



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Southern Africa Baptist Leader to Preach at FBC

On Sunday, July 29, we will welcome to the pulpit Patricia Ihlenfeldt, Director of the Women's Department for the Baptist Union of Southern Africa. She will talk about her ministry of reconciliation in South Africa and thus provide a helpful framework for our VBS theme of peacemaking. Ms. Ihlenfeldt was already coming to the U.S. to address the Christian Women's Job Corps of North Carolina and because their coordinator, Cara Lynn Vogel, is a member of our church, we were fortunate enough to be aware of her availability. We look forward to a word of challenge and encouragement.

FBC to Host Second Blood Drive

Many of you took advantage of the opportunity truly to give of yourselves in April when the First Baptist graduates hosted a blood drive in our parking lot. We have scheduled a second drive for Sunday, July 22. Giving blood is an easy way to help someone in the most critical of situations. If you are eligible, please consider donating to save a life. You can sign up by following the link on the church webpage. If you have questions, please contact Trey Davis (tdavis@fbcraleigh.org).

VBS Begins Soon

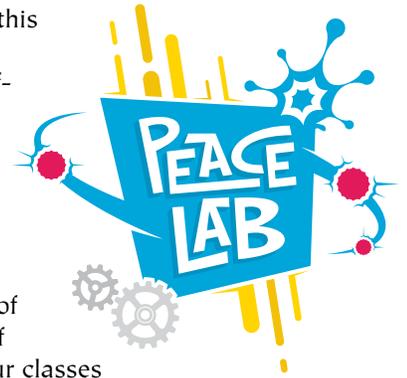
Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be in the evening this year – July 29 through August 2 – and it's for all ages. From 5:45 - 8:00 p.m., our preschoolers will have self-contained classes with Bible study, crafts, outside time, and music while our grade-schoolers, youth, and adults will have age-grouped Bible study followed by intergenerational electives. An optional supper will be available at 5:00 p.m.

We'll kick off our week on Sunday evening with a Vespers Service at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. In lieu of our typical VBS classes this night, we'll have a time of worship to introduce our theme in a personal way. Our classes and electives will begin Monday evening and go through Thursday evening.

Make it the best VBS ever by registering and inviting a friend to come with you! Register no later than July 15; the earlier, the better since electives will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Here's how to register:

- Go to our website (www.fbcraleigh.org) and register online, OR
- Pick up a registration form in the church office, fill it out, and place it in Lynn's box! ■



Report on the Facilities Assessment

The Facility Assessment Committee received the final engineer's report on the Lewis Building. The report is intended to help the Properties Committee work on a long-range schedule for replacement and maintenance. They have already begun addressing the maintenance and now it is time to add the replacement costs. With this report, the Properties Committee will be able to put these large infrastructure items on the list and prioritize.

The report has been added to the members page on our website for your review. Pictures are truly worth a thousand words. We were surprised at the significant amount of equipment that is original to the building (opened in 1971) and consequently the potential price tag to replace some of the basic hardware in the mechanical systems. In addition, the electrical wiring and systems were noted to be substandard.

With the feedback from the listening sessions, this new information about the infrastructure, and the ongoing Properties Committee work, the Facilities Assessment Committee is exploring all options for the Church to consider.

— Hayden James & Tyson Graves

From the Pastor

"Life is what happens while you are making plans," or so they say. I seem to recall some additional word about God laughing at our plans. Well, whatever we had planned for last week at FBC Raleigh, we did not anticipate a motor going out and shutting down our entire air conditioning system nor did we plan on the replacement motor burning out Saturday afternoon after a dedicated crew worked well into the night Friday to get us up and running for worship. (Thanks to Wayne, Sergio, Rodney, Jimmy, and others for all of your efforts!)

But it all happened, nonetheless, and we adjusted to the realities life threw our way and were able to have worship on Sunday, June 24, at Meredith College. This was possible because of the gracious hospitality of Meredith personnel, first Chaplain Donna Battle and then Bill Brown, Director of Events and Community Programs, a lot of hard work from a number of people (including Mary Alice Seals, Mary Hauser, Lynn Lingafelt, and others) who transferred needed resources from 99 North Salisbury Street to the Meredith campus, and the flexibility of our members.

To say the least, it is not something I would want to do on a regular basis, but for this occasion it was good to be in a different space, to experience the wonderful acoustics of Jones Chapel, and to be forced to sit in a different place next to different people (though I sat in my usual place). I cannot thank Meredith, and especially Bill Brown, enough in accommodating our needs so graciously at the last second on a very busy weekend for the college.

