



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

May 2022

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A Word from the Pastor

What a month of April. We had what I think is the most meaningful Easter Service I have ever attended. Being outside was such a nice change as we sang hymns, heard incredible music, participated in baptism, and celebrated Jesus' resurrection. Thank you to all who made that service possible and thank you to all who attended.

There are two significant events in May that you need to plan on attending. First, I want you to come to a church-wide BBQ on May 22nd. It will be at A.P. Anderson's home at 2505 Morganton Blvd. We will meet at 4 P.M. for fun, fellowship, and great food. And the best part is that I will not be egged at this event. There is no cost to attend, but please contact the church office if you plan on joining us by May 16th so we can have an accurate headcount. The only thing you need to bring is a chair. I look forward to enjoying an afternoon of good singing and good times.

The other significant event to consider is our Senior Sunday. It will take place on Sunday, May 29th. During the worship hour, we will recognize our High School graduates. While bittersweet because those young people we love will go off to new challenges and experiences, we celebrate their accomplishments and wish them well in their future endeavors. If you have a young adult who is graduating from High School, please contact the church office so we can get all the pertinent information needed for that Sunday ASAP. Join me in praying for the graduates and their families as they take the next step into the future.

And finally, I like many of you, was touched by Thomas Hinton's announcement of his retirement effective July 31st. Thomas and Kim have been a part of First Baptist Lenoir for 32 years. While we are excited for what the future holds for Kim and Thomas personally, we will sorely miss them here as they have indeed become synonymous with our fellowship. So, as you see Thomas and Kim, please tell them "Thank you" for all they have done for you as an individual, and for us as a church.

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Calendar

Sundays

9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship
6 PM Youth Group

Wednesdays

5:15-6 PM Supper Served
6 PM Bible Study, Adult Choir,
Children's & Youth Activities

Thursday, May 5

12 PM National Day of Prayer
(Downtown)

Saturday, May 7

4 PM Room at the Table

Wednesday, May 18

6:15 PM Church Forum

Sunday, May 22

4 PM Churchwide BBQ
7:30 PM Mission Team Mtg.

Monday, May 23

Deacons Meeting

Monday, May 29

Senior Sunday

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day: OFFICE CLOSED

New Members

We welcome our three newest members who joined us in April.



Dena Henkle



Terry Goble



Paula Capps

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2022

\$836,680.00

YTD Budget Receipts

\$296,659.66

You Are Invited

BBQ, MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 22

At the home of AP Anderson
2505 Morganton Blvd SW

Please sign up by May 16 so that we will have plenty of food for everyone.

Remember to bring a chair!



Our FBC children need you!! VBS is right around the corner.

When: Monday, June 13- Thursday, June 16 8:45-12:00

Imagine a fun-filled morning surrounded by our children learning about Jesus! I cannot think of a better way to spend some time this summer!

If you would like to volunteer to teach, serve snacks, assist a teacher, keep the nursery, or decorate, please contact Becca Lawing at 310-7603 or beccalawing@gmail.com. We need you...so please consider being a part of this important ministry!



Sunday, May 1...Uptown Progressive Dinner, Meet at Piccolos at 6 PM, then we'll walk for ice cream.

Sunday, May 8.....No Youth—Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 15.....Parent/Teen Hike up Hibriten—Meet at Trail Parking Lot at 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 22.....Churchwide BBQ Picnic & Music 4PM at the home of AP Anderson
7:30 PM Final Mission Team Meeting

Sunday, May 29.....Senior Sunday PLUS
7:30 PM Pre-Caswell Meeting

Sunday, June 57:30 PM Caswell Check-In



Supper is served from 5:15 -6:00 PM each Wednesday. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that Wednesday.

- May 4 Cheese Tortellini with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert
- May 11 Club Sandwiches, Fries, Dessert
- May 18 Chicken Salad, Pimento Cheese, Sausage Balls, Assorted Crackers, Dessert
- May 25 Pizza Party! Pizza, Salad, Dessert

WORSHIP volunteers

May: Seth Stillwell, Jeni Stilwell, Buddy Barlow, Cathy Barlow, Judy Raby, Eddie Winkler, Lisa Winkler, Newell Shull

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Please join us June 13-16 for VBS!
Grades Pre-K (4 years old) thru 5th grade

We will begin each morning at 8:45 and end at 12:00.
Some of our rotations will be outside some will be inside.
We are so excited to see you this summer for VBS!

Click on the following link to register:

 [FBC VBS Registration 2022](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 5/2 AP Anderson
Faith Barlow (20)
- 5/3 Gary Pritchard
Hugh Wilson
Anne Early
Kim Ester
- 5/5 Cade Ellis (21)
- 5/6 Helen Underdown
- 5/7 Martie Barnes
Maggie Davis
Rahn Chase
- 5/8 Courtney Poarch
Tyler Sime
- 5/9 Aaron Blevins
- 5/10 Brian Fox
- 5/11 Robert Reid
- 5/13 Palmer Tucker (16)
Chris Annas
Andy Stewart (4)
- 5/14 Nan Benfield
- 5/15 David Tucker
- 5/16 Becky Gibbons
Angie Story
- 5/18 Peg Ellis
- 5/19 Ann Miller
Scott Martin
- 5/20 Shirley Davis
- 5/21 Jen Whittington
- 5/22 Savannah Clapsaddle (20)
- 5/23 Cotton Triplett
- 5/24 Myra Dickson
Jenny Greene
- 5/25 Griffin Bryson (19)
- 5/26 DJ Brown
- 5/29 Nancy Moore
Avery Hall (9)
- 5/30 Michael Parker
Corrine Annas (19)
Maggie Earp (20)
- 5/31 David Barlow

Last East St. Louis Mission Trip Team Meeting

If you have signed up to go on our mission to East St. Louis this summer, please plan to attend our final meeting on Sunday, May 22, at 7:30 PM.



Graduate Information

If you (or someone in your family) are graduating from high school or college this Spring, please contact the church office by May 20 and let us know the school you are graduating from, degree, plans for the coming year, etc., so that we can recognize you in our June News & Views.



Dear Congregation,

Thank you for being so faithful in your support of our Yoke to Go ministry here at Yokefellow. To date, we have served 2,870 meals to our hungry neighbors! Thank you for being the church!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Macchia, Food Pantry Coordinator

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As we enter a period of transition, I ask that you take the opportunity to pray for the Spirit's guidance as we navigate the future. Pray for direction, discernment, and for peace for the staff, the deacon board, and for the congregation. Pray for Thomas and Kim as they enter retirement. And pray for the future staff members of FBC Lenoir who God already has in mind to come and lead us in the future.

These are good days. Let us praise God for all the things He has done.

Blessings,
Josh Hughes



Our Summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 5, with worship at 10:00 AM. Sunday School classes will not meet on our regular schedule; however, each class is welcome to meet before or after worship, or at any other time during the week.

STAFF

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