



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Daylight Saving Time Begins

Before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 10, remember to set your clocks ahead one hour so you'll be on time for Bible Study and Worship.

Family Promise Volunteers Needed

Working with Family Promise the week of May 20-27, FBC will host families experiencing homelessness. Specific needs will be highlighted in the coming weeks. For now, just pencil us in to help us shine God's light into the lives of these families that week. Questions? Call or email Holly Ivel at 919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net.

Drugs Uncovered Workshop on March 25

The FBC Youth Ministry will cohost with the Poe Center a "Drugs Uncovered" program on Sunday, March 25, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Designed for parents of students, the program will provide education on teenage drug use and will offer guidance on talking with students about sensitive topics. The event is open to anyone in

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Help Us Find Our Minister with Community

We've recently listed our open position on CBF and divinity school job boards throughout the southeast – but we know that people recruit the best people! Here's what we're asking ministry job seekers:

Are you a minister with an entrepreneurial spirit, someone with big ideas for how churches can relate to the world around us? Do you have the spirit of an educator, someone who can guide our congregation in new directions and teach us how to better serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our world? Are you passionate about people, with an ability to connect with others from every walk of life, both digitally and in person? Does your love for God's people guide your interactions with those on the margins?

If you know of someone whose passions and gifts line up with these, please encourage them to visit fbcraleigh.org/fbcsearch. Feel free to reach out to any search committee member if you have questions. Thank you for praying for our work! ■

It's Egg Hunt Time

Head to the attic and find those Easter baskets! Our FBC Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, March 24, and I sure hope you can join us. Here are a few details that might help in your planning.

Date: Saturday morning, March 24

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Place: We'll meet in the courtyard of the Facilities Management Building (431 N Salisbury Street) for a time of lively singing and then we'll settle down for our Bible story about Mary and her friends visiting Jesus' tomb and finding it empty! We'll hunt eggs and have refreshments in that same courtyard.

Who: Our egg hunt is geared towards toddlers – 5th graders and their parents. We'll have an area for Toddlers and Twos to hunt eggs and another area where our Threes (who are turning four) – 5th graders will hunt eggs.

Why: This is one way we have of anticipating the JOY of Easter. AND, it's just a lot of fun to get together and share a Saturday morning with our sister church, FBC Wilmington Street.

RSVP: By Friday, March 16, please let Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) know if you can come. Having accurate numbers ensures we have the number of eggs and refreshments we need. Friends and neighbors are welcome as long as we know they're coming for our headcount. Specific details about parking and our egg hunting process will be sent a few days before to those who have signed up. ■

From the Pastor

1918 was a very special year. It was obviously the year in which World War I ended, but it was also the year in which Billy Graham, Gardner Taylor and Jack Noffsinger were born. I assume everyone knows who Billy Graham was. Many know that Gardner Taylor was one of the most articulate African-American pastors of the twentieth century. Jack Noffsinger, perhaps less known outside our state, but a key figure in race relations here, was the founding pastor of my former church in Winston-Salem. All three were born in 1918, all three had ties to North Carolina, and all three lived well into their 90's with Billy Graham being the last to die just this past week.

These three preachers had an immeasurable impact not just on the church in America over the past century, but on our culture as a whole in this time. All three were leaders with unquestionable integrity, all three lived what they preached, and all three addressed in their own ways matters of personal faith and public concern. With Billy Graham's death and thus all three now gone, it feels like an era has passed and many of us, especially in ministerial circles, are not only filled with a mixture of sadness and gratitude, but also moved to wonder who the next Billy Graham, Gardner Taylor, and Jack Noffsinger will be or already is.

It is always difficult to tell in any given time who will be most remembered after that time. The issues and events we consider most significant in the moment may or may not be significant from the perspective of future generations and thus, it is difficult to say who is speaking most eloquently to the concerns that matter most. But if past experience tells us anything, there will be such key figures in the future, they will not look or sound exactly like the key figures of the past, and compared to this threesome I have named, there will most certainly be more female figures on the list.

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By paying tribute to a loved one this Easter you will also support FBC mission teams. With each gift of \$10 or more, a portion will be used to prepare a small display of lilies in the sanctuary on Easter and the remainder will be directed to the Day Mission Endowment, supporting the efforts of various mission teams sent from our congregation. An insert in the Easter worship order will list the names of those memorialized or honored along with the donor's name. Submit your request in writing by completing the form below and returning it no later than Wednesday, March 21, with your gift of \$10 or more. Forms are also available in Sunday School boxes.

