



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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A Word from the Pastor

Hello Friends,

Summer vacation is winding down and school is just around the corner. As the calendar turns from July to August, I invite you to turn your attention to the opportunities you have to participate at First Baptist leading into the Fall.

I want to personally invite you to come to worship at 10 AM on August 15th. That morning, we are celebrating First Baptist Lenoir's 132nd birthday. As part of the festivities that morning, we are having a catered meal which the church is providing at no cost to you. Consider it our gift as we return from the pandemic. The one thing I ask of you is that you sign up for the meal by calling the church office. If you do not sign up, there may not be enough for you to eat that morning. Also, make sure you read David's article that outlines not only more information about the day, but about our request for you to bring a gift to celebrate the birthday. Your generosity will help provide ministry opportunities for our fellowship.

On August 22nd, we will go back to regular schedule. We will have Sunday School at 9:45 AM and worship at 11 AM. That Sunday will also be "Youth Sunday," and we look forward to a youth-led worship service that morning.

One last note, we will return for Wednesday night activities beginning Sept 1st. We will have a meal at 5:15 PM provided by new our church hostess, Nicki Blevins, and all activities for children, Adult Choir, and Bible study will begin at 6 PM. Moving up the time will allow us to make sure our young families can have their children home at a decent hour, and it will streamline our opportunities to participate. If you have any questions, please call us.

It is good to be returning to a more normal schedule. I appreciate everyone's work, effort, and sacrifice in making FBC Lenoir the church God called us to be. May we continue to have open eyes, open hearts, and open hands as we serve the Lord and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our community and beyond.

I look forward to worshipping with you Sunday.

Blessings,
Josh

Calendar

Sundays, August 1, 8, & 15

10 AM Worship

Tuesday, August 3

6-8 PM Kid's Pool Party

Saturday, August 7

4 PM Room at the Table

Sunday, August 15

Church Birthday Celebration

10 AM Worship/Lunch after worship

Sunday, August 22

Youth Sunday

Fall Schedule Begins

9:45 AM Sunday School

11 AM Worship

Monday, August 23

7 PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, August 25

6 PM Adult Choir

Sunday, August 29

6 PM Youth Fall Kick Off

Let's Beat The Heat!



Children ages 4yr-6th grade

Tuesday, August 3rd

6:00-8:00 PM

Crystal and Randell Dula's house
(1839 Bellcroft Lane)

Pizza will be served!

Call the church office or Becca to sign up
Please sign up by noon August 3rd.

Please bring your own towel, swimming
gear and floating device.

Happpy 132nd Birthday First Baptist

On August 15th, we will observe the church's 132nd birthday. We will look back with thanksgiving, but we will also focus on God's next challenge for the church. In the coming year, we will seek God's guidance on ministering to some of the needs closest to us. From our front steps...going down Mulberry and Main Streets and within a few blocks to the sides, there are 27 institutions which exist to protect, heal, enhance, feed, and provide guidance. How can we partner with some of these agencies? We are already partnering with some, but are there others. We will need mission teams from our church to be involved in education and involving our church. Many of our members will be asked. We will also need a mission fund to help finance projects that we discover.

When you participate in a birthday celebration, you most often bring a gift. So, on August 15th, each of us is invited to bring a financial gift for the ministries that will be discovered. We are challenged to give as God has blessed us. Since this is the 132nd birthday, could children seek to bring \$1.32? Would our youth bring \$13.20? Others of us might bring \$13.20 per person as well. There are members who might bring \$132 as a family and there might be a \$1,320 or two out there. Whatever is the appropriate gift, even if it doesn't have the numbers 1, 3, and 2... may we bring a birthday gift to the church which will be above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings.

As we give, we honor the past and bring resources for future, yet unseen, ministries.

New Members

We welcome Daquata Mann who joined FBC on July 4th and Betsy McSwain who joined on July 25th. We are grateful they have each chosen to worship and serve with us. We are blessed to have them in our church family.



Daquata Mann



Betsy McSwain

Churchwide Lunch for Our Birthday Celebration

The church will provide lunch from Dan'l Boone Inn immediately following the worship service on August 15th. **Please make your reservation no later than Monday, August 9th**, by emailing Brenda at bwalters@fbclenoir.com or by calling 828-758-8428.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the abundance of love, compassion, understanding, and support that you have provided me over the past 18 years. As I embark on this new chapter of my life, I will keep the good will and guidance that my time at FBC Lenoir has granted me deep within my soul, heart, and most importantly, by actions.

