

The Visitor

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**JOIN US THIS SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 18TH FOR THE**

YOUTH FUNDRAISER AUCTION

Come one, come all to the Annual First Baptist Church Auction to benefit the 2017 Youth Mission Trips. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. Come hungry....we will have food available for a donation. Join us for an evening of hilarity and good deals to support our Youth. Enclosed is a list of items donated as of Monday, February 13th. Items added daily. If you have items to donate, please bring your items to the church no later than noon on Friday, February 17, 2017.

16 Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' ³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' ⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. 'The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' ⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' ⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Luke 16:1-9

YOUTH NEWS

FBC Youth Group will meet Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. in the Ministry Center for Snack Supper followed by Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. Caroline Carter, Jenna & Sarah Felts, Chandler Lasater, Bethany Metz, Carter & Hayden McLamb and Hannah White are responsible for Snack Supper.

FBC Youth Group will NOT meet February 26, 2017 due to the conclusion of DNOW.

The logo for DNOW features the word "D" in orange and "NOW" in black, with a white outline. Below the text is a black arc.

February 24-26, 2017

Cost: \$75.00 (includes program, shirt and food)

Deposit of \$25.00 is due when you sign up. Balance due by or before Friday, February 24. Join us for a weekend retreat at FBC Smithfield.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP (7/17/17 – 7/21/17)

Youth **MFuge Mission** Trip, July 17 – 21, 2017 in Charleston South Carolina. Cost: \$150. You can still sign up. **\$50 deposit is past due.**

SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE

The Soup Kitchen will no longer be serving a sit down meal in the Cafeteria area. We will offer take out plates beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays until all plates are given out, and we will continue to deliver to those on our current routes.

OUR KNOWN SICK

Ray Hodge (Home), Hannah Youngblood (Hospice House), Tyler Watson (Home), Becky Blackmon (Home), Steve Woodard (Home)



STOP HUNGER NOW

Last year, FBC packed 15,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now that have been shipped all over the world to help those who are hungry. This year, we want to package as many meals as possible!

**Packing Date: Saturday, March 25, 2017
from 10 a.m. - 12 noon in the Ministry Center**

\$2.90 will feed 10 persons.
\$14.95 will feed 50 persons.
\$29.00 will feed 100 persons.
\$87.00 will feed 300 persons.

Please give to make this packing date our best ever. Many are counting on us to share of our abundance!

THANK YOU

The family of Shirley Barbee would like to thank the church family for the wonderful lunch, all the prayers you sent our way and continue to send. A special thanks to Lee for his service and providing comfort to our family during the loss of our mom. Bless you all!



2017 VBS

Save The Date

JUNE 26-30, 2017

VBS NEEDS

It's that time again and we are gearing up and collecting for Bible School. Many items are needed. If you have any of the following, please contact Kerrie or bring them to the church office. Items needed: hula hoops (even if broken), large boxes, pallets, Slinkys (even if broken) dryer vents, old hubcaps, old fans, colorful plastic table cloths, empty, clean paint buckets, pool noodles, old barrels and a big tractor tire.

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to Carolyn Carroll and family in the recent homegoing of her father, Frank Slovik.

We express our Christian sympathy to Dan Evans and family in the recent homegoing of his father, Wilbert Evans.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jeff and Lauren Elias on the arrival of their infant son, Joshua William Elias. The proud grandmother is Martha T. Pope

YOU ARE INVITED

You are all invited to a Baby Shower honoring Jordan Ashley on Saturday, March 11th, from 10 a.m. - noon at Ryberg Hall. Jordan and Emery are registered at Babies R Us and Target. Proud grandparents to be are Emery & Kim Ashley and proud great-grandparents to be are Wallace & Jean Ashley.

MITCHINER SCHOLARSHIP

The Johnston Baptist Associational WMU Mitchiner Scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding senior in the Baptist churches of the Johnston Baptist Association. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, applications are available in the church office. The application must be submitted at the Johnston Baptist Association Office in Selma by or before March 17th.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Below is a schedule for Lenten Devotions. They will begin each Wednesday at 12:00 noon. More dates will be added as they are scheduled.

March 1 – Ash Wednesday at St. Pauls Episcopal Church with guest speaker, Joe Hester of First Presbyterian Church.

March 8 – Lenten Devotion at First Presbyterian Church with guest speaker Greg McClain of Johnston Health Spiritual Care.

March 15 – Lenten Devotion at First Presbyterian Church with guest speaker Jim Melnyk of St. Pauls Episcopal Church.

