

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, February 26

8:45AM Cathedral Bells
9:45AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship and Parent
12:00PM Youth Bells
5:00PM Youth

WEDNESDAY, March 1 Ash Wednesday

4:00PM Staff Meeting
5:15PM Fellowship Meal (Shrimp Tortellini,
Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert)
6:00PM Ash Wednesday Service
6:00PM GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
6:00PM Cathedral Bells
7:00PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, March 2

7:00PM The Shack Movie Premier

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| Sunday School Attendance 02/19 | 149 |
| Worship Attendance 02/19 | 226 |
| Weekly Budget Requirement-2017 | \$11,364.00 |
| Budget Receipts 02/12 | \$11,151.59 |
| YTD Budget Receipts 01/31 | \$43,632.11 |
| YTD Expenses thru 01/31 | \$43,926.35 |
| Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 2-12) | \$228,155.00 |
| 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.

HONORARIA

General Fund

Kay Weathersbee by Mary Garber
Ruth Cain by Mary Garber
M/M Maurice Radford by Mary Garber

SCCM need for March is macaroni & cheese, rice, stuffing, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, etc.

SCCM donation for February was 84 pounds.

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.



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.

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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Service at 6PM
March 1, 2017

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

The ways of “shopping” for church has changed over the past two decades. First of all, the very idea that families “shop” for church is a shift from days past. Due to technology, many who are looking for a new church home have spent hours combing through websites of nearby churches. In addition, with denominationalism declining, it is the new normal to have people join Baptist churches without any understanding of our polity and structure. In addition, church membership no longer carries the sense of commitment and connectedness from the members and even from the church itself as it did 50 years ago.

I believe church membership is still important. I see church membership as a covenant between the local body of Christ and other Christ followers who are committed to actively participating in the work of the church. Every member has a role to play in building of God’s kingdom and it is up to the church’s leadership to encourage, motivate and inspire its members into action. That is why when a person joins our church; we are entering into a covenant that binds us together.

A covenant is something that we should enter into very carefully and prayerfully. That is why we are starting a *Discover “First” Class* that will meet periodically. This is not a required membership class. This is an opportunity for our prospects and guests to find out more about our church and for us to get to know those who are considering First Baptist as their possible new church home. This class will give us the opportunity to share about our ministries, our mission partners, our leadership structure and more. It will also provide an opportunity for us to get to know the background and gifts of those who are new to our church.

The first *Discover “First” Class* will be held on **Sunday, March 5 at 9:30am** in the conference room. If you know of someone who is interested in knowing more about First Baptist, please encourage them to attend. We will be sending invitations to those who have completed

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the Guest Cards over the past several months.

This Sunday, we look forward to the final sermon of the “*Why Jesus*” series as we look at *The Call of Christ*. In addition, Pradeep Pilakel will share a personal faith story on how God is currently working in his life. See you on Sunday!

Deacon of the Week
Jeff Smith February 26 – March 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, Don Bennett, Carol Brummitt, Rachel Chandler

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, Don Fink, Teresa Patton, Kip Medlin, Mary Sullivan, Ruth Cain

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!

THANK YOU

First Baptist Church,

We would like to thank you for all your kindness during this time in our lives. You have given generously and prayed continuously. We are forever grateful for what God has done. We give him all the glory. Love, Adam & Beth Boysworth

THANK YOU

I am so very grateful for the cards, phone calls and the many other expressions of sympathy for the passing of my sister, Betty Vaughn Rogers Moser. She was the last born of ten to my parents and the last of my siblings. Thank you for caring and friendship all these years. Bill Rogers

YOUTH SCHEDULE

February 26: 5:00PM Youth

March 5: 5:00PM Youth

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ” These words, found in Acts 20:35, are spoken by Paul and summarize that we as Christians are called to help take care of those who cannot take of themselves. It is estimated in the United States today that 42.2 million Americans live in food insecure households. That includes 29.1 million adults and 13.1 million children. We see it right here in Albemarle as well. Some of our schools are 100% free and reduced lunch, which means a large majority of the students in our community are food insecure.

As the body of Christ we are called to help. This is why our spring family mission trip will focus on this topic. We will study Matthew 25:31-46. We will volunteer in a community garden at Chestnut Ridge, Efland, NC and learn more about what it means to help those who are food insecure. The trip will be April 28-30, 2017 and the cost is \$90.00 per person. Go to our student page for more information and sign your family up today.

Michael