The good news is we are back in our building with the AC going full blast as I write (and still as you read, pray God!). And through this experience we have learned a number of things. Our mechanical systems in the Lewis Building are very old and wearing out. Despite

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On a recent Wednesday, we had our first ever FBC Uniathlon as we biked or walked around Lake Lynn. With plenty of water bottles and popsicles waiting at the finish line, we endured the hottest day of the summer on shaded trails as we biked and walked together around the two-mile trek, enjoying each other's company.

CBF General Assembly Inspires

The annual General Assembly of CBF Baptists from all over the U.S. is many things to me, but one of the best is meeting and talking to field personnel or missionaries. Our mission friends, GAs, and RAs learn about these missionaries on Wednesday nights. We show them pictures and read them stories about the missionaries' work, but meeting them face-to-face makes missions come alive for me and I can't wait to tell our children next fall. It also makes me want to dig a little deeper in my wallet when I give to the CBF offerings which support these personnel.

Laura Anne Vick and I were representatives at the assembly for our church. We were in group meetings or breakout sessions from just after breakfast every morning until 9 o'clock every night. A moving sermon was given by Dr. Jerusha Neal, homiletics professor from Duke Divinity School. She and many others were examples of the wonderful resources we have right here in North Carolina. The reports of work being done all over the world by CBF and the enthusiasm of the speakers was inspirational.

My second favorite part is always the last night when we commission new field personnel as they begin a life of service to the needs of people everywhere. One of the new chaplains is Jordan Tripp and is actually assigned to Wake Med Hospital in Raleigh, and one of the new church starters is Alex Rodriguez who is the pastor at La Rocha Baptist Church in Raleigh.

I am proud to be a part of a group of believers who want to share the love of Jesus Christ and to change the world one community at a time. I encourage you to attend the next annual meeting which is scheduled for June 17-21, 2019, in Birmingham, Alabama. It's not too long a drive and as a bonus, you might get to see Mike and Noel Morris' first grandchild! What more could you want?

— Nancy Moore Phillips
WMU President

Vespers Service on July 29

Our next Vespers Service is on Sunday evening, July 29, at 5:45 p.m., and we hope you can come! We'll kick off the week of Bible School by hearing stories from members of our own church family in their quest for God's peace. There is an optional supper at 5:00 p.m. (sign up on the VBS registration form online at www.fbcraleigh.org), and we'll enjoy a cool and tasty dessert in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. ■

Youth Return to Alabama

Preparing for Alabama, I was excited to try working on a roof. On the first day, I worked to take the shingles off of a house, which was a lot of hard work. Even in just one day, I felt like the work I did roofing made a difference for someone else. The following day I was sent to a different worksite where I spent the rest of the week scraping and painting a house. I was upset at first that I was taken out of the roofing group, but tried to make the best of it because I had never scraped a house before either. Scraping turned out to be tedious and a lot harder than I expected. After working hard all morning and feeling very unaccomplished, I was ready to give up by the time we broke for lunch on the first day. During this break our group sat down and talked with the owner of the house, Mrs. Geraldine. She expressed to us how grateful she was that we were working on her house and even sat outside for the rest of the afternoon just to watch us scrape. Her grandson also joined us in scraping and worked alongside us. For the next three days Mrs. Geraldine made us lunch to show her appreciation for our work, even though we didn't expect anything from her. Mrs. Geraldine and her grandson caused me to have a change of heart about scraping and I even asked to stay in that group, not because of the food (although it helped), but because I had seen God in the kindness that Mrs. Geraldine shared with us.

— Sarah Ford



Words of Thanks

The family of Kathy Roberts Mincey would like to thank FBC staff and members for their support during our time of grief. The prayers and cards were a great comfort to us all.

— Linda and Dan Roberts

Gifts Received

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received in June 2018.

