



# NEWS and VIEWS

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## A Word from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

Summer is finally here and with it are new opportunities to serve at FBC Lenoir. This year, as we shift to our Summer Worship Schedule beginning June 13<sup>th</sup>, we say goodbye to the outdoor worship service. For one year, we worshipped weekly at 9 AM under God's grandest sanctuary, His creation. Thank you to all who made that possible week in and week out. I want to certainly acknowledge our sound crew, our staff, and one you might not even know about...Derek Reeves. Derek volunteered weekly to help set up and tear down. We are grateful for his dedication, and for all of those who attended faithfully. With that said, we return joyfully into the sanctuary and we invite all to participate with us.

This year, we will indeed have several activities we would do in a "normal year." Our youth will be making their yearly trek to Caswell June 7-12<sup>th</sup>. Caswell is a place where our young adults will participate in powerful worship, serve others by preparing meals for disadvantaged people, and enjoy fellowship with one

another. Please be in prayer that God's Spirit will be at work in our youth group and that they might grow closer to Him and to one another on this trip.

Vacation Bible School will take place here from June 14<sup>th</sup>-18. Please sign up your little ones now. If you are interested in helping this year, please contact our Children's Minister, Becca Lawing, or the church office.

Finally, I regret to tell you that our kitchen staff will not return in the Fall. Due to demanding schedules and family obligations, we say goodbye to Cheryl and Phyllis. These ladies served our church faithfully for five years and we are grateful for their selfless dedication to feeding us weekly. Though we will miss them, we are very grateful for their time and talents that have blessed us all.

As you can see, we will be very busy this month of June. So, while I do want you to get some rest and a little vacation time, please know that your church needs your commitment and service in a very real way. If you have any questions about anything mentioned above, please contact our church office. I look forward to worshipping with you Sunday.

Rev. Josh Hughes

## Calendar

### Saturday, June 5

4 PM Room at the Table

### Sunday, June 6

9 AM Last Outside Worship  
11 AM Inside Worship

### June 7-12

Youth Trip to Caswell

### Sunday, June 13

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

### June 14-17

8:45-11:45 am Vacation  
Bible School

### Thursday, June 17

7 PM Dr. Smith's Book Club

### Monday, June 28

7 PM Deacons Meeting



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 14-17 • 8:45—11:45

GRAB YOUR HARD HAT AND TOOL BELT!

Show kids the foundation that lasts! As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith in Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion.

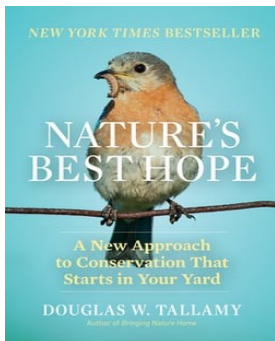
We will have classes for ages Pre-K (4-year-olds) through 5th grade. Check your email for a registration form or pick up a copy at the church.



## Shoes for Jonas Hill Hospital and Clinic

Jonas Hill is in need of Croc-style clogs for their patients. Please consider sending a monetary donation to the church during June to help us meet this need and support the work of Jonas Hill.

**Congratulations** to Jack Thomas Spears—State Speaker Bible Drill winner for North Carolina. Jack Thomas will compete in the national competition in Dallas, Texas, in June. We are proud of you and will be cheering you on as you compete on the national level.



## Dr. Smith's June Book Club

Our book club selection for June is by Douglas W. Tallamy. The book is *Nature's Best Hope*.

This book is of a different genre than our other books. It is a "readable" scientific book on climate change. Taking Zoology and Botany in college was good for my spiritual growth...I prayed a lot to get out of those classes with a passing grade!

Some of the latter parts of the book were a little more scientific than my mind could follow, but this writing will generate good thought and discussion.

I believe climate change is the biggest challenge facing the world. Christians have a responsibility here to reflect upon the issues in this book and formulate a Christian response. The Scriptures are definite about our responsibility. We will discuss the book on June 17.

David Smith

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School—One Class for All—Multi-Purpose Room
- 9:15 AM Adult Choir Practice—All are invited to participate
- 10:00 AM Morning Worship

During the worship hour, children in 1st-5th Grade will join Becca for Children's Church/Sunday School. Kinders and younger will be in the Nursery/Preschool area.





A blessing is just what First Baptist has been to me just when I needed it the most. I regret having to leave. I thank God daily for the opportunity to work with everyone here at First Baptist of Lenoir. Every staff and church member has always been so helpful and nice, especially during hard times. I will be forever grateful. I will be glad to help in any way possible to make this an easy transition.

Forever grateful,  
Cheryl Chester



Congratulations to the following 2021 graduates:

**Brian Fox**—Graduated from NC State University with a Degree in English with Concentration in Teacher Education. He will pursue a Masters degree in Higher Education Student Affairs this Fall at Western Carolina University.

**Megan Land**—Graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science with Concentration in Pre-Professional Legal Studies.

**Joseph Reid**—Graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor’s Degree of Music in Trumpet Performance.



**Sunday, June 6th:**

Caswell Check-In –  
7:30 PM in the Dining  
Room

**Monday, June 7th:** Meet

in church parking lot at  
6:00 AM—Travel to  
Caswell!

**BIRTHDAYS  
(Continued)**

- 6/29 Halle Annas (14)  
Susan Broyhill
- 6/30 Carol Austin  
Alison Barlow  
Shirley Barlowe  
Bill Donaldson

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 6/1 Meredith Transou
- 6/2 Seth Stilwell
- 6/4 Martha Chase
- 6/6 Monteen German  
Esther Wakefield
- 6/7 Emilee Bradley (14)  
Susan Walker
- 6/8 Abby Gragg  
Mitchell Setzer  
Nelda Simpson
- 6/9 Bill Donaldson, IV  
Lindsay Reid (12)
- 6/11 Kady Campbell (12)  
John Davis  
Cheyenne Suddreth (21)  
Teresa Thomas  
Reagan Tucker
- 6/12 Mike Enloe
- 6/14 Makenzie Roberts (18)  
Deborah Smith  
Mazie Wakefield (16)
- 6/15 Paula Briscoe  
Craig Bryson
- 6/16 Randell Dula
- 6/17 Darrell Keener  
Peggy Shore  
Zoe Waters (18)
- 6/18 Angie Greene  
Jared Wright
- 6/19 Deborah Caudle  
Alvin Daughtridg  
Mary Miller
- 6/20 Waylon Hoyle (2)
- 6/22 Gary Deitz  
Mabry Land (15)  
Ty Stewart (6)
- 6/24 Kat Canipe
- 6/25 Anne-Lindsay Beall
- 6/27 Mackie Smith (11)
- 6/28 Bella Reese Greene (6)  
Hal Lawing  
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## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Budget Needs for 2021

**\$833,698.00**

YTD Budget Receipts

**\$368,401.04**

## **STAFF**

**Rev. Josh Hughes**

SENIOR PASTOR

**Rev. Fred D. Barnes**

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**Dr. David B. Smith**

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CUSTODIAN