

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, March 27 Easter Sunday

7:45AM Staff Meeting  
 9:45AM Sunday School  
 11:00AM Worship

### MONDAY, March 28 FBC OFFICE CLOSED

### SUNDAY, April 3

9:45AM Sunday School  
 11:00AM Worship  
 12:00PM Youth Choir  
 5:00PM Youth

### MONDAY, April 4

6:15PM WMU Group 2 – Taylor House

### TUESDAY, April 5

12:00PM JOY Lunch (Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert)  
 6:00PM Finance Committee Meeting

### WEDNESDAY April 6

5:15PM Family Night Meal (Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Rolls, Dessert)  
 6:00PM Bible Study  
 6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends  
 6:00PM Cathedral Bells  
 7:00PM Sanctuary Choir

SCCM need for March is canned fruit.

## MEMORIALS

### General Fund

Lucy Johnson by J.C. & Ann Boone  
Eleanor Knotts by M/M Robert Stonestreet  
Martin Brewer by M/M Robert Stonestreet  
Ray Morgan by M/M Robert Stonestreet  
Blake McGuire by M/M Robert Stonestreet  
Lucy Johnson by M/M Robert Stonestreet  
Eleanor Knotts by M/M Larry Roush  
Eleanor Knotts by M/M Roger Turbeville  
Lucy Johnson by M/M Roger Turbeville  
Lucy Johnson by Mary Garber  
Jim Goins by M/M Robert Stonestreet  
Warner Lynch by M/M Robert Stonestreet  
Lucy Johnson by Mauldin & Rokos, DDS  
Lucy Johnson by M/M E.F. Banks

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### General Fund

Lucy Johnson by M/M B. Alan Ross  
Lucy Johnson by James E. Demasi  
Eleanor Knotts by Bruce Crockett  
Lucy Johnson by the Sweeney Family  
Lucy Johnson by Agnes Blalock

### Organ Fund

Lucy Johnson by D/M Bill Burnside  
Lucy Johnson by M/M Ron Burris

### Flower Fund

Lucy Johnson by M/M Larry Roush

### Building Fund

Lucy Johnson by Ben & Gwen Treece

Sunday School Attendance 03/20	155
Worship Attendance 03/20	197
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,144.04
Budget Receipts 03/13	\$7,911.79
YTD Budget Receipts 02/29	\$92,286.11
YTD Expenses thru 02/29	\$94,509.15
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 03-13)	\$165,875.05
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

**Fundraiser for Lori Stiller:** Poor Man's Supper and Silent Auction: April 9, 11AM – 7PM at New London Methodist Church. All proceeds will go to help with Medical and Family expenses.

**Thank you** from the FBC Girls in Action. \$168.22 was collected from the 'Cash for Candy' egg exchange. The money will go to the Baptist Children's Home.

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*Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.*

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# EASTER

## March 27, 2016

## From the Desk of Andy Jung...

You shared it all, Jesus. Nothing is left out. Now at the end, your arms spread wide, you gasp a final breath: "It is finished" (John 19:30).

You took the fullness of what we are into yourself. You knew friendship and fought enemies. You loved and were let down by those you most loved...and needed. You drank wine and broke bread amid laughter at hospitable tables, and you tasted your own blood, hated and alone.

On your final days, tender hands washed your feet and anointed you with oil for unimaginable sorrow. You sparred again with opponents and knew the joy of washing, touching, blessing the feet of friends. You prayed for deliverance and delivered yourself into the hands of the Loving Mystery.

You were stranger to nothing that is human, to nothing that is in me. You embraced all that we try to escape because it is too frightening, too messy, too painful.

And in your dying, you proclaimed it all finished. All that was and is human – pain and joy, sorrow, death, and the sweet delight of loving and being loved – all of it was taken into your heart.

The suffering of every human soul had become your suffering. Our weakness and mortality had become yours.

Refusing to be a master over us, you became our Brother, *my Brother*, sharing all that I am. All of it is taken into you and joined with the fullness of all you share in intimate communion with the Loving Mystery you call Father.

Every moment – my living and dying, my successes and failures, my joy and shame, my strength and fear – all of it now becomes one more sacramental moment in which the Love you are is shared with me and becomes part of me.

The world is lit up from within by your loving presence. So I can embrace it all, just as you did. I can weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn. I can welcome it all with sweetest joy, fearing no

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death because the end is always life and love, filling even me.

What more could I want?  
(Excerpt from David L. Miller's *Lenten Journey: Marks of the Christian*)

See you on Sunday! Andy

### Deacon of the Week

John Sullivan      March 27 – April 2

## Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred 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, Carl Bowen, Mary Whitley

### PRAYER LIST

David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Brendan Hearne, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, Sue Hunsucker, Lori Stiller, Bonnie Herring, Buck Hill, Jackie Harward, Helen Baugess, Todd Williamson, Linda Hall, Dick Kolk, David Compton, Bernie Miller, Charles Burris, Linda Hilton, Raynell Cooke, John Herring, Jim Henson, Wayne Burris

### Easter Home Missions Offering

**GOAL: \$4,000 (Thru 3-20-2016: \$1,575.00)**

A special missions offering will be collected during the month of March to support the missionaries of North American Mission Board (NAMB) of Southern Baptist Convention or field personnel of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Please mark your gifts as "CBF or SBC Easter Offering." If gifts are not specifically designated, the money will be split between the two mission partners. The goal for our Easter Offering is \$4,000 this year.

**Thank you** for the kind expressions of concern, the phone calls, notes and cards, visits, and prayers after I broke my wrist. The surgery went well, a plate was inserted, and bones are healing. I am so grateful it was my left, not my right, wrist and for help from so many until I could drive again.

Linda Perry

## SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Packets for student scholarships (rising college freshmen through college seniors) are available in the church office or may be downloaded from the FBC website. These need to be completed and returned to the church office by Friday, April 15, 2016.

## YOUTH SCHEDULE

March 27 – NO Youth – Easter

April 3 – 5:00PM Youth

April 10 - 3:00PM Re-scheduled Easter Picnic in the Park

April 15-17 – Asheville Weekend Mission Trip

## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

I was running my first marathon. I was approaching mile 22 and it was not going well. Famed ultra-marathoner Dean Karnazes talked once about the highs and lows you experience on long runs. The longer you run, the more intense these ups and downs become. At that point, I very clearly understood what he meant. I was in the midst of a very deep low. It is amazing to me how alone you can feel when running with 3000 other people. Whether through luck or fate, it seemed I was isolated throughout the entire race. What was I thinking? Every part of me hurt. I wanted to walk away and quit.

Suddenly, there was a man beside me. "How you holding up?" he asked. A series of thoughts raced through my head. "Are you crazy?" "Is it not obvious?" "I am ready to quit because this was a stupid idea." All I could get out though was a quick, half-hearted grunt, "fine." I was not in the mood to talk. That's when he looked at me and said, "You know if you walk, it will take you three times longer to finish, if you even finish. Sometimes you just have to keep moving. You will be glad you did." He then ran on and was gone. I am not sure how he knew what I was thinking. Maybe it was on my face; it's possible that he had seen the look before. Either way I heard him. I continued running and finished the race. I went on to successfully run many more. As I happen upon dark times in my life, I often think back to what that man said. I still follow those instructions and I've yet to regret it. Michael

**FBC Office Closed: Monday, March 28**

**NO TIE: Wednesday, March 30**