

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 3** Patriotic music, brass quartet, & guest singer
July 4 Church Office Closed
July 5, 7, 14, 19, 21 from 6-8:30 VBS Decorating Days
July 10 Youth Commissioning to PASSPORT
July 11-16 Youth to PASSPORT Summer Camp
July 18 First Kids Fun Day 9-3:30
July 20 Vespers at Summit on Cross Mountain
July 24 VBS Kickoff Cookout 5 p.m. w/registration (VBS begins at 6)
July 25-28 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:30 p.m.
July 28 Book Club meets 1 p.m.
August 10 First Kids Fun Day 9:30-3:30
Vespers at Doughton Park
August 24 First Kids Fun Day 9:30-3:30
August 25 Book Club meets 1 p.m.
August 26-27 Choir Retreat Blowing Rock
ON FRIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER: MICKEY AND THE YOUTH WILL MEET FOR "FAST FOOD FRIDAYS" AT 11:30 a.m.



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Bert's Benediction
Live Simply
Love Generously
Care Deeply
Speak Kindly
Forgive Freely
Pray Daily
And Leave the Rest to God

The Scope
Monthly newsletter, July 2022

Community Garden at FBC

The Bishop B. Bullock Memorial Community Garden at First Baptist Church provides produce for our members and the community. Jerry Swaim, Gary Newman, Steve Nixon, David Reynolds and Mike Bullock would like to thank those who donated gifts in Memory of Mike's Dad, Bishop B. Bullock.

These gifts have been designated to help fund the Garden Project. Feel free to stop by and take a look at the garden, located in the grassy area beside the Portico, and if you see any vegetables that are ready to be picked, feel free to help yourself!.



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Pastor's Corner Dr. Bert Young

Sometimes the most effective preaching does not answer all our questions about a biblical text or topic but rather leads us to grapple with new lines of inquiry; and, sometimes when the preacher finishes a sermon, rather than feeling as if he/she has presented a crisply wrapped gift with a tightly tied bow on top, the preacher feels as if only the introduction has been shared with the congregation. Such was the case with me on Sunday and perhaps (I hope) it was for you, too. If you recall, toward the end of Sunday's sermon "Carrying Our Mantles," I suggested that God does not so much care about the result of our efforts at holiness, goodness, and faithfulness, but that God's mercy is freely bestowed on those who sincerely and earnestly strive to be holy, good, and faithful. God cares more about our intentions and motivations than God does about our results or production. This idea is not new or from me. The thought to transition us into worship Sunday was from Mother Teresa who said, "Our progress in holiness depends on God and ourselves—on God's grace and on our will to be holy. We must have a real living determination to be holy." The same idea is echoed by the famous prayer of trappist monk Thomas Merton in which he prays, "... the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope to have that desire in all that I am doing." How else God could say in scripture that arrogant, lecherous, murderous David, was "a man after God's own heart?" There is both relief as well as challenge in this understanding of God's expectations and mercies. Have you ever played golf, or even putt-putt, where the tee box is not aligned with the fairway or where you need to hit the ball, so that even if you strike the ball perfectly and it flies or rolls straight as an arrow, your ball still lands in trouble. Life has a way of similarly deceiving us. We focus our hearts, minds, and efforts on some worldly end—whether it be wealth, power, fame, security, comfort, control—yet we believe we are seeking and loving God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. Or perhaps we have been duped into relying solely on God's grace without any regard for our own efforts at spiritual growth, maturity and sanctification. Certainly God's grace is indeed amazing and none of us can find abundant life without it, but we musn't forget that God's grace is most readily offered to those who are striving to live in and do the will of God (no matter how successfully or unsuccessfully). So how do we insure that we are living and longing to please God? One word: PRAYER. It is a matter of prayer--- everyday, every moment—we pray for God to shape our intentions and desires. As the praise chorus says, "Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you." This is a prayer, when prayed sincerely, humbly, and vulnerably, that will be heard by God and answered by the Holy Spirit. Praying this prayer allows us to abide in God's mercy and grace as we become more holy, and help the world move closer to being the Kingdom God intends.

