

First Baptist News

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The pictures and stories from southeast Texas have reminded us all what we went through last October. Our prayers have been with the folks in Texas and as I write, we pray for the safety of the people of Florida and many others along the southeast coast.

I was able to contact the office of FBC Lumberton, Texas this week and learned that they are in a very similar situation as we were in last year. The receptionist informed me that their town was an island of sorts after the storm. Water was at roof level on some houses. Their church was not damaged, but they had some church members whose homes were flooded. I assured her of our prayers for their church and community and mentioned that we would be sending some assistance. If you would like to make a contribution you may do so by writing our church a check and noting that it is for Texas flood relief. We will send FBC Lumberton, Texas a check soon to help their ministry to flood victims.

At the time I am writing this Hurricane Irma is approaching the southeast coast. We need to prepare for these storms, but I am mindful of the sense of powerlessness as a potentially catastrophic storm approaches. We could have an interesting conversation as to whether the Lord directs the winds or not, nevertheless I have been praying all week that Irma will move into the Atlantic and not harm anyone. Regardless of the path the storm takes, we must know that God is certainly in the efforts to relieve the suffering and sorrow of those affected. So as storms come and go and you feel led to help, please respond generously. Thousands of people helped us in our hour of need last year. It is time for us to return the blessing and help others.

Peace,
David



Baptist Women's Luncheon

September 11, 2017

11:45 a.m. in the Activity Building

Join us for a new year of Baptist Women!

At the September meeting, At the September meeting, we will hear about the work of the Southeastern Family Violence Center from Alice Bell.

An offering will be collected for the Backpack Kids Ministry. This ministry provides weekend meals for school-aged children who are in need.



September 16, 2017

Gather at 8:00 a.m.

Godwin Heights Baptist Church

What is Operation Inasmuch?

It is a day of missions and ministry throughout our city and county where the church fulfills Jesus' command of Matthew 25: *Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these my brothers, you did it for me.* . . Jesus calls us to minister to those in need.

Projects include:

- Visitation
- Kids Against Hunger (meal bag assembly)
- Backpack Kids
- Friends of Jesus Fall Festival
- Community Café
- Painting
- Baptist Men's Project (General Labor)

Sign up for the project of your choice!

You may sign up online at the Inasmuch United Lumberton Facebook page or pick up a form in the church office.

Nursery care is available with advance reservation. Children ages 6-11 may sign up for any project, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

***Have you signed up for
Inasmuch yet?***



*The supplies pictured above will soon be on the way
to provide disaster relief in hurricane affected
areas. Thank you for your donations!*



September 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
In Cherry Fellowship Hall

Opera Composer, Mary Carol Warwick, will join us
and lunch will be served. Bring a friend!



September 18th at noon
Cherry Fellowship Hall

Topic: Emergency
Preparedness
Speaker: Stephanie Chavis
Bring a covered dish!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Raise your hand if the last week and a half has felt a little more difficult than usual. (You can't see me as I write this, but

I just waved both hands in the air!) Between the catastrophic effects of Harvey in Texas and the looming threat of Irma, all less than a year after our own devastating experience with Matthew, it's safe to say that we're all a little more anxious and on edge than usual. Matthew didn't just impact our physical environment; living through the storm and the aftermath also impacted each of us psychologically and emotionally. So as we approach the coming week with some fear and trepidation, might I suggest a few approaches to take?

- Be kind – This suggestion really needs to be an every day rule, but in these stressful times, extra kindness and grace is always a good thing! We never know what stress and anxiety someone is carrying beneath the surface or what has been triggered from watching the storm coverage. As we go about our daily lives and brace ourselves for the possibility of Irma's arrival, we could all use a little more kindness.
- Be prepared – It doesn't hurt to have water and non-perishable goods on hand. Even if you don't need them for Irma, they can always be used later. Be sure to refill prescriptions and have some extra cash, too!
- Be safe – Don't take unnecessary risks in the middle of a bad storm – especially a hurricane. Your life is more important than any property you may own or any meeting you have to attend.
- Just be – As we care for our neighbors in Texas and gear up for next week, let's remember to also take care of ourselves. Find some time to pray, to sit in intentional silence, and to rest. Yes, we are called to help and to serve, but we can't help and serve if we're on empty.

