

First Baptist News

a family of faith



Over the past couple of years I have dedicated our Wednesday night bible study to a specific topic or bible book that I have long been interested in, but never found the time to adequately study. Two years ago we looked at the life of Peter and last year we surveyed Revelation. This year I am looking forward to making my way through Acts. I believe the first days of the church could teach us some valuable lessons for how to practice our faith individually and as a family of faith today.

As you may know, the person who wrote the gospel of Luke is credited with writing Acts as well. In Luke, the writer wanted to give “an orderly account” of the life of Jesus “so you may know the truth concerning the things which you have been instructed,” (Luke 1:3-4). Luke had similar intent with Acts in that he wanted to inform his reader(s) of how the Holy Spirit was connected to Jesus and how the Spirit directed and empowered the disciples to extend the gospel’s reach around the world.

In both the gospel and Acts, Luke writes to “Theophilus.” Scholars are not completely sure if this was a specific person or, if it was a general audience. The name Theophilus literally means “one who loves God,” so if you are a Theophilus, I invite you to join us for dinner, fellowship and good conversation about what the Spirit did in the early days of the church and what the Spirit desires to do today.

Peace,
David

Preparing for Sunday . . .

“A New Life in a New Land”
Romans 6:1-14

In our 11:00 worship service this Sunday we will celebrate the baptism of Grayson Branch and Landon Walters. This is an exciting moment in their lives and in the life of our church! Paul speaks to the significance of baptism in our text from Romans 6 when he writes *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.* We have, in the words of Eugene Peterson, “entered into the new country of grace”— ***A New Life in a New Land!***

Special thanks to everyone who donated purses and other items for our recent Baptist Women’s project, Purses for a Purpose.



CLASS OF 2019

Baccalaureate Sunday
June 9, 2019

We will honor our graduates at a combined worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.
(Sunday School—9:45 a.m.)

First Baptist Church

5TH SUNDAY

FELLOWSHIP

June 30th
Cherry Fellowship Hall

8:45 a.m. Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Worship

All are invited.
Communion will be observed.



Vacation Bible School

June 17-19, 5:30-8:00 pm

Join us for 3 nights of interactive learning and fun as we explore the Bible and what it means to be a good neighbor. Children age 4-6th grade are eligible to attend, and there is no cost.

Art Mini Camp

July 16-19

9:30 am-12:00 pm

This half-day camp combines art and faith to provide a creative camp experience. For children who have completed K-3rd grade; \$15 per child.



Music Day Camp

July 29-August 2,

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Join us for a week full of crafts, games, field trips, and lots and lots of music! Children will learn the musical *Rescue in the Night* and present it at a closing concert on August 2 at 5:00 pm. For children who have completed 1st-6th grade; \$50 per child (cost goes up after June 1!).



Register for Vacation Bible School, Art Mini-Camp and/or Music Day Camp at www.fbclumbertonnc.org or in the church office.

Servants this Sunday, June 2, 2019

ETC—8:45 a.m.— Wendy Allen

11:00 a.m.— Pattie Ramsaur

Entrance Greeters

Children's Building —Miriam & Wilton Edwards

Walnut Street— Linda Collins

6th Street — Jimmy & Billie Dail

Senior Entrance — Jim Driscoll

Welcoming Committee— Becky & Tony Thompson,
Billie Dail

Security Monitor— Donovan Hunt

Sound— Ross Driscoll

Video—Greg Gibson

This Week. . .

Sunday, June 2, 2019

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Monday, June 3

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 4

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

3:45 p.m.. Tuesday Coffee Shop (Youth)

6:00 p.m. Youth Council

Wednesday, June 5

5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper

6:00 p.m. Family Night at Prayer

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

For the Record

Budgeted 2019.....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019)	\$13,461.54
Received May 26, 2019.....	\$12,172.60
Need to date	\$282,692.31
Received to date.....	\$245,086.27
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$37,606.04)

Sunday School Attendance,
May 26, 2019—150

Person of the Week

Margaret Wilson
2004 N. Walnut St.
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

First Sunday Food Drive

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods for local charities. Our next food collection is Sunday, June 2nd. Place your donations in the collections bins near the entrances or bring them to the church office.