

# First Baptist News

a family of faith

## Preparing for Sunday . . .

“Our Yes is Greater than Our No”  
Matthew 4:1-17

Jesus had barely dried off from his baptism when the Spirit led him into the wilderness *to be tempted by the devil*. We read this passage and commend Jesus for what he resisted. It is true that Jesus showed great restraint, but isn't it also possible that Jesus was saying “yes” to something? In fact, in his baptism Jesus had said “yes” to something much greater than anything the devil had to offer. The devil's offer was not enticing to Jesus. When we remember the blessing behind us and set our eyes on the promises before us, we can say **“Our Yes is Greater than Our No.”**



Hopefully everyone was at least mildly amused that all three of our staff articles focused on the commitments we make or don't make at the beginning of a new year. Our three perspectives mirrored our personalities and at times our advice seemed almost contradictory. That's not necessarily a bad thing. Set goals, or don't.

God made each of us differently and as we age and learn ourselves better, we know how to get the most out of our gifts and abilities.

We should listen to a variety of voices and prayerfully consider our options before taking on major changes in our lives. Currently, many of our high school seniors are struggling to choose between colleges and universities. Each has its own list of pros and cons.

My advice is that they pray and do their own research. Of course, I also often put in a good word for Appalachian State but I admit bias. They need to read all they can about rankings. They need to read reviews from former students, both positive and negative. They need to look at the price tag and they need to tour the campus. They need to listen to their parents (who are usually paying the bills), other adults in their lives, older friends who have experienced a few semesters and of course their hearts. Sometimes a school has the right academics, but is the wrong fit. Some schools are perfect for the student, but wrong for their major.

Choosing a school is difficult but important. So is choosing a church. When someone visits our church, what do they experience? What are the first things they see (depending on their entrance point)? How are they greeted? If they stay, what is expected of them in year one? In the years that follow? Will both the church and the member (if they join) become better due to their union?

After a positive deacon retreat and an uplifting deacon ordination and installation service, I am optimistic concerning our future. We feel more like a team using the same playbook than we used to. So, as individuals and as a church, let's be all we can be in 2019.

Doug

The grass withers  
the flower fades  
but the  
**WORD**  
of our  
**GOD**  
will stand  
**FOREVER**  
Isaiah 40:8

# Youth

## super bowl PARTY



February 3, 2019 @ 6 p.m.  
At the home of the Wards—308 Londonderry Dr.



## VALENTINE BANQUET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.  
CHERRY FELLOWSHIP HALL  
\$10.00 (SENIOR ADULTS \$5.00)

# Kingdom NOW



### *This Week. . .*

#### **Sunday, January 20, 2019**

8:45 a.m. **Worship**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. **Worship**

#### **Monday, January 21—**

#### **Martin Luther King Day —No School**

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

#### **Tuesday, January 22**

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

#### **Wednesday, January 23**

5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper  
5:45 p.m. Music Makers Choir  
(1st-3rd Grade)  
Young Musicians Choir  
(4th-6th Grade)  
6:00 p.m. Family Night At Prayer—  
Quarterly Church  
Conference  
WYD (Grades 7-12)  
6:30 p.m. 1st-3rd Grade Bible Study  
4th-6th Grade Handbells  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal  
Endowment Trustees  
Meeting



**CBFNC's Annual  
Gathering  
March 28-29  
FBC Greensboro, NC**

**For more information  
and a schedule of events  
visit [www.cbfn.org](http://www.cbfn.org)**

### ***Servants this Sunday, January 20, 2018***

**ETC**—8:45 a.m. —Casey Williamson  
11:00 a.m.—Casey Williamson

#### **Entrance Greeters**

Children's Building — Dianne & Layton Britt  
Walnut Street— Dean Kinlaw  
6th Street — Shirley Hickman  
Senior Entrance —Jim Driscoll

**Welcoming Committee**—Bruce & Jayne Huggins,  
Laura Nance

**Security Monitor**—Tony Thompson

**Sound**—Amy Gibson

Packets of offering envelopes are available in the church office. You may also give your offering to First Baptist online by scanning the QR Code on the back of the Order of Worship or by automatic draft. Draft forms are available on our website — [www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org).

**Baptist Women's Luncheon**  
**Monday, February 4, 2019**  
**11:45 a.m. in the Activity Building**

In February, we will be making remembrances for Valentine's Day for nursing home residents and our homebound members. Please bring a sandwich.

The Glen Flora Circle will meet at 10:45 a.m.



February 14, 2019  
 11:00 a.m. in the Activity Building  
 We will have a Line Dance Team.  
 Men are welcome!  
 Bring a sandwich and a friend!