July 2022

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Book Club

Shelf Indulgence book club will meet on Thurs. July 28, 2022 in The Gathering Place. We will be discussing "The Paris Library", by Janet Skeslian. If you would like to be a part of the book club, contact Betty Kilby, or just arrive, all are welcome!

Youth Happenings

On the Wednesday, the 22nd, Aurora and Cam Higginbotham, Gwynnie and Ainsley Young, Kyara and Julian Parsons, Melissa Reynolds, and myself went to Fort Hamby at the lake for an afternoon of swimming and kayaking! The water felt great! Afterwards we jumped into the van and headed to Chick-fil-A for supper. On Friday Cam Higginbotham, Julian and Kyara Parsons, and Ainsley Young met for 'Fast Food Friday'. We climbed into the church van and headed to Cook Out for lunch. After a good meal back to the church we went. The Youth played games for a while and then back home they went.

Music Ministry News

Our Chancel Choir is taking some much deserved time off in July. The TLC Trio and soloists will be providing our music for worship during this time. Thank YOU, Chancel Choir members for your faithfulness to our music ministry at FBCNW!!

Thank you Church Family

I want to thank each of you for your thoughts, cards, kind words, prayers, food and gifts in memory of my mother. I am truly blessed to be in the company of such caring friends. My mother enjoyed coming to First Baptist Church with me and everyone was always so welcoming to her. The last few years have been very challenging but I have felt the power of your prayers supporting me. May God bless each of you, for you have been a blessing to me and my family.

Steve Moree

Special Thanks

"My thanks to First Baptist Church for all the cards, thoughts and prayers shared with me upon the loss of my brother. It means a great deal to me to receive the overwhelming love and care from my church family, especially during difficult times."

Thank you, Linda Cheek

Library News

Come by and see our new recently donated additions to the library! Fiction from authors Karen Kingsbury, Randy Alcorn, Al & Joanna Lacy and others are now available for check-out. Other books have been donated that can enhance your Christian growth, such as, "Growing with Purpose," "The Bible Jesus Read," "The Great Commission Connection" and many others. As you enter the library, these are located on shelves to your right. Stop by the library today and reconnect with it the next time you visit. The log for self-checkout is easy and books can be checked out for 3 weeks. Hope to see you soon! Our winner of the Father's Day Giveaway was Mickey Leapley! Our summer book club selection is "Forgiving Paris" by Karen Kingsbury. We will also be giving away books to during VBS!

Library Team



Youth to PASSPORT Camp

Sunday, July 10 will be our Youth Commissioning for a safe and meaningful trip to PASSPORT summer camp. Our Youth Family will head out for Berea, Kentucky on Mon., July 11 and return Sat., July 16.

Please note *First Kids Fun Day in July has been moved to Mon., July 18

We will be going to the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum in Highpoint. We will need 4 volunteers for this event, so space in the van is limited, please RSVP via this link to sign up: <https://vbspro.events/p/fkfd1> (we will leave at 9 am, return by 3:30 p.m.) The cost is \$10 plus lunch, the church will provide snacks and drinks.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24th - VBS Cook-Out Kick-OFF

Begins at 5:00 p.m. Registration

Children will join their group at 6pm for VBS activities. Family and children invited to join us! Dinner will be served. Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/b4dcee>

July 25th- July 28th- VBS- 5:30-8:30 p.m.

(Ages 3-5th grade)

Childcare will be provided for children under 3 for our VBS volunteers.

Dinner will be provided for all children and volunteers.

Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/18031c>
Contact Jamie for more info, 336-838-5197.

VBS is coming up fast and we are in need of volunteers and supplies. Volunteers needed include station leaders and assistants, preschool helpers, crew leaders, and opening/closing worship leaders and assistants. VBS donations needed are located in the entrances to the sanctuary. Please contact Jamie at 336-466-2974 or email her at jamieh.fbcnw@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for assisting in making this the best VBS yet!

We have several VBS Decorating Days on the July calendar. Feel free to come to any of these dates you are available, and stay for as little or as long as you would like. The dates are: July 5, 7, 14, 19 and 21 from 6-8:30 p.m. All are welcome, and we have something for all ages and abilities, we appreciate your help!

