



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

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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. Our youth will be making their yearly trek to Caswell June 12th-17th. 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 19th-22nd. The theme will be "Twists & Turns—Following Jesus Changes the Game." Please sign up your little ones now. If you are interested in helping this year, please contact Becca Lawing or the church office.

Finally, as a way to fellowship during this busy Summer, our church will have several gatherings. The first will be July 2nd. After the morning worship, we will go over to Mulberry Park and eat a picnic lunch. On July 15th, we will serve blackberry cobbler at the Lenoir Blackberry Festival. In addition to the cobbler, I hope we will have an opportunity to have a tent set up where we will offer prayer for anyone who wants to participate. And of course, we will celebrate the church's birthday on Sunday August 20th. Keep an eye

out for further announcements for when we do other social activities as a church body.

I cannot tell you how thrilled I am about our new full-time staff that will begin working this Summer. Becca Lawing comes on as the new Youth, Children, Missions, and Connections Minister. She will not only oversee all the programming for our youth and children, but she will plan mission opportunities/trips locally and abroad. Beyond that, as the connections minister, she will help us connect with those in our fellowship who have not or cannot attend worship regularly. She is an invaluable part of what we do at FBC. Her first day here will be June 1st.

I am also thrilled about working with Rev. Michael Jennings. Michael is our new Music, Worship, and Adult Minister. He will oversee the music ministries of FBC as well as plan worship weekly. In addition to these duties, Michael will help reengage our Senior Adult Ministry and assist with pastoral care. Michael's first day here will be August 1st.

As you can see, we will be very busy this Summer. 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.

Blessings on you and yours,

Josh

CALENDER

Saturday, June 3

Room at the Table 4 PM

Sunday, June 4

Worship Service 10 AM

Sunday, June 11

Worship Service 10 AM

Sunday, June 12—Sat., June 17

Youth at Caswell

Sunday, June 18

Worship Service 10 AM

Monday, June 19—Thurs., June 22

VBS 8:45-11:45 AM

Sunday, June 25

Worship Service 10 AM

WOM Book Study 7 PM

Monday, June 26

Deacons Meeting 7 PM



*Congratulations to our 2023 graduates!
We are proud of you and are excited about the
opportunities ahead of you.*

FBC PRESCHOOL GRADUATES

**Bellamy Craig
Andy Stewart**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- Logan Clark**Hibriten High School—Will attend UNC Chapel Hill
- Dylan Dula**South Caldwell High School—Will attend Pfeiffer University
- Tori Davis**West Caldwell High School—Will attend North Carolina State University
- Charlotte Gardner**Hibriten High School—Will attend UNC Chapel Hill
- Matthew Land**Hibriten High School—Will attend Appalachian State University
- Holden Lawing**Hibriten High School—Will attend North Carolina State University
- Max Martin**South Caldwell High School—Obtaining his contractor’s license and becoming an apprentice with an electrician
- Laban Miller**Hibriten High School—Will attend CCC&TI
- Katie Story**Hibriten High School—Will attend Belmont Abbey
- Kennedy Story**Hibriten High School—Will attend East Tennessee State University
- Mazie Wakefield**Hibriten High School—Will attend Radford University

COLLEGE & CAREER GRADUATES

- Anna Kate Bryson**BA in Chemistry/BA in Exercise & Sport Science from UNC Chapel Hill
- Carson Davis**Degree in Welding Technology from CCC&TI
- Cade Ellis**Completed Basic Law Enforcement Training at CCC&TI
- Brian Fox**Masters in Education from Western Carolina University
- Harrison Gardner**BS in Industrial Engineering from Clemson University
- Josh Hughes**Doctor of Ministry from Gardner-Webb University
- Ally Johnson**Masters of Business Administration from East Tennessee State University
- Katie Smith**Degree in Exercise Science from Appalachian State University

(Graduate information provided by the families.)

Retirement Drop-In for Frank Smith

Frank Smith, who was Minister of Youth at FBC from August 1971 to March 1979, is retiring from First Baptist Church of Greenville, SC. A drop-in to honor Frank will be held there in the fellowship hall on Sunday, June 4th, between 2:00 & 4:00 PM and you are invited to attend. The church is located at 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC.



