



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Vespers Service This Sunday

Our next Vespers Service will take place this Sunday (April 29) at 6:00 p.m. in the Pollinator Garden of the Gregg Museum of Art and Design (1903 Hillsborough Street). In this beautiful setting, our service will center around God's creation and will feature elements from Celtic traditions.

While parking is available at the museum, you are also welcome to ride the shuttle bus from the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for this special Celtic service; bring a guest!

Silent Auction and Music Celebration on May 6

The Silent Auction to benefit student mission teams will open in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 2; bidding will remain open until early Sunday evening, May 6, just before the annual Music Celebration. Dinner will also be served at 5:00 p.m., so come enjoy the meal and place some bids on fantastic items before moving to the Sanctuary for the Music Celebration at 6:00 p.m.

Notice of Proposed Bylaws Amendments

At the May church conference, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will present several bylaws amendments for a vote by the church conference. The amendments are as follows:

- change to the deacon selection process;
- creation of an Audio-Visual Committee;
- making the Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (JACE) its own committee rather than being part of the duties of the Ministry to Internationals Committee; and
- technical corrections to the provisions regarding the Social Committee and the Wedding Committee.

The text of the proposed amendments will be available in the church office and in the Members Only section of the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org).

— Lauren Bradley, Chair
Constitution and Bylaws Committee

May: Art Month at FBC

In the month of May, our Outreach Committee has planned several art-related experiences and outings.

- Call to FBC artists! The Outreach Committee is collecting art work by FBC members for display during the month of May in the Lewis Building Lobby. Please place works in the labeled cabinet below the display case. If your work is too large or too fragile to place there, please see Lynn Lingafelt for storage prior to display.
- Join other members of the FBC family on Saturday, May 12, for a tour of *You Are Here*, a new and exciting contemporary exhibit at the NC Museum of Art! This is a unique, interactive, and engaging multimedia exhibit. Except for one piece (marked on the exhibit map and at the entry to the piece), the exhibit is for all ages. We will meet outside the gallery entrance at 3:00 p.m. on May 12. Tickets are \$12 per adult with a group discount. Please email or text Valerie Cumbea (valerie_cumbea@hotmail.com or 919-624-9543) to reserve your ticket. Please note the number of tickets you will need and if anyone under 18 is in your group. We will plan to go to dinner following the tour (place to be determined based on the size of the group).
- Lunch at Artsposure! Following worship on Sunday, May 20, we'll meet in the Lewis Building Lobby to walk to Artsposure for lunch and art appreciation. ■

MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Facilities Assessment Underway

The facilities assessment process, guided by our *ad hoc* Facilities Assessment Committee, is underway. As you may recall, this committee was formed in 2017 to examine the current uses and condition of the Lewis Building and to explore future needs and possibilities. Earlier this year, the Church Conference approved the committee's recommendation that we engage the services of New City Design Group to help us with this process and New City has begun this work, meeting with staff and other church leaders.

The work involves several different components. We need to have a more accurate sense of how we are currently using the building, each and every room, day and night, and seven days a week. This requires a more systematic analysis than we can obtain through selective experience. Then, we need to have a thorough assessment of the building itself, how frequently each space is currently being used, and the condition of its mechanical systems. Finally, once we have this information, we can begin to connect the realities of this physical space to our vision for the future. As we have said before, we are only talking about the Lewis Building, not the sanctuary, and there are no preconceived ideas about what we will do with the results of this process.

The assessment depends upon the expertise of New City, but it also depends upon the involvement of the church in several ways in the very near future. So, please participate in every way that you can.

First of all, we ask that you complete by May 13 a space utilization questionnaire

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A Five-Star Weekend: Our Church Retreat

From the smiles and hugs at check-in on Friday to the warm goodbyes after Sunday worship, the church retreat at Caswell was a top-notch experience.

The retreat planning by our incredibly capable staff focused on the theme of Neighbors. The resulting conversations and reflections informed, stimulated and inspired us. The Bible study demonstrated how people have always struggled with being open to others outside their circle of relationships. In our intergenerational groups, we acknowledged the walls that we build and our reasons for them, but more importantly, how we can dismantle those barriers. One of the best demonstrations of the theme was seeing that everyone at the retreat had an equal place of value and important contributions to make, from the youngest to the oldest, male or female, single, couple or family.

The variety of available activities provided something for everyone: biking, astronomy, dessert making, fishing, puzzles, artistic expression, card and board games, historic Caswell information, photography, line dancing, escape rooms, time at the beach, free movement, and streamer making, to name a few.

The weekend was over far too soon, but we left with a much deeper understanding of our God-given challenge to be a good neighbor to all people. — Libby and Walt Barnes



Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

May 2: *ACEs in a Faith-Based Community* – Allison Strickland, FBC member and Chief Development Officer for InterAct, an organization dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic and sexual violence in Wake County, will introduce us to a growing area of study on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and their impact on lifelong health and opportunity.

