



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Dessert and Game Night on June 24

Join the party on Sunday, June 24, as we gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. for a dessert social. Bring enough dessert to share; the church will provide drinks. After sampling the desserts, we'll play board games for all ages. No sign up required.

Habitat Volunteers Needed

The Downtown Faith Coalition of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers for this year's Downtown Church Build at 716 E Martin Street. Volunteers are needed on June 23 and 30 and July 7 and 14. Those interested may sign up at <http://vhub.at/downtownraleigh>.

Call for Graduates

Do you know of FBC members who received a college or post-graduate degree this spring? Contact Denise Arnold (darnold@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 200) by June 21 with the graduate's name, school, and degree awarded. Each graduate will be recognized in a future issue of this newsletter.

Connect to Missions

The Heck-Jones Offering provides a way to connect to mission work with ties to our church, helps fund mission

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By now, I hope you've marked your calendar for our intergenerational Vacation Bible School, the evenings of July 29 through August 2. Our theme is *Peace Lab: Discover God's Way of Peace*, and our biblical narratives will help us learn how to resolve conflicts, figure out ways to help others, and learn how to follow Jesus as compassionate peacemakers. There will be Bible study for all ages in addition to interesting and engaging craft, music, and recreation electives. Preschoolers will enjoy similar Bible stories and activities in the preschool suite.

If you are interested in helping with childcare, helping lead a preschool or gradeschool class, or have an interesting hobby you'd like to turn into an elective, please contact Lynn at lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org. ■



Fun in the Sun: Summer Children's Activities

Though we're taking a break from Wednesday night activities during the summer months, here are some opportunities for children and their families to get together and enjoy one another's company. Come as often as you can!

- Wednesday, June 20, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.: FBC's FIRST EVER UNIATHLON. We'll meet at Lake Lynn Trail to stroll, bike, or walk. We'll hit the two-mile trail to exercise our bodies, minds, and souls as we take in the scenery and enjoy conversation. We'll celebrate crossing the finish line with popsicles and door prizes (er, um, trail prizes). Sign up with Lynn (lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) by June 17.
- Sunday, June 24, 6:00 p.m.: GAME NIGHT AT FBC. This event, sponsored by our Social Committee, will be a time when all ages come together for dessert and games. Bring your favorite dessert to share AND your favorite game if you have one (we'll have some here already).
- Friday, July 13, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.: PARENTS' NIGHT OUT. While you have a date night with your honey, we'll "GO WILD" with our preschoolers and grade-schoolers at church. We'll have an indoor safari scavenger hunt, play some wild and crazy games, make some crafty (and maybe edible) things, eat sub sandwiches for supper, and watch Disney's *Jungle Book*. Sign up with Lynn (lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) by July 1.
- Sunday, July 29–Thursday, August 2, 5:45 – 8:00 p.m.: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. We'll begin the week with vespers on Sunday evening followed by four nights of Vacation Bible School as we discover God's way of peace! Look for sign-ups soon.
- Saturday, August 4, 5:00 p.m.: MUDCATS GAME. It's Rock-n-Roll Tribute Night at Five County Stadium as the Carolina Mudcats take on the Salem Red Sox. Tickets are \$7/person; we have a block of 45 seats in the family section, 209. To reserve your seats, please get your ticket money (checks made to FBC, memo "Mudcats game") to Lynn by July 13. After July 13, ticket sales will open to the larger church family.
- Thursday, August 23, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.: POOL PARTY at Scottish Hills Pool, 1423 Tarbert Drive, Cary. Let's celebrate this last week of summer with splashes and fun. Bring \$4/person to cover the cost of the pool fee; the church will cover pizza and drinks. Sign up with Lynn (lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) by August 15. ■

From the Pastor

As summer approaches, church life assumes a different rhythm as many of us come and go with vacations, retreats, and mission trips. Some things slow down a bit (thank goodness) while others speed up (for example, youth trips), and the last time I checked, there is still a Sunday in every week even in the summer (thus, much of my work will continue as usual). But this summer in particular, some significant work continues, work to which you will want to pay attention and for which you will want to remain in prayer, even as you come and go.

The search committee is well into its task of finding a candidate to recommend to the church to serve as our very first Minister with Community. This is a critical step for our church as we seek to implement our shared vision of future ministry in the downtown area. This person will not do all of the work. We must be willing to embrace new leadership, ideas, and approaches. But leadership is critical to our desire to enhance our impact on downtown Raleigh.

The facilities assessment process is also well underway (see article on page 4). This too is a critical step for our church as we look to the future and one that is vital for our vision of downtown ministry. Though ministry in the twenty-first century must be outward focused (Jesus did say, "Go ye!" and not, "Y'all come!"), our facilities are our home base for reaching out to the community and they are some of our greatest assets. Caring for them in a responsible manner is essential as is considering all the ways in which they might be used to help us connect with more people.

