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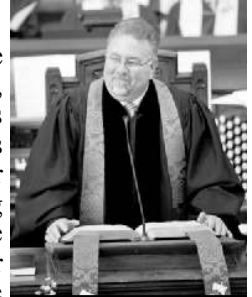
Valentine's Day is coming, and we will see a lot of red hearts and roses, chocolate, and perhaps some diamonds being spread around! Young romantics will go to great lengths to show their love. Others, long settled into loving relationships, will enjoy the simple assurance of the constant love their significant others offer. Yes, 'tis the season of love.

Now for confession. I was that kid in grade school who hated Valentine's Day. I knew the popular girls weren't going to give me a "will you be my sweetheart" card. I would have been shocked into disbelief had it happened. If anything at all, I knew I would receive the obligatory and generic valentine with a lollipop stuck to it – the kind parents made their children give to all the kids in the class. The main redeeming factor was that the lollipop was sure to be cherry. Yummy, my favorite!

All these years later, I reflect on those days and wonder how many people around us feel that true love is passing them by. Which of our neighbors are sitting back expecting no love from us, or at best thinking our gifts will be out of convention rather than conviction? How shocked might they be were we to surprise them with great, loving, heartfelt acts?

God has given extravagant love to all of us, leaving no one out, and not ever favoring one more than the other. It is our opportunity and responsibility, as God's children, to spread that sort of extravagant love around. There are plenty of people around us who will be completely shocked that we care about them.

This Valentine's Day, perhaps we can look beyond the immediate targets of our affection and do some wonderfully loving things for people who have all the cherry lollipops they need!



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

EVENTS

Sundays
February 3—March 17
9:45am

First Life Sessions
Church Parlor

Mondays
February 4—March 4
10:30am

Story of the Bible — Pastor's Winter Bible Study
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 6
6:30pm

Ash Wednesday Service
Leathers Memorial Chapel
Meal at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Mondays
March 11—April 8
Noon

Lenten Lunches & Lessons
Fellowship Hall

Food Bank Distribution

Thursday, February 14
10:00am - Noon
Vance County Farmer's Market
Volunteers needed from 8:30am-Noon

**Middle School Youth
Winter Lock-In**

Friday, February 22 and
Saturday, February 23

3rd Sunday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, February 17
Noon
Fellowship Hall

FBC at Men's Emergency Shelter

Sunday, March 3—
Saturday, March 9





FIRST LIFE AT FBC

WHAT IS IT?

A seven-session general introduction, overview, and conversation about life in the community of faith known as The First Baptist Church of Henderson, led by the Senior Minister, staff, and lay leaders of the congregation.

WHO IS IT FOR?

We welcome anyone who wishes to attend, but the sessions are specifically designed for adolescents and adults who would like to know more about FBC, about how to begin life as a follower of Jesus, or who may be considering becoming or have recently become members of FBC.

WHEN IS IT?

First Life will be offered weekly on Sunday mornings, **February 3 through March 17 from 9:45am—10:40am.**

WHERE IS IT?

Sessions will be held in the church parlor on the lower level across from the Youth Room and Children's Music Room.

FIRST LIFE SESSIONS

February 10, 2019

Our FBC Story and Heritage

February 17, 2019

Baptist Heritage and Distinctive Beliefs

February 24, 2019

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

March 3, 2019

Mission and Ministry

March 10, 2019

Worship and the Church Year

March 17, 2019

Question and Answer Session



PASTOR'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY

The Story of the Bible
Mondays

February 4 – March 4

10:30am

Fellowship Hall

What kind of book is the Bible? How are the books within the Book related? How can we derive meaning from so many different types of literature and styles of writing? Where did it all come from and what is meant by inspiration? What happens when what we know from science and history aren't consistent with what we understand from the Bible? Why are there so many translations and which one is best for me? How am I to understand parts of the Bible that feel offensive to our modern senses? What are some ways of applying what I learn from the Bible to the daily realities of my life?

These are some of the questions we will explore in a five-part series in search of the story of the Bible. Please join us!

Parables for Today

BOOK STUDY

Continues Weekly on Sunday Mornings at 9:40am

Jane Fleming Sunday School Class (Third Floor)

Three Month Study

All are Welcome!





