

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 29

8:45AM Youth Bells
9:30AM Children's Choir
9:45AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship
12:00PM Youth Choir
5:30PM Birthday Banquet

MONDAY, January 30

6:00PM Church Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 1

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

THURSDAY, February 2

7:00PM Women's Ministry Fellowship

FRIDAY, February 3

7:00PM Care Café Pancake Breakfast

Sunday School Attendance 01/22	147
Worship Attendance 01/22	175
Weekly Budget Requirement-2017	\$11,364.00
Budget Receipts 01/15	\$9,212.00
YTD Budget Receipts 12/31	\$579,757.65
YTD Expenses thru 12/31	\$577,081.58
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 1-15)	\$224,980.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Don Brummitt by Bojangles Coffee Club-Norwood

Don Brummitt by Stan & Kay Weathersbee

Mary Whitley by Peggy Hill

Don Brummitt by Peggy Hill

Don Brummitt by Mary Garber

Don Brummitt by M/M Robert Stonestreet

Don Brummitt by the Whitley Sunday School Class

Don Brummitt by Bobbie Coggin

Mary Whitley by Bobbie Coggin

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MEMORIALS

Building Fund

Don Brummitt by M/M Wayne Burris

Organ Fund

Don Brummitt by M/M Maurice Radford

SCCM need for January is toiletries and household.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, February 13

Habitat for Humanity BBQ Fundraiser: February 23

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.

WEE CARE REGISTRATION

WEE Care registration for the upcoming school year (2017-2018) will begin Monday, January 30 for all church members and current students. If you are interested in enrolling your child, or just need information, contact Michael Furr or Trina Ingold (704-984-1870)

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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BIRTHDAY BANQUET

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

5:30PM

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

“Generosity is at its core a lifestyle, a lifestyle in which we share all that we have, are, and ever will become as a demonstration of God’s love and a response to God’s grace.” (*Contagious Generosity*, pg. 18) I love this definition because it describes a committed follower of Jesus. Author Chris Willard goes on to write, “Generosity flows from an understanding that all that we have, are, and ever will become is not ours to possess, and it results in sharing what we’ve been given with others for the advancement of the kingdom and glory of God.” To me, this is part of our discipleship. Learning to sacrifice for the needs of others more than satisfying our own wants and desires is a true sign of growth in our walk with Jesus.

First Baptist is a generous congregation. Not only do you meet the needs of our community in so many ways, you also have been faithful to meet the financial needs of our church family. Last year, we set a challenging goal of almost \$580,000 for our general operating budget. Due to a tremendous December, we were able to meet and exceed the budget goal to finish the 2016 fiscal year in the positive. In addition, we are on track to complete our capital campaign for the organ renovation in 2017. We are currently \$55,000 short of our commitment of \$278,000 with a full year to go. Even more, you were challenged with a goal of \$9,000 for the World Missions Offering and you responded with more than \$10,000. All of these accomplishments do not include nearly the \$5,000 you gave to the hurricane relief in Lumberton, financial support of mission trips and numerous benevolent gifts for families in need. I am blown away by the generosity of our church! Thank you for being faithful stewards.

With all that said, I want to encourage everyone to remain faithful in your generosity to the church. Back in the fall, we adopted another challenging operating budget of \$591,000. We have already had a “snow day” that kept many away in January that has put us behind starting the year. I want to encourage you to always keep the church’s financial support in mind. The financial support is vital to

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helping us accomplish the mission of our church!

This Sunday, we welcome singer/songwriter Kyle Matthews to our worship. He will bring his unique style of sharing the message of the gospel through song and proclamation. I promise you will not want to miss it! See you on Sunday!

Deacon of the Week

Jackie Burpeau January 29 – February 4

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

HEARTS ON MISSION GALA

Thank you to all who have made donations to our Hearts on Missions Gala's silent auction! We have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. Now we need your help in pulling together a crowd for the evening of February 11 at 6pm. The tickets are \$35 and can be purchased in the church office. We also need you to help us reach out to the community to invite others outside of our church to enjoy a special evening of food, entertainment and auction!

Women’s Ministry Night for Women of All Ages!

Thursday, February 2 @ 7pm

At the home of Pamela Sullivan, 1507 Melchor Road Join us as we discuss the book Giddy Up, Eunice by Sophie Hudson. It’s not too late to read the book if you haven’t gotten started! And, you don’t have to read (or finish reading!) the book to join us for fellowship as we discuss ways that we can support each other. As Sophie writes “We need people of all ages in our lives who will listen, encourage, and pray.” If you have questions or need a copy of the book, see Amy Jung or Pamela Sullivan.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

January 29: 5:30PM Birthday Banquet

February 5: 5:45PM Super Bowl Party @ Michael’s house

February 18: 6:00AM Re-Scheduled Ski Trip

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Student Ministry Updates: First, since we had to postpone our winter ski trip due to warm weather and rain, it has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 18th. The time schedule remains the same. We will depart at 6am and return after a full day of skiing. If you were unable to go on the first date but are now able to go, please register and plan to join us. The cost of the trip is \$75.00 with 15 people. Less than 15 people will be \$90.

The second item is our student Super Bowl party. This year, our students are invited to join me at my home for the Super Bowl gathering. We will have a few appetizers and snacks but students may bring their favorite football munchies or drinks to share as well. Plan to arrive around 5:45 and be ready to head back home by the end of the game. I look forward to sharing a time of football and fellowship with all of you.

Finally, our high school and middle school student ministries will begin a new study known as Crash on Sunday evening, February 12. A “Crash” is the moment that believers actively use their faith to change the world. My hope is to inspire and challenge our students to engage their faith on a daily basis. The intention is to find God where they are and become part of his plan. Please encourage your students to attend. Thank you!