



NEWS and VIEWS

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Mulberry/Main Street Mission Mile

As a church family, we have adopted 27 agencies that serve our community. We call these the Mulberry/Main Street Mile. In August, we gave an offering on the birthday of the church so that we can meet future needs that we discover with these groups. To date, we have given \$29,784.80

The Mission Committee has begun the work of contacting these groups to establish an ongoing partnership and to discover the needs. Listed below are the 27 agencies. Which ones do you know the most about? Which ones do you know the least about? Which ones would you like to be on a task force to provide an on-going prayer support for and bring ideas back to the entire church so we can help?

In the coming weeks you will be given the opportunity to join in partnership with other members of our congregation to support one or more of these groups. Be thinking about where your heart lies.

Calendar

Sundays

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11 AM Worship
- 6 PM Youth Supper
- 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study

Wednesdays

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

Saturday, October 2

- 4 PM Room at the Table

Sunday, October 3

- Lord's Supper
- Deacon Nomination

Thursday, October 14

- 7 PM—Zoom Book Club

Sunday, October 17

- Deacon Election

Monday, October 25

- 7 PM Deacons Meeting

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| Shelter Home | Koinonia |
| Communities in Schools | Caldwell Pregnancy Care Center |
| Amerem (Hospice) | United Way |
| Caldwell County Court House | Caldwell County Offices |
| Lenoir City Offices | Lenoir Police Department |
| Lenoir Fire Department | EMS Headquarters |
| LEOS | Robin's Nest |
| Soup Kitchen | Davenport A+ School |
| Helping Hands Clinic | Vaccination Clinic |
| McCreary Cancer Center | Wig Bank |
| UNC Health Care Hospital | Jonas Hill Hospital |
| Yokefellow | Coat Ministry (FBC) |
| FBC Preschool | Room at the Table |
| Back Door Ministry (FBC) | |



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the phone calls, cards, prayers, and support during my cancer treatment and recovery this past year. A special thank you goes out to those who made the services available on livestream. It means so much to be able to stay connected through Sunday morning worship.

What a blessing to be part of such a loving church family.

With love,

Bev Frye



This month, we begin the process of electing deacons to serve a 4-year term. On October 3rd, you will have the opportunity to nominate six individuals who will be on our deacon ballot on Sunday, October 17th. Please look over the qualifications for

deacon that have been adopted by FBC as you prayerfully consider those you would like to nominate.

Qualifications for Deacon

- A Deacon's daily life should be an example for fellow Christians to follow. A Deacon should be full of the Holy Spirit, as exemplified by strength of character, spiritual outlook, and personal dedication.
- A Deacon should be a person of wisdom, full of faith, dependable and responsible.
- A Deacon will have a good reputation among fellow church members as well as in the community at large.
- A Deacon will participate in basic programs of the church such as worship services, Sunday School, and Wednesday evening services, as well as assigned Deacon duties and responsibilities. A Deacon is obligated to be a regular, generous, and cheerful supporter of the church, financially and otherwise.
- A Deacon should be a resident member of First Baptist Church for more than two consecutive years by the date of the beginning of the nomination process to be eligible for nomination, and be at least 21 years of age and should not be a full-time church employee. If having served previously as a Deacon, a member must have been off the Deacon Board for at least one year to be eligible for re-election.
- A Deacon who fills a vacancy of eighteen (18) months or less may, upon completion of that term, be eligible to be nominated and elected in the next Deacon election to his/her own four-year term. If the vacancy filled was for more than eighteen (18) months, the Deacon filling the unexpired term must have been off the Deacon Board for at least one year to be eligible for reelection.

New Members

We welcome our newest members, Jr. & Kim Johnson, who joined us by transfer of letter from a sister church on September 12. We are happy to have you as part of our church family!



Dr. Smith's Book Club

The October book for our Book Club will be *Answering the Call: The Doctor Who Made Africa His Life* by Ken Gire. It is a book about the life of Albert Schweitzer. The book is available through Amazon for Kindle at \$7.49 and paperback for \$11.39. We will have our Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 PM.



On Sunday evenings we are working through the video series "Not a Fan" by Kyle Idleman. We meet every Sunday at 6:00 PM for supper and 6:30 PM for Bible Study.

Music Notes

A reminder to the Adult Choir: If you have not been able to attend a rehearsal in person, please come by the church to pick up the Christmas music and a listening cd/thumb drive.



Josh will begin a study on Wednesday, October 13th, using the video series "The Chosen" based on the life of Christ. Plan to join us at 6:00 each Wednesday as we watch an episode and follow up with discussion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 10/1 Charles Thomas
- 10/2 Reba Wiggins
Amy Clawson
- 10/3 Shirley Rowen
- 10/4 Carol Frye
Brittiney Price
- 10/5 Easton Braswell (10)
- 10/6 Cathy Barlow
Stephanie Macchia
Wendy Sims
Derrick Walters
- 10/7 Ken Barlowe
- 10/8 Reba Austin
- 10/9 Tiny Pennell
Buzzy Sims (4)
- 10/10 Martha Wilson
Derek Reeves
Ashley Byers
- 10/13 Todd Perdue
Margaret Seagle
- 10/15 Rita Joines
Rich Lien
- 10/16 Bo Hughes
Kenny Story
- 10/18 Courtney Wright
- 10/19 Keith Orrell
Wendy Libera
- 10/20 Elam Hughes (7)
- 10/21 Newell Shull
Zach Bryson
- 10/22 Kelli Sanders (19)
- 10/23 Anita Redding
Weston Parker (11)
- 10/24 Jerry Brooks
Elisabeth Winkler
Jon Land
- 10/25 Wilma Sanders
- 10/26 Francisco Matzuy
Tom McRary
Jennie Chase (16)
- 10/27 Stephen McCorkle
- 10/28 Liam Braswell (7)



WEDNESDAY NIGHT *meal*

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

October 6 Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert

October 13 Chili/Broccoli & Cheese Soup, Cheese Toast, Salad, Dessert

October 20 Ham, White Beans, Fried Potatoes, Slaw, Cornbread, Dessert

October 27 Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Trimmings, Chili, Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2021

\$833,698.00

YTD Budget Receipts

\$569,288.03

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