Harp CDs Available

This Sunday, February 10, we will have the privilege of again welcoming virtuoso harpist Laurie Muirhead to help lead in worship. Laurie has been with us twice before (both several years ago), and you may remember her beautiful renditions of classic hymns, particularly her moving rendition of “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” she played in worship the last time she was here. Following her last visit, several of you inquired about CDs of her playing. She will have those available in the Fellowship Hall during the pre-Sunday School fellowship this Sunday beginning at 9:00am. The cost is \$5 per CD. She will then play two hymn arrangements in the 11:00am service and will accompany the Chancel Choir in an offering of Jeffrey Van’s “Treasures and Gifts” as part of our stewardship emphasis.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark L. Hopper,
Minister of Music and Organist



3rd Sunday Lunch Ministry Volunteer Opportunity

Help Needed on Easter

Many of you have participated in providing lunch for our 3rd Sunday lunch ministry. This year, Easter falls on the 3rd Sunday of April which is also our Sunday to serve lunch. We are looking for some volunteers to take on this lunch so that our friends enjoy an Easter meal just as we will. Generally, lunch is finished and cleaned up by 1:30 or 1:45. Please consider whether you can contribute on April 21. Many hands will help this run smoothly and quickly! If you would like to volunteer call or email Amy (amy russell@fbchenderson.net).

**FOOD
BANK**

Food Bank Distribution

Thursday, February 14

10:00am-Noon

Vance County Farmer's Market

Volunteers needed from 8:30am until Noon

Opportunity for Service!

First Baptist Church's second week of coverage for the Emergency Men's Shelter is Sunday, March 3 through Saturday, March 9.



One or two volunteers are needed to work with a shelter manager for intake each night. We also need one man for each overnight shift. Please contact Bert Long (252-432-5232), Mary Jo Wilson (252-438-2943), or the Church Office (252-438-3172) for more information.

Thank you for your continued commitment to this ministry and to our community!

March 6th

Meal—5:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Service—6:30pm

Chapel

Ash Wednesday



Mondays, March 11 – April 8
Noon

You are invited to join us each Monday from March 11 through April 8 for a light lunch and a brief time of worship. Our worship will focus around the themes of Lent and will be guided by our ministers and some special guests from the region.

The serving line for lunch will be open from 11:45am until 12:15pm. There is no charge for lunch, but donations will be welcomed. Reservations are not required but will be helpful. To sign up please contact the church office.

March 11

Dr. Ron Cava

March 18

Rev. Amy Russell

March 24

Dr. Jeff Roberts

Senior Minister at Trinity Baptist in Raleigh

April 1

Dr. David Hailey

Senior Minister at Hayes Barton Baptist in Raleigh

April 8

Rev. Ka'thy Gore Chappell

Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry NC

There is still time to get your Discount Cards sold by the FBC High School Youth for only \$10 each! Pick yours up in the church office.

Contact Amy Russell at (252) 438-3172 or amyussell@fbchenderson.net for more information.





Area Christians Together In Service

Supplies Needed

small or large boxes of cereal
saltine crackers
Ritz crackers



CLOSED ENTRANCE

After years of harsh weather, the door at the top of our bell tower wheelchair ramp of Wyche Street is in need of repair. In the near future, we will need to board up that entrance for no more than two weeks while it is rebuilt. Dr. Buddy Wester built the door in memory of his father, Dr. M. W. Wester. The Sanctuary is still accessible to wheelchairs by taking the elevator to second floor and using the motorized wheelchair lift near the bell tower. If you need assistance with the lift, please contact any staff member or call the church office in advance. We will be happy to help. We also apologize for the inevitable inconveniences that may arise. We will complete the repairs as quickly as possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

Mark L. Hopper,
Minister of Music and Organist



Congratulations to Ingrid and Jacob Brown following the birth of their sons, Owen Samuel and Isaac Walker Brown. Proud grandparents are Anita and Allen Duke and proud great-grandmother is Katherine Duke Harrison.

Remember in Prayer...



