



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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REMINDERS:

The next regularly scheduled **Church Conference** will be held this Sunday, August 22, at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served: fried chicken, corn on the cob, green beans, fruit salad, rolls, dessert. Cost: \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 4–college.

Centerpoint Kickoff

Wednesday, August 25
5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

A new season of Wednesday night activities begins with a cookout, popcorn and family night at the movies! Childcare provided for babies–twos; contact Lynn Lingafelt by **Sunday, August 22**.

Touching First Baptist With Love

Saturday, September 11
8:45–12:00
lunch served at noon

Help us maintain a clean, welcoming house of worship! Sign-up sheets are in your Sunday School Boxes. Childcare available for babies–twos; contact Lynn Lingafelt by **September 1**.

Sign Up for Wednesday Evening Meals

Permanent Reservation List sign-up sheets for Wednesday evening meals for the upcoming year (September 2010–May 2011) are now available in your Sunday School boxes on the back of *The Community Messenger*.

FBC Launches a New Ongoing Ministry—BackPack Buddies

In association with the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle of Raleigh, the Community Ministries Committee and Chair, Bob Page, are excited to announce the launch of a year-long BackPack Buddies Ministry.

The BackPack Buddies Program provides children from food-insecure homes with weekend meals during the school year. Local corporations, civic groups, and individuals help collect and pack bags with kid-friendly non-perishable food. The children, served in partnership with school principals, guidance counselors and various after-school programs, receive a backpack containing six balanced meals and two healthy snacks at the end of every week.

FBC will pack 125 backpacks with food and snacks each week. Items for the backpacks will be delivered to the church once or twice per month and will be stored in a room convenient to weekly assembly of the backpacks. On Thursday or Friday of each week, we will deliver the backpacks to Hope Elementary School on North Blount Street for distribution

by school personnel on Fridays.

This ministry opportunity allows FBC to reach out to a neighborhood in our community and affords many members of the church the opportunity to participate in this hands-on ministry! Some of our members (pictured below) participated in BackPack Buddies during last April's Touching Raleigh with Love and have been strong advocates for our commitment to begin this ministry at FBC.

Hope Elementary is a year-round school and is already in session, so we anticipate the BackPack ministry to begin by the end of August. It is likely that preparation of backpacks will take place on Wednesday nights during Centerpoint. Please call Mike Morris at 832-4485 to volunteer. ■



WIHN Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to provide meals and overnight supervision at our church to families in transition in cooperation with Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network

(WIHN) from Sunday, August 29, through Saturday, September 4. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kent Dickens at 781-2067. ■

From the Pastor

Developing strong, healthy relationships with people of other faiths is one of the most significant callings for the 21st century church. The work can be quite challenging but it is also incredibly rewarding. We will have a number of opportunities to explore this area of work later this year.

The first four Sundays in October (3, 10, 17, 24) Rabbi Lucy Dinner and I will lead a study of the book of Ruth for members of our church and members of Temple Beth Or. We will go back and forth between our two worship spaces, beginning at First Baptist the first week, meeting at Temple Beth Or the second and so forth. Three of the four studies will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. except for the study on October 17 when we will meet during the Sunday School hour. We will invite Temple members to join us for worship one of these Sundays and we are invited to join them the first Friday night in November (11/5) for a very special opportunity to hear from a group working on interfaith and reconciliation issues in Israel. These experiences will provide space for us to study common texts together, to get to know each other as Christians and Jews in a context of mutual respect, and to worship in each other's sacred space.

During this same month, we will learn more about Islam through a three-week Wednesday night series (see related on article on this page). We will have an opportunity to hear from one of the most respected Islamic scholars in our nation, Dr. Charles Kimball (who will also preach at FBC on World Communion Sunday—October 3), a local Imam known already to some of our members, Sameh Asal, and a member of the Islamic Center of Raleigh. These studies will enable us to learn more first-

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Wheels4Hope: Recycling Cars...Changing Lives

Wheels4Hope, a local faith-based car donation program, needs your help to assist low-wage families and individuals in need of reliable transportation.

Wheels4Hope takes donated cars, repairs them and places them with families referred by organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Interact, Raleigh

Rescue Mission, Red Cross and StepUP Ministry. You can help by donating your used vehicle, volunteering and spreading the word. For more

information, please go to www.wheels4hope.org or call 832-1941.

