Senior Adult Mardi Gras Party

Saturday, April 25
@ 5:30 p.m.
at the home of
Tim & Robin Little
510 W. 25th St.
Lumberton

MY STORY

Youth Sunday—April 26, 2015

Youth will lead both services and teach Sunday School!

Youth Week Officers

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Traditional Music Ministers
Sandra Cox & Lauren Ledwell

Contemporary Music Ministers
Lauren Cook & Brittany Ward

Deacon Co-Chairs
Wyatt Wall & Alex Wober

Publicity Officer
Carleigh Parrish

7th Grade Representatives
Walt Bailey
Stacey Gore
Sydney Wober

Let the redeemed of the Lord
tell their Story—Psalm 107:2a

Senior Adult Sunday—May 3, 2015

Friends of Jesus Softball Game

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
Game at 5:15 p.m.
Supper to follow.

Join us at Godwin Heights Park
to cheer on the Friends of Jesus
Sunday School Class in their
annual softball game. Hamburgers
and Hot Dogs will be served.

This event will take the place
of our regular Wednesday
evening activities.

Children’s Spring Concert
May 6, 2015
6:00 p.m.
First Baptist News informs you of the week’s events at the church. This publication is primarily a source of information, although we try to add a little inspiration in our articles. I hope the newsletter helps you keep track of what is going on within and around the church, but I also want to notice the human investments being made and the sacrificial service offered to help First Baptist fulfill its mission. Every event mentioned in the newsletter requires people to accomplish and the overwhelming majority of the people doing the ministry are “volunteers” whose only pay is the satisfaction of knowing they have faithfully answered God’s call.

Take any given Sunday as an example. If you come to the early service you might get a cup of coffee and a cookie from our refreshment table. The table has been prepared by volunteers who arrived early. Once you find a seat you are led in worship by a music ensemble that has practiced each song to be sung in that service. You might also hear a litany or a testimony from a neighbor. After the worship, you’ll go to your Sunday School class and hear a well-prepared lesson by a teacher who has studied the scripture and prayerfully crafted a lesson that will inform and inspire and equip you for the week ahead. And while you and your class are receiving the lesson, several volunteers are making sure your class has all the supplies you need and recording the day’s attendance. If you attend the 11:00 worship service you will be ministered to by musicians who have invested several hours in preparing pieces of music that will convey our faith with a power and intimacy that words cannot capture alone. No matter which service you attend, you will hear the music and message because volunteers are monitoring the computer and sound desk with great care. If you missed the service, you’ll be able to watch online because volunteers have given a few hours to record, edit, and post it. Later in the day, our youth will gather for rehearsals and bible study, both of which would not be possible without lay leaders.

I may have left someone out in this brief description of a Sunday. If so, I offer my deepest apology. Sometimes servants go unnoticed. While I don’t think any of us should do for the church to be noticed, I think everyone who serves should get a little attention. Do you, reader, agree? If so, then please take a moment soon to notice and thank the person or people who are serving you at FBC. Does your Sunday School teacher know how much he has taught you over the years or how something they said inspired you over the years? Does the musician know how she blessed you with her solo? Does the Wednesday night kitchen volunteer know how much you appreciate not having to prepare a meal and that you can enjoy a midweek respite with your church family? If you are not sure if these folks or someone else knows how much you appreciate them then tell them, write a note or give them a call. Thanking those who are making your life better will not only encourage them, it will bless your own soul too and it will strengthen the ties that bind us together.

Grace and Peace,
David

Youth Sunday is this Sunday! Youth will lead both services and Sunday School. Please come out and support them.

Although Sunday morning will be the most visible part of youth week, much more is happening behind the scenes. They have met for several weeks, choosing a theme “My Story,” a scripture (Psalm 107:1-3) and designing shirts as a team.

Our publicity officer took the shirt designs to a local printer and created the shirts you may have seen around the church. Our senior adult ministers visited at Glen Flora. Our traditional music ministers selected hymns and planned worship. Our youth bells have practiced. Our contemporary music ministers selected songs, formed an ensemble, and held rehearsals. Our deacon co-chairs attended a deacons meeting. Our youth ministers will lead Bible Study Sunday night. Our education ministers have designed our Sunday School lessons and assigned youth teachers to each class we have at the church. Our college ministers even visited former youth at an area university.

