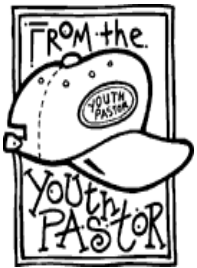


First Baptist News

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Before we departed for the *Growing Young* conference last week, I shared my guarded optimism. Will we, as a whole congregation, rise to the occasion? Will we do what it will take to make positive changes in our church culture? Will we build on our many positives while working hard on our negatives?

The short answer is I really do believe we will. There is a positive energy around us. Giving is up. Small changes are already in place. We are beginning to involve more people in leadership. We will still need more people to step up, but it is quite clear that more people are truly “in” than there have been in quite some time.

If we wish to attract young adults, and therefore attract more people in general, please understand there is no magic bullet. There is nothing that will get us to where we wish to be overnight. No flashy one day event we chose to have will result in any lasting impact.

Becoming a warmer environment for both visitors and regular attendees, involving more young people in leadership, being empathetic, prioritizing young adults, continuing to be missional, and putting Jesus’ message front and center will. This isn’t just common sense anymore. Research backs it up.

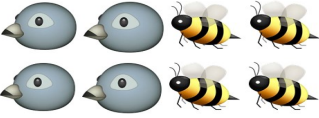
In business, church life, or college football, gimmicks do not bring long term success. Hard work and patience pay off. This church has risen to the occasion many times before. If we pray, volunteer, listen, and give as we are capable of, we will again!


Doug

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!

Join us for a two day parenting seminar as we learn from LeAnn Gardner about how to address some of those awkward and sensitive subjects with our children - subjects like puberty, body safety, consent, boundaries, and more.

12:00-4:30 each day. Lunch and childcare included.

\$15 for an individual or \$25 for a couple.

Pre-registration required. Register online at fbclumbertonnc.org.

Childcare is free and available for birth-6th grade. Questions? Call our office (910) 739-4336.

**Friends of Jesus
Sunday is
October 15th!**



Preparing for Sunday—

“A Still More Excellent Way”
I Corinthians 13:1-13

Every church has its problems, but the Corinthians had more than their share. Paul writes to help them work through some of the issues. Our passage is one of Paul’s most beloved writings. He encourages the Corinthians to do the good they are doing with love. The love Paul refers to is extraordinary love. It is agape, or Godly love. It is not enough, Paul says, to do for your neighbor or to give in extravagant ways if we do not do so with compassion and hope. This is a very high standard, but if you pause and remember the way God is loving us, we are will be able to live into *A Still More Excellent Way*.

**Quarterly Church Conference
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
6:00 p.m. (Family Night At Prayer)**



Our shoebox packing day has been postponed to a later date. Watch *First Baptist News* for more information.

Wednesday, October 25th
6th St. Parking Lot
6:00-7:00 p.m.



Prizes will be awarded for the most creative car, funniest car, and people's choice. We will need plenty of cars and plenty of candy. **Please bring individually wrapped candy to the church office.**

Servants this Sunday—October 15, 2017

- ETC**—8:45 a.m.—Alyssa Weibe & Lisa Ivey
- 11:00 a.m.**— Alyssa Weibe & Sandra Elks
- Welcoming**—Bruce & Jayne Huggins, Laura Nance
- Collection**—Tim Taylor
- Entrance Greeters**
- Children's Building—Judy Driscoll
- Walnut Street—Jim Driscoll
- 6th Street— Mildred Kinlaw
- Senior Entrance—George Lawson
- Security Monitor**—Bill Mauney
- Sound**— Ross Driscoll



Bonnie McCoombs from Gates of Heaven Ministries will be our speaker. Bonnie works with people of the Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

Baptist Women's Luncheon
 November 6, 2017
 11:45 a.m.
 in the Activity Building

Tickets for our Annual Barbecue Plate Sale (November 17th) are available now! They are \$7.00 each and can be purchased from any First Baptist Youth.



This Week . . .

Sunday, October 15

- 8:45 a.m. Worship Service**
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service**
- 6:00 p.m. 4th-6th Grade Bible Study
- Adult Hand Bells

Monday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Circle

Wednesday, October 18

- 4:00 p.m. Young Musicians Bells (Grades 4-6)
- 4:45 p.m. Music Makers Choir (Grades 1-3)
- Young Musicians Choir (Grades 4-6)
- 5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper
- 6:00 p.m. **Family Night at Prayer—Quarterly Church Conference**
- Youth Doing Missions (Grades 7-12)
- Wednesday Night Live (Grades 1-6)
- Music Munchkins/Mission Friends (Ages 3-K)
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 21

- 10:00 a.m. Community Café hosted by the Susan Welsh Class

Person of the Week

Bob & Jo Stogner
 1601 N. Walnut St.
 Lumberton, NC 28358

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

For the Record

Budgeted 2017	\$685,000.00
Weekly Need (2017).....	\$12,924.53
Received Oct. 8, 2017.....	\$20,020.70
Need to date	\$529,905.66
Received to date	\$516,990.54
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$12,915.12)
Sunday School Attendance —	155