



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

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A Word from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

In the August 2022 News and Views, I spoke about Thomas Hinton's retirement celebration that had taken place the night before on July 31st. I introduced you to Dr. Aaron Rice who was coming to lead us in our interim time. And I told you that no matter what, God would be faithful to us and help us in our time of transition. It is clear to me that God was faithful, because August 1, 2023, marks Michael Jennings' first day as Minister of Worship and Music at FBC Lenoir. I am thrilled to have Michael on staff, and I cannot wait to see what God will do here in the future.

On August 20, 2023, we will celebrate First Baptist Lenoir's 134th birthday. Incredibly, what began as a dream of some committed people from Lower Creek Baptist Church in 1889 has turned into the fellowship we love dearly today. Join us for worship and for a meal afterward as we celebrate all that God has done in this place in the past, and as we entrust the ministries of this church into God's hands for the future.

On Tuesday, August 22, we will renew a ministry at First Baptist Lenoir that was stopped by the pandemic. Years ago, under the leadership of Dr. David Smith, First Baptist began taking care of the funerals for the Unclaimed in our community. The Unclaimed is a technical term, which describes people who have died as wards of the state in our county. Most of these people do not have the financial means or the family connections to have a traditional funeral or memorial service. Though they may be "Unclaimed" in a legal sense, we claim them as brothers and sisters in Christ. Therefore, we will remember their lives at a memorial service where we will lay several people to rest at Blue Ridge Cemetery at 11 A.M. Please come and be a part of a special moment together as we remember those who have been forgotten by so many.

Finally, we are so excited for our Sunday School and our Wednesday night services to begin again. Sunday school will kick off on Sunday, August 27th at 9:00 AM. Worship that morning will be led by our Youth. And our Wednesday nights will begin with a Parking Lot Picnic on August 30th. Come and join us for all these events and so much more this Fall.

Blessings on you and yours,

Dr. Josh Hughes

CALENDER

SUNDAYS

Worship 10 AM
Youth 6 PM

WEDNESDAYS

Youth 6 PM

Tuesday, August 1

Parents Morning Out 10 AM
Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 PM

Saturday, August 5

Room at the Table 4 PM

Sunday, August 13

WOM Book Study 7 PM

Sunday, August 20

Church Birthday Lunch
Parent/Teen Kick-Off 6 PM

Tuesday, August 22

Service for the Unclaimed 11 AM
Blue Ridge Cemetery

Thursday, August 24

Preschool Open House 11 AM-2 PM

Sunday, August 27

Youth Sunday
Sunday School Resumes 9 AM

Monday, August 28

Deacons Meeting 7 PM

Wednesday, August 30

Parking Lot Picnic 5:30-7 PM



Parents Morning Out

Tuesday, August 1st 10:00-12:00—Parents Morning Out—for Children's Ages 5—5th Grade—Drop your children off at FBC for a time of games, crafts, and snacks! Enjoy a couple of hours relaxing, catching up with a friend, or getting pampered! Sign up so we know how many will be joining us. Sign up by clicking on this link:

[FBC Kids Summer Activities 2023](#)

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Enjoy supper at Chick-fil-A on Tuesday, August 1, between 5:00 and 8:00 PM. A portion of all proceeds will help support our Backpack Ministry. Dine-in or drive-thru!



We will celebrate the 134th birthday of First Baptist on Sunday, August 20. Plan to stay for lunch immediately following the worship

service.

Menu: Ham, Chicken Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Slaw, Rolls, and cake.

Cost: \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under ages 4-11

Please sign up by clicking on the following link:

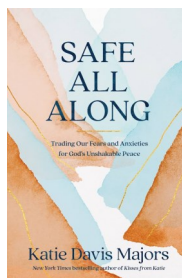


Let's Celebrate



Dear FBC,
Thank you so much for kind send-off. We are so grateful for our time spent serving the Lord alongside of you. We pray God's continued blessings on you in the coming days. May his richest blessings be upon you.

With love,
Aaron, Lane,
Kati Fletcher & Henry Rice



Women on Mission Summer Book Study

Safe All Along

by Katie Davis Majors

August 13 at 7 PM

For more information, contact Crystal Dula at [\(828\) 323-7039](tel:8283237039)



Sunday School resumes on August 27 at 9:00 AM and we hope to see you there. We have classes for all ages. Feel free to try different classes until you find the right one for you.

All children's classes are on the 2nd floor. Adult classes are located on the 3rd floor with the exception of the Young Adult class which meets in the Coffee Room on the 1st floor.

