2

It's directory season, and we want YOU to have your photo included in the 2018 church directory! Those that had pictures taken in the first round seemed to find the pressure-free experience to be a refreshing change. Most people are in and out the door in less than 20 minutes. Missed the last session? Never fear! We'll be back February 27-28 and you can sign up for your slot at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b45adae2da46-fbcdirectory>.

Many thanks to those who had photos made in early February. Our photographer is busy editing and will have proofs in your personal online gallery very soon. We hope you'll love the images Amaris and Olivia captured, and if you do, we hope you'll consider supporting them by purchasing those you love. (But of course, no pressure!) If looking at photos on the computer is tricky for you, please contact Jen Foster. She's happy to help you with viewing and ordering!

## Search Committee Update

I'm honored to serve as the chair of the search committee for the Minister with Community position. As a committee, we believe that keeping our church family updated is a critical part of our work, so you'll be hearing from us often in the months to come. We began meeting in early January and have spent the last month gathering information, talking with those who can help us do this work well. We've looked into similar positions in other places, and we've researched the best ways to reach great candidates. The Personnel Committee gave us a fantastic head start; your input at their listening sessions painted a clear picture of the church's vision for this role.

It's important for all of us to remember what a unique skill set we're looking for. We're not trying to fill Lin Carter's shoes – he's one of a kind! – and we're not trying to drag Mike Morris out of retirement. The Minister with Community will be focused primarily on our downtown community, with an eye toward teaching us all how to engage with our neighbors. The right person will see the face of God in every single person around us, from those who live in fancy condos next door to those who visit our clothing ministry, and everyone in between.

How can you help? We'd love for you to identify people who might be a good fit in this role. FBC is full of people who know people. If you know of someone who is passionate about community ministry, tell us! We hope that the position will be posted within the next month or so, and we'll rely on you to help us spread the word.

But even more, we covet your prayers. Pray for wisdom and discernment in our search, and pray that we'll sense God's guidance at every step in the process.

— Jen Foster

## Caswell Retreat: Last Call to Register

Looking for a place to lay your head during the weekend of April 13-15? There's a bunk bed that has YOUR name written all over it at Caswell during our churchwide retreat! Our registration deadline is Wednesday, February 21, just days away, so claim your space now by emailing Lynn at [lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org).

Here's a quick recap on the details:

**What?** FBC Churchwide Retreat

**When?** April 13-15

**Where?** Fort Caswell on Oak Island

**How much?** \$70/person with a \$200 cap for families

**Theme?** We'll focus on the qualities of community that create a welcoming, inviting environment for all as we enjoy small groups, worship, recreation, crafts, morning and evening devotional times on the beach, free time, and meals together.

We hope you can join this time together!

— Lynn, Chris, Trey, and Mary Alice

MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE 21ST CENTURY

## From the Pastor

I just got back from attending a couple of conferences in Florida where it was cooler than usual for Florida, but much warmer than here. So, do not hear this as a complaint! The first conference was in Winter Park, at Gladdening Light, a conference that addresses the intersection of art and spirituality, the idea of spreading light and truth throughout the world. It was a fabulous conference with NPR's Krista Tippett giving the keynote lecture and guiding a panel of artists, musicians, and a film critic. It provided a different lens through which to view spirituality, a different beginning point for analysis and reflection, which I found liberating. We all tend to get stuck in our frames of reference and thus limit the possibilities of understanding. God and the spiritual life are ever more than we imagine.

The second conference was in Deland at Stetson University, a fine Baptist School with a rich heritage. The speakers were Bill Leonard from Wake Forest University Divinity School, Jim Wallis from Sojourners, Carolyn Sharp from Yale Divinity School and Kandy Queen-Sutherland from Stetson. Anyone who knows any of these speakers knows how rich an experience this conference was. The wisdom, scholarship, and love for the church these four exude provided all the inspiration needed, but the diverse gathering of clergy who attend this conference added layers of meaning and value.

All of this is to say I had an enriching week and Dana was able to go with me, and I am grateful yet again for this church's recognition of how valuable continuing education is for all our clergy. From ongoing continuing education experiences all the way to time for study leave which Trey Davis is now taking, these experiences not only keep us more up-to-date on new learning, they enable us to keep growing in our

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## Coffee Team Volunteers Needed

The Food Services Committee is looking for Coffee Team members to assist with maintaining the coffee station by the kitchen prior to Sunday School. No experience is needed. We are creating a cadre to serve just one month at a time and just once a year. The duty is simple, enjoyable, and a great way to meet everyone. The initial set up is done beforehand, and your duty will begin at 9:20 a.m. and end at 9:50 a.m. If a schedule conflict occurs, fellow members should be able to cover at a moment's notice. Once the team is established, we will set up training for all and develop a schedule based on availability.

If interested, please contact Brad Harvey at [bharvey@poolprofessionals.com](mailto:bharvey@poolprofessionals.com). ■



*The 2018 Honduras Team returned safely on February 5 after serving for a week in Tapatoca, Honduras, building a home for Amalia Espinal and her family. To see more photos and learn about their experiences, visit <http://fbchonduras2018.blogspot.com/>.*

## Gifts Received

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received in January 2018.

### Capital Repair & Replacement Fund

*In Memory of:*  
Guy Jones  
Gerry Leet  
William F. Morris Jr.  
Dorothy S. Perry  
Grace A. Swann

### Clothing Ministry

*In Memory of:*  
Rachel Tucker  
*In Honor of:*  
Bob & Dolores Bailey

### Day Mission Fund

*In Memory of:*  
Eloise Sumerel  
Rachel Tucker

### General Fund

*In Memory of:*  
William F. Morris Jr.