*Praying with you and for you as we look to next week and beyond,
Erin*

Welcome New Member!

Wendy Doeller
joined Sunday,
September 3, 2017



Coming up. . .

- Sept. 10— 7th Grade Welcoming (Youth Bible Study)
- Sept. 11— Baptist Women's Luncheon
- Sept. 14— Fun & Fellowship
- Sept. 16— Operation Inasmuch
Community Café
- Sept. 17— Baptismal Service (11:00 a.m.)
Sanctuary Choir Bonus Rehearsal
Adult Handbell Rehearsals Resume
- Sept. 17-19— Budget Preparation Sessions
- Sept. 18— Lunch & Learn
Finance Committee & Deacons Meetings
- Oct. 1— Deacon Election
World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 2— Baptist Women's Luncheon
- Oct. 10— Youth Committee Meeting
- Oct. 12— Fun & Fellowship
- Oct. 13-15— Youth Leadership Retreat
- Oct. 15— Friends of Jesus Sunday
Sanctuary Choir Bonus Rehearsal
- Oct. 16— Finance Committee & Deacons Meetings
- Oct. 21— Community Café hosted by the Susan Welsh
Sunday School Class
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Day
- Oct. 25— Trunk or Treat

***Inasmuch is next Saturday.
It's a great time to sign up!***

Please join us for our ***Shoebox Packing Day***
on October 21st! Boxes will be available for
pick-up in the church office in late September.

Please ***Do Not Include*** the following in your shoeboxes:
Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy
guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other
fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications
or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol
cans.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Sunday, September 10, 2017
"Getting Warmer"—Romans 13:8-14
Rev. Doug Reedy

For the Record

Budgeted 2017.....	\$685,000.00
Weekly Need (2017)	\$12,924.53
Received Sept. 3, 2017	\$8,804.49
Need to date	\$465,293.02
Received to date	\$444,718.31
Over (Under) Budget	(\$20,564.71)

Sunday School Attendance—174

Family Night Supper Menus September 2017

September 13—

Red Ticket: Hamburger Steak, Mashed
Potatoes with Gravy, String Beans, Rolls,
Salad, Fruit Pies
Blue Ticket: Pizza, Chips, Fruit

September 20—

Spaghetti, String Beans, Toast, Salad,
Sugar-free Cookies

September 27—

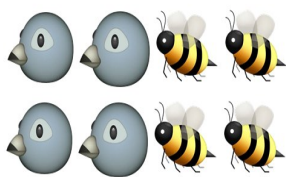
Red Ticket: Barbecue, French Fries,
Baked Beans, Hushpuppies, Salad,
Sugar-free Chocolate Cake
Blue Ticket: Chicken Nuggets, French
Fries, Fruit



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PARENTS!

Does the thought of
talking about this with
your children...



...make you feel
like this?



You're not alone.

Join us for the SAFE Seminar on
October 28-29!

Parents are the primary educator for their children about sex (what you say or choose not to say matters!), and we want to help you with that. This two day parenting seminar helps parents prepare for some of those awkward conversations with their children (puberty, development, body safety, boundaries, sex, etc.)

Led by LeAnn Gardner, a social worker and ordained minister, the seminar helps parents/guardians think through how they want to communicate about these important and sensitive topics with their children.

Times: Saturday, October 28 & Sunday, October 29,
12:00-4:30 p.m. both days (lunch provided)
Cost: \$15 for an individual or \$25 for a couple
Childcare: Included!

Registration is required and is now open! Sign up today!

***Before you go, sign up for
Inasmuch! You can do so through
the Inasmuch United Lumberton
Facebook Page.***

Our Early Childhood Ministry has immediate
openings for 2s, 3s, and 4-year-olds.
Contact the office for registration
information—739-4336!



Flower Calendar

Contact the church office at 739-4336 or
daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org to place
flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one.

2017

Oct. 1, 8
Nov. 26

Aug. 19, 26

Sept. 2, 9, 23, 30
Oct. 7, 14, 21

2018

Jan. 7, 14, 21
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
March 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20, 27
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25



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