

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, February 7

- 7:45AM Staff Meeting
- 8:30AM Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- 8:45AM Youth Bells
- 9:30AM Children's Music
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship
- 12:00PM Youth Choir
- 5:00PM Youth Super Bowl Sunday

### MONDAY, February 8

- 3:00PM American Red Cross Blood Drive

### TUESDAY, February 9

- 5:00PM Property Committee Meeting
- 6:00PM Finance Committee Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, February 10 Ash Wednesday

- 5:15PM Family Night Meal (Chicken Stir Fry w/Rice, Egg Rolls, Dessert)
- 6:00PM Ash Wednesday Service
- 6:00PM RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
- 7:15PM Sanctuary Choir

## MEMORIALS

### General Fund

- Eleanor Knotts by Cindy & Bob Beane
- Eleanor Knotts by Buck & Peggy Hill
- Eleanor Knotts by Agnes Blalock
- Eleanor Knotts by M/M H. O. Hicks
- Eleanor Knotts by Ned & Donna Stallings

### Organ Fund

- Ray Morgan by Glenn & Janice Sellers
- Eleanor Knotts by Jerry & Jane Myers
- Eleanor Knotts by John & Bonnie Herring
- Eleanor Knotts by Bob & Claudia Odom

Sunday School Attendance 01/31	169
Worship Attendance 01/31	201
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,144.04
Budget Receipts 01/24	\$3,477.00
YTD Budget Receipts 12/31	\$559,204.80
YTD Expenses thru 12/31	\$547,480.26
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 01-17)	\$152,014.92
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

## WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Winter Bible Study will be on the Sunday evenings of February 14, 21, and 28 from 5-7PM. A light supper will be served.

### HABITAT for HUMANITY FUNDRAISER

Habitat for Humanity BBQ Chicken fundraiser: February 25th starting at 11:00 at Centerview Church on the NE Connector. Tickets are available at the church office and in Feb. will be \$9. They also need volunteers to help the day before and volunteers the day of, particularly drivers to deliver food. Please consider helping them. Sign up sheets are in the office.

### JOY TRIP

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee: April 11-April 14. Cost: \$250.00 per person/double or \$327.00 per person single, payable at time of sign-up. Trip includes: 3 nights hotel, 3 breakfasts, 4 shows, and 3 dinners. For more details see Lina: 704-982-8877 or 704-796-8589. Sign up sheet in church office.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

FBC will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, February 8, 2016 from 3PM – 7:30PM in the fellowship hall. A sign up sheet is in the church office.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to FBC for caring for our local children and their families for so many years. Your dedication and hard work for the children of Albemarle Middle School is truly a great gift.

Deborah Baker, AMS School Counselor

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*Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.*

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**February 10, 2016**  
**6:00PM**

## From the Desk of Andy Jung...

It seems as if we just came through Advent and Christmas season but Easter will be here before we know it! Easter is determined by the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. This year, it happens to occur close to the vernal equinox on Sunday, March 27. Therefore, we work back 40 days (not counting Sundays) to determine Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Lent has had some role in Christian life since before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century AD when Irenaus of Lyons wrote of it. It has evolved considerably since then, but the idea remains the same - it is a time of self-examination and penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, in preparation for Easter. Lent is a season of examining who you are and who God is and embracing the roles.

This year, we will observe Ash Wednesday with a special service. (**Feb. 10 at 6pm**) Though Ash Wednesday is not found in the Bible, the elements of the service are woven throughout Scripture. There are three components of the service that are richly symbolic:

- **The Cross:** Obviously the cross represents Christ and his work, but there is a rich pre-Christian tradition of making marks on one's forehead to show ownership. In several cases, it is almost represented like the Passover blood (Exodus 12:1-13). There are several scriptural references to marking one's forehead (Revelation 7:3, 9:4, 14:1, Ezekiel 9:4-6). In essence, when we mark our foreheads in the shape of the cross, we are stating that we are one with Christ.
- **The Ashes:** There are many scriptures that help to explain why we mark ourselves with ashes (1 Samuel 4:12; 2 Samuel 1:2, 13:19, 15:32; Esther 4:1-3; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26). Traditionally, ashes represent repentance, mourning, and sorrow. Ashes used in Ash Wednesday are the remains of actual palms used in Palm Sunday services. The  
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Palm Ash is a reminder that we are much the same-calling out for Christ and rejecting him and understanding that we are responsible for his death.

- **“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return”:** This phrase also has a rich scriptural background (Genesis 2:4-6, 3:19, 18:27; Job 34:15, Psalm 90:3, 104:29; Ecclesiastes 3:20). Ash Wednesday is about coming to terms with our failures, sins, limitations, and mortality. This concentration on death is not morbid; we are being honest and accepting our limits.

I hope you will make a special effort to be a part of this meaningful worship. I think it will add richly to our Lenten journey as we walk toward Holy Week.

This Sunday, we will conclude our series on “Who Is This Man?” as we look at the calling of his first disciples. See you on Sunday! Andy

### Deacon of the Week

Jamie Kimrey

February 7 – February 13

## Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Dennie Carpenter, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan

### PRAYER LIST

David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Brendan Hearne, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, Sue Hunsucker, Martha Lowder, Lori Stiller, Lucy Johnson, Chloe Fraley, Bonnie Herring, Buck Hill, Jackie Harward, Helen Baugess, Todd Williamson, Linda Hall, Dick Kolk, Nellie Roush

### PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Stanly County's (PRC) Baby Bottle Boomerang bottles are to be turned in this **Sunday, February 7.** SCCM need for February is canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam)

### YOUTH SCHEDULE

February 7 – 5:00PM Super Bowl Sunday

February 14 – 5:00PM Youth

February 21 – 5:00PM Youth

### FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Sticky Faith is about community. It is about making sure that everyone is a part of our church. With this in mind, I have been looking for ways to help engage our younger students in our worship service. During my search, someone introduced me to the concept of worship activities for kids. These activities encourage young people to interact and record important parts of the Sunday worship service. Over the next couple of weeks, our children's committee hopes to introduce these activities in the form of a weekly sheet called sermon notes. It is our plan to introduce these through our Sunday school classes. I will be working in conjunction with our Sunday school teachers to establish an understanding with our children of how the sheets work. We hope to create a process that will begin to bring our service alive to our children. Help us by encouraging them to use this worship aid. Have discussions about it with them. Help them understand that they are an important part of our worship. Michael

### CBFNC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The CBFNC General Assembly will be held on Friday, March 18, at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. The bus will leave the church no later than 7:15 a.m. We will return after the worship service that evening.

### SYMPATHY

- \*Christian love and sympathy to Mildred Burnside and family in the passing of her brother, Warner Lynch.
- \*Christian love and sympathy to Todd McGuire and family in the passing of his father, Blake McGuire of Rockwell.
- \*Christian love and sympathy to Dennie Carpenter in the passing of her sister, Betty Sue Rimer of Concord.
- \*Christian love and sympathy to the family of Gene Moose in his passing.
- \*Christian love and sympathy to Vickie Smith and family in the passing of her brother, Robert Griffin.