



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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New Directory in Process

It's picture time! We hope you've already signed up for your slot to get church directory photos taken – and maybe signed up to get your hair done in preparation! Time is running out – photos will be taken Friday, February 2, through Sunday, February 4. Visit the church website to sign up.

We promise that this session will be far different than directory photos you've experienced in the past. There's no arm twisting to buy on site. All photos will be available in a personal gallery about 2 weeks after the session. You'll be able to purchase prints and/or digital images – but the choice is truly up to you.

And if you can't make it this weekend, our make up dates will be February 27-28. Sign ups for those dates will be available after the first weekend of pictures.

Smile Pretty!

Welcoming Everyone at the Table

Our celebration of communion is such an important part of our worship life and it is certainly an experience in which all Christ-followers should be able to participate without adverse physical consequences. Upon learning that our communion wafers prevent some in our congregation from participating in this sacred ritual, we began

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Ash Wednesday Service on February 14

As a Baptist congregation that follows the Christian year, we allow the Jesus story to shape our lives throughout the year and we allow a sacred calendar to shape worship. By doing so we are borrowing from other Christian traditions, while making them our own. To begin the season of Lent we will have an Ash Wednesday service, providing an opportunity to deepen our journey of faith, strengthen our ties to other believers, and root our practices in a long and sacred history. The service will be held on February 14 at 6:30 p.m. and will include congregational singing, prayers of confession and assurance, and a brief homily. The central act of worship will be the imposition of ashes in the shape of a cross, as we speak these words, "From dust you have come, and to dust you will return." These ashes (created by burning the palm fronds from last year's Palm Sunday service) offer a sign of our mortality and penance, a confession of our frailty and need for God. Our willingness to receive them demonstrates our commitment to self-examination as well as our openness to God's grace.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. (please make a reservation by noon on Monday, February 12). Preschool missions and music classes will follow the regular Wednesday evening schedule. Elementary-age children will gather with Lynn Lingafelt at 6:00 p.m. for a time of preparation prior to joining their parents for the service. Children's Bells will meet at the usual time of 4:45 p.m.

Our Ash Wednesday service provides sacred space in which to begin a season of spiritual renewal. All are invited to participate in this special service in which we allow our faces to get dirty as we long for cleansing in our hearts. ■

Have You Registered for the Retreat?

This is our last call for our Caswell Churchwide Retreat. We want **you** to be there! If you're looking for a fun way to spend a spring weekend at the beach, sign up now for one of the remaining spots for our intergenerational retreat at Fort Caswell on April 13-15. Our February 21 deadline is just around the corner.

As I type this, we have seventy-two people signed up, ages ranging from one to seventy-one (give or take a few years!), and we would love for YOU to fill the remaining spots! We have four private rooms left and about thirty bunk beds. Please contact llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org to reserve your spot.

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.

The cost for the weekend (i.e. two nights plus four meals) will be \$70/person, with a \$200 maximum to make it more affordable for larger families. If you would rather find your own accommodations on Oak Island but participate in the retreat, the cost

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From the Pastor

As we begin a new year, there are many reasons to be excited about the life of our church. We are doing a new pictorial directory, a process few love, but all benefit from immensely as it helps us get to know each other and build a stronger community. We are searching for a minister to fill a new role relating to the downtown community, a role we trust will stretch us and challenge us to grow in many ways. We are studying our facilities, how we use them now, how we might use them in the future, and what we might need to do in order to enhance and/or better utilize our space. We are inviting members to make requests to use the extra money we have for mission projects, large and small (there is a link to more details and applications on the homepage of the church website). And we are looking forward to our second annual churchwide retreat in April. If that's not enough to excite you, I'm not sure what we can do within the constraints of national law and church tradition.

All of these endeavors are designed to strengthen our sense of community and enhance our ability to reach out to the world around us. In the words of Ephesians 4:12, they are intended to equip us for the work of ministry and building up of the body of Christ. You may not be able to participate in everything, but I encourage you to be as involved as possible. At any given time, the more we invest ourselves in anything, including the life of the church, the more we get out of the experience. But at this particular time, much is happening that will have a significant impact on the future. You are invited to be part of this impact by helping shape the way we relate to each other here and now, the way we plan for the future with God's guidance, and the way we minister to the

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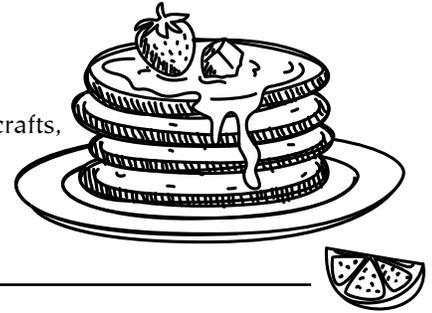
Join in the Shrove Tuesday Fun

Tuesday, February 13

5:30-7:30 p.m.

\$5 per person/\$20 max per family

Come enjoy a night of jazz music, Mardi Gras crafts, games, and design-your-own pancakes with tons of topping options! Tickets are available on Sundays and Wednesdays in the Lewis Building Lobby. ■



Church Conference Highlights

Highlights of the January 24, 2018, Church Conference include:

- Approved Properties Committee recommendation for expenditures for replacement of basement sump pumps, replacement of the computer server and 3 computers, upgrades to the pastor's restroom and the choir restrooms, and a property usage and inventory study. The estimated total of all items approved was \$65,280.
- Approved Finance Committee recommendation that this year's ceiling amount for the Repair and Replacement Fund be established at \$500,000.
- Approved Finance Committee recommendation that \$100,000 from income earnings be transferred from the Maintenance Endowment to the Capital Repair and Replacement Fund.
- Approved Nominating Committee recommendation for Greeters and Ushers Committee.
- Received reports from the Board of Trustees, the Search Committee for Community Minister, and the Church Council. Applications for both the major downtown mission project (\$50,000) and small mission projects (\$5000 per project up to \$26,000) are now available and will be received until March 14.

