



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Church Conference

Wednesday, January 24
6:20 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Guest Preacher on January 28

Dr. Dan Day, *Pastor Emeritus*, will be preaching on Sunday, January 28, in the absence of Dr. Chapman.

Active Adults Who Learn, Serve, and Go

Each Thursday a group of energetic adults gathers in the Fellowship Hall for informative programs and fellowship over lunch. Taking its name from Jack Benny who claimed to be 39 regardless of his actual age, this group is called The Thirty-Niners and is open to any adult age 55 or older. Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with a nutritious lunch at the very affordable price of \$3. In addition to enjoying a variety of programs, the group takes periodic trips (day trips or an occasional overnight trip) to interesting locales in NC and participates in several service projects.

If you desire more information about joining The Thirty-Niners, contact Mary Alice Seals at maseals@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 215.

Churchwide Retreat at Caswell in April

If you're looking to build community, strengthen relationships with God and others, and have fun at the beach with all ages of our church, have we got a retreat for you!

During the weekend of April 13-15, we're offering a second intergenerational retreat at Fort Caswell (on Oak Island, NC) to explore the theme of neighboring. 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 have reserved five cottages – Redwine, Riverside A and B, Sand Dune, and Yucca and can accommodate up to 144 people in those five cottages. Sleeping arrangements range from single gender bunk rooms to rooms with double beds to a few rooms with a double bed and bunk. It will be communal living – but that's part of the fun of getting to know each other! Youth and 3rd - 5th grade children can attend without their parents as long as we have individuals who are dedicated to help chaperone during free times and transitions.

The cost for the weekend (two nights plus four meals) will be \$70/person. This year, we're offering a \$200 maximum to make it more affordable for larger families! Our time together will begin after supper on Friday and will end after worship on Sunday morning.

Space is limited, so please contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) no later than Wednesday, February 21 if you are interested in being a part of this weekend retreat. Private bedrooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

If you want to participate in the retreat but would rather find your own accommodations on Oak Island, the cost will be \$25/person, which covers the cost of meals (three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday) and supplies. Please indicate these wishes when you sign up.

Because we know not everyone will be able to join us at Caswell, we will also have Sunday School and worship at First Baptist on Sunday, April 15.

We hope you can join this time together!

— Lynn Lingafelt

Honduras Team Departs Soon

A team from FBC will depart on January 29 to serve in Honduras through February 5. The team will be building a home for a family of four in the village of Tapatoca, near Choluteca. The family's home was washed away in heavy rains last year.

As internet service is available, blog posts and/or photos will be shared at <https://fbchonduras2018.blogspot.com/>.

Team members are: John Baldwin, Joel Brown, Steve Brown, Tom Childrey, Alexis Dobbs, Dennis Ellis, Beau Jones, Keith Lewis, Ron McCollum, Jeremy Petty, Suzanne Sanford, and Tommy Stone. A commissioning service will be held during the January 28 worship service. Please keep the team members in your prayers as they travel and serve. ■

From the Pastor

We co-hosted the MLK service for state government employees again this year. It was a moving service, as always, but the Governor's staff made a special effort this year to keep the service to about an hour, and that effort was much appreciated by all. I took time to thank those staff members who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the service the smooth-flowing yet well managed experience that it was. In like manner, Sunday morning in worship I noted the extra work Mary Alice Seals did behind the scenes with the Governor's staff and UNC-TV to make sure sound and video concerns were addressed just as thoroughly.

Whenever there is an event of any significance, it is almost always the case that there are many people working diligently behind the scenes to make things go smoothly. Inevitably there are some who must play more visible roles, but without the behind-the-scenes work, those in the more visible roles would not be able to accomplish much. In fact, most of church life is this way. I think of the funeral committee helping assist families in grief, Rodney and Jimmy setting up and tearing down for every service and special event we have, Sunday School teachers and choir members, music and mission leaders, clothing ministry volunteers and youth leaders, committee members and others in no official capacity carrying paintbrushes and hammers, all just going about their work week after week. Most of the work is not very visible, but it makes possible the ministry that we do; it is a vital part of the ministry that we do.

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Pictorial Directory Coming Soon

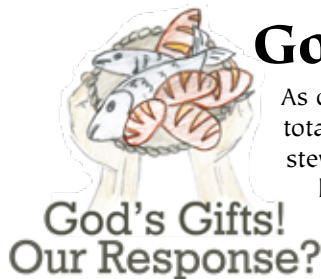
Can you believe it's been **SIX** years since we've had a church directory printed? Get ready because 2018 is the year we're taking the pain out of pictures! (No, really.) No high-pressure sales to sit through after your session, and no pressure to buy. Our fabulous photographer will be taking directory photos on February 2-4, 2018. A couple weeks later, you'll get access to an online gallery of your photos, and you can choose to purchase prints or digital copies.

An online sign up form will be coming soon, and we'll be available after church on Sundays and Wednesdays to help those who need a hand with the online form.

Mark your calendars! ■

Inclement Weather Information

In the event of inclement weather, cancellation information about scheduled activities will be noted on a recorded greeting obtained by calling the office at 919-832-4485. Information will also be supplied to: WRALTV (1st Baptist, Salisbury St), WTVD-TV (First Baptist Church-Salisbury St.), www.fbcraleigh.org, Twitter: (@fbcraleigh), and Facebook (First Baptist Church Raleigh). When possible, emails will be sent to various groups within the congregation via the Constant Contact list and other distribution lists (choirs, Sunday School classes, etc.). ■



God's Gifts! Our Response?