— Matt Bullard



Fall Centerpoint Seminars

SEPTEMBER 1

Spirituality in the Arts: One Perspective

Pat Stumpf, artist and FBC member, shares her artwork and her insights on the connections between art and spirituality: "In my art pursuits I have experienced the spiritual or the human emotions of awe, wonder and reverence for God. In my personal experience art is only a by-product of that awareness." Join us for an evening of inspiration.

SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22

Option #1: Communicating Clearly: At Work and At Home

Communication is an exchange of information, ideas, impressions or emotions. It is the dynamic which makes homes and businesses run smoothly and efficiently. How can we best hear and be heard? What about non-verbal communication? What does my appearance communicate to others? Dr. Charles Petty and Dr. Diane Ellis share their expertise on these aspects of communication.

Option #2: Your Daughters Shall Prophesy: Women's Voices in the Church

What do you know about the biblical prophetesses Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Abigail, Sarah, Rachel, Huldah, Noadiah, and many other notable women? How have their stories inspired women in the church, and particularly in Baptist life, to speak a word from God? Dr. Curtis Freeman, Director of the Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School, will lead a study of prophetic women in the church, drawing from his upcoming book, *A Company of Women Preachers*.

SEPTEMBER 29

There and Back Again: A Report on Study Leave

Lin Carter spent thirteen weeks on study leave earlier this year. What exactly is study leave? How does it benefit the minister and the church? Join Lin as he shares stories, ideas, and lessons learned along the way.

OCTOBER 6, 13, 20

Getting to Know Our Muslim Neighbors

The Islamic faith is part of our world, nation, and community. How do we, as Christians and neighbors, relate to our Muslim friends? What is it like to be Muslim? Speakers include Dr. Charles Kimball, Presidential Professor and Director of Religious Studies at the University of Oklahoma, Imam Sameh Asal, of the Islamic Center of Raleigh, and a layperson from the Islamic Center of Raleigh.

Centerpoint 
Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

First Graders to Be Recognized on September 12

During the last year, you might have seen FBC's "Worshippers in Training"—kindergarteners with red worship bags in hand, wiggling beside family members, coloring illustrations of the scripture lessons, and treating their taste buds to an assortment of Life-Savers® flavors while listening to hymns sung, scriptures read, the gospel proclaimed, prayers prayed, silence observed. They have even participated in presenting the preschool offering with the deacons on specific Sundays.

Though our kindergarteners spent a majority of their time enjoying their last year of Extended Session in the Preschool Suite, these once-a-month visits into worship have given them an idea of what it's like to worship God in the sanctuary with their church family and to observe

the value that we place on spending time together in worship.

As the summer draws to a close, they'll bridge the gap from "Worshippers in Training" to "weekly worshippers" as they engage in specific worship training during Sunday School for the next six weeks.

On Sunday, September 12, our church family will have the distinct privilege of welcoming our new first graders into worship! Not only will they receive a Bible from their church family, but they will also receive the gift you've been giving them for some time now—the gift of Christian community.

So when you see our new first graders in worship, welcome their wiggles and giggles as they continue to learn what being the family of God is all about!

— Lynn Lingafelt

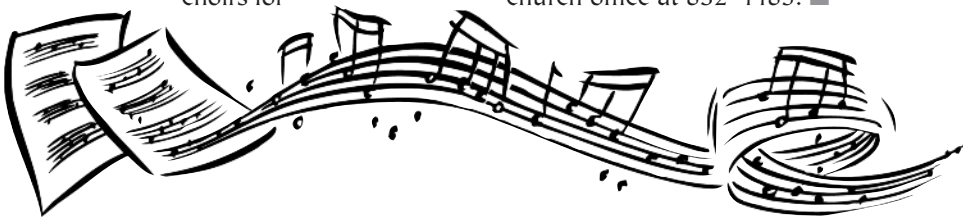
Music and Missions to Resume on September 1

The hallways and classrooms of First Baptist have been much too quiet on Wednesday evenings during the summer months as our music and missions classes have taken a break. In just a few days, however, that will change as our weekly opportunities for learning about God through missions and music resume. A dedicated group of volunteer leaders met on a recent Wednesday night to prepare for an exciting year of learning and growing, and they are looking forward to teaching and learning from our children.