Now the attention turns toward an amazing class of seniors as they prepare to share sermons based on the parables (stories) of Jesus. Please keep them in your prayers. Expectations are high and I’m sure they won’t let us down. See you Sunday!

Peace,
Doug
Graduation is approaching!
If you know of someone in our membership who is graduating from high school or college, we would like to include them in our newsletter. Please contact the church office as soon as possible with the full name of the graduate, school where they have completed the degree, and the type of degree received. All information must be received no later than May 22, 2015.

Family Night Supper Menus—May 2015

May 6—Barbecued Ribs, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake

May 13—Friends of Jesus Softball Game—Hamburgers & Hot Dogs will be served at Godwin Heights Park

May 20—Red Ticket: Hamburger Steak, Rice w/gravy, Fried Squash, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Cake

May 27—Barbecue, French Fries, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw, Salad, Apple Pie (Sugar-free)

Memorials & Honorariums—March-April 2015

The Friends of Jesus Fund
In memory of Nigel Powers given by:
Terry & Nancy Wilkerson
Frances Cameron
Billy & Gay Wilson
Linda Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Weathington
Sam Britt
Kenneth Sasser
Bobbie Britt
J. M. & Mary Rogers
Chris & Bonnie West
Joyce & Worth Shaw
David & Helen Crenshaw
Charles & Frances Owings
Jean Noble
Tony & Becky Thompson
Everett & Ann Davis
Horace & Joan Stacy
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Garner
Bob & Jan Humphrey
Wayne & Jeanne Stevens
Stanley Glover
Verlone Powers & Family
Ollin & Wanda Powers
Norris & Lee Grantham
Linda Huggins
Johnny & Mickey Johnson
Dorothy Cashwell
Jim Kirkland
The Susan Welsh
Sunday School Class
Joan & Woodberry Bowen
Michael & Brenda Johnson
Dell & David Walker

Music Fund
In memory of John R. Reissner given by:
Kate Reissner

The Sunday School Fund
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The General Fund Memorial
In memory of Eddie Glover given by:
Drina Hedgpeth & Neill Thompson, III
Rick & Lura Whitcomb
Betty Edens

For the Record

Budgeted 2015............... $775,000.00
Needed per week ............. $14,903.85
Received 4/19/14.............. $14,294.48
Yearly need to date .......... $238,461.54
Received to date ............. $219,117.06
Over (Under) Budget ......... ($19,344.48)

Sunday School Attendance—239

Vacation Bible School is coming!
Save the date—June 22-24!
Registration opens May 1st!

Message Received

Hearing God’s Call

Fun & Fellowship
May 14, 2015
11:00 a.m. in the Activity Building
Lunch will be served.
Bobbie Britt will present the program “Gardening As We Age.”

Women’s Coffee & Connection
3rd Thursdays monthly
Room D113 at 7:00 p.m.
Copies of the book “Jesus Calling” are available for $5.00 each.
Contact Melinda Frederick at 736-4715 for more information.
Game Night for Senior Adults
May 4, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.
in the Activity Building
Bridge, Canasta, Board Games,
Corn-hole, Phase 10, and much more!
Come join the fun!

Fishing Day!
May 9, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m.
Meet at FBC. Fishing begins around 9:00 a.m. at George Wilcox’s Pond

Hot Dogs will be served. Please bring your own fishing poles and bait.
Sign up at the Senior Adult Bulletin Board or call the church office by May 6th. Questions?—contact Billy Wilson at 910-374-8207.

Baptist Women’s Luncheon
May 4, 2015 at 11:45 a.m.
Activity Building

Speaker: Mickey Gregory, Executive Director
of the Lumberton Visitors Bureau

Please bring cleaning supplies & paper products
for the Southeastern Family Violence Center.
Suggested items: Clorox wipes, dishwashing liquid,
powdered laundry detergent, bleach, fabric softener,
lint rolls, paper towels, and tissues.

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 @6:00 p.m.
Carolina Civic Center
315 N. Chestnut St., Lumberton
Admission is free!

“Alive Inside” is a documentary
about the power of music to bring joy
and well-being to individuals with
dementia and cognitive impairments.

A panel discussion
will follow the film.

Sponsored by: the Lumber River
Council of Goverments and
The Carolina Civic Center.
For more information
call 910-618-5533.

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