

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 22

8:00AM	Baptist Men's Breakfast
8:45AM	Youth Bells
9:30AM	Children's Choir
9:45AM	Sunday School
11:00AM	Worship and Baptism
12:00PM	Youth Choir

WEDNESDAY, January 25

4:00PM	Staff Meeting
5:15PM	Fellowship Meal (Loaded Baked Potato Soup, Salad Bar, Dessert)
6:00PM	Ecclesia Communities
6:00PM	GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
6:00PM	Cathedral Bells
7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir

SUNDAY, January 29

5:30PM	Birthday Banquet
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Sunday School Attendance 01/15	170
Worship Attendance 01/15	182
Weekly Budget Requirement-2017	\$11,364.00
Budget Receipts 01/01	\$7,577.00
01/08	\$4,361.22
YTD Budget Receipts 12/31	\$579,757.65
YTD Expenses thru 12/31	\$577,081.58
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 1-08)	\$222,765.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Don Brummitt by Reed & Patti Furr

Mary Whitley by Reed & Patti Furr

Organ Fund

Don Brummitt by M/M Norman Wilson

HONORARIA

Music Fund

Ginny Skidmore by the Service Sunday School Class

SCCM need for January is toiletries and household.

FBC BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

The FBC Baptist Men's group would like to invite you to the **Baptist Men's Day Program** on **Sunday, January 22 at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.**

Our guest speaker will be our own, Dr. Andy Jung, who will share with us his mission and vision for First Baptist Church. The program will also feature ways to involve men in missions, spiritual growth and ministry opportunities.

Please sign up in the Church Office, and plan to attend our Baptist Men's Day. Breakfast will be served.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CBFNC Annual Gathering

It is time to start thinking about the CBFNC Annual Gathering. This event will take place on **Friday, March 31 at First Baptist Church, Hickory.** The opening session begins at 11:00 a.m. which means we will need to leave the church by 8:00 in order to arrive and get registered. There will be 2 workshops in the afternoon. The evening worship will be led by Susan Sparks, pastor at Madison Avenue Baptist Church, NYC. She is originally from Charlotte and attended UNC Chapel Hill and also has a law degree from WFU. She is also a comedian so I believe we will be in for a real treat. Our own Andy Jung is chairing the planning committee for the Annual Gathering so let's take a bus load to give him our support. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the church office. You may go to cbfnc.org to register and see the menus for meals.

Thursday, March 30 there will be a "Laugh in Peace Comedy tour" featuring Susan Sparks. You may go to the CBFNC website to check out the cost for this event as well as hotel accommodations.

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00AM

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

2017 has gotten off to a busy start to say the least. It seems we have a special event every other week...actually we do! All of it is worthwhile and exciting in its own right. It is great to be a part of such active and vibrant congregation!

On Sunday, January 29, First Baptist will welcome award-winning singer/songwriter Kyle Matthews. Kyle and I have known each other for many years and have collaborated in ministry together several times in the past. He has a heart for local churches and for sharing the gospel in his unique way. Kyle has written songs for over 70 major artists and has won numerous prestigious awards for his work. Kyle is currently serving as the Minister of Worship Arts at First Baptist Church in Greenville, SC.

Kyle will lead us in worship at 11am with a unique mix of songs and preaching from scripture. His songs are filled with sound theology and wonderful folksy story telling to keep everyone engaged in the worship experience. You will be incredibly blessed.



In addition, Kyle will stay with us and serve as the entertainment during the Birthday Banquet. This year, we are recapturing the purpose of the event by celebrating everyone's special day of birth all together. It will begin with a wonderful meal around the table with others who share the same birth month followed by Kyle entertaining us with his music and humor. It will be a wonderful night of celebration!

Please sign up for the Birthday Banquet outside of the church office. The cost is \$8/person and \$24/family. The money will be taken at the door.

This Sunday, we will celebrate the ordinance of baptism. In addition, we will begin a new sermon series entitled "Why Jesus?" as we explore why Jesus walked among us and taught us how to live. The first sermon in the series is "The Sufficiency of Christ." See you on Sunday!

Deacon of the Week
Bill Burnside **January 22 – January 28**

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred Archer, Mildred Cooper, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Frances Newton, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Carl Bowen, David & Sandy Young, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Bear Knotts, Pete Johnson, Peggy Hill, Frank Crisco, Geraldine Causby, Don Bennett, Carol Brummitt

PRAYER LIST

Steve Sasser, Sue Hunsucker, Linda Hall, Jim Mauney, Bonnie Herring, Bill & Lois Greene, Helen Lockamy, AnDe Dick, Kurt Kitchener, Gay Hayer, Adam, Beth & Grayson Boysworth, Mary Sue Lynch, Jack Neel, Jane Pendergraft, Nancy Brigman, Bud Morton, Sylvia Scholl, Diane Huneycutt Powell, Carl & JoAnn Kimrey, Kent Haywood, Ginny Skidmore, Geraldine Springer, Lina Chandler

JOY NEWS

A sign-up sheet for the Anderson Follies trip is in the church office.

HEARTS ON MISSION GALA

Please help us make our Hearts on Missions Gala silent auction as exciting and extravagant as we hope. Consider supporting by donating gift cards, merchandise or services, time at your vacation home, antique furniture, gift baskets, etc. If you can't donate, please consider asking someone you know if they would be willing to donate. Your donation is tax deductible. We will gladly pick up your items or you can take them to the church office. For pick up or if you have questions, please contact Jane Myers or Sherry Dunevant. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and are available in the church office.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity BBQ Chicken Fundraiser: Thursday, February 23 at Centerview Baptist Church. Port-a-Pit will be cooking the chicken. Advance tickets are \$8.00 and are available in the FBC church office, or \$10.00 at the door

YOUTH SCHEDULE

January 21: Youth Ski Trip
January 29: 5:30PM Birthday Banquet

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

We so often believe that faith decisions are made when we are old enough to understand what we are deciding. And while I would agree that believer's baptism is a decision that needs to be made rationally, I believe that many developmental experts would tell you that true faith starts very early on. As we have learned during our sticky faith journey, relationships are one of the most important aspects of our faith development. As I understand more and more about faith development, I see that those relationships start early on. Because of this, I think it is important to recognize those that play the most important role in this early development: Our Teachers. We here at First Baptist are blessed with many wonderful teachers who weekly work to introduce our young people to the love of God. I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank our teachers for their important role and encourage you to also give them a word of thanks for their invaluable presence.

Michael

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2017 Flower calendar is now posted on the bulletin board outside the parlor. Sign-up now for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, honoraria, special occasions, or just surprises! Potted plants or flowers from you garden are also appreciated. Acknowledgements may be made in the FBC Sunday bulletin.