- John Amos
- Jane Baker
- Trish Bean
- Nancy Clayton
- Bettie Core
- William Cribb (Susan Westbrook's father)
- Sam Dickerson
- Emma Lee Dickie
- Danny Edwards (Ruth Hartsell's son-in-law)
- **Helen Ellerbe (Beth Hubbard's mother)**
- Becky Faucette
- Jean Fields
- Ruth Hartsell
- Jackie Hubbard
- Mike Inscoe
- Jewel Lewis
- Veronica Long
- Jim Markham
- Amy Mason
- Bill Mast
- Ralph Mayes
- Florrie McCurry
- J. W. Moody
- Jeanette Stark Morris
- Amy Frazier Narron (Ann Frazier's step-daughter)
- Hallie Frank Pegram
- Lou Reavis
- **Lionel Sayers (Celia Brinker's father)**
- Elaine Simmons
- Lucy Stewart
- Nancy Strickland
- Lillian Tyndall (Deborah Kelly's mother)
- **Lee Wade**
- Delores Whitmore
- **Carol Wyatt**

Names listed in **bold** have been recently added or changed

With Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Cathy Carver and Sarah Lloyd following the death of their father, Bill Cox, on Friday, January 25, 2019.



Sunday, February 10

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Morning Worship—11:00am

The Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

The Sermon: *Stewardship as Witness* by Ron Cava

The Offertory Anthem: "Treasures and Gifts" (Jeffrey Van)

Music by guest harpist Laurie Muirhead and the Chancel Choir

Sunday, February 17

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Morning Worship—11:00am

The Sermon by Amy Russell



Nursery Service

February Coordinator: Jane Hicks (252) 492-4608

February 10: Donna Spargo and Becky Hunt

February 17: Cynthia Ratliff and Katie Hunt



Acolyte
SCHEDULE

February 10

Bible Bearer:

Griffin Kirby

Torch Bearers:

Marie Scott White

Luke Roberson

Crucifer:

Christian Bean

February 17

Bible Bearer:

Eva Hopper

Torch Bearers:

Grayson Greenway

Bridger Stewardson

Crucifer:

Maddox Long

Support and Care

Weekend Minister on Call:

February 8-10: Ronald Cava (252) 432-3656

February 15-17: Amy Russell (404) 272-0882

Deacons on Call:

February 10-16: Julia Falkner (252) 492-2612

February 17-23: Susan Westbrook (252) 915-9762

Opportunities for Worship and Service: February 10—23

Sunday, 2/10	8:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting 9:15 Pre-Sunday School Fellowship 9:30 Sue Kelly Library Open 9:40 <i>Parables for Today</i> Book Study 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 First Life Session 11:00 Morning Worship Noon Laffman Class Luncheon 4:00 PM Chamber Ringers Rehearsal 4:45 7th & 8th Grade Bells 5:00 The Bell Ringers Rehearsal 6:00 Middle School Youth Meeting 6:00 High School Youth Meeting
Monday, 2/11	10:30 AM <i>Story of the Bible</i> Study 1:30 PM Library Committee Workday
Tuesday, 2/12	3:30 PM Children's After-School Programs (1st-3rd grades) and Preschool Mission Friends 5:00 Pickup for preschoolers and 1st-3rd graders
Wednesday, 2/13	8:45 AM Morning Adult Ringers Rehearsal 3:30 PM Children's After-School Programs (4th-6th grades) 5:15 Girls' Ensemble Rehearsal 5:00 Pickup for 4th-6th graders 7:30 Evening Ringers
Thursday, 2/14	9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 10:00 Food Bank Distribution 5:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 2/17	8:30 AM Deacons Meeting 9:15 Pre-Sunday School Fellowship 9:30 Sue Kelly Library Open 9:40 <i>Parables for Today</i> Book Study 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 First Life Session 11:00 Morning Worship Noon 3rd Sunday Lunch Ministry 4:00 PM Chamber Ringers Rehearsal 4:45 7th & 8th Grade Bells 5:00 The Bell Ringers Rehearsal 6:00 Middle School Youth Meeting 6:00 High School Youth Meeting
Monday, 2/18	10:30 AM <i>The Story of the Bible</i> Study
Tuesday, 2/19	3:30 PM Children's After-School Programs (1st-3rd grades) and Preschool Mission Friends 5:00 Pickup for preschoolers and 1st-3rd graders
Wednesday, 2/20	8:45 AM Morning Adult Ringers Rehearsal 3:30 PM Children's After-School Programs (4th-6th grades) 5:15 Girls' Ensemble Rehearsal 5:00 Pickup for 4th-6th graders 7:30 Evening Ringers
Thursday, 2/21	5:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 2/22	Middle School Youth Winter Lock-In
Saturday, 2/23	Middle School Youth Winter Lock-In



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