Starting on September 1, classes will be available for children age two through fifth grade. From 5:45 to 6:40 p.m. each Wednesday this fall these classes will be offered: Mission Friends for two-year-olds, Music and Movement for three-year-olds, Mission Friends for Pre-Kindergarteners, Music Activity for Kindergarteners, and choirs for

elementary-age children (grades 1-5). From 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday these classes will be offered: Mission Friends for 3's, Music Activity for Pre-Kindergarteners, Mission Friends for Kindergarteners, Royal Ambassadors (RAs) for boys in grades 1-5 and Girls in Action (GAs) for girls in grades 1-5.

A more complete schedule, including the location of each class, will be sent to parents and will be posted in the Preschool and Children's Suites. If you have a grandchild or neighbor whose child might enjoy these enriching learning experiences, please invite them to participate. You may also pass along contact information to Lynn Lingafelt or Mary Alice Seals and we'll make sure an invitation is extended to these families. For more information, contact Lynn at lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org, or Mary Alice at maseals@fbcraleigh.org, or call the church office at 832-4485. ■



Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 22

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship/S
- 12:00 noon Japanese Reception/Lounge
- 12:15 pm Church Conference/FH
- 5:30 pm Youth Kickoff/FH

Monday, August 23

- 8:30 am Jubilee Jobs/CR

Wednesday, August 25

- 10:00 am Clothing Ministry open
- 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Kickoff/FH (no missions or music)
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, August 26

- 11:00 am Library Committee/L
- 1:00 pm Clothing Ministry open
- 7:00 pm Congregational Care Meeting/L

Friday, August 27

- 6:00 pm Friendship SS Class Gathering/FH

Sunday, August 29

- Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (at FBC Salisbury St., through 9/5)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship/S
- 4:00 pm Kindergarten Graduation Party/PS, CS Youth Bells/307
- 5:00 pm MS Youth Group/Blue Room HS Choir/310
- 6:30 pm MS Choir/310 HS Youth Group/Blue Room

Among Our Family

Sympathy to **Matt Bullard**, on the death of his mother, Nell Bullard, on August 9 in Salisbury, NC.

Weekday Preschool Spaces Available

Weekday Preschool has a few more spaces available in our four-year-old class (three days a week) and in our one-year-old class (two days a week). Please contact Crystal Bacon ASAP if you are interested in enrolling your child: weekdaypreschool@fbcraleigh.org or 832-4485, ext 209.

The Record We Wrote

Sunday, August 8, 2010

Current week	\$29,291.70
Current month	\$59,870.17
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$1,012,869.14
Current Month Expenses	\$21,458.57
Year-to-Date Expenses as of 8/11/10	\$926,688.52
Operating Budget Requirements (week 32)	\$1,027,096.00
Renovation Loan Balance	\$2,285,379.57
Sunday School Attendance	405

Deacon on Call

August 22 – 28
Kari Baldwin

August 29 – September 4
Jeff Hobart



Graduated high school seniors enjoyed one last week together in Charleston. It was a great time to reflect upon the past and look forward to the future as they prepare for the next step in their lives.

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hand about who Muslims are and what they believe and to allow Imam Sameh and some of his faith community to learn something about who we Baptists are and what we believe.

All of these opportunities are but steps in the direction of relationship-building, perhaps not first steps for many of us, but early steps which will hopefully create the space for more study, dialogue, friendship

and service. They are the kind of steps that we are called to take at this place in the history of the church (the church universal and FBC). Among our primary callings is the calling to love our neighbor. We cannot do that unless we know our neighbor and our neighbor knows us. I am excited about the work we will do in the realm of neighbor-building this fall and I invite you to participate in it! **CC**

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Bible Verses for Daily Use

From Reflections Adult Devotional Guide, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 8/20 – Luke 15:11-32	Fri 8/27 – Psalm 47
Sat 8/21 – 2 Samuel 23:1-7	Sat 8/28 – Acts 26:1-23
Sun 8/22 – Matthew 4:1-11	Sun 8/29 – Psalm 54:1-4
Mon 8/23 – Psalm 85	Mon 8/30 – 1 Timothy 4:7b-18
Tue 8/24 – Acts 26:24-27:8	Tue 8/31 – Luke 16:19-31
Wed 8/25 – Luke 17:1-2	Wed 9/1 – Mark 7:1-23
Th 8/26 – Acts 27:27-44	Th 9/2 – Exodus 9:16-24

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