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Special Offering
for the month of February
**Heck Jones
Offering**



FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Come support the youth as they raise money for their MFUGE trip to Liberty University, in Lynchburg, VA. *Trip Dates: July 15-19, 2024*

Sunday, February 11

1st Luncheon | 11 am –12 pm

2nd Luncheon | 12:15 pm –1:15 pm

DONATIONS ONLY

Baked BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Roll and Dessert

See page 5 to register for the luncheon.

Prayer Requests
To share a prayer request, please send emails to elucas@fbcasheboro.com or call the church office, from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.

Philippians 4:6

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FREE Community Health/Dental Screenings

**First Baptist Church, Asheboro
Saturday, February 17 | 8am—5pm**



First Baptist Church is excited to partner with North Carolina Baptists on Mission to offer free health/dental screenings to individuals across the community who may be uninsured or underinsured. FBC will also be providing free breakfast and lunch, allowing usage of the church shower facilities, providing care packages, and praying for and with attendees. Appointments are available starting at 8:00 am with the last appointment at 4:40 pm. We welcome walk-ins, but subject to availability.

Scan the QR code or use the link below to schedule your appointment with a medical or dental provider, or to schedule a routine dental cleaning.

<https://calendar.app.google/rDmqUAH35KVdmJEU5>



*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

These beautiful lyrics are what we call the Doxology. These words might be the best-known lyrics in all Christian hymnology and poetry. Seemingly simple, they are overflowing with truth.

First, hear how the lyrics start reminding us that all blessings flow from God. James 1:17 illustrates this truth when it says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." Everything good is from God and he is worthy of our praise!

Also, note who is praising God in the Doxology. All creatures are praising him! *Philippians 2:9-11* tells us, "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Not only is he worthy of our praise, when God in all his glory returns through Jesus, no one will be able to hold back from acknowledging who God truly is by falling on their knees to praise him!

Finally, hear the beautiful reminder of how we are to praise the whole Trinity. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We are to praise God in his fulness.

Over the next several months, our goal is going to be to praise God in the fulness of the Trinity. Each month we will spend time looking at how God reveals himself through being God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. For the month of February, we will look at God the Father.

I invite you to join us on Sunday mornings as we seek to know the character of God better. As we engage in understanding his character more, we will draw more intimately into our relationship with him. Let us praise God together! Will you join us?

Pastors On Call

February 2-4	Rick Davis/953-8090
February 9-11	Aaron Littell/828-719-7716
February 16-18	Stephen Owen/828-292-4627
February 23-25	Janet Smith/653-1387



Save the Date
New Church Directory
May 30—June 4
More information coming soon!



Welcome to our Church Family

Emily Wooters
Joined by: Transfer of Letter
Deacon: Wendy Reitzel

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

JANET SMITH

Families with preschoolers and children, Remember Family Night on Friday, February 2 from 5:30 pm—7 pm. Come enjoy pizza, making valentines for the Ronald McDonald House, and open gym. Siblings are welcome!

Looking ahead, March 10 is Children's Day. Children's choirs will sing in both services, children will help lead worship, and families with preschoolers and children will enjoy breakfast. Look for mail with choices of ways first-sixth graders can participate in worship.



Looking even further ahead, please note that Vacation Bible School is Monday-Friday this year, on June 17-21. Lots of volunteers are needed for leading Bible study, missions, crafts, snacks, and resource kit item preparation. Talk to me now about where you would like to serve!

MUSIC MINISTRY

ALYSSA PLOTT

*"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."
Colossians 3:16*

What a message the Easter season brings! The Worship Choir is hard at work preparing our upcoming Easter Cantata, "No Stone Could Hold Him," a spirited witness to the ministry, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the "Rock of our salvation." This powerful work is filled with "scripture-based images of Jesus as "a rock in a weary land," even when tempted by Satan to "turn these stones to food;" as the "Solid Rock" on which we stand through "winds of change" and "shifting sand;" as Jerusalem's triumphant King who commands the rocks to keep silent; as the "Cornerstone of our faith," betrayed and crucified; and as the risen Savior whom no stone could hold in the tomb."