I wish to give an Easter Gift (please print)

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Name of donor _____

Amount Enclosed (\$10 or more) \$ _____

Make your check payable to First Baptist Church and include "Easter Gift" on the memo line. Mail your check and this form to Financial Administrator, 99 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27603, no later than Wednesday, March 21.

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the community so please invite friends and neighbors to attend with you. While the event is free, registration is required (space is limited). To register, visit <http://bit.ly/2A3VUOm>.

Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

March 7: Dr. Tim Brock will lead a seminar on "Spirituality in the Lenten Season."

March 14: Members of the Christ Church (Episcopal) Change Ringers will describe the English folk art of change ringing on church tower bells. Attendees at the Centerpoint presentation are invited to watch a demonstration on Thursday evening, March 15, across Capital Square at the Christ Church bell tower, and to try their hand at swinging a tower bell weighing 500 pounds! ■

Centerpoint Menus

March 7

Pot Roast w/Potatoes & Carrots
Cabbage
Fried Apples
Bread/Salad

*Non-Meat Option: Veggie Salisbury Steak
Children's Menu: Mac-n-Cheese*

March 14

Loaded Taco Bar
Mexican Rice
Beans
Taco Salad with all the extras

*Non-meat option: Non-meat Tacos
Children's Menu: Queso Blanco and Chips*



Face painting, games, great music from the Enloe High School jazz group, pancakes and bacon, wonderful fellowship...each ingredient added to the enjoyment everyone experienced at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13. Thank you, Social Committee, for all your good work!

Among Our Family

Minetta Newbold died on February 11. Sympathy also to Linville Roach on the February 16 death of his sister, Alease Roach Sherron of VA; and to Pat Stumpf on the February 21 death of her husband, Dale Stumpf. ■

Week at a Glance

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

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 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, March 7

9:30 am Weekday Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Ministry
3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
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, March 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, March 9

9:30 am Weekday Preschool
10:00 am Japanese-American Cultural
Exchange/301

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Saving Time Begins
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service/S
Japanese Worship/227
12:15 pm GA Tea/FH
4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
6:00 pm Youth Group/FH
Pathfinders' Soup Supper/
Wilson's Home

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 13

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

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Food Services

Wayne Hager
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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 3/2	- John 13:16-17	Sat 3/10	- Psalm 17:6-15
Sat 3/3	- Psalm 51:7-12	Sun 3/11	- John 18:28
Sun 3/4	- John 13:36-38	Mon 3/12	- John 18:29-32
Mon 3/5	- John 18:12-14	Tues 3/13	- John 18:33-36
Tue 3/6	- John 18:15-18	Wed 3/14	- John 18:37-38a
Wed 3/7	- John 18:19-24	Th 3/15	- John 18:38b-40
Th 3/8	- John 18:25-27	Fri 3/16	- Psalm 145:10-13
Fri 3/9	- Psalm 17:1-5		

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Current Week Revenue	\$18,321.90
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$80,615.79
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$248,562.58
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 2/20/18)	\$70,953.05
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$179,801.15

Deacon on Call

March 4-10
 Jen Foster

March 11-17
 Sarah Lingafelt

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I will not venture any guesses here as to who these key figures might be, but I will say I find hope in the younger generations coming along after mine. Millennials especially have been caricatured and maligned for some time, but I see hope in their independent thinking and spirit. And the generation younger than them seems even more hopeful as revealed by their response to the latest gun violence in our nation. These students will not swallow the flimsy excuses and diversionary tactics many political leaders use to avoid taking action to make our schools, churches, and society safer. They have the perseverance, commitment, and passion needed to accomplish what our generation has not. They give me hope.

No one knows who the key leaders of this generation will be, but I have no doubt that such leaders will emerge. They may not occupy pulpits. They may be artists and scientists, doctors and lawyers, even political leaders. But there will be certain voices that rise above the everyday rumble of confusion and point people toward something better, nobler, and more enriching. This week I am thankful for the witness of Billy Graham, Gardner Taylor, and Jack Noffsinger, but I am equally thankful for the trust that their successors are already among us. **CC**

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Wednesday, March 14
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
 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
 6:20 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, March 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 CBFNC/Knollwood Baptist, Winston-Salem (through 3/17)

Friday, March 16
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 High School Retreat/Ridgecrest (returning 3/18)

Sunday, March 18
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S
 Children's Worship/224
 Japanese Worship/227
 6:00 pm MS Youth Group/FH