



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

March 2023

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A Word from the Pastor

Hello Friends,

As you know, I defended my Doctoral Project on Thursday, February 16th, and I passed my oral exams. As a result, I am Dr. Hughes now. (It seems so strange to see that in print.) I write to you today to simply say thank you. I could not have done this work without your full support.

There are too many people to mention by name, but I would be remiss not to make you aware of some of those who were so integral in this work's completion. First, I want to say thank you to the Hospitality team. Your willingness to serve weekly for over three months gave me the foundation from which to work. Thank you to Dr. David Smith, who single-handedly brought in 22 mystery guests who worshipped with us. His willingness to go the extra mile in bringing in people from Marion, North Wilkesboro, Valdese, and Lenoir truly set my project apart from others. Thank you to Dr. Myra Dickson, who spent hours proofreading my work, and helping me turn in a project that was to the exacting standards of the university. Thank you to our office staff, and especially Mrs. Brenda Walters, for her faithfulness throughout this entire four-year journey. Brenda deserves a vacation, and a degree for all she did in helping make this dream of mine a reality. And finally, thank you to First Baptist Church for your encouragement and support throughout this process. I am certain that I would not have completed this degree without your kind words and prayers.

I will be hooded, and the degree will be conferred on May 4th at Gardner-Webb University. I have already been told that I must walk with our Seniors on our graduation Sunday on May 28th. I do so happily, for it is indeed a day of celebration for us all as a fellowship.

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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, March 4

Room at the Table 4 PM

Sunday, March 5

Bonus Choir Rehearsal/Lunch 11:15
WOM Bible Study 6 PM

Tuesday, March 7

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM

Sunday, March 12

WOM Bible Study 6 PM

Tuesday, March 14

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM
GWU Concert Choir 7 PM

Sunday, March 19

WOM Bible Study 6 PM

Tuesday, March 21

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM

Thursday, March 23

Dr. Smith's Book Club 7 PM

Sunday, March 26

Bonus Choir Rehearsal/Lunch 11:15
WOM Bible Study 6 PM

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Thank you, First Baptist family, for your love and support over this time that we have served together. You will never know the impact you have had on me personally through the love you have shown me and my family. May God bless you and keep you.

In His Peace,

Dr. Josh Hughes

P. S. Just call me Josh...no need to be all formal now.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Bradley and Brooke Craig and their children, Maddox, Maverick, and Bellamy Kate, into our fellowship by transfer of letter from a sister church. We are grateful that you chose FBC Lenoir as your church family and we look forward to worshipping and serving with you.

Sunday, March 5
Regular Schedule

Sunday, March 12
Regular Schedule

Sunday, March 19
Regular Schedule

Sunday, March 26
Regular Schedule

Plans are in the works for skating. I will let you know what date is available. *Becca*



GARDNER-WEBB
UNIVERSITY

Concert Choir Tour 2023

In concert at FBC Lenoir
Tuesday • March 14 • 7 PM

Thank you

Thank you so much for accepting me into the FBC family. Also, I'm so appreciative for all the cards, calls, and prayers as I run this Leukemia marathon. I look forward to the day I can rejoin the congregation.

Bud Watts

AMOREM Services (formerly Hospice)

Grief Support Services Grief Camp RETURNS

Call 828-754-0101 for information.

Advance Care Planning Workshop

(Living Will, Healthcare Power of Attorney & Benefits Overview)

at Caldwell Senior Center

March 9, April 6, or May 11

Call 828-758-2883 to register.

Advance Care Planning Virtual Workshop

April 20 or September 21

Call 828-754-0101 to register.

Hospice 101

Understanding Hospice Care

Virtual Workshop

July 20 or November 16

Call 828-754-0101 to register.



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.

- March 1BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Rolls, Dessert
- March 8Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Rolls, Dessert
- March 15Choice of Ham or Turkey Sub, Toppings, Chips, Dessert
- March 22Taco Night, Dessert
- March 29Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Asparagus, Rolls,

WORSHIP

volunteers

March

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| Millie Brooks | Mary Teague | Anne-Lindsey Bell |
| David Stevens | Edie Stader | Mitzi White |
| Jarma Stevens | Chapel Davis | Charlotte Gardner |
| Brian Teague | John Davis | |



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 March 4 at 4:00 PM. Please come at 3:30 if you would like to serve.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 3/4 Riley Crawford
- 3/5 Emily Fox (20)
Sarah Vincent
- 3/6 Yvonne Roberts
- 3/7 Steve Bumgardner
Katie Smith
- 3/8 Joe Gibbons
- 3/9 Judy Perry
- 3/12 Erin Greene
Lora Richardson
- 3/13 Matt Kirby
Deb Lien
- 3/14 Clark Anthony (6)
Judy Daughtridge
- 3/16 Lindsey Braswell
Bill Pendry
- 3/17 Maddy Reid (17)
- 3/18 Chase Bentley
Sherrill German
- 3/19 Cindy McCurry
Ashton Woodruff (14)
- 3/21 Matthew Walker
Nicholas Walker
- 3/22 Alice Clark
Kim Hinton
Edie Stader
Barb Van Horn
- 3/24 Brian Teague
- 3/25 Matthew Land (18)
- 3/26 Dylan Gragg
- 3/27 Robert Benfield
Gwyn Icenhour
- 3/29 Mary Teague
- 3/30 Ellen Bryson
- 3/31 Tim Poarch
Erin Smith

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2023

\$865,650.00

YTD Budget Receipts

\$219,407.70

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

BUSINESS MANAGER

Diane Palmer

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Brenda Walters

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Kathy Keck

MISSIONS ADMIN. ASSISTANT

Nicki Blevins

CHURCH HOSTESS

Robert Benfield

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Bill Wakefield

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

Krista Hamby

CUSTODIAN