In addition to these two significant endeavors, the church council is still considering a few of the requests for mission grants, having already recommended three grants that have been awarded. The large grant, which has yet to be awarded, may well be connected to the previous two endeavors, as this grant must enhance our impact on the

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Mothers and Daughters Enjoy Retreat Time

The Raleigh Baptist Association Mother/Daughter retreat was held at Caswell. While Mother Nature might not have been cooperative, that did not stop us from having a wonderful time! Our keynote speaker was Gwen Smith, Christian writer, blogger, singer and songwriter. Our topic was "Treasured and Beautiful," and we sang songs and read scripture that reminded us of the true meaning of beauty and just how treasured we are to God. The girls studied Queen Esther and made beaded bracelets reminding them of the lesson and Esther's faithfulness. Gwen's mom's-only Bible study led us to consider the restlessness we sometimes feel and how God meets us in that place and restores us. We had mom/daughter spa time, explored the fort, put our toes in the sand, and some even swam in the mud puddles! It was a wonderful time to slow down, be together as mothers and daughters, and be reminded of how treasured and beautiful we are to God and each other.



— Blair Jackson

Church Conference Highlights

Highlights from the May 23, 2018, Church Conference include:

- Mary Nash Rusher, Finance Chair, gave a positive report on year-to-date revenues and expenditures and recognized the efforts of a subgroup of the Committee (John Hite, Brantley Blanchard, Renee Fulk and Susan Nichols, with help from Wayne Hager) that completed a detailed report of the uses on all restricted accounts.
- Holly Ivel, Nominating Chair, presented names for numerous children and youth Sunday School and council positions.
- Mary Nash Rusher, on behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, presented four bylaws amendments creating the Audio-Visual Committee, making JACE its own committee, and making technical corrections to the Social and Wedding Committees. The amendments were approved. A fifth amendment regarding the deacon election process was modified with editorial changes on the floor of the April church conference and a copy of those changes was inadvertently not made available in the church library. Copies of the modified amendment are now in the Church Office and on the church website (Members Only section). This amendment will be voted on at the next church conference.
- Ann Rollins, Moderator, explained that the *ad hoc* Safety Committee had its first meeting and was well underway working on safety operations for the Church. ■

Bylaws Amendment to be Presented

At the May Church Conference, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee presented a bylaw amendment relating to a change in the deacon selection process, which reflected minor revisions to the amendment first presented in April 2018. Copies of the proposed amendment are available in the church office and in the Members Only section of the church website. The amendment will be presented for a vote at the August 22 Church Conference. ■

Among Our Family

Sympathy to Erin and Michael Hawks on the May 18 death of their infant son, Garrett Franklin Hawks.

College Students Serve in Honduras

First Baptist recently sent a group of its college students to Honduras to build a playground for the learning center in El Carrizo. One of our students shared a few thoughts about the trip:

Before flying off to Honduras with fellow college students and chaperones, I had a lot of worries. I had heard rumors about Honduras being dangerous, about mosquito-borne illnesses, and about the scary flight. I love traveling to new countries, but I just couldn't get excited for this trip.

It wasn't until arriving in Honduras that I felt I was where I was supposed to be. We were greeted with big hugs and smiles from a group of Hondurans that would be working with us. Don Jesús, one of the best drivers we'd ever seen, drove us nearly four hours to our hotel in Choluteca. Our hotel was nice, but it was a bit of a shock to have an armed guard outside. After being in Honduras for a week, though, I never felt unsafe at any point. It was almost hard to believe that Honduras could be considered so dangerous. When you're there, it's clear that this country has so much to give.

The drive to our worksite in El Carrizo was long and bumpy, and our days building the playground were hot and humid. The locals were some of the hardest workers I've encountered; it seemed like we were there to assist the Hondurans rather than them assisting us. I know only enough Spanish to be able to communicate simply, but it felt that we all communicated through smiling and playing and working hard. The children were mostly rambunctious and loved to play, and they didn't seem to care that we didn't fully understand what they were saying. It was eye-opening to see such happiness from the children. At the surface it may not sound like building a playground would help much, but it was clear that everyone in the community was grateful for us to help create a safe and fun place for their children. I love being around kids, so this trip was the perfect balance of work and play. I hope that I can go on more trips like this where I can feel like I helped make a difference in someone's quality of life, especially someone so young who has so much to learn and give to the world.



— Lindsey Davis

Gifts Received

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received in May 2018.

Capital Repair & Replacement Fund

In Memory of:
N. A. "Betty" Dunn, Jr.
Carey Hunter
Minetta Newbold
Monty Speir

Church Maintenance Endowment Fund

In Memory of:
Corbin Cooper
Joyce McNair
Monty Speir

Clothing Ministry

In Memory of:
Joyce Dudeck
Laryce Rybka

Day Mission Fund

In Memory of:
Carey Hunter
Monty Speir

General Fund

In Honor of:
Claudia Dare

Mike Morris Fellowship Fund

In Memory of:
Carey Hunter
Laryce Rybka
Monty Speir

Music Ministry Fund

In Memory of:
Paul Parks

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projects, and provides opportunities to participate in this rewarding work. Through our goal of \$10,000, our gifts will support these initiatives:

BYW – Vitamins Project; Clothing Ministry; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Alex Thompson); F.I.G.S. – Vitamins; Habitat for Humanity; Honduras Mission Teams; Next Step Storm (Elizabeth Morris Breneman); Rise Against Hunger; Arkansas Mission Team; Welcome House, and WMU NC.

