



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

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February 2023



A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The Deacons held their annual retreat on January 21st where we discussed various topics concerning the future of the church and their current calling to ministry. One of the aspects of that retreat that really stood out was when one of our youth stood before the deacons and began to talk to us about what the church is doing well, and what could be improved from the youth group's perspective. Hearing that reminded me of a truth that we in this church may have forgotten: Our future depends on us growing younger.

Far too often, we overlook giving our youth opportunities in ministry because they do not have any experience. How will they ever have experience if they do not have opportunities to serve? I want us at First Baptist Lenoir to not dismiss our youth but

embrace them by giving them chances to lead. I want each one of our deacon committees to have a youth representative. I want our youth to be regular participants in worship, by reading the scripture, saying prayers, singing in the choir, volunteering to help in our children's programming, and greeting at the doors. By giving our young people opportunities to serve, we are giving them invaluable experience in God's Kingdom that will benefit not only us but them in the coming years.

May God bless you and keep you,

Rev. Josh Hughes

CALENDER

Sundays

Sunday School 9 AM
Worship 10 AM
Adult Choir 11:15 AM
Handbells 5 PM
Youth Supper & Program 6 PM

Wednesdays

Supper Served 5:15-6 PM
Bible Study 6 PM
Children's Activities 6 PM

Saturday, February 4

Room at the Table 4 PM

Sunday, February 5

WOM Bible Study 6 PM

Tuesday, February 7

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM
Dr. Smith's Book Club 7 PM (Zoom)

Sunday, February 12

Youth Super Bowl Party

Tuesday, February 14

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM

Sunday, February 19

Valentine's Banquet 5 PM

Tuesday, February 21

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM



Save the Date!

We will gather on Sunday evening, February 19, at 5 PM, for a Valentine's Banquet.

EVERYONE is invited! We will enjoy supper, music and fellowship. More details are coming soon. Look for a sign-up sheet at church.

Thank you

On behalf of the students and families of Hibriten High School, thank you for your donation toward our Angel

Tree. Your thoughtfulness and compassion were such a blessing to others. YOU are appreciated.

With Panther Pride,
Jennifer Crowe
School Social Worker



Thank You for Giving

In December, you blessed 17 residents at Koinonia with Christmas gifts—residents who would not have received anything otherwise.

The director at Koinonia,

Chassidy Triplett, said every tenant was so happy and appreciative for what they received and many of them mentioned how their gift was exactly what they needed. Our church family gave things from hygiene items and stocking stuffers to coats, clothing and kitchen items/supplies.

Chassidy was so pleased with how everything came together and wanted to extend her thanks to each person that made her tenants feel loved this Christmas.

Dear FBC Lenoir Angel Tree & Youth,

Thank you for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with WCHS students in need this past holiday season! Your gifts, packaged with love, let these kids know they are cared about. Thank you again,

Ashley Byers
School Social Worker
West Caldwell High



We welcome Ben Perry into our fellowship. Ben joined on January 15 but has been a part of FBC for several years.

Ben, we are stronger as a church family because of your faithfulness to FBC.



Sunday, February 5

TBD

Sunday, February 12

Super Bowl Party in our NEW Youth Suite!

Sunday, February 19

Churchwide Valentine's Banquet. Details coming.

Sunday, February 26

Regular Schedule—FBC Lenoir 6:00 meal; 6:30 Bible Study

FINANCIAL REPORT
Budget Needs for 2023
\$865,650.00
YTD Budget Receipts
\$156,416.19

Don't forget! Caswell deposits are due by February 5!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT
meal

Wednesday suppers are served from 5:15-6PM. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that Wednesday or you may place your name on the permanent reservation list.

- February 1Pork Chops w/Gravy, Rice, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Dessert
- February 8Vegetable Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese, Dessert
- February 15Hot Dogs, Chili, Slaw, Potato Salad, Chips, Dessert
- February 22Taco Night, Dessert



We have a Lost & Found box near the desk as you enter the dining room. If you have misplaced an item, please check the box or contact the church office.

Room at the Table

The first Saturday of each month, our Room at the Table ministry feeds a hot meal to anyone in the community in need.



Our next meal will be served on February 4 at 4:00 PM. If you would like to sign up to provide a dish and/or help serve the meal, there is a sign-up sheet in the 1st-floor hallway. Items needed for the meal on February 4 are: hashbrown casseroles, cooked green beans, rolls, dessert and bananas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2/1 Dylan Moore
Abby Reeves (21)
- 2/2 Cheryl Keener
- 2/3 Ethan Miller (16)
- 2/4 Drew Icenhour
- 2/5 Reese Pennell (5)
- 2/6 Sarah Chase
Jamie Stewart
Avery Gilbert (19)
- 2/7 Noah Powell (20)
- 2/8 Jarma Stevens
Rachel Coffey
- 2/9 Megan Reid
- 2/10 Ann Helms
Brooklyn Greene (11)
- 2/12 Stuart Tucker
Lindsey Greene (20)
Audrey Bentley
- 2/13 Ryan Winkler (17)
- 2/16 Aaron Rice
- 2/17 Judy Prevost
Jr. Johnson
- 2/18 Maddy Wright (16)
- 2/20 David Smith
- 2/21 Lisa Winkler
Sydney Pennell (9)
Hunter Sime (13)
Sawyer Sime (13)
- 2/23 Merlin Perry
Steve Austin
- 2/24 Cy Sims
- 2/26 Jessica Bentley
- 2/27 Jodi Sanders
- 2/28 Maceynt Bentley (7)

WORSHIP

volunteers

February

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Linda Babb | Louise Bradshaw | Melonie Burch |
| James Davis | Renee Davis | Ally Johnson |
| Gary Johnson | Cindy McCurry | Keith Orrell |
| Shirley Orrell | Nelda Simpson | |

STAFF

Rev. Josh Hughes

SENIOR PASTOR

Dr. Aaron Rice

INTERIM MUSIC MINISTER

Dr. David B. Smith

ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF

PASTORAL CARE

Rebecca K. Lawing

CHILDREN'S & INTERIM

YOUTH MINISTRY

CARLA REID

ORGANIST

Gary Johnson

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Brenda Walters

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CHURCH HOSTESS

Robert Benfield

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Bill Wakefield

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

Krista Hamby

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