### Joy C. Hager Veteran's Assistance Fund

*In Memory of:*  
Douglas Hager

### Music Ministry Fund

*In Memory of:*  
J. Frank Thomerson

### Tucker Scholarship Fund

*In Memory of:*  
Rachel Tucker

# CBFNC General Assembly in March

**Knollwood Baptist Church**  
Winston-Salem  
March 15-17

For information and to register, visit [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org).



## Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

The Reverend Paul Anderson will speak at Centerpoint on Wednesday, February 21. He is pastor of The Fountain of Raleigh, having previously served as pastor of Baptist Grove Church in Raleigh for seventeen and a half years and as pastor of Rock Spring Baptist Church in Creedmoor. He is the married father of two sons, a graduate of NCCU and Southeastern Seminary, and a volunteer chaplain for the Raleigh Police Department. He comes with an invitation to speak to current realities of racial division as an African-American pastor of a diverse congregation. He is an engaging speaker with keen insight and significant community involvement, in addition to personal investment in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The Reverend Anderson's voice is one we need to hear, especially at a time such as this. ■

### Centerpoint Menus

**February 21**

- Chicken Pot Pie
- Fried Apples
- Salad
- Bread

*Non-Meat Option: Veggie Pot Pie*

*Children's Menu: Chicken Salad Sandwiches*

**February 28**

- Salmon
- Herbed Rice
- Vegetables
- Non-Meat Option: Veggie Chicken Patties*
- Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets*

### Welcome New Member

Rae Moorhead joined on January 28 by Letter from Memorial Baptist Church, Crossville TN.

### Week at a Glance

**Sunday, February 18**

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S  
Children's Worship/224  
Japanese Worship/227

- 12:15 pm Commission on Community  
Ministries/301

- 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
- 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH

**Monday, February 19**

- 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards' home

**Tuesday, February 20**

- 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/Helms' Home

**Wednesday, February 21**

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
- 12:00 pm WMU Group 7/P
- 4:45 pm Children's Bells/307
- 5:00 pm Meal Served/FH
- 5:30 pm Backpack Buddies Packing/302
- 5:45 pm ITC Board/108
- 6:00 pm Announcements and Prayer  
Time/FH  
Missions and Music  
Evening Bells/307

- 6:20 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

**Thursday, February 22**

- 7:00 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 23**

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool

**Sunday, February 25**

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

- 12:15 pm Deacons' Meeting/220
- 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
- 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH

**Monday, February 26**

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P
- 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards' home

**Tuesday, February 27**

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
- 10:30 am WMU Group 2/Springmoor
- 3:00 pm Directory Photos/108
- 6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh Times
- 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Helms' Home

**Wednesday, February 28**

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool

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**STAFF**

**Ministers**  
*All members of the church*

**Denise Arnold**  
*Pastor's Administrative Assistant*

**Christopher Chapman**  
*Pastor*

**Trey Davis**  
*Youth/College*

**J. Daniel Day**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

**Troy Dye**  
*Food Services*

**Wayne Hager**  
*Church Administrator*

**Donna G. Jolly**  
*Organist*

**Lynn Lingafelt**  
*Children*

**Deborah Mastrodonato**  
*Staff Administrative Assistant*

**Rodney Mobley**  
*Lead Custodian*

**Mary Alice Seals**  
*Music/Senior Adults*

**Jimmy Thompson**  
*Custodian*

## Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 2/16 – Psalm 23	Sat 2/24 – Psalm 104:27-30
Sat 2/17 – Psalm 27:1-4	Sun 2/25 – John 13:1-2a
Sun 2/18 – John 11:1-7	Mon 2/26 – John 13:2b-5
Mon 2/19 – John 11:8-16	Tues 2/27 – John 13:6-8
Tue 2/20 – John 11:17-27	Wed 2/28 – John 13:9-11
Wed 2/21 – John 11:28-32	Th 3/1 – John 13:12-15
Th 2/22 – John 11:33-37	Fri 3/2 – John 13:16-17
Fri 2/23 – John 11:38-44	

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### The Record We Wrote

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Current Week Revenue	\$44,063.63
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$44,063.63
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$212,010.42
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 2/6/18)	\$15,899.93
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$123,022.19

### Deacon on Call

February 18-24  
 Holly Ivel

February 25 – March 3  
 Sam Ewell

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faith and to find time and space for renewal. No one benefits from being stagnant. Individuals and churches never stay where we are because the waters of life are not calm. We are either moving forward or moving backward. And sometimes, if we are not careful, we reach down deep into the reservoir of our souls and find no spiritual water to withdraw. We have to replenish the well of our being constantly and one of the ways we do this is through well-chosen continuing education experiences.

So, thank you for this gift which benefits us all! Thank you for all the ways in which you create space to help nurture your servant leaders in ministry! **CC**

### Among Our Family

Sympathy to Diane Brinkerhoff on the January 25 death of her mother, Margery Brinkerhoff of IN; to Grady Harris on the January 29 death of his wife, Joyce Harris; and to Nancy Hunter on the February 7 death of her mother, Dorothy Veatch of KY. ■

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Wednesday, February 28 continued

- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
- 3:00 pm Directory Photos/108
- 4:45 pm Children's Bells/307
- 5:00 pm Meal Served/FH
- 5:30 pm Backpack Buddies Packing/302
- 6:00 pm Announcements and Prayer Time/FH
- Missions and Music Evening Bells/307
- 6:20 pm Church Conference/FH
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, March 1

- 7:00 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, March 2

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- Youth Choir Festival by the Sea (returning 3/4)

Sunday, March 4

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service, Communion/S
- Japanese Worship/227
- 12:15 pm RA Car Race/FH