Get connected to missions by donating and volunteering! ■

Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 10

- 8:30 am Adult SS Teacher Appreciation Breakfast/FH
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service, Communion/S Japanese Worship/227
- 5:00 pm Youth Mission Team Meeting/FH

Monday, June 11

CBF General Assembly, Dallas, TX (through 6/15)

Tuesday, June 12

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

Wednesday, June 13

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

Thursday, June 14

- 10:30 am Thirty-Niners to Whirligig Park/Wilson
- 11:00 am Library Committee/L
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry
- 2:30 pm Clothing Ministry Committee/CR

Sunday, June 17 Fathers' Day

- Youth Mission trip to Birmingham, AL (return 6/23)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S Japanese Worship/227

Monday, June 18

- 6:15 pm Finance Committee/CR

Tuesday, June 19

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

Wednesday, June 20

- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry Children's Event/Lake Lynn
- 5:45 pm ITC Board/108

Thursday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 24

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/S Japanese Worship/227
- 6:00 pm Dessert & Game Night/FH

Tuesday, June 26

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

Wednesday, June 27

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

Thursday, June 28

- 11:00 am Library Committee
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

Sunday, July 1

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

Tuesday, July 3

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

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day—Church Office Closed

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MINISTERS
All members of the church

Denise Arnold
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Trey Davis
Youth/College

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Pastor Emeritus

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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 6/8 - Psalm 19:1-10	Sat 6/23 - Psalm 111
Sat 6/9 - Psalm 28:6-9	Sun 6/24 - 1 John 1:1
Sun 6/10 - Exodus 20:12	Mon 6/25 - 1 John 1:2
Mon 6/11 - Exodus 20:13	Tues 6/26 - 1 John 1:3
Tue 6/12 - Exodus 20:14	Wed 6/27 - 1 John 1:4
Wed 6/13 - Exodus 20:15	Th 6/28 - John 1:14
Th 6/14 - Exodus 20:16	Fri 6/29 - John 1:15-16
Fri 6/15 - Psalm 103:1-5	Sat 6/30 - John 1:17-18
Sat 6/16 - Psalm 103:6-14	Sun 7/1 - 1 John 1:5-6
Sun 6/17 - Exodus 20:17	Mon 7/2 - 1 John 1:7-8
Mon 6/18 - Exodus 20:18-19	Tues 7/3 - 1 John 1:9
Tues 6/19 - Exodus 20:20	Wed 7/4 - 1 John 1:10
Wed 6/20 - Exodus 20:21	Th 7/5 - 1 John 2:1
Th 6/21 - Psalm 103:15-18	Fri 7/6 - 1 John 2:2
Fri 6/22 - Psalm 103:19-22	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Current Week	
Revenue	\$15,473.96
Month-to-Date	
Revenue	\$147,242.49
Year-to-Date	
Revenue	\$624,150.29
Month-to-Date	
Expenses	
(as of 5/29/18)	\$103,132.25
Year-to-Date	
Expenses	\$555,280.97
Heck-Jones Offering	\$1,815.00

Deacon on Call

June 10-16
 Nancy Hunter

June 17-23
 Myra Brickell

June 24-30
 Bob Kimball

July 1-7
 Charles Gale

Facilities Utilization Study Continues

On Sunday, May 20, the Facilities Assessment Committee held a listening session to discuss the preliminary results of New City Design's study of the space utilization in the Lewis Building as well as an initial engineering look at the building infrastructure. As you may recall, this is being driven by the visioning process begun four years ago and the fiduciary obligation we have to evaluate our space in conjunction with our desire to be more involved in ministries downtown. The focus then turned to "brainstorming" needs to support ministries and ongoing activities such as Infant-Toddler Center, clothing ministries, etc. Jennifer Rezeli from Revision Architecture in Philadelphia facilitated the discussion and many great suggestions, ideas, and facts were shared. The committee is reviewing the information and feedback with plans to meet in early June.

— Hayden James

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Thursday, July 5

11:00 am Library Committee
 Clothing Ministry Closed

Saturday, July 7

PassportKids/Spartanburg, SC
 (return 7/10)

Sunday, July 8

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

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downtown community.

All of these endeavors have the potential to stir life and energy among us. To a certain extent, they are doing so already. We trust that in time and in God's grace they will bring new people into our church family. Whether they do or not, our real purpose is in reaching out for the sake of those who need our compassion and the Gospel. As long as we do that, we will have proven faithful to our calling and good things will lie ahead for our church, not necessarily exactly what any of us has in mind, but what God has in mind. How could we wish for anything better? CC