

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, February 19

8:45AM	Youth Bells
9:30AM	Children's Choir
9:45AM	Sunday School
11:00AM	Worship and Parent/Child Dedication
12:00PM	Youth Choir
12:00PM	Covered Dish Lunch/Church Conference
5:00PM	Youth

WEDNESDAY, February 22

4:00PM	Staff Meeting
5:15PM	Fellowship Meal (Pork Chops, Steamed Veggies, 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 23

6:00PM	Pastor Advisory Committee Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, March 1 Ash Wednesday

Sunday School Attendance 02/12	165
Worship Attendance 02/12	188
Weekly Budget Requirement-2017	\$11,364.00
Budget Receipts 02/05	\$11,148.00
YTD Budget Receipts 01/31	\$43,632.11
YTD Expenses thru 01/31	\$43,926.35
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 2-05)	\$227,730.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

Growing Young Assessment

In an effort to strengthen our ministries to young people, we invite you to please participate in a survey that will help us understand our church's culture. It is based on research from the Fuller Youth Institute, presented in their book *Growing Young*. We are excited to learn more about our congregation's strengths and weaknesses and we encourage every person from our church who is 18 year or older to complete this 15-25 minute assessment by Feb. 28. To take this assessment online, please use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/firstbaptistalbemarle>. Paper assessments are available in the church office.

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Don Brummitt by M/M Larry Roush
Ethel Still by Gwen & Ben Treece
Don Brummitt by Gwen & Ben Treece
Bill Greene by M/M Robert Stonestreet
Don Brummitt by Ed & Rosemary Thomas

SCCM need for February is canned soup & crackers.

Habitat for Humanity BBQ Fundraiser: February 23

Music Notes!!

Do you play an instrument? If so, dust it off and join the FBC Band. We need all instruments and all skill levels. FBC Band will begin practicing on Wednesday evenings at 6:00, starting March 8 and will play for worship later this spring. Rehearsals will be 6:00-6:45 in the choir room.

Signed & Numbered Prints of FBC Painting

Prints of the painting of our church are available in the church office for \$25. All proceeds will go to support the Peru Mission Trip.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in the American Red Cross Blood Drive: the blood donors, the volunteers, and those who brought cookies and treats. 43 units of blood were collected.

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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Covered Dish Luncheon



and
Church Conference

Sunday, February 19 @ noon

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

It was a beautiful picture of the body of Christ coming together to support the work of missions. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated. The food was extravagant and delicious. The entertainment was fabulous. People of all ages were gathered together on a Saturday night for a wonderful cause of raising money to support the mission trip to Peru this summer. The Hearts on Missions Gala was a success for many reasons!

First, it was a success because the fellowship was sweet. Everyone gathered with smiles on their faces, spent time catching up with one another, and enjoyed a night of fun. The excitement of the crowd of palpable!

Second, the event was made possible because our mission team came together to work as one unit. Everyone had a role to play and it went off without a hitch. I would like to especially thank the planning team (Sherry Dunevant, Jackie Burpeau, Jane Myers, Christy Brown, Rene Perryman, Paul & Karen Hinkle) who took the lead in putting all of the details together. Without their leadership, the event would not have been possible.

Third, the event was successful because of the generosity of our members and our community. I was overwhelmed at the number of items that were donated to the silent auction. I was also grateful for the people that purchased tickets and bided on items. Through everyone's generosity, we raised over \$14,500.

Finally, I need to thank many volunteers outside of the mission team who helped to prepare the food, set up the auction items, clean up afterwards and so much more. My heart overflows from watching our church in action.

This Sunday, we have the privilege of participating in the Parent-Child Dedication of Maxon Edwards. We will also continue the 'Why Jesus' series by looking at *The Attraction of Christ*. Furthermore, we will host Class 3 of Tarheel Challenge Academy in worship and for our quarterly covered-dish luncheon. See you on Sunday!

Deacon of the Week
Jackie Burpeau February 19 – February 25

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, Don Bennett, Carol Brummitt

PRAYER LIST

Steve Sasser, Sue Hunsucker, Linda Hall, Jim Mauney, Bonnie Herring, Helen Lockamy, Jack Neel, AnDe Dick, Kurt Kitchener, Gay Hayer, Adam, Beth & Grayson Boysworth, Jane Pendergraft, Bud Morton, Sylvia Scholl, Diane Huneycutt Powell, Carl & JoAnn Kimrey, Ginny Skidmore, Geraldine Springer, Rachel Chandler, Geraldine Causby, Don Fink, Teresa Patton, Kip Medlin

The Shack Movie Premier

Thursday, March 2 @ 7pm - Eastgate Cinemas

Tickets for the special screening of *The Shack* (PG-13) are available in the church office (\$5 for seniors, \$7 for adults). The Christian themes found in *The Shack* will be the basis for our Lenten study on Sundays and Wednesdays. This is a great opportunity to purchase extra tickets and invite friends who are not connected to a church!

CBFNC Annual Gathering

If you are interested in going to the CBFNC Annual Gathering for March 31 only, the bus will leave at 8am and return after the worship on Friday night. The keynote speaker for the day will be Susan Sparks, the pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church in NYC. You can sign up to ride the bus in the church office and register for the Annual Gathering online at cbfnc.org. If you have questions concerning the Thursday or Saturday portions of the conference, please feel free to contact Andy. Workshop sampler posted on the bulletin board.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

February 19: 5:00PM Youth

February 26: 5:00PM Youth

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

The Crash has come! This week in our student ministry we began a study called "Crash" written by Steven Case. This study, an extension of the fall retreat theme, deals with what happens when heaven and earth collide. Crash moments are what we desire and occur when we connect with and feel God in our lives here on earth. This study is designed to help our students recognize and create Crash moments in their lives.

So why Crash? In a phrase, it is what Jesus calls us to do. Have you ever really paid attention to Matthew 6:10? It is actually a verse that all of us are very familiar with and recite every Sunday...it is the second verse of the Lord's Prayer. In verse 10 Jesus says, "your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven." Jesus actually teaches us to pray for the "Crash." In fact, if you step back and think about the Gospels, Jesus mostly teaches about building God's Kingdom here on Earth.

I cannot take credit for this revelation. I was introduced to the concept in a book by Amy Sherman titled *Kingdom Calling*. In her book, Sherman describes that we have a very narrow view of the gospel, "it focuses only on the what we've been saved *from*, rather than also telling us what we've been saved *for*." While salvation is central to the gospel, Jesus spends very little time talking about salvation and a lot of time about showing the love and compassion required to bring about the Kingdom. I believe that Sherman is on to something. That is why I chose the "Crash" study for our students. It is designed to help our students see moments that allow for the building of the kingdom that Jesus taught.

On Sunday evening, each of our students received a student guide for this study. Encourage your students to use this guide. Encourage them to be here on Sunday evenings as we learn together. I will close with Steven Case's words: **We invite the CRASH. We connect with God. We are loved beyond measure. None of us is alone.** Michael