— Beth Tyner Jones, Church Clerk



A group of 64 from FBC traveled to West Virginia for our annual ski trip. Skiers of all ages enjoyed a day on the slopes, cooking and eating together, and worship surrounded by the beautiful Appalachian Mountains. Thanks to everyone who made the trip possible!

CBFNC Gathering to Focus on Nurturing Healthy Congregations

Resolutions made at the start of the new year often center around making ourselves more physically fit. “Fit Church...Nurturing Healthy Congregations” is the theme for the Annual Gathering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC) scheduled for Thursday, March 15, through Saturday, March 17, 2018, at Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

The Thursday schedule includes two ticketed events: a Leadership Institute and a “Tunes and Tales” time with storyteller David Holt and musician and storyteller Josh Goforth. Both will entertain and inspire with their music and engaging tales.

On Friday the times for workshops, children’s activities, and worship begin with opportunities to feed the head and heart. Worship experiences with other NC Baptists are particularly joyful and uplifting. Expand your knowledge about the many mission and service activities we are an integral part of with other CBFNC Baptists and partners throughout the meeting time.

For a full schedule, go to www.cbfnc.org/events/fitchurch and see what part of the gathering will work for you. Through participation, you are given the opportunity to enhance your personal spiritual journey and work on your “fitness” for living out your faith in the church and world.

— Austin Connors
Denominational Relations Committee



Centerpoint Menus

February 7 BBQ Pork Cole Slaw Baked Beans Potato Salad Green Beans <i>Non-Meat Option: Side items</i> <i>Children's Menu: Hot Dog and Chips</i>	February 14 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Cabbage Salad Bread <i>Non-Meat Option: Veggie Patties in Mushroom Gravy</i> <i>Children's Menu: Mac 'n' Cheese</i>	February 21 Chicken Pot Pie Fried Apples Salad Bread <i>Non-Meat Option: Veggie Pot Pie</i> <i>Children's Menu: Chicken Salad Sandwiches</i>
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will be \$25/person, which covers the cost of supplies and meals (three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday). Please indicate these wishes as well when you sign up.

We hope you can join this time together!

— Lynn, Chris, Trey, and Mary Alice

Week at a Glance

- Sunday, February 4**
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service, Communion/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 12:15 pm Music Committee/CR
 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
 6:00 pm Youth Group/Yerxas' home
- Monday, February 5**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards' Home
- Tuesday, February 6**
 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 7**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 3:45 pm Works in Progress/CR
 4:45 pm Children's Bells/307
 5:00 pm Meal Served/FH
 WMU Group 6/108
 5:30 pm Backpack Buddies Packing/302
 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 8**
 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
 2:30 pm Clothing Ministry Committee/CR
 3:00 pm Backpack Buddies Delivery
- Friday, February 9**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- Sunday, February 11**
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service, Baptism/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 12:00 pm Commission on Mission and Witness/301, 302
 Unity Class Chili Cookoff/FH
 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH
- Monday, February 12**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards' Home
- Tuesday, February 13**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
 10:30 am WMU Group 2/Springmoor
 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/FH
- Wednesday, February 14**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry

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Ministers
All members of the church

Denise Arnold
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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 2/2 – John 3:20-21	Sat 2/10 – Psalm 42
Sat 2/3 – Psalm 139:13-18	Sun 2/11 – John 9:1-12
Sun 2/4 – John 4:1-6	Mon 2/12 – John 9:13-23
Mon 2/5 – John 4:7-15	Tues 2/13 – John 9:24-41
Tue 2/6 – John 4:16-26	Wed 2/14 – John 10:1-10
Wed 2/7 – John 4:27-30	Th 2/15 – John 10:11-18
Th 2/8 – John 4:31-38	Fri 2/16 – Psalm 23
Fri 2/9 – John 4:39-42	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Current Week Revenue	\$50,207.23
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$121,149.92
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$121,149.92
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 1/23/18)	\$71,432.19
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$71,432.19
Global Missions Offering	\$13,121.00

Deacon on Call

February 4-10
 Mallory Underwood

February 11-17
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 community in which we live. Your voice is needed, your presence is needed, you are needed, in all of these ways and many more. **CC**

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 offering gluten-free bread to those with this need. We also began offering a separate station with gluten-free bread during services in which we celebrate communion by intinction (Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve).

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread during communion services, please contact Mary Alice Seals (maseals@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 215). Let's welcome all safely to the Lord's Table.

Among Our Family

Sympathy to Ed Tucker and Randy Tucker on the January 16 death of their mother, Rachel Tucker; to Walt Barnes on the January 23 death of his sister, Nancy Barnes; and to Diane Brinkerhoff on the January 25 death of her mother, Margery Brinkerhoff of IN. ■

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Wednesday, February 14 continued

- 3:45 pm Works in Progress/CR
- 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 for Preschoolers
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service/S
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, February 15

- 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
- 5:45 pm Finance Committee/CR

Friday, February 16

- 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
- 10:30 am Japanese-American Cultural Exchange/Duke Chapel

Sunday, February 18

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S
- Children's Worship/224
- Japanese Worship/227
- 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
- 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH