

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:45AM Staff Meeting
- 8:30AM Youth Bells (Sanctuary)
- 9:30AM Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
- 9:30AM Children's Music
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship
- 5:00PM Youth

WEDNESDAY, March 25 – SATURDAY, March 28

Directory Pictures

WEDNESDAY, March 25

- 12:00PM Community Lenten Service – First Presbyterian Church
- 5:00PM Family Night Meal (Chili Beans, Potato Wedges, Cornbread, Dessert)
- 6:00PM Bible Study
- 6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
- 6:15PM Cathedral Bells
- 7:15PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, March 26

- 10:15AM JOY Trip – Outback Steakhouse/Southern Pines

Sunday School Attendance 03/15	153
Worship Attendance 03/15	216
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$10,472.48
Budget Receipts 02/22	\$7,688.90
YTD Budget Receipts 02/28	\$76,797.20
YTD Expenses thru 02/28	\$74,631.29

INVITATION – RSVP by March 23

6th Annual Stanly County Health Expo: March 30th. Free! Exhibits and Buffet will begin at 5PM at Stanly Regional Hospital Magnolia Room. Program: "Suicide: Understanding and Preventing." **RSVP by March 23** to Jennifer Laton at 704-986-3018 or jlayton@stanlycountync.gov.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

For anyone that would like to take a meal to Roger Thomas & his kids, they can sign up here.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaeae22a5fb6-meals>

SCCM monthly need for March: rice, pasta, macaroni and cheese....

SCCM food donation on March 18: 78 pounds.

New Church Directory!

It is not too late to make your reservations for the new church directory photography session! The photos will be taken on March 25-28 and April 3-4. You can sign up online by going to the church website (www.fbc-albemarle.org) and clicking on the link for the directory. You can also sign up on Sunday outside of the sanctuary or by calling the church office. We need everyone's participation to complete our directory.

JOY TRIPS

Thursday, March 26: Lunch at Outback Steakhouse in Southern Pines. Leave church at 10:15AM. Cost: \$3.00.

Thursday, April 23: Flower Gardens in Concord, Lunch at K & W Cafeteria, and dessert at Cabarrus Creamery.

Leave church at 11:00AM. Cost: \$5.00.

Thursday, May 21: Ride the Lynx Blue Line in Charlotte and eat at the Golden Corral. Leave church at 10:30AM. Cost: TBD

Here is your *TIE* to



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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



March 29, 2015 - 11:00AM

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From the Desk of Andy Jung...

I don't know about you but this journey through Lent has been tough. As we have walked toward the cross and *Towards Jerusalem* together, I've been challenged once again to consider what it really means to be a follower of Christ. I have had to confess my sins to God; consider my own wastefulness; think about my response to some of the injustices in the world; and why I sometimes choose to live in drudgery rather than cling to the abundant life Jesus promised. I've been uncomfortable with the tension I constantly feel with what I believe to be Christ's teachings and the reality of my day-to-day life. It sounds strange for me to say this but I hope you also have been uncomfortable.

As we approach the Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday (March 29), we will continue our walk with Jesus to the cross on Golgotha and to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. On Palm Sunday, our sanctuary choir will lead in worship as they present the Easter Cantata during the 11am worship. This is always a wonderful opportunity for us to invite our friends and neighbors to a beautiful presentation of the Easter story through music and Scripture. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity.

On Maundy Thursday (April 2), we will have a special presentation of the Living Last Supper at 7pm. The Living Last Supper is a drama presentation that features a depiction of Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper painting. It presents the possible thoughts of the disciples that were gathered around the table in the Upper Room. It will be a meaningful time of worship. Rather than having our regular Family Supper on Wednesday of that week, we have moved it to Thursday at 6pm. Invite someone to join you on this special night.

This Sunday, we will consider what Jesus meant when he told us to take up our cross and follow him. Following Jesus is "Not For the Faint of Heart."

See you on Sunday! Andy

Deacon of the Week

Linda Carter March 22 – March 28

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Betty Zimmerman, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Erin Phillips Taylor, Hilda Woodruff, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy

PRAYER LIST

Diane Vanhoy, David Isenhour, Tonia Icenhour, Joann Morton, Bryanna Medlin, Horace C. Owens, Kathy Hinkle, Mary Garber, Steve Sasser, Dr. Bill Hatley, Dennie Carpenter, David Sanges, Shirley Beal, Suzie Martin, Lois Greene

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

Wednesday, March 25: Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Worship Leader: Rev. Bob Gruver, Pastor of Albemarle First Assembly Church of God. A light lunch will follow the service with donations going to the Community Inn.

FBC FAMILY/EASTER PICNIC

Mark your calendars: Sunday, March 29 for the FBC Family/Easter Picnic. The picnic will be at City Lake Park from 3-6PM. Bring a dessert and plan to enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, and food. (If you have cornhole boards that you can share, please contact Michael Furr.)

FBC SCHOLARSHIP

FBC-Albemarle Student Scholarship Application: the Student Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for scholarships through April 15, 2015. The application is simple to complete and applications are available to pick-up in the FBC Office during regular office hours or on the FBC website. Remember – applications are due to the Church by April 15. (Note: if you have already picked up an application, you will need to get the 2015 revision and complete it before you return it to the committee.)

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Lena Doster by Betty Mabry

Copple House Project

Asbestos removal on site activity has been completed, with required documents forthcoming. Tree Service work has been rescheduled to March 17-18. The architectural salvage company expects to begin work later this week to recover windows and doors. A final opportunity for FBC members to recover items of personal or historical significance from the Copple House is being coordinated.

Contained in the Copple House are (2) Spinnet / Console-size pianos. Condition of these instruments varies from poor/moderate to moderate/acceptable. FBC has not identified a need for these pianos and would like to offer them to FBC members - to be moved ASAP. Interested members should contact the Church Office.

FBC Copple House Committee

****** Upcoming Youth Schedule: ******

March 22 – Youth 5:00PM

March 29 – Youth 3:00PM – Church Picnic

April 5 – Easter –No Youth

April 12 – Youth 5:00PM

YOUTH

Greetings from the youth department! This week's devotion comes once again from The Uncommon Life Challenge by Tony Dungy. The verses, Judges 7, are those that tell the story of how Gideon, with an army of only 300, was able to defeat the Midianites. It is a story of faith in God and willingness to move forward against what seemed to be an insurmountable road block. Dungy says this:

“What mountain are you facing right now that you are sure you can't scale? What problems are mounting that you know you can't solve by yourself? Before you throw your hands up in the air and heave a sigh of resignation, stop for a moment and remember something about the God beside you.”

“He is there--right by your side. If he was able to secure a victory for Gideon over the Midianites with only three hundred men, He can help you with the insurmountable things you face. Humbly seize that assurance. The peace that brings will help you with the deadline, the test, or whatever seems formidable.”

Have a blessed week. Michael Furr