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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Deacon Ordination on January 7

On Sunday, January 7, seven new deacons will be ordained during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. They are Jay Carothers, Jen Foster, Wes Fulk, Holly Ivel, Sarah Lingafelt, Will Poteat, and Brad Pressley. Please join us for this special service.

2018 Church Conference Schedule

Regularly scheduled Church Conferences will be held on the following dates in 2018.

January 24	September 26
February 28	October 24
April 25	November 28
May 23	December 19
August 22	

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: WRAL-TV (1st Baptist, Salisbury St), WTVD-TV (First Baptist Church-Salisbury St.), www.fbcraleigh.org, Twitter: (@fbcraleigh), and Facebook (First Baptist Church Raleigh).



Cows, horses, sheep, and camels filled our sanctuary on the Wednesday before Christmas, as did shepherds, wise men, and a heavenly host of angels. They all gathered around Mary and Joseph and the babe in the manger as we imagined the scene of Jesus' birth in that Bethlehem stable thousands of years ago. Joy abounded, then as now.



Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

Many of us like to sample the rich variety of ethnic foods that are now offered here in the Triangle. The Committee on Internationals invites us to sample the rich variety of international flavors that is already a part of the FBC family.

A three week "tasting" will be offered on Wednesday evenings in January. On January 10 our speaker will be Divine Kumah who is from Ghana. He, along with his wife Erika and two lovely daughters, became a part of the FBC family several months

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MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE 21ST CENTURY

From the Pastor

As most of you know by now, Trey Davis is on Study Leave until March 5, working on the final requirements for his D.Min. at Duke Divinity School. Study Leave is a gracious gift our church provides and a wise way of investing in the continuing development of our ministers. While Trey is away, the youth and college ministries are being covered by an array of lay leaders known to the youth and college systems of our church. Trey has taken study leave before and the leadership team he has in place even while he is here has stepped up to keep the ministries going. We trust that these leaders will manage matters well again, but don't hesitate to contact the church office if you have any questions about specific activities.

The one gap both the staff and personnel committee identified as important to cover in a different way during this time is pastoral care. In addition to leading specific ministries of the church, each minister assists in providing pastoral care to the church as a whole. Especially given the fact that we are already one minister short of a full staff, we all felt like being another minister short for thirteen weeks might make it difficult to provide the care we want to provide. The truth is even with a full staff, there is more we wish we could do.

So, we have persuaded Dennis Herman to assist us 10 hours a week during this period. He would like me to underscore the fact that he is not doing youth ministry, so I will do that. But I am more interested in underscoring his gifts for pastoral care ministry. Dennis came to us with his wife Betsy several years ago when he retired from pastoral ministry at Greystone Baptist Church here in Raleigh. Before that, he served as pastor or associate pastor of multiple Virginia Baptist churches

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Conference Highlights

Highlights of the December 13, 2017, conference include:

- Approval of Nominating Committee recommendations for a number of committees.
- Properties Committee report on Lewis Building cooling tower and two broken sump pumps in the basement.
- Finance Committee update on the budget, a report on a review of restricted accounts with no defined purpose or existing beneficiary organizations, and a resolution of appreciation for Renee Fulk's significant work on the Finance Committee.
- Personnel Committee report regarding the hiring of a Food Services Director, an update on the Minister with Community search committee, and approval of ministerial housing allowances for 2018.
- Robert Ponton reported that the *ad hoc* Building Use Committee is looking at two architectural firms to study the existing utilization of the church's space and facilities.
- Sabrina Tyndall reported that through Toy Joy the church served 242 families representing 800 children this year.
- Tom Childrey and Matt Bullard spoke about a proposal to create a music endowment from funds received from the Robert Lewis estate. Mr. Bullard acknowledged the generosity of the gift from Mr. Lewis and explained the avenue by which the church conference could take the actions described by Mr. Childrey.
- Mr. Ponton announced that Ann Rollins will serve as the 2018 Deacon Chair and Church Moderator, Tyson Graves as Vice Chair, Hollis Yelverton as Secretary, and Kimberly Taylor as Assistant Secretary.

— Jessica B. Helms

Words of Thanks

Come and visit our Clothing Ministry and see some of what you have provided for our neighbors in need. You will see only some because many new coats, shirts, and pants along with many used items of clothing have already reached people benefitting from them in the cold weather.

Your generous gifts of clothing and money have enabled our Clothing Ministry to meet immediate needs, yet keep the racks filled as we prepare for continuing requests from children and adults. Your gifts have been complemented by gifts from churches and individuals far and wide.

Just a quick look should make you even more excited about this ministry of our church. Thank you for your gifts and your prayers as we reach out to "the least of these" in the name of Christ. ■

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ago. He will take us on his spiritual and professional journey from the ethnic and religious tensions in his native land to his job teaching physics at NCSU and to his family decision to cast their lot with this part of the Body of Christ at FBC.