With love, appreciation & excitement,
Emily Fox

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you so much for the care package during finals week. It was an amazing help!

Isaac Spears

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for my finals week care package. That was so kind!

Ben Spears

Dear Friends,

I know this is late. I want to thank you all for helping me with my late husband's cremation.

He passed away on January 23rd of this year. He was a preacher. He read together, prayed together, and went everywhere together.

I, with the Lord's help, am doing alright. I love you all. God will bless you all.

Love in Christ,

Mrs. Ann Bentley

First Baptist Church Members,

Thank you for the fine love and sympathy expressed to the Robert Edward Lee, Jr., family in the passing home to live in heaven with his Lord. May we all be there with him again some day. And the meal was great!.

Love to all,

Barron & Carolyn Lee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 8/2 Anna Reeves (17)
Liz Icenhour
- 8/3 Bryan Ellis
Gary Johnson
Katie Story (16)
Kennedy Story (16)
- 8/4 Jeff Joines
Leah White (16)
- 8/5 Jerry Kahill
- 8/6 Scott Greene
- 8/7 Steven Stewart
- 8/8 Anna Kate Bryson (20)
- 8/9 Mike Hargadon
Jeannie Hargadon
- 8/10 Emmaline Reid (15)
- 8/12 Darin Smith
Lauren Clark
- 8/13 Emma Pannenbacker
- 8/14 Geneva Bradshaw
Buzz Sims
Karen Harrison
- 8/15 Charles Hathcock, Jr.
Mary Ann Shull
- 8/16 Sandie Cannon
- 8/17 Libby Tucker
Lewis Price
- 8/18 Lindsay Holder
Jae Anna Spears (13)
Major Smith (4)
- 8/19 Beth Reeves
Jon Smith
- 8/20 Marvin Lovins
Julie Smith
Jenny Miller
- 8/22 Nicki Blevins
- 8/24 Annette Sanders
- 8/25 Dock Seagle
- 8/26 Josh Hughes
- 8/27 Josh Woodruff
Chad Ester
Jana Wike

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Sunday, August 22	Youth Sunday
Monday, August 23	First Day of School! Have a great year!
Sunday, August 29	Sunday School begins; Worship at 11:00 AM 6:00 PM FALL KICK OFF—Parent/Teen Pizza Party & dates/schedules/plans for the year
Sunday, September 5	Labor Day Weekend—No Night Activities



A new year, a new rehearsal time!

Beginning September 1, we will have a new Wednesday night schedule. The supper line will be open from 5:15-6:00.

Then the adult choir will rehearse at 6:00

while Bible study is going on. That way everyone is able to go home at 7:00 PM. Don't worry...you can still watch the Bible study on the church website when you get home!

Sunday, August 15

- 9:15 AM Birthday Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM FBC Birthday Celebration & Lunch

Sunday, August 22

Youth Sunday—No Adult Choir

Wednesday, August 25

- 6:00 PM The Great Re-Gathering Rehearsal—Fall Music Preview

Wednesday, September 1

- 5:15—6:00 First Wednesday Supper
- 6:00 PM Christmas Music Preview



Sundays (beginning August 22nd)

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship

Wednesdays (beginning September 1st)

- 5:15-6:00 Supper Served
- 6:00-7:00 Bible Study
- Adult Choir
- Children's & Youth Activities

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2021
\$833,698.00
YTD Budget Receipts
\$453,980.47

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 8/28 Austen Moore (18)
Luke Roberts (15)
- 8/29 Brooke Parker
- 8/30 Dan Wortman
Ella Stilwell (10)
- 8/31 Vicki Gentry
Carla Reid

STAFF

- Rev. Josh Hughes**
SENIOR PASTOR
- Rev. Fred D. Barnes**
PASTOR EMERITUS
- Dr. Thomas R. Hinton**
MINISTER OF MUSIC & YOUTH
- Dr. David B. Smith**
ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE
- Rebecca K. Lawing**
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
- Carla Reid**
ORGANIST
- Nan R. Benfield**
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR
- Gary Johnson**
BUSINESS MANAGER
- Diane Palmer**
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
- Brenda Walters**
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
- Kathy Keck**
MISSIONS ADMIN. ASSISTANT
- Nicki Blevins**
CHURCH HOSTESS
- Robert Benfield**
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
- Bill Wakefield**
MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT
- Krista Hamby**
CUSTODIAN