Join Us for VBS
June 19-22, 8:45-11:45 AM
Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 5th Grade

Following Jesus Changes the Game
 "Make Your Ways Known to Me, Lord:
 Teach Me Your Paths." Psalm 25:4

IT'S TIME TO LEVEL UP VBS! Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."

Click on the following link to register for VBS or contact the church office:

FILL OUT FORM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—VBS NEEDS YOU! Join in the fun this year at VBS! If you would be interested in helping with VBS, please call the church office or let Becca know (828-310-7603). We need Group Leaders (no teaching involved), Missions Leader (involves teaching), Bible Story Helper, Snack Helpers, Music Helpers, Recreation Leader and Helpers, Craft Helpers, Decorating Helpers. Enjoy the benefits of watching our young children learn more about Jesus and grow in their faith! What better way to spend a few mornings this summer!

June WORSHIP Volunteers

Becky Gibbons	Teresa Transou	Sharon Coggin
Joe Gibbons	Wanda Ellis	Charles Thomas
Mark Transou	Jimmy Coggin	Kenny Story



If you have lost one of the following items, we may have found it! Please check our Lost & Found Box in the dining room.

We have: jackets, coats, jewelry, umbrellas, ear buds, casserole dishes, sunglasses, Bibles, baskets, and more!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 6/1 Meredith Transou
- 6/2 Seth Stilwell
- 6/3 Daquata Mann
- 6/4 Martha Chase
Lane Rice
- 6/6 Esther Wakefield
Monteen German
- 6/7 Susan Walker
- 6/8 Abby Gragg
Nelda Simpson
Mitchell Setzer
- 6/9 Bill Donaldson, IV
Lindsay Reid (14)
- 6/11 Reagan Tucker (20)
John Davis
Teresa Thomas
Cheyenne Suddreth
Kadyn Campbell (14)
Jule Picton
- 6/14 Mazie Wakefield (18)
Makenzie Roberts (20)
Deborah Smith
Amber Schwartz
- 6/15 Craig Bryson
- 6/16 Randell Dula
- 6/17 Peggy Shore
Darrell Keener
- 6/18 Angie Greene
Jared Wright
- 6/19 Mary Miller
Alvin Daughtridg
Deborah Caudle
- 6/20 Lillie Ruth Melton
Waylon Hoyle (4)
- 6/22 Ty Stewart (17)
Gary Deitz
Mabry Land (16)
- 6/25 Anne-Lindsay Beall
- 6/27 Mackie Smith (13)

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Youth
activities

Sunday, June 4

6:30—Pre-Caswell Meeting (room sign-ups, etc.)

Wednesday, June 7

6-7 PM—Youth Bible Study

Sunday, June 11

6:30—Caswell Check-In (forms signed/last payment due)

June 12-17

Caswell Summer Camp

Sunday, June 18

No Youth—Father's Day—Enjoy your time with your family!

Wednesday, June 21

6-7 PM—Youth Bible Study

June 19-22

VBS—PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SHOW SOME LOVE TO OUR FBC KIDS!

Sunday, June 25

6 PM—Youth Regular Schedule

Wednesday, June 28

6-7 PM—Youth Bible Study

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
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- 6/28 Hal Lawing
Bella Reese Greene (8)
- 6/29 Susan Broyhill
Halle Annas (16)
- 6/30 Shirley Barlowe
Bill Donaldson, III
Alison Barlow
Carol Austin

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2023
\$865,650.00
YTD Budget Receipts
\$373,178.19

STAFF

- Dr. Josh Hughes**
SENIOR PASTOR
- Dr. Aaron Rice**
INTERIM MUSIC MINISTER
- Dr. David B. Smith**
ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE
- Becca Lawing**
YOUTH, CHILDREN, MISSIONS & CONNECTIONS MINISTER
- Carla Reid**
ORGANIST
- Gary Johnson**
BUSINESS MANAGER
- Brenda Walters**
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
- 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

Women on Mission Summer Book Study

WOM will be studying the book Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better by Brant Hansen. In our easily offended, cancel-culture society, learn how to replace perpetual frustration and anger with refreshing humility and gratitude.

It turns out giving up your "right" to be offended can be one of the most freeing, healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things you can do.

We will meet on Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, July 9, at 7 PM for discussion. You can order the book from Amazon. Please contact Crystal Dula (828-323-7039) for more information.

