

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, April 30

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

MONDAY, May 1

6:00PM Church Council Meeting
 6:15PM WMU Group 2 at Taylor House

TUESDAY, May 2

12:00PM JOY Lunch (Hamburgers, Baked Beans
 Chips, Ice Cream)

WEDNESDAY, May 3

5:15PM Fellowship Meal (Stew Beef, Rice,
 Lima Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert)
 6:00PM Ecclesia Communities
 6:00PM GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
 6:00PM FBC Instrumental Ensemble
 7:00PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 7:00PM Missions Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, May 6

7:30AM Operation INASMUCH

SUNDAY, May 7

Worship and Baptism
 Deacon Nominations
 Covered Dish Lunch & Church Conference

Sunday School Attendance 04/16	129
04/23	127
Worship Attendance 04/16	226
04/23	164
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,364.00
Budget Receipts 04/09	\$6,716.85
04/16	\$8,167.00
YTD Budget Receipts 03/31	\$129,043.93
YTD Expenses thru 03/31	\$134,046.28
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 4/16)	\$236,885.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Helen Baugess by Wayne & Abbie Burris

Easter Offering Goal: \$4,000.00

Easter Offering Given: \$1,680.00

The Easter offering for domestic missions will be collected through the month of April. Please support our Home Missionaries and Field Personnel.

Our Church Family

PRAYER LIST

Steve Sasser, Sue Hunsucker, Linda Hall, Jim Mauney, Jack Neel, AnDe Dick, Kurt Kitchener, Jane Pendergraft, Sylvia Scholl, Diane Huneycutt Powell, Carl & JoAnn Kimrey, Teresa Patton, Kip Medlin, Mary Sullivan, Peggy Richardson, Marilyn Mahaley, Kathy Hilton, Sid Linker, Jack Phillips, Agnes Blalock, Bear Knotts, Flora Freeman, Bobbie Jean Coggin, Burnie Miller

CONTINUAL CARE

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

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 7:30AM

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

In their book *Contagious Generosity*, Chris Willard and Jim Sheppard give a working definition of generosity. *“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... 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 the glory of God.”*

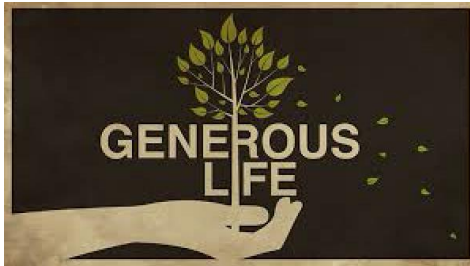
This way of understanding generosity embraces biblical stewardship. God is the owner of everything. God has given to us all we have. The resources we possess are assets to be invested in the kingdom. Ever think of what you have from this perspective?

Many Christians see stewardship as an obligation rather than a privilege. Stewardship is more a burden than an opportunity to serve our God. We must change the lens in which we see stewardship.

Willard and Sheppard describe it this way: *“It’s an opportunity to witness to the reckless nature of*

the God who gives the gift of salvation by grace to all who will receive it. Generosity is the fullest expression of the life of a steward, one who has been given a gift that must be used wisely and for a purpose, bringing glory to God.”

This Sunday, we begin a series titled “The Generous Life.” During the four-part series, we will explore how we can live generously in this world. This series is more about our hearts than our wallets and pocketbooks. This series is less about giving money to the church and more about following Jesus with every aspect of our lives. I hope you will come each Sunday expecting God to speak to you in a special way. See you on Sunday!



Deacon of the Week
Lindsey Dunevant April 23- April 29
Ric Cain April 30-May 6

Upcoming Events



First Baptist Church is again planning to participate this year in the local Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) missions project here in Albemarle on Saturday, May 6, 2017 beginning at 7:30am

in the Fellowship Hall.

The OIAM teams will be partner with 7 local Stanly County community agencies and schools. Some of these opportunities include: exterior cleaning, interior and exterior painting, landscaping, planting flowers, interior cleaning and repair work and the collection of baby supplies for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Sign-up sheets for each agency/school are available outside the church office. If you have any questions please contact Andy, Tony Oettinger, or one of the First Baptist Church OIAM team leaders

LADIES: YOU ARE INVITED....

You are invited to a bridal shower & brunch honoring Caroline Kimrey on Saturday, May 13, from 10:30am - 12:30pm in the FBC fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Jane: jmyers4156@gmail.com or 704-982-9740.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Mobile Food Pantry, Thursday, May 11, from 9AM-12PM at Badin. Contact Ruth Cain for more info: 704-983-1826.

General Announcements

Ecclesia Communities

Wednesdays at 6-7pm - April 24-May 26

Six different classes will be offered on Wednesday nights after our Easter break. Information brochures are available on the table outside of the church office. Come grow with us.

SCCM need for April is canned vegetables.
SCCM need for May is boxed pasta meals.

Covered Dish Luncheon and Church Conference

Sunday, May 7
Immediately following worship.

Family Ministry News

What is food security? It is defined as the access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life. At a minimum, this includes the ready availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods and the assured ability to acquire personally acceptable foods in a socially acceptable way.

That’s a lot, just to say people must have consistent access to healthy foods. We as the church have a responsibility to be part of maintaining food security in our community. For that reason, food security is the focus of our student spring mission trip. We will be traveling to Chestnut Ridge to work in their local community garden. The hope is to help our young people understand how we can be a part of the hunger solution in our community and to inspire them to action.

When we return it is my hope to begin a community garden here at First Baptist Albemarle. I see this as a wonderful opportunity for intergenerational work that could have a meaningful impact in our community as well as a way to work toward one of our strategic plan goals. With this in mind, I need your help. If you are a gardener or would just like to be involved, please contact me. Michael

YOUTH SCHEDULE

April 28-30 – Spring Mission Trip

May 7- Regular Youth - 5PM

May 14 – No Youth – Mother’s Day