

First Baptist News

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SURPRISE!
STORIES OF DISCOVERING JESUS

YOU'RE INVITED!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

JUNE 12-14, 2017

SCHEDULE:
DINNER
(5:30-6:00 PM)
VBS
(6:00-8:00 PM)

FOR AGES 4 (MUST TURN 4 BY
AUGUST 31, 2017) THROUGH 6TH GRADE

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Join us on June 11th as we take a moment during our worship services to receive and celebrate the "I'm In" Commitment Cards.

Preparing for Sunday—

"In One Place"

Psalm 8, Matthew 28:16-20

The gospel of Matthew does not offer as many details as to what happened after the resurrection of Christ as do the other gospels. Matthew says that Jesus rose from the dead and then met the disciples in Galilee. We will read the story of this meeting on Sunday and see that some of the disciples worshiped and others doubted. Does it come as a surprise that some of the disciples doubted? They were Jesus' closest followers. If they doubted, how would they be able to witness? Doubts are vital to faith, but we cannot let skepticism paralyze our obedience. We must be **In One Place** (not two), the place of complete devotion to our resurrected Lord.



The church growth gurus out there would likely tell me that the first Sunday after school lets out is not the time to kick off a stewardship emphasis. They are likely correct. Summer is upon us, and many of you are headed to the beach or family vacations. I wish you safe travels throughout the summer. I also know that summer is an incredibly active season in the life of the church. Next week we will have Vacation Bible School and in the weeks to come our youth will go to Charleston for Mfuge and our children to Spartanburg for Passport Kids. We will also have children's mini-camps in July and Music Day Camp in August. There is no slow season in the life of the church, so I am asking you to join us this Sunday and say **I'm In!** at First Baptist.

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I wrote you earlier and asked that you not only say ***I'm In!***, but that you increase your giving, prayers, and service. Many of you have already returned the commitment card that was included in the letter and I am thankful for your commitment and enthusiasm. This Sunday, we will dedicate a few minutes of both worship services for you to return your commitment card. We will do this at the close of the services. You can respond during the closing chorus/hymn or, if you would prefer, remain in place and Doug or Erin will come back and receive your card. Next week, those of you who have turned in your cards will receive follow up information as to how you can live your ***I'm In*** through giving, service, and prayer. Also, please be sure to pick up an ***I'm In Prayer Guide***. The guide includes a calendar of summer activities and a prayer model.

I was recently asked “when I say ***I'm In*** at First Baptist, what am I saying I'm in to?” This is an excellent question. My first answer is that saying ***I'm In*** is a commitment to Jesus Christ. It is putting our most valued resources (time, ability, and money) into God's hands in the faith that God will use them to deepen our church's life in Christ and empower us to impact our community with God's love. When you say ***I'm In*** with your prayers, service, and finances, you are saying that you believe in a God who is working through churches like ours to make the world a better place. There's more to my answer to this question, and I look forward to sharing it with you on Sunday.

Peace,
David



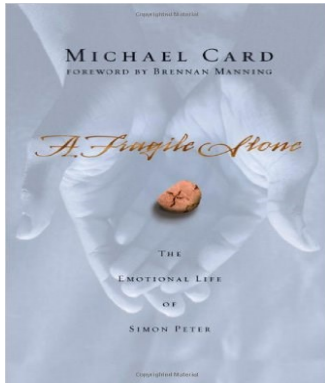
LUNCH & LEARN

June 19th at Noon in
Cherry Fellowship Hall
Our topic will be
Personal Security.
Bring a covered dish!



Music Day Camp

July 31-August 4, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
For children who have completed
1st-6th grade
\$55 (\$50 if paid early) per child



Join us Wednesday Nights this
Summer as we study the life of
Peter. Dr. Elks will be drawing
from the book, A Fragile Stone:
The Emotional Life of Simon
Peter, by Michael Card.

Family Night Supper Menus June/July 2017

June 14—Vacation Bible School

June 21—Baked Potato Bar

June 28—Salad Bar

July 5—No Services or Meal

July 12—Hamburgers, Baked Beans, French Fries, Salad,
Chocolate Cake (Sugar-free)

July 19—Baked Potato Bar

July 26—Spaghetti, String Beans, Texas Toast, Salad, Banana
Pudding

This Week . . .

Sunday, June 11

8:45 Early Worship Service
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Monday, June 12

9:00 Staff Meeting
5:30 VBS Supper Served
6:00-8:00 Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Circle
5:30 VBS Supper Served
6:00-8:00 Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 14

5:30 VBS Supper Served
6:00-8:00 Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 15

Friends of Jesus Bible School

Friday, June 16

Friends of Jesus Bible School

Servants this Sunday June 11, 2017

ETC—**8:45 a.m.**—Alyssa Weibe & Lisa Ivey

11:00 a.m.—Alyssa Weibe & Sandra Elks

Welcoming—David & Judy Nicholson,
Helen Odom

Collection—Tim Taylor & Hoss Watts

Entrance Greeters

Children's Building—Margie Cockrell

6th Street—Mickey & Johnny Johnson

Senior Entrance—Jim Driscoll

Security Monitor—Johnny Strickland

Sound—Greg Gibson

Video—Amy Gibson



Scholarship applications
are now available in the
church office. All
applications should be
submitted by June 15th.

Coming up . . .

- June 17— Community Café
- June 18— Father's Day
- June 19— Senior Adults Lunch & Learn
Finance & Deacons Meetings
- June 24-30— M-Fuge, Charleston, SC
- June 27-20— Lego Mini-Camp

- July 2— Communion Sunday
- July 4— Independence Day—ECM &
Church Offices Closed
- July 5— No Wednesday Evening
Activities or Meal
- July 6-12— Wilderness Trail
- July 9-12— Passportkids!
- July 15— Community Café
- July 17— Finance & Deacons Meetings
- July 26— Quarterly Church Conference
- July 28-Aug. 1— Youth Music Retreat
- July 31-Aug. 4— Music Day Camp

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

June 25	Sept. 3, 10
July 2, 9, 16, 30	Oct. 1, 8
Aug. 6, 20	Nov. 19, 26

Person of the Week

Joyce Lineberry
Wesley Pines Room N-116
1000 Wesley Pines Rd.
Lumberton, NC 28358

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person this week.

Congratulations, Class of 2017!



Community Café Volunteers Needed!

Groups are needed to host our Community Café on the 3rd Saturday each month. Host groups provide a meal, devotion and fellowship for Community Café guests.

If your Sunday School Class, Mission Group, etc. would like to host please contact the church office (739-4336 or daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org).

For the Record

Budgeted 2017.....	\$685,000.00
Weekly Need (2017).....	\$12,924.53
Received June 4, 2017.....	\$11,734.43
Need to date	\$297,264.15
Received to date	\$261,517.98
Over (Under) Budget	(\$35,746.17)
Sunday School Attendance—204	

CHURCH STAFF

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