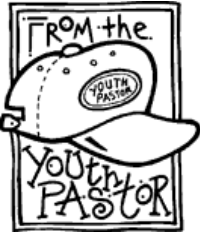


# First Baptist News

a family of faith



Before any major mission trip, I am always in need of prayer. The week leading up to a trip is always chaotic and my anxiety usually peaks a few days before departure. While I feel especially apprehensive this year (due mainly to distance), I know that once wheels start rolling I will be much calmer. God wired me that way.

All of our chaperones are wonderful, especially for volunteering a week of vacation to minister with teenagers. This isn't everyone's cup of tea, but we are blessed as a church to have an actual waiting list of female chaperones (although male ones are still quite scarce). Although meticulous plans have been made, God bless them for the flexibility it takes to roll with the changes that will take place over the course of the trip. For adults, that isn't always easy.

Some things will happen for sure. There are conflicts between youth and tension among friend groups right now. Some of that will dissipate, some of it will intensify. There will be new tensions between youth and youth, chaperones and youth, chaperones with each other, and likely between some of us and staff. Yet, most relationships will grow deeper and new ones will form as well.

Growth in relationships is what I look forward to the most from these trips. Relationships with God and with each other tend to improve as the week progresses, and hopefully carry over to life back here in Lumberton. Please be in prayer for all of us for safety as well as for growth. Thank you for your support of our youth and the example you set for them. God bless.

*Doug*

***Our youth and chaperones will travel to Pineville, Louisiana for a week of mission work and fun at M-Fuge—July 14-21st.***



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## ***Preparing for Sunday . . .***

### **Message Delivered. Message Received? Hebrews 1:1-4**

In our day there are several ways to communicate. We can write a letter or send an email. We can text, tweet or use other forms of social media. The importance of the message dictates the medium by which it is sent. The writer of Hebrews tells us that over the course of time, God spoke in many and various ways. Our ancestors heard God speak through the prophets, signs, etc. but when God really wanted to get the point across, God spoke to us by a Son. God spoke through the law, through faithful messengers and through events, but the purest, most exact message to us from God is in the life and teachings of Jesus. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being (v.3). The message has been delivered. Has the message been received?



First, a confession and an apology... I was selfish this past Sunday. I was preaching to myself. I suppose it was kind of me to let you listen in on a sermon that I unintentionally wrote to me, but I do apologize. It was a little amusing though when one of you approached me with a kind word about the sermon and then said “that one was for my friend sitting beside me, wasn’t it?” I did have her friend in mind as I wrote the sermon, but was preaching to myself.

A second irony is that I mistitled the sermon. I titled it “A New Song in My Mouth,” but it should have stayed with my first idea for a title... “Heard, Lifted, Set and Secured.” Those are the four things the Lord does for the writer of Psalm 40. In verses one and two he writes...

*I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*

That evening, Sandra and I went out to eat. We noticed a friend from out of town was in the restaurant and we wondered why he was eating alone. As we were leaving, we waved and he motioned for us to come over. He asked if I had a couple of minutes. I said “yes,” and he started to tell me his story. His wife was in the hospital and he wanted to know if I knew of resources with which to help her. We talked for several minutes and then prayed and assured one another that all would be well. As I walked away I realized my friend was praying Psalm 40... crying out to God in the faith and hope that God would hear, lift, set and secure.

The more I think about it, the more I appreciate the practicality of Psalm 40. We can and must cry out to God in our prayers, but we must also ask one another for help. God can work any way God wants to work, but from what I see, God most often works through people helping one another. We are the body of Christ in the world and we have the opportunity to be the ears and hands of God each day. So, listen to your neighbor in need, offer the help you can and trust that as you quietly go about sharing the love of Jesus that *many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord* (Ps. 40:3).

Peace,  
David



**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; \$55 per child. Limited space available! Contact the church office to sign up!

**Music Day Camp Concert  
August 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.  
Cherry Fellowship Hall**



- July 17— Baked Potato Bar
- July 24— Salad Bar
- July 31— Spaghetti, String Beans, Toast, Salad, Banana Pudding

**For the Record**

Budgeted 2019 .....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019).....	\$13,461.54
Received July 7, 2019 .....	\$7,543.00
Need to date.....	\$363,461.54
Received to date .....	\$320,414.51
Over (Under) Budget .....	(\$43,047.03)

Sunday School Attendance, July 7—169






5 FBC kids and 2 Chaperones attended PassportKids! Camp at Montreat, June 30-July 3rd.




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**Attention Senior Adults:**  
August 13—The Barn Dinner Theater,  
Greensboro  
“Savannah Sipping Society”  
\$70 per person. Limited space available.  
Pay in the church office to reserve your  
spot.

November 5—Carolina Opry Christmas Show  
Lunch at Paula Dean’s/Shopping at  
Broadway at the Beach  
\$70 per person. Limited space availa-  
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your spot.



## 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.

### 2019

July 21, 28

Aug. 4

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22

July 5, 12, 19, 26

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27

Oct. 4, 11, 18

Nov. 8, 15

### 2020

Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 19, 26

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

June 7, 14, 21, 28



## Coming up. . .

- July 15—Finance Committee & Deacons  
Meetings  
July 16-18—Art Mini-Camp  
July 20—Community Café hosted by Men’s  
Prayer Group  
July 21—Baptism  
July 24—Quarterly Church Conference  
July 28-30—Friends of Jesus Happiness Retreat  
July 29-Aug. 2—Music Day Camp
- August 2—ECM Staff Development Day  
Music Day Camp Concert  
August 5-7—Chattooga River Rafting Trip  
August 13—Senior Adults to Greensboro  
Dinner Theater  
August 15—Candlelight Vigil for Victims of  
Murder & Homicide  
August 17—Community Café hosted by  
Smyrna Baptist Church  
August 19—Finance Committee & Deacons  
Meetings  
August 20—Youth Committee Meeting  
August 25—Sunday School Promotion  
Youth Fall Kick-off  
August 26—Robeson County Schools Begin

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