Incredible imagery and beautiful music-telling the greatest story of all. This is such an exciting time in our church and, if you feel led to join us, we would love to see you on Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary! It's not too late!

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2023

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
Revenue			
Unified Contributions	\$1,155,000	\$1,124,110	\$1,115,891
Mission Asheboro	32,500	34,648	31,900
Other Revenue	41,800	37,772	33,293
Total Revenue	\$1,229,300	\$1,196,530	\$1,181,084
Expenditures			
World Mission Ministries	\$134,193	\$136,930	\$126,409
Missions Education	5,725	2,081	4,966
Pastoral Ministries	5,600	6,419	2,729
Christian Education	21,550	26,426	22,216
Youth and Family Ministries	13,340	7,310	12,817
Music Ministries	17,040	8,383	11,657
Preschool and Children's Ministries	8,175	8,620	5,811
Mission Asheboro	19,390	14,179	12,234
Specialized Ministries	6,750	8,452	4,430
Supportive Ministries	80,680	78,738	64,392
Personnel Support Ministry	795,945	643,653	685,373
Property and Equipment	120,912	167,294	136,422
Total Expenditures	\$1,229,300	\$1,108,485	\$1,089,456
Net Surplus	\$0	\$88,045	\$91,628

Other Information

Cash/Investment Balances—December 31, 2023	
Unified Fund	\$530,781
Designated Fund	\$296,955
Endowment Balance—December 31, 2023	\$426,828

CHURCH NEWS

Thank You

My family and I thank you for all of the warmest cards and gift cards. It is always a pleasure to see a package and letter in the mailbox from First Baptist Church Asheboro. Thank you for remembering my family and I for our service and during these unknown times. May the entire church family have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Sgt. Bobby Greg Blanton

I would like to say thank you so much, to each and everyone of you! Your cards, letters, books, gift cards, drawings and more are always a source of joy throughout the whole year. We have been so blessed to be in your thoughts and prayers!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year!

SSG Eric T. Brady & Family

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during Foster's recent eye surgery. We are thankful to be part of such a loving and supportive church family.

Foster & Jan Hayes

Thanks so much for the prayers and expressions of sympathy in the death of my mother. She was a remarkable young woman of 102 who enjoyed coming to First Baptist whenever she visited Asheboro. The church family truly made her feel welcomed. I know she knew her Redeemer and now she sees Him face to face.

Rick & Debbie Watson

What a wonderful church family you are! I truly appreciate your support during my surgery and recovery. You have kept Michael and Collin well fed, and encouraged me with your cards, calls, texts, and visits. I appreciate you keeping me connected while I was unable to be with you. All of us are deeply grateful for your ministry to us and for your friendship.

Michael, Collin, and Janet Smith

Congratulations Rick Davis!

15 Years of Service at FBC

Rick Davis, an Asheboro native, once balanced his life as a cartoonist in a Church Street building and a Produce Manager at Walmart. However, a profound concern for his high school friends who hadn't found faith in the Lord led him to make a significant life change. With the assistance of Frank White, he co-founded the "Soda Shop Ministry" outreach, creating a safe haven for those seeking answers to their spiritual questions. Rick's commitment to this endeavor eventually led him to transition from part-time to full-time service as our Associate Pastor at HeartSpace Ministries for our church.

Throughout the years, Rick has played a pivotal role in initiating numerous small groups dedicated to spiritual growth, recovery ministries, and life-enriching Bible studies. His ability to care for those that are so often overlooked by others has brought many people to know the Lord. In addition, HeartSpace, AWE (Alternative Worship Experience) was created and is overseen by Rick. Most recently, The Shadow of the Cross Baptist Church, was brought to Rick's attention. This church in Asheboro was slowly dying and needed help. As a result of Rick's leadership, it is now growing and has a vision for their future.

In 2015 Rick became a full-time staff member. He continues to love the people in Asheboro who are burdened with life and introducing them to the Lord. Many have joined our church because of his compassion and love for the lost. Thank you, Rick, for all you have done for so many people in our community.

