

# First Baptist News

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*From the  
Pastor*

I don't know that anyone who volunteered to serve on the Hurricane Matthew Disaster Recovery Committee (HMDRC) fully understood the work we would be doing but I want to commend Jeff and Dena Bolles, Johnny and Lynn Smith, Drew and Erin Collier, Lisa Rust and Doug Reedy. The HMDRC meets on a regular basis and is doing an excellent job in providing assistance to individuals and families who were impacted by the storm and flood. I also want to thank the members of the church who have helped friends and neighbors who needed assistance connect with us. Your encouragement and help has been vital. The work is at an important point and I want to update you as to what is taking place.

In the weeks after Hurricane Matthew, the church received financial contributions to help families who were impacted by the flood. Many of these donations came from Lumberton natives who no longer live here. They wanted to do something to help their hometown and they wanted their gifts to go directly to those most impacted. There are many good agencies in our community and they are doing good work, but the contributors I talked with gave it to the church in the good faith that we would have minimal overhead expenses and would be able to give assistance directly to the impacted families.

To fulfill this task, the HMDRC organized a mini-grant program. We set the guidelines and prepared an application form. We proceeded to get the word out through the church newsletter and word-of-mouth. I am pleased to share that to date, we have received seventy five grant requests and have approved approximately half of the applications. We are working with the others to get the information needed to make decisions about their grants. Thus far, we have not declined a grant request, but some of the applicants have not fully understood the intent of the program, so we will have to help these folks look for other forms of assistance.

The HMDRC realized at its first meeting that its work would be short-lived. We were tasked with helping people in need as quickly and efficiently as possible and we are well on our way to doing so. I cannot say for sure when we will bring the grant program to a close but given the funds we have available and the number of requests, I believe we will be in the "short-rows" soon. And then...

*Peace,  
David*

## Valentine Banquet

February 11, 2017



Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Cherry Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are available in the church office.

\$10 each (Senior Adults \$5)



## Children's Sunday

February 19, 2017

FBC Children will lead in  
a combined worship  
service at 11:00 a.m.



# be still loved renewed

## Spiritual Renewal Weekend March 17-19, 2017

Join us for a three-day renewal event as we take to pause, rest and listen for God's voice in our lives. All activities are at First Baptist Church and are free; RSVP required for Friday night and Saturday morning activities. Sign up by calling the church office or follow the link on our website! Deadline to sign up is March 6th.

### *Schedule of Activities*

#### **Friday, March 17**

**Dinner** with program by Lakota John & Bo Prosser

\*Childcare provided for birth-3rd grade

#### **Saturday, March 18**

**9:00 am— Noon— Prayer Retreat** led by Bo Prosser, with music by Lakota John & Family

\*Childcare provided for birth-pre-K; Lego Camp offered for K-6th grade.

#### **Sunday, March 19**

**8:45 am—Worship** with guest preacher, Bo Prosser

**9:45 am—Sunday School**

**11:00 am—Worship** with guest preacher, Bo Prosser

#### **About Bo Prosser**

Dr. Bo Prosser was born and reared in Milledgeville, Georgia. He holds two Master's degrees, one in Christian Education and one in Family Counseling. His doctoral work is in the area of Adult Education from North Carolina State University. His dissertation was in the area of using humor to teach adults. After 25 years in congregational ministry as a Christian educator, Bo began serving at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, where he is the Coordinator of Organizational Relationships.

Bo is married to Gail, his wonderful wife and helpmate of 40 years. They have two married daughters and delight in their twin grandchildren. He is author of numerous books and articles on teaching, humor and adult learning.

### *Preparing for Sunday. . .*

#### **"Behind the Law"**

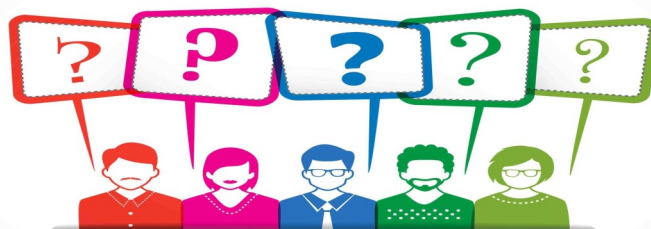
Psalm 119:1-8, Matthew 5:21-37

The Psalmist prays to keep the Lord's laws with steadfast devotion (Ps. 119:5). This is a worthy prayer, but in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus pointed out that the law has limits. Keeping the law does not a righteous person make. In our text from Matthew Jesus referred to four laws and then said that keeping these laws was not enough. To live a righteous life one must live not just the letter, but the intent of the law. We must go **Behind the Law** to a relationship with God that honors the dignity and worth of our neighbors.

#### ***Volunteers Needed!***

*Southeastern Health, in cooperation with FaithHealth (an outreach branch of Baptist Hospital) has implemented a ministry to provide needed transportation to connect medical patients with needed healthcare within Robeson County. A grant pays the driver for mileage. Currently, 3 individuals in our community are serving as FaithHealth Connectors. They are devoting a portion of a day or several days a week to meet this need. However, more drivers are needed.*

*If you or someone you know is available and would like to be part of this rewarding ministry, contact Rev. Dean Carter at [carter02@southeasternhealth.org](mailto:carter02@southeasternhealth.org) / 671-5031 or William Gentry at [wgentry76@gmail.com](mailto:wgentry76@gmail.com) / 740-8853.*



### **Questions We Ask God Wednesday Night Study Series**

Dr. Elks is continuing this Bible Study Series this February at Family Night a Prayer. (6:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings, Meal served at 5:15 p.m.) Topics include:

- "Where is heaven and what is it like?"
- "Do our loved ones in heaven have any way of knowing what is going on here and how we are doing?"
- "Will we recognize our loved ones in heaven?"