May 9: Has the recent news that Starbucks is offering bias training to their employees caused you to wonder what that would be like? Do you wonder how good people can carry biases against other people? Cara Lynn Vogel, FBC member and State Coordinator of Christian Women’s Job Corps of NC, will lead us in exploring the biases we may have and how they influence our thoughts and behavior. Attention will be given to how understanding our own biases may help us live lives that better “love our neighbors.” ■

Centerpoint Menus

<p>May 2 <i>Mediterranean Night!</i> Shredded Lamb and Mjadara (Lentils) Roasted Veggies Greek Salad Couscous <i>Non-meat option: Mock Chicken/Tzatziki Sauce</i> <i>Children’s Menu: Kids Chicken Pita</i></p>	<p>May 9 <i>Indian Night!</i> Chicken Tikka Masala Jasmine Rice Indian Sautéed Vegetables and Curry Peas <i>Non-meat option: Mock Chicken Tikka Masala</i> <i>Children’s Menu: Creamy Pasta</i></p>
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Dental Bus Volunteers Needed

The Baptists on Mission Dental Bus is coming to First Baptist Church on Friday, May 18, from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., primarily to serve our Clothing Ministry clients. The Community Ministries Committee is seeking volunteers to help with set up, check in, overseeing patients in the waiting area, and assisting in communications between the waiting area and the bus. Ideally the Committee would like to have at least six volunteers all day, working the entire day, or working a morning or an afternoon shift. To volunteer, please contact John Rusher at (919) 510-4120 or jmnrusher@gmail.com. A sign-up sheet is also available in the church office. ■

Family Promise Volunteers Needed

Working with Family Promise the week of May 20–27, FBC will be hosting families experiencing homelessness. Volunteers are needed to assist with hosting, preparing/serving meals, set up and breakdown of rooms, and laundering linens at the end of the week. To volunteer, contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net). ■

Among Our Family

Sympathy to Michael Sledge, and Steve Sledge, on the April 8 death of their mother, Shirley Williams; to Paul Smith on the April 10 death of his brother, John Edwin Smith of Seymour TN; and to the family of Joyce McNair, who died on April 17.

Week at a Glance

- Sunday, April 29**
 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 Vespers Service/Gregg
 Museum
- Monday, April 30**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards’
 Home
- Tuesday, May 1**
 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, May 2**
 Silent Auction (through May 6)
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
 4:45 pm Children’s Bells/S
 5:00 pm Meal Served/FH
 WMU Group 6/108
 6:00 pm Announcements and Prayer
 Time/FH
 Missions and Music
 Evening Bells/S
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310
- Thursday, May 3**
 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
- Friday, May 4**
 1:00 pm Japanese-American Cultural
 Exchange Planning/CR
- Sunday, May 6**
 9:00 am Facilities Assessment Listening
 Session/FH
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service,
 Communion/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 12:15 pm Facilities Assessment Listening
 Session/302
 5:00 pm Silent Auction Dinner/FH
 6:00 pm Music Celebration/S
- Monday, May 7**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards’
 Home
- Tuesday, May 8**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
 10:30 am WMU Group 2/Springmoor
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Custodian

Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 4/27 – Luke 6:17-19	Sat 5/5 – John 1:16-18
Sat 4/28 – Luke 6:22-23	Sun 5/6 – Philippians 1:1-5
Sun 4/29 – Acts 17:16-18	Mon 5/7 – Philippians 1:6-7
Mon 4/30 – Acts 17:19-21	Tues 5/8 – Philippians 1:8-11
Tue 5/1 – Acts 17:22-27	Wed 5/9 – Philippians 1:12-14
Wed 5/2 – Acts 17:28	Th 5/10 – Philippians 1:15-18a
Th 5/3 – Acts 17:29-31	Fri 5/11 – Luke 9:46-48
Fri 5/4 – Acts 17:32-34	

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Sunday, April 15, 2018

Current Week Revenue	\$14,433.60
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$64,516.81
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$451,300.01
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 4/17/18)	\$59,435.01
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$383,870.13
Heck-Jones Offering	\$1,205.00

Deacon on Call

April 29–May 5
 Wes Fulk

May 6–12
 Zach Padgett

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 accessible through this link (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FBC_Test1) and on the church website. Copies are also available in the church office and can be mailed upon request.

Then, on Sunday, May 6, there will be two opportunities for you to ask anything you want about the process and share any thoughts you have – at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and at 12:15 p.m. in Room 302.

Finally, we invite everyone to participate in a dialogue facilitated by New City on Sunday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be included and childcare is offered (if you need childcare, please notify Lynn Lingafelt at llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org by May 14). This gathering will enable us to receive a preliminary report on both the use and condition of our facilities and begin to think about future hopes and dreams.

A facilities assessment may not sound like the most exciting endeavor, but it is a critical part of our planning for future ministry. We invite you to add your voice to the process and to participate prayerfully and with an open heart and mind for how the wonderful space we have been blessed with might be used for God's work in the future. ■

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6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh Times

6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Helms' Home

Wednesday, May 9

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Ministry

3:45 pm Works in Progress/P

5:00 pm Meal Served/FH

6:00 pm Announcements and Prayer Time/FH

Children's All Missions Night

6:20 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 12

3:00 pm NC Museum of Art Outing

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service, Baptism/S Japanese Worship/227

5:30 pm Youth Group/Blue Room