SUMMERTIME MEANS VESPERSS!!!

One of the favorite long-held traditions of First Baptist Church is its monthly Vespers Services through the summer. For our newest members, we gather at an outdoor site with tables and seating for a covered dish supper beginning at 6:30pm (the church provides drinks, napkins, cups, cutlery, etc.), which is followed by a song or two and a short devotional message by the pastor. Members often come early and/or stay late to allow for extra time to talk and catch up with one another. Following is a brief description of the Vespers Locations and Dates planned for this summer:

Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m., we will gather for Vespers at **Summit on Cross Mountain** in West Jefferson (the beautiful wedding venue recently opened by Jo Ann Johnson, Larisa's mother). Not only does it offer excellent facilities and breathtaking views, it should also afford us cool mountain breezes to beat the summer heat. Once again, this will be a covered dish meal followed by a short devotional service. For this venue, you do not have to bring a chair and we have facilities to handle any weather situation, so THIS VESPERSS WILL NOT BE CANCELED OR CHANGED! Just bring your family and FOOD to share. We will provide driving directions as the time draws near.

Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m., we will return to where it all began in **Doughton Park**. The church will provide tables, drinks, cups, napkins, cutlery, etc., but each person will need to bring a lawn chair or a blanket on which to sit. Though a little more rustic, this site does have accessible restrooms, stunning sunsets, and a trail for a short hike. As part of this Vespers Service we also will observe the Lord's Supper together. We will provide driving directions. There is no need to sign up for Vespers, just bring enough food for your family and a few more folks (we really like to eat!)

Fast Food Fridays

Youth Fast Food Fridays are back! Youth will meet under the Portico at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays (unless otherwise noted on the calendar).

Vespers at Summit on Cross Mountain Jefferson, NC

Wed., July 20th at 6:30 p.m.



FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDURING GIFTS

Weekly Report June 26, 2022

Designated Receipts	967.13
Budget Receipts	20,139.00
Weekly Budget Needed	9,616.23
Budget needed to Date	250,022.00
Budget Received to Date	245,001.98

Donations to Enduring Gifts/Rainy Day Fund

Memorials

In Memory of George Collins (on his birthday June 3)

Given by Ida Maude Collins

In Memory of Ken Compton (Father's Day)

Given by Harriette & Kathy Compton

In Memory of Jim Bentley

Given by Dwayne & Tammy Prevette, Harriette & Kathy Compton, Rita Jennings, Fred & Jean Graf, Celia Maddry, Euzelian SS Class, Shirley Deal, Annette Battle, Herman & Bobby Province, Lois Bentley, Jim & JoAnn Caudill, Patricia Alexander, Vivian Collins, Celia Maddry

In Memory of Mary Brand

Barbara McKenzie

In Memory of Claude Canter (Father's Day)

Given by Claudia Marie Canter

In Memory of Bob & Lou Toliver

Given by Nancy Canter and Family, Annette Battle

In Memory of Bishop Bullock

Given by Nancy Canter, Annette Battle

In Memory of David Braswell

Given by Dwayne & Tammy Prevette, Lloyd & Kim Sharp, Annette Battle, Herman & Bobby Province, Euzelian SS Class

In Memory of Doris Moree

Given by Nancy Canter, Annette Battle, Charles & JoAnn Wooten

In Memory of Polly Prevette

Barbara McKenzie, Lloyd & Kim Sharp, Gail Harris, Harriette and Kathy Compton, Patricia Alexander

In Memory of Sheila Crews' Mother

Given by Lloyd & Kim Sharp

In Memory of John Battle

Annette Battle

Honorariums

In Honor of Pat & Ronnie Osborne

Given by Nancy Canter

In Honor of all FBC graduates

Given by Nancy Canter

In Honor of Bert Young & family

Given by Nancy Canter

In Honor of our Wonderful Music Team

Given by Nancy Canter

In Honor of Larisa, Tammy and Cheryl

Given by Fred & Jean Graf

In Honor of Dwayne, Tammy, Benjamin, & William Prevette

Given by Lloyd & Kim Sharp

In Honor of Cheryl Church (for her birthday)

Given by the Philathea SS Class