## ***This Week . . .***

### ***Sunday, February 12***

- 8:45 Early Worship Service**  
**9:45** Sunday School  
**11:00 Worship Service**  
**3:00** Joyful Notes Rehearsal  
**4:45** Youth Choir Rehearsal  
**6:00** Youth Bible Study  
**7:00** Youth Week Officers Meeting

### ***Monday, February 13***

- 9:00** Staff Meeting  
**5:00** Friends of Jesus Valentine Party

### ***Tuesday, February 14— Valentine's Day***

- 7:00** Men's Prayer Circle

### ***Wednesday, February 15***

- 4:00** Young Musicians Bells  
 (Grades 4-6)  
**4:45** Music Makers Choir  
 (Grades 1-3)  
 Young Musicians Choir  
 (Grades 4-6)  
**5:15** Family Night Supper—  
 Spaghetti  
**6:00** Family Night At Prayer  
**7:00** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### ***Saturday, February 18***

- 10:00** Community Café

## **Servants this Sunday February 12, 2017**

**ETC—8:45 a.m.**—Amanda Evans,  
 Wendy Doeller

**11:00 a.m.**—Amanda Evans

**Welcoming**—David & Judy Nicholson  
 Helen Odom

**Collection**—Tim Taylor

### **Entrance Greeters**

Children's Building—Judy Driscoll  
 Walnut Street—Jeff & Karon Prince  
 6th Street—Johnny & Mickey Johnson  
 Senior Entrance—Jim Driscoll

**Security Monitor**—Jeremy Strickland

**Sound**—Greg Gibson

**Video**—Amy Gibson

# as you go

*Therefore, as you go, disciple people in all nations...*  
 (Matthew 28:19)

## **CBF NC Annual Gathering**

First Baptist Church, Hickory, NC

March 30-April 1, 2017

For more information and a schedule of events visit  
[www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org)!



Noon Services will be hosted by churches in our community  
 Wednesdays during the Lenten Season.

A light lunch will be served following each service.

**March 1**—Trinity Episcopal Church

**March 8**—First Presbyterian Church

Preacher: Rev. Dave Hawes, Pastor, Godwin Heights Baptist

**March 15**—First Baptist Church

Preacher: Rev. David Ruth, Pastor, First Presbyterian

**March 22**—Godwin Heights Baptist Church

Preacher: Rev. Erin Collier, Minister to Children, First Baptist

**March 29**—Chestnut Street United Methodist Church

Preacher: Rev. Gene Wayman, Rector, Trinity Episcopal

**April 5**—First Baptist Church

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

First Presbyterian Church

April 13, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Dr. David Elks, Pastor, First Baptist

**A Good Friday Service will be held at Trinity Episcopal  
 at noon on April 14th. Preacher: Rev. Herbert Lowry, Pastor,  
 Chestnut Street United Methodist Church**



**March 1, 2017  
 6:00 p.m.**

Our Ash Wednesday Service will  
 follow our regular Family Night  
 Meal. Children (Grades 1-6 )  
 are invited to participate.



## Senior Adults' Lunch Calabash, NC

February 27th  
Depart FBC at 9:30 a.m.  
\$7.00 each for transportation

### For the Record

Budgeted 2017 .....685,000.00  
Weekly Need (2017) .....\$12,924.53  
Received February 5, 2017 ....\$8,573.63  
Need to date.....\$77,547.17  
Received to date.....\$63,274.04  
Over (Under) Budget..... (\$14,273.13)  
Sunday School Attendance-217



### Person of the Week

John Turner  
408 W. 34th St.  
Lumberton, NC 28358

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to  
our special person this week.

## Early Childhood Registration for 2017-2018

Hours: 7:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
After-School Pick-up, Hot Lunch,  
Nutritious Snacks, Reasonable Fees

Registration for 2017-2018 School Year  
Currently enrolled students may register  
beginning February 13th.  
February 27th—First Baptist Members  
February 28th—Open to Public

We also have openings in our 3-year-old and  
4-year old classes for the current year.

Questions? Call 739-4336.



### Family Night Supper Menus February 2017

**February 15**—Spaghetti, String Beans, Texas Toast,  
Salad, Fruit Pies

**February 22**—Red Ticket: Hamburger Steak, Rice &  
Gravy, Lima Beans, Rolls, Salad, Peach Pies  
Blue Ticket: Pizza, Chips, Fruit

### CHURCH STAFF

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[www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org)

Mrs. Nancy Bass —Financial Coordinator  
Rev. Erin Collier—Minister to Children  
Dr. David Elks—Pastor  
Mrs. Daphne Fletcher — Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Dorothy Hunt—Building Superintendent  
Rev. Tim Little—Minister of Music  
Mrs. Kandace Ramsey—Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Doug Reedy—Minister of Youth