**Family Night Supper Menus**  
**January/February 2019**

January 23—Spaghetti, Green Beans, Toast, Salad, Apple Pie (Sugar free)

January 30—Red Ticket: Pork Loin, Wild Rice, Grilled Vegetables, Rolls, Salad, Chocolate Cake  
 Blue Ticket: Pizza, Chips, Fruit

February 6—Red Ticket: Barbecue, French Fries, Baked Beans, Salad, Hushpuppies Fruit Pies  
 Blue Ticket: Hot Dogs, French Fries, Fruit

February 13—Red Ticket: Stew Beef w/Rice, Butter Beans, Rolls, Salad, Apple Pies  
 Blue Ticket: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Fruit

February 20—Spaghetti, String Beans, Toast, Salad, Chocolate Cake

February 27—Red Ticket: Baked Potato Bar, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies  
 Blue Ticket: Pizza, Chips, Fruit

**Kandace Ramsey Celebrates 5 years of Service at FBC!**



Even the quietest of days can be hectic for Kandace Ramsey. The phone rings, someone comes to the door, a parent of an ECM child wants to make a payment, a church member needs assistance with a class or ministry project and Kandace is often the first person to answer or help. We are grateful for the professionalism and compassion with which Kandace does her work at First Baptist. She is always eager to help and knows just the right thing to say or do to help a person who comes to her desk. As our Receptionist, Kandace gives the people who come to our doors an excellent first impression of First Baptist. Congratulations, Kandace on five years at First Baptist! We are thankful for you and look forward to many years to come!

**Flower Calendar**

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

<u>2019</u>	July 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb. 17, 24	Aug. 4, 25
March 10, 17, 24	Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 28	Oct. 6, 13
May 5, 12, 19, 26	Nov. 3, 10, 17
June 2, 16, 23, 30	



**2018 Contribution Statements**

Please help us cut down on the expense of mailing contribution statements by providing the church office with a valid e-mail address. If your e-mail address has changed, or if we don't currently have yours on file, please contact Daphne Fletcher at [daphnefletcher@fbclumberton.nc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumberton.nc.org) or 739-4336. A paper copy will be printed by request.

Statements will be made available on or before January 31, 2018.



## For the Record

Budgeted 2018 .....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2018).....	\$13,461.54
Received January 13, 2019 .....	\$16,071.35
Need to date.....	\$26,923.08
Received to date .....	\$26,107.91
Over (Under) Budget .....	(\$815.17)

Sunday School Attendance,  
January 13—150

## *Coming up. . .*

Jan. 27—Children's Committee Meeting  
Youth Summer Trip Parent Meeting

Feb. 1—Robeson County Teacher Work Day

Feb. 1-2—5th & 6th Grade Getaway

Feb. 3—Youth Super Bowl Party

Feb. 4—Baptist Women's Luncheon

Feb. 9—Valentine Banquet

Feb. 10—Knit Wits (3 pm)

Feb. 11—Friends of Jesus Valentine Party

Feb. 12—Mission Team Meeting (6 pm)

Feb. 14—Valentine's Day  
Fun & Fellowship

Feb. 16—Community Café hosted by  
Sanctuary Choir

Feb. 17—Children's Sunday

Feb. 18—Finance & Deacons Meetings

Feb. 25—ECM Registration opens to  
FBC Members

Feb. 26—ECM Registration open to public

March 2—Kids Against Hunger

March 4—Baptist Women's Luncheon

March 6—Ash Wednesday

March 10—Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 12—Youth Council (6 pm)

March 17—Knit Wits (3 pm)



Mark your calendar for the Summer Trip Meeting on **Sunday, January 27th** at 4:00 p.m. Parents, if your Youth is interested in any of the summer trips, this meeting is for you!

- Youth Music Retreat—June 2019
- Wilderness Trail — July 2019
- M-Fuge, Louisiana — July 2019

Contact Doug for more information:  
739-4336 or [dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org).

## Children's Sunday February 17, 2019

FBC Children will  
lead a Combined  
Service at 11:00 a.m.



## **CHURCH STAFF**

Contact us at 739-4336 or [daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org)  
[www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org)

**Mrs. Nancy Bass — Financial Coordinator**

**Rev. Erin Collier — Associate Pastor of Families and Worship**

**Dr. David Elks — Pastor**

**Mrs. Daphne Fletcher — Administrative Assistant**

**Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities**

**Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant**

**Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Missions**

## **Person of the Week**

Dan Floyd  
104 Elmhurst Dr.  
Lumberton, NC 28358

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance  
to our special person of the week!