March 22 – Lenten Devotion at First Presbyterian Church with guest speaker Beth Burton Williams of First Christian Church.

UPCOMING SERMONS

For the next month, I will be preaching on some of the *hard sayings of Jesus*. These are passages, that if we are honest, sometime disburb us. They don't make sense. They go against the grain. It's like the parable of the prodigal son: Who ends up being the "bad guy?" It is the elder brother who has stayed at home and been good all of his life! But if we will do a little digging, we can mine some golden nuggets of truth and grace wthat come from our Lord! I look forward to seeing you in worship. Come expecting to be surprised.

UPCOMING METS EVENTS

February 27 @ 10:00 a.m. - NCBAM Workshop w/ Lunch Fellowship Hall. Workshop focusing on reducing stress as we age.

March 11 @ 10:00 a.m. - Wine & Design, Clayton. Cost: \$36. We'll be doing the painting part, not the wine part!

April 1st @ 7:00p.m. - Dance for Christ Production, Cost: \$15. Paramount Theater, Goldsboro

May 9th @ 9:30 a.m. - Lunch @ Farmer's Market in Raleigh Cost: \$ for travel and your meal.

June 3rd @ 4:30 p.m. - Beach Music & Oldies Dinner Program at Mike's Farm in Beulaville. Cost: \$35 which includes your ticket, meal and travel.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 2 – Coffee Bar opens in the Ministry Center. The Coffee Bar will be open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

March 5 – Youth Sunday

March 12 – FBC has been invited to hear the Toccoa Fall College Choir perform at Sharon Baptist Church, 6:00 p.m.

HECK JONES OFFERING

The Heck Jones Offering is the primary source of funding for ministries of WMU-NC. This year the theme is *Shining like Stars*. "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you *shine like stars* in the universe as you hold out the word of life." Philippians 2:14 You will find envelopes for this special offering in your offering envelope box or in the pews racks. Let's *shine like stars* as we give to support WMU and their ministries.



FROM THE PULPIT

February 19 Sermon by Lee Colbert
"A Scoundrel...Or Not?!"
Luke 16:1-9

February 26 Sermon by Lee Colbert
"When God Feels Ill"
Luke 18:9-14

WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

- 8:45 A.M. Early Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM
- 10:55 A.M. Morning Worship, broadcast over 1090 AM
- 11:00 A.M. Hispanic Worship Service
- 5:15 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 P.M. Youth Snack Supper, Ministry
- 6:30 P.M. Praise Ringers Handbell Practice, Alatheia Room
- 7:00 P.M. Youth Bible Study, Ministry Center

Monday

- 9:00 A.M. Coffee Bar, Ministry Center (beginning March)
- 10:00 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
- 10:00 A.M. Household Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon. (Will open for emergency situations as needed)
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Respite Care, Ministry Center, end at 2:00 p.m.
- 4:30 P.M. Soup Kitchen, Meal Pick-Up Only, Ministry Center

Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Ministry Center
- 5:30 P.M. Family Night Supper
- 6:00 P.M. Children's Choirs, Ages 4, Kindergarten: Preschool V; Grades 1-2, Adult II; Grades 3-6, Music Room
- 6:15 P.M. GriefShare, Ministry Center, end at 7:45 p.m.
- 6:30 P.M. Bible Study by Henry Wright, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Small Groups for Adults
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Friends for ages 2 – grade 6
- 6:30 P.M. MaD 4 Youth
- 7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

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Friday

- 9:00 A.M. Coffee Bar, Ministry Center (beginning March)

2017 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,762.35
Received as of 2/5/17	\$26,690.00
Budget needs Year to Date	\$100,574.10
Received Year to Date	\$79,849.19

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,922.75
Received 2/5/17	\$4,045.00
Needs Year to Date	\$14,613.75
Received Year to Date	\$12,265.03

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

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2017 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,762.35
Received as of 2/12/17	\$11,247.50
Budget needs Year to Date	\$117,336.45
Received Year to Date	\$91,096.69

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,922.75
Received 2/12/17	\$1,380.50
Needs Year to Date	\$17,536.50
Received Year to Date	\$13,645.53

First Baptist Church Staff

Pastor	Lee Colbert
Minister of Youth	Tommy Cook
Minister of Education and Outreach	Bryan Harris
Minister of Music	Kerrie Clayton
Organist	Marshall Tyson
Director of After School Care Program	Emily Harris
Director of Weekday Early Education	June Ward
Administrative Staff	Janice Holland, Glenda Strickland Margie Crumley

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