



NEWS and VIEWS

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A Word from the Pastor

Hello Friends,

Thank you to all who made Caswell and VBS possible this year. Even a few months ago, we were unsure if these events would take place because of the pandemic. But because cases had fallen so precipitously, we were able to participate, and both groups were blessed enormously. Thank you to all the volunteers who served and made these weeks memorable. I look forward to showing you the pictures when we return on Wednesday nights in the Fall.

July 4th is a special day in the history of our nation. It is Independence Day, and it happens to fall on Sunday this year. While I know that many of you may be out of town visiting your family, I want you to know that your church family will gather and celebrate the Lord's Supper. While it may look a little different due to some precautions we are choosing to take, the essence of the meal will not change. We will remember Jesus' sacrifice, for in dying for our sins, He gave us true independence and hope.

Furthermore, be on the look out for several activities that are planned for the rest of the Summer. While the details are being worked out, we recognize that many in our fellowship are longing for the connections and community that we have missed over the last year. We are entertaining ideas of attending a ballgame, having a movie night, or coming together for an ice cream social. I personally hope we can do all three.

Finally, I just want you to know how grateful I am that we can worship in the sanctuary again. It is so nice to see your smiling faces and preach to something other than the camera. If you have not yet made it back, consider this your personal invitation. And if you are out of town and cannot attend physically, remember that you can participate via the livestream not only during the worship hour, but at any time during the week.

God is doing great things at FBC Lenoir, and I am excited about where He is leading us into the future.

May God bless you and yours,

Josh Hughes

Calendar

Sundays

- 9 AM Adult SS Class
(one class for all)
- 9:15 Adult Choir Practice
- 10 AM Worship & Children's Activities

Saturday, July 3

4 PM Room at the Table

Monday, July 5

Office Closed—
Independence Day Holiday

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2021

\$833,698.00

YTD Budget Receipts

\$412,241.85

Dear FBC Family,

What a wonderful source of love and support you all have given our family during Dan's illness and passing. Although Dan hadn't attended FBC Lenoir in several years due to his own ministry in Taylorsville, he always considered you all his family. His funeral was exactly what he wanted—a celebration of life! Our family appreciates everything you have done to help us through this difficult journey.

Anita Redding

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your many expressions of sympathy in the passing of (Teresa's) Dad. Every phone call, card, email, text, and in-person message has been a source of comfort to us. We are blessed to be a part of a loving and caring church.

Love,
Mark, Teresa, Meredith,
and Amanda Transou



VBS Thank You

We had a great week of VBS learning how Jesus is our strong foundation. A huge thank you goes out to the following adults and youth who made this week a success. Thank you for being such an important piece of the foundation of FBC Lenoir:

Jennifer Sime, Jamie Stewart, Kim Ester, Terry Reid, Crystal Dula, Debra Lien, Beth Johnson, Ally Johnson, Angie Greene, Mavis Lackey, Jarma Stevens, Carmen Saunders, Kate Washburn, Chloee Dula, Gretchen Haas, Martha Chase, Beth Reeves, Emily Hillis, Laurie Clawson, Sydney Clawson, Josh Hughes, Tressa Powell, Thomas Hinton, Robert Benfield, Ryan Winkler, Luke Roberts, Kennedy Story, Holden Lawing, Mazie Wakefield, Austen Moore, Anna Reeves, Katie Story, Jenny Chase, Halle Annas, Emmaline Reid, Anna Reid, Maddy Wright, Reagan Adamson, Finley Boaz, Hunter Sime, Sawyer Sime

Children's Ministry—A Note from Becca

Thank you for joining us for VBS at FBC Lenoir. We hope you had a fun and faith filled week! Please continue to carry God's love in all that you do which will help to build a strong foundation!

We would love for you to join us for worship at FBC on Sundays this summer, Worship begins at 10am with children's activities during the worship service. Make plans to join us for the following activities too!

- * Tuesday, July 13 1:00-2:00- Crafts/Board Game Day- Join us for games and crafts in the dining room at FBC. Snacks will be provided.
- * Tuesday, July 20 6:30- FBC Movie Night- take a break from the heat and join us for a trip to the Great Barrier Reef- Finding Nemo! Popcorn and drinks provided. Bring a comfy blanket!
- * Tuesday, July 27th- Hickory Crawdads Game- Game time 7pm. It's dollar dog Tuesday. Make sure to call the church office and let us know how many in your family will be attending. 758-8428.
- * Pool Party- TBD- more details to come!

Thank you for making our VBS so much fun!

LOVE & SERVE

Your gifts of time and money continue to allow FBC to minister to our community in many ways. The

following is a sampling of the ministries you support—directly through FBC Lenoir and through local agencies:

- Backpack Meals
- Hand-Up Bags
- Back Door Assistance
- Coat Program
- Room at the Table
- Jonas Hill
- Helping Hands
- Yokefellow
- LEOS
- Caldwell Pregnancy Care
- Caldwell Wig Bank
- Lenoir Soup Kitchen
- Robin's Nest
- Bethel Colony
- Caldwell House
- Women's Shelter Home
- Hospice
- Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health
- Communities in Schools



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 7/1 Buddy Barlow
Brenda Moore
Ethan Holder
- 7/2 Debbie McMaster
Debbie Bumgarner
Mitzi White
- 7/8 Caroline Land
Brenda Suddreth
- 7/9 Judy Raby
Kandus Passig
- 7/10 Logan Clark (17)
Brenda Deitz
- 7/11 Lawson Gilbert (20)
Chris Bentley
- 7/12 Jessie Moore (20)
Phyllis Chapman
- 7/15 Linda Babb
- 7/17 Virginia Hoyle
- 7/19 Nora Chase
Drew Martin (14)
Caedyn Austin (12)
- 7/20 Sam Ellis
Bob Gibbons
- 7/21 Eddie Winkler
- 7/22 Grace Powell
Wade Smith
- 7/23 Shelba Lou Page
- 7/24 Donna McRary
- 7/25 Barbara Donaldson
Kate Ester (10)
- 7/26 Lydia Bryant
- 7/27 Gretchen Haas
- 7/27 Bill Wakefield
Ben Winkler (19)

The church would like to thank Keith and Shirley Orrell, Kim Hinton, Sherrill and Monteen German, Teri Clapsaddle, and Nicki Blevins for their work as chaperons for Caswell summer camp.

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