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First Baptist News a family of faith

Two weeks ago Doug, Erin and I wrote newsletter articles that revolved around the common theme of goals for the new year. We did not consult with one another prior to writing the articles and we were surprised by the differing views we presented. Since then we have enjoyed good conversations about how we set and work on our goals. I am very

thankful to work with other Christian professionals whose views are different from my own but who respect my viewpoints and are

Preparing for Sunday...

"Cold Fact" Psalm 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-20 Rev. Doug Reedy

mature enough to have honest conversations. Differences of opinion happen in every work environment, classroom and family and this should be a good thing. If managed well, a sharing of perspectives and even debate can lead to better answers and plans than if everyone in the room holds identical beliefs.

I don't know of a group of people in the country today who needs to learn and practice the art of consensus more than our president and congress. I am hopeful that our government officials are working together behind the scenes. I am hopeful that "calmer heads" than those we see on the news each night are making progress on behalf of the common good. I am hopeful that respectful negotiations are taking place and that the government shut-down will come to an end quickly and quietly. I am hopeful for all of these things, but I admit that I have a tendency to be naïve when it comes to politics and government, so I also must pray!

There has not been a lot of good to come from the current government shut-down, but there have been a few lessons of which we should also take notice. First, the stories I see of government employees who are now on the verge of eviction or concerned about having their cars repossessed or being able to afford everyday necessities is an indicator of how many people in our country live "pay check to pay check." You would likely be surprised by the number of people around you who scramble each week to make ends meet. We need to pay attention to our neighbors and help where we can. Second, it is gratifying to see churches and other Christian ministries in the D.C. area and around the nation stepping up to provide assistance for displaced workers. A national, regional or personal crisis is always an opportunity for the church to share Christ's love with people and communities that are hurting. It's good to see the church being the hands and feet of Christ!



I ask that you join me in praying for the president and congress. Pray for their wisdom and courage, especially the kind of wisdom and courage that sets partisan opinion aside and does what is best for our nation and world.

Join us for Family Night At Prayer next Wednesday, January 30th. Rev. Drew Collier will share with us the work at the Robeson County Church & Community Center.



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





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

For more information and a schedule of events visit www.cbfnc.org



This Week. . .

Sunday, January 27, 2019		
8:45 a.m.	Worship	
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	
2:00 p.m.	Children's Committee	
	Meeting	
4:00 p.m.	Youth/Parent Summer Trip	
-	Meeting	

Monday, January 28

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 29

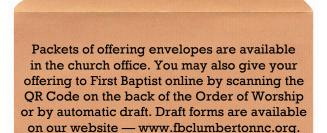
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 30

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
	WYD (Grades 7-12)
6:30 p.m.	1st-3rd Grade Bible Study
	4th-6th Grade Handbells
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
	Rehearsal

February 1-2, 2019—5th & 6th Grade Getaway

Servants this Sunday, January 27, 2018 <u>ETC</u>—8:45 a.m. —Alyssa Weibe & Dianne Britt 11:00 a.m.—Alyssa Weibe & Heather Walters <u>Entrance Greeters</u> Children's Building — Linda Collins Walnut Street— Miriam & Wilton Edwards 6th Street — Judy Driscoll Senior Entrance —Jim Driscoll <u>Welcoming Committee</u>—Jeanne & Wayne Stevens, Dianne Britt <u>Security Monitor</u>—John Wishart <u>Sound</u>—Amy Gibson



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.

Bible Study #3 will meet at 11:45 a.m. on February 5th.



Family Night Supper Menus January/February 2019

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 STAYAWAKE STANDFIRM BEBRAVE LOVEALWAYS FEAR LESS

PassportKids! Deposits are Due!

For: children who have completed grades 3-6 Dates: June 30-July 3 Location: Montreat, NC Total Cost: \$300 per child

Payment breakdown:

\$100 deposit (non-refundable) due January 31 to reserve your child's spot.

\$200 remainder due March 27 Scholarship options available if cost is an issue; talk to Erin for more details.

Flower Galendar

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

<u>2019</u>

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



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 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 20, 2019	\$4,776.36
Need to date	\$40,384.62
Received to date	\$30,884.27
Over (Under) Budget	(\$9,500.35)

Sunday School Attendance, January 20—224

Coming up. . .

- Feb. 3—Youth Super Bowl Party
- Feb. 4-Baptist Women's Luncheon
- Feb. 5—Bible Study #3 (11:45 am)
- 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 Feb. 5—Bible Study #3 (11:45 am) March 6—Ash Wednesday March 10—Daylight Saving Time Begins March 12—Youth Council (6 pm) March 17—Knit Wits (3 pm) March 18—Finance & Deacons Meetings March 21—Southeastern Hospice Memorial Service



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, Louisana July 2019

Contact Doug for more information: 739-4336 or 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 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

Lucy Simmons 526 Roslyn Dr. Lumberton, NC 28358

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