As of January 11, we have received 171 stewardship cards totaling \$1,079,098.68. Your gift matters! Please return your stewardship card to the church, or you may pledge online at <http://fbcraleigh.org/give/2018-pledge-form/>. We ask that those who give via VANCO also submit a stewardship card via this link. ■

Members Only Section Available Online

By way of reminder, a MEMBERS ONLY section is available on the FBC website through which members of the congregation may conveniently access 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. A form is also included there for sharing confidential prayer requests with the Pastor.

The Members Only section is reserved for FBC church or Sunday School members. To review the guidelines and to request access, visit www.fbcraleigh.org and look for MEMBERS ONLY ACCESS on the top toolbar. ■

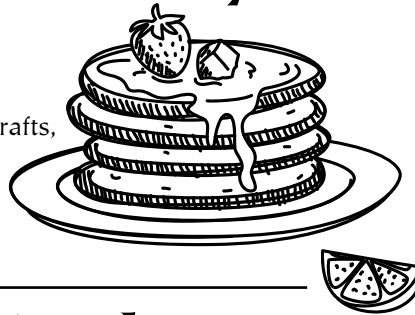
Go Paperless with First Foundations

As you start the New Year, please consider receiving this newsletter electronically rather than in hard copy via the US Postal Service. E-delivery is easy, you'll get the newsletter earlier, and it will save the church on the cost of printing and postage. To take advantage of this option, visit www.fbcraleigh.org and click on the FBC Newsletter Sign Up link. Once you complete the process you'll begin receiving a notification via email each time a new issue of the newsletter is available. ■

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 will be available on Sundays and Wednesdays in the Lewis Building Lobby beginning January 31. ■



Gifts Received

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received in December 2017.

Brewer-Johnson SS Class Fund

In Honor & Memory of:
 All class members, past & present

General Fund

In Honor of:
 Jim & Margaret Clary
 FBC Ministers & Staff
 Randall & Lou Lolley
 Robert Ponton, Chair of Deacons

Joy C. Hager Veteran's Assistance Fund

In Memory of:
 Joy C. Hager
 Douglas Hager

Music Ministry Fund

In Memory of:
 C. Allen Burris
In Honor of:
 Jane R. Burris

Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

January 31: Kim and Marc Wyatt, CBF missionaries to internationals in the Triangle will share about their work. They were instrumental in laying groundwork for the local Swahili congregation led by Pastors Nicole and Felix Iyoko who were proclaimers for our church's Global Missions emphasis. They also coordinate the work of the Welcome House, a first, short-term home for refugees. The Wyatts' presentations are always inspiring and enlightening. ■

Centerpoint Menus

January 24
 Chicken
 Rice and Gravy
 Vegetable Medley: Carrots, Broccoli, Cauliflower
 Salad
 Bread
Non-Meat Option: Lemon Orzo with Peas
Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets

January 31
 BBQ Pork
 Coleslaw
 Baked Beans
 Potato Salad
 Green Beans
Non-Meat Option: Side items
Children's Menu: Hot Dogs and Chips

Words of Thanks

Our Clothing Ministry served over 3,200 people during 2017. The generosity of clothing donations, financial help, and volunteering from our church family and numerous partners have made this ministry possible.

Your help and God's blessing have enabled this ministry to continue to grow. Thank you.
 — The Clothing Ministry Committee

Week at a Glance

- Sunday, January 21**
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S
 Children's Worship/224
 Japanese Worship/227
- Monday, January 22**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P
 5:30 pm Deacons' Meeting/302
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards' home
- Tuesday, January 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
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Helms' Home
- Wednesday, January 24**
 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
 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, January 25**
 7:00 am Band of Brothers/CR
 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
- Sunday, January 28**
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH
- Monday, January 29**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards' home
 Honduras Mission Trip (return 2/5)
- Tuesday, January 30**
 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, January 31**
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STAFF

Ministers
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Denise Arnold
Pastor's Administrative Assistant

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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 1/19 – Psalm 104:10-13	Sat 1/27 – Psalm 69:6-15
Sat 1/20 – Psalm 104:14-16	Sun 1/28 – John 3:1-3
Sun 1/21 – John 2:13-15	Mon 1/29 – John 3:4-10
Mon 1/22 – John 2:16-17	Tues 1/30 – John 3:11-15
Tue 1/23 – John 2:18-21	Wed 1/31 – John 3:16-17
Wed 1/24 – John 2:22-23	Th 2/1 – John 3:18-19
Th 1/25 – John 2:24-25	Fri 2/2 – John 3:20-21
Fri 1/26 – Psalm 127:1-2	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Current Week Revenue	\$54,442.88
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$54,442.88
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$54,442.88
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 1/9/18)	\$16,979.26
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$16,979.26
Global Missions Offering	\$12,432.00

Deacon on Call

January 21-27
 Chuck Nichols

January 28 - February 4
 Zach Padgett

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“God’s Scut Work” - a former president of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia called it. It is noble work whether it is seen and recognized or not. But in the church, we ought to see and recognize it because it is the stuff discipleship is made of; it is the stuff following Jesus is made of - doing what needs to be done, serving others in humble ways, quietly going about our work. I am thankful to be part of a church where so many good people are willing to do God’s Scut Work and where such work is recognized as significant. If you are thankful too, take a moment to say thanks to someone who is serving in this way. CC

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Wednesday, January 31 continued
 6:20 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, February 1
 7:00 am Band of Brothers/CR
 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 2
 Pictorial Directory Photographs/
 108 & 110 (through 2/4)

Sunday, February 4
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service, Communion/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
 6:00 pm Youth Group/Yexas’ home

Among Our Family

Sympathy to the family of Eloise Sumerel, who died on January 2.
 Sympathy also to the family of Dot Perry, who died on January 3. And
 sympathy to the family of Grace Swann, who died on January 6. ■