Our seminar on January 17 will feature a panel with several persons giving us an additional glimpse of the international flavor of our church. Erika Kumah (Ecuador), Hiromi Price (Japan), Ebele Saint Louis (Nigeria), and Sheeza Shamoan (Pakistan) will address how we can grow in our openness to brothers and sisters from around the world. They will also help us see FBC from their eyes.

Our third "tasting" on January 31 will be served by Kim and Marc Wyatt, CBF missionaries to internationals in the Triangle. 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. The Wyatts also coordinate the work of the Welcome House, a first, short-term home for refugees. Their presentations are always inspiring and enlightening.

Tastings can lead us to savor new flavors, new friends, and more fervent witness to the God who offers good news to all people through Jesus Christ. ■



There were five a.m. gravy stirrers and biscuit makers at FBC. There were seven a.m. sweatshirt hander-outers and breakfast servers at the shelter. There were also loaders, transporters, greeters, singers, waiters, and cleaner-uppers. All made the Christmas morning breakfast for the men at the Wilmington Street center a tremendous experience!

Among Our Family

Sympathy to Margaret Jones on the December 2 death of her husband, Guy Jones; to the family of Gerry Leet of Howell, MI, who died on December 12; to Herman Wright on the December 13 death of his mother, Lois Wright of Roseboro; and to Danny Thomerson on the December 26 death of his father, Frank Thomerson of Oxford.

Congratulations to Bill Kibler who was recently inducted into the National Agricultural Statistics Service Hall of Fame in Washington, DC. ■

Welcome New Members

John Holley joined by Profession of Faith for Believer's Baptism on December 10; and Ann Childrey joined by Profession of Faith for Believer's Baptism on December 17.

Week at a Glance

- Sunday, January 7**
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service, Deacon Ordination/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
 6:00 pm Youth Group/FH
- Monday, January 8**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards' home
- Tuesday, January 9**
 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 10**
 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
 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, January 11**
 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
 5:45 pm Finance Committee/CR
- Friday, January 12**
 Grains of Sand Retreat/Caswell (returning 1/15)
- Sunday, January 14**
 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 15**
 Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday
 Church office closed
- Tuesday, January 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
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Helms' Home
- Wednesday, January 17**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 12:00 pm WMU Group 7/P
 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
 5:45 pm ITC Board/108
 6:00 pm Announcements and Prayer Time/FH
 Missions and Music
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Lynn Lingafelt
Children

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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 1/5 – Psalm 24	Sat 1/13 – Psalm 66
Sat 1/6 – Isaiah 40:1-11	Sun 1/14 – John 2:1-2
Sun 1/7 – John 1:35-37	Mon 1/15 – John 2:3-5
Mon 1/8 – John 1:38-39	Tues 1/16 – John 2:6-8
Tue 1/9 – John 1:40-42	Wed 1/17 – John 2:9-10
Wed 1/10 – John 1:43-46	Th 1/18 – John 2:11-12
Th 1/11 – John 1:47-51	Fri 1/19 – Psalm 104:10-13
Fri 1/12 – Psalm 34	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Current Week	
Revenue	\$47,205.83
Month-to-Date	
Revenue	\$152,601.70
Year-to-Date	
Revenue	\$1,333,783.99
Month-to-Date	
Expenses (as of 12/29/17)	\$88,488.78
Year-to-Date	
Expenses	\$1,338,419.17
Global Missions	
Offering	\$7,519.00

Deacon on Call

January 7-13
 Hollis Yelverton

January 14-20
 Derek Foster

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and as a foreign missionary with Betsy. Since retirement, he has worked as a part-time chaplain at Duke-Raleigh Hospital and for a private business in a similar role, putting to good use many years of pastoral experience and Clinical Pastoral Education. In addition to all of this, Dennis has been serving as a deacon at our church.

So, we are doubly blessed to have such a healthy and strong youth ministry and this kind of seasoned help with pastoral care. We look forward to Trey's return and to the filling of the Minister with Community role (see article below). Until then, we give thanks for the people we have in place to keep the ministries of FBC Raleigh going! CC

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Wednesday, January 17 continued

6:00 pm Evening Bells/307
 6:20 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, January 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
 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
 3:00 pm BackPack Buddies delivery

Friday, January 19

Churchwide Ski Trip to Wintergreen WV (returning 1/21)
 10:00 am Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (N.C. History Museum tour)

Sunday, January 21

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

Search Committee Begins Work

The search committee for the new role of Minister with Community began work with an organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 19 (see the December 15 issue of *First Foundations* for more details on this role and the committee). Please be in prayer for this committee and potential candidates for the position which has the potential to create exciting opportunities for significant ministry. The committee will keep the church informed of its progress at appropriate points along the way. ■