Capital Repair & Replacement Fund

In Memory of:
Carey Hunter
Monty Speir

Clothing Ministry

In Memory of:
Joyce Dudeck

General Fund

In Memory of:
Kathryn
Cunningham
Kay Huggins

Honduras Mission Fund

In Honor of:
Bob Kimball

Mike Morris Fellowship Fund

In Honor of:
Anita Bare's birthday

Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 8

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service, Communion/S
Japanese Worship/227
5:00 pm Youth Group/Blue Room

Tuesday, July 10

10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh
Times

Wednesday, July 11

10:00 am Clothing Ministry
HS Bible Study/Blue Room
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal/310

Thursday, July 12

11:00 am Library Committee/L
11:15 am Thirty-Niners/Relish Cafe
1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
2:30 pm Clothing Ministry
Committee/CR

Friday, July 13

5:30 pm Parents' Night Out

Sunday, July 15

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service/S
Japanese Worship/227
Youth Retreat/Kure Beach
(return 7/19)

Tuesday, July 17

10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh
Times

Wednesday, July 18

10:00 am Clothing Ministry
5:45 pm ITC Board/108

Thursday, July 19

11:00 am Library Committee/L
1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

Friday, July 20

6:00 pm Senior Night

Sunday, July 22

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service/S
Japanese Worship/227
12:15 pm Blood Drive/FH

5:30 pm Youth Group/Blue Room

Tuesday, July 24

10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh
Times

Wednesday, July 25

10:00 am Clothing Ministry
HS Bible Study/Blue Room
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal/310

Thursday, July 26

11:00 am Library Committee/L
1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

Sunday, July 29

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service/S
Japanese Worship/227
5:00 pm VBS Dinner/FH
5:45 pm Vespers Service/S
6:45 pm Dessert Social/FH

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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 7/6 – 1 John 2:2	Sat 7/21 – John 15:12-17
Sat 7/7 – John 1:29-31	Sun 7/22 – Ruth 1:1-5
Sun 7/8 – 1 John 4:1-3	Mon 7/23 – Ruth 1:6-14
Mon 7/9 – 1 John 4:4	Tues 7/24 – Ruth 1:15-18
Tue 7/10 – 1 John 4:5-6	Wed 7/25 – Ruth 1:19-21
Wed 7/11 – John 14:15	Th 7/26 – Ruth 1:22
Th 7/12 – John 14:16-17	Fri 7/27 – Mark 5:1-4
Fri 7/13 – John 14:18-19	Sat 7/28 – Mark 5:5-9
Sat 7/14 – John 14:20-24	Sun 7/29 – Ruth 2:1-7
Sun 7/15 – 1 John 4:7-12	Mon 7/30 – Ruth 2:8-13
Mon 7/16 – 1 John 4:13-16a	Tues 7/31 – Ruth 2:14-16
Tues 7/17 – 1 John 4:16b-19	Wed 8/1 – Ruth 2:17-19
Wed 7/18 – 1 John 4:20-21	Th 8/2 – Ruth 2:20-23
Th 7/19 – John 15:1-8	Fri 8/3 – Luke 6:36-38
Fri 7/20 – John 15:9-11	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Current Week	
Revenue	\$11,802.96
Month-to-Date	
Revenue	\$101,470.64
Year-to-Date	
Revenue	\$726,810.93
Month-to-Date	
Expenses	
(as of 6/30/18)	\$110,683.14
Year-to-Date	
Expenses	\$668,875.51
Heck-Jones Offering	\$6,512.00

Deacon on Call

July 8-14
 Brad Pressley

July 15-21
 Pam Powell

July 22-28
 Tom Childrey

July 29-August 4
 Jamie Vogel

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the visual beauty and worshipfulness of our sanctuary, its acoustics pale in comparison to most worship settings. And, perhaps most of all, the worship life of our church can go on even when significant challenges come our way.

May this week be a bit less chaotic and may we have the grace to adapt if it is not! CC

Among Our Family

Sympathy to **Dan Roberts** on the June 9 death of his daughter, Kathy Mincey; to **Jerry Dudeck** on the June 13 death of his father, Raymond Dudeck; and to **Marie Lewis** and **Keith Lewis**, on the June 16 death of their husband and father, **William Lewis**. ■

During the summer months, stay up to date on prayer concerns and financial reports by logging into the members only section of the website (<https://fbcraleigh.org/members-only-access/>).

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Monday, July 30

5:00 pm VBS Dinner/FH
 5:45 pm VBS

Tuesday, July 31

10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR

5:00 pm VBS Dinner/FH
 5:45 pm VBS

Wednesday, August 1

10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 HS Bible Study/Blue Room

5:00 pm VBS Dinner/FH
 5:45 pm VBS

Thursday, August 2

HS Senior Trip to Gatlinburg (return 8/9)

11:00 am Library Committee/L

1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
 5:00 pm VBS Dinner/FH
 5:45 pm VBS

Saturday, August 4

Family Fun Night: Mudcats Game

Sunday, August 5

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service, Communion/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 5:30 pm Youth Group/Blue Room