Babies/Young ToddlersRoom 221 or 223
3-5 Year-OldsRoom 215
1st-3rd GradesRoom 204
4th-5th GradesRoom 203
YouthYouth Suite Room 408
Young AdultsRoom 102

CrossWalk Room 316
The Misfits Room 320
Ladies Class Room 319
Shuford Class Room 302
Ledbetter Class Room 304
Beam Class Room 314

Youth activities

- Wed., August 2..... Youth Bible Study (Christian Apologetics)
6:30-7:30
- Sun., August 6..... Regular Schedule 6:00
Celebration of 2023 Seniors
- Tues., August 8..... CECHS & CASA first day of class
- Wed., August 9..... Youth Bible Study (Christian Apologetics)
6:30-7:30
- Sun., August 13..... Regular Schedule 6:00
- Mon., August 14..... CCC&TI first day of class
- Wed., August 16..... Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00
- Sun., August 20..... 6:00 Fall Kick Off—Parent/Teen Pizza Party
bring pizza to share
- Wed., August 23..... Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00
- Sun., August 27..... YOUTH SUNDAY—Meet in the sanctuary at
9:15
6:00-7:30 SWIM PARTY at the Dula's
1839 Bellcroft**
- Mon., August 28..... Traditional Schools—first day of school
- Wed., August 30..... Parking Lot Picnic at FBC with FBC Kids
Food & Games 5:30-7:00



Exciting news! It is time to update our church directory. We have a wonderful online program with Realm which will allow us to create an online directory. All we need from you is a picture. You may choose to upload

a picture you already have or you may sign up for a time after church or on a Wednesday night for your picture to be taken with your family. We will also help you create an account in Realm if you have not already done so. More details will be sent to you soon with dates.

Worship **WORSHIP** Volunteers

Libby Tucker
Bill Wakefield
Dylan Gragg

Debbie Pritchard
Mavis Lackey
Scott Hall

Jeff Clark
Abby Gragg
Dawn Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 8/1 Jessica Anthony
8/2 Anna Reeves (19)
Liz Icenhour
8/3 Bryan Ellis
Gary Johnson
Katie Story (18)
Kennedy Story (18)
8/4 Jeff Joines
8/5 Jerry Kahill
8/6 Scott Greene
8/7 Steven Stewart
8/8 Anna Kate Bryson
Harold Passig
Randy Lail
8/9 Mike Hargadon
8/10 Emmaline Reid (17)
8/12 Darin Smith
Lauren Clark
Tanner Tucker
Suni Picton (3)
8/14 Buzz Sims
Karen Harrison
8/15 Mary Ann Shull
8/16 Sandie Cannon
8/17 Libby Tucker
Lewis Price
8/18 Lindsay Avila
Major Smith (6)
8/19 Beth Reeves
Jon Smith
8/20 Marvin Lovins
Julie Smith
8/22 Nicki Blevins
8/23 Paula Capps
8/25 Dock Seagle
8/26 Josh Hughes
8/27 Josh Woodruff
Chad Ester
8/28 Austen Moore (20)
Luke Roberts (17)
8/29 Brooke Parker
8/30 Dan Wortman
Ella Stilwell (12)
8/31 Carla Reid

Loving God and Loving Our Neighbors

I would like to send a big SHOUT OUT to our youth for their hard work to assist the owners of Happy Dash Farm. Flooding devastated their farm and we were able to lend a hand and help rebuild a fence, shovel dirt and clean up debris. This group loves God and loves their neighbors! That's what we are called to do and let me tell you, these young people are on fire! Thank you to Kaitlyn Moore Crawford, Courtney and Jared Wright, Maddy Wright, Maddy Reid, Katie Story, Hadlie Nichols, Addison Dillard, Dylan Dula, Zeke Frye, Logan Clark, Ryan Winkler, Holden Lawing.

Becca



STAFF

Dr. Josh Hughes
SENIOR PASTOR
Rev. Michael Jennings
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MINISTER OF YOUTH,
CHILDREN & CONNECTIONS
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Brenda Walters
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Diane Palmer
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
Kathy Keck
MISSIONS ADMIN. ASSISTANT
Audrey Bentley
FBC PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR
Nicki Blevins
CHURCH HOSTESS
Robert Benfield
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
Bill Wakefield
MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT
Krista Hamby
CUSTODIAN

Parking Lot Picnic

Wednesday—August 30—5:30-7:00 PM

Hamburgers & Hotdogs
Popcorn

Games for Kids
Bingo for Adults

Bring a chair, enjoy a meal, and try to win a prize at Bingo!

Come and visit with your church family.

Cost: \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 4-11

Click on this link to make your reservation:

[FBC Parking Lot Picnic](#)