*Alice Cook,
Personnel Chairman*



Upcoming Youth Events!

MFUGE LUNCHEON REGISTRATION

Use the QR code below to sign up for the MFUGE luncheon. Registration deadline is Monday, February 5. ****Be sure to choose the correct QR code for your preferred lunch serving.****



1st Luncheon
Serving 11:00 am-12 pm

2nd Luncheon
Serving 12:15-1:15 pm



Volunteering in Childcare -The youth are volunteering for childcare for families visiting the health/dental screenings on Saturday, February 17. You can sign up to volunteer from 8-11 am or 11am- 2pm. To sign-up use the QR code or contact Aaron Littell at alittell@fbcasheboro.com.



Bowling Event -Friday, February 23 the youth are going bowling and getting ice-cream. We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm, bowl from 7-9 pm, then grab ice-cream and fellowship. Use the QR code to register or contact Aaron Littell.



Chili Cook-Off—Sunday, February 25 the men will have a chili cook-off and the youth will be judging the event. Come support your favorite cook!



THE AMAZING RACE

The amazing race was a huge hit! The youth had a blast racing each other through Asheboro and the adult volunteers had fun too. It was a great night of craziness and fellowship.



"For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made." Psalm 139:13-14

Remember, God made you for a purpose, to bring Glory to him. Seek to glorify him in all that you do!



PRIME TIME NEWS

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Senior Living Facilities/Rehab

Asheboro Rehabilitation Center (aka) Woodland Hill	Emily Nance
Brookdale.....	Faye McDaniel, Brenda Hall
Chatham Hospital Rehab.....	Ernest Greene
Clapp's.....	George Lucas
Cross Road Assisted Living.....	Bobbie Gibson, Tom Lewis
Cross Road Memory Care	Mary Owens, George & Pug Yeatts
Montgomery Senior Living	Susan Long
Terra Bella.....	Judy Bulla
Universal Health Care	Randy Bulla

At Home Members

Homebound, Recovering from Surgeries or Other Health Concerns

Nelson Rowland
 Fay Painter
 Joyce Crocker
 Larry Hunter
 Dan Wood

Ann Todd
 Joretta McNeill
 Betty Caviness
 Charles Havens
 Deborah Wood

Linda Craven
 Bob Williams
 Helen Caviness
 Elaine Overman
 Janet Smith

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

- Rick Watson on the passing of his mother, Sarah Watson on December 23.
- Rick & Donna Bursleson on the passing of her sister, Erma Fields on December 27.
- Don & Barbara Childers on the passing of her brother, Burnette Coleman from Taber City, NC on January 2.
- Don & Barbara Childers on the passing of his brother-in-law, Guy Haddix from Statesville, NC on January 2.

WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

upcoming EVENTS



NarroWay Theatre We only have a few tickets left for purchase to see “*The Fourth Cross*” in Fort Mill, SC on Saturday, February 24 at 12 pm. The tickets are \$30 each. Contact Ellen in the church office to check availability and pay **by Wednesday, February 14**. Make checks payable to FBC with NarroWay in the memo. The seats are sold out for this show, so these tickets are first come, first served. Plan to be at the church and ready to leave at 9:00 am the day of the event.

Live Embers It’s been so long since we have gathered, but we surely look forward to seeing you on Thursday, March 21 at 11 am in the chapel. A lite lunch will be served beginning at 11 am followed by our guest speaker, Janet Whisnant Harllee at 12 pm. Janet Harllee is a broadcast/podcast host, storyteller, speaker, author and best-selling contributing author, who hosts “*Faith in An Ever-Changing World-encouragement & hope,*” where she interviews people asking them “What has God given them to do in this season, and how is faith helping them do it?” You can connect with Janet on these social media site links: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/janetharllee> or <https://www.youtube.com/c/JanetHarllee>, Abundanttv.com (on Roku)
 Contact Ellen in the church office to reserve your seats by **Wednesday, March 13**. There is no charge for this event.





First Baptist Church
Senior Birthdays for March



Day	Name	Address	City	Phone
1	Ms. Doris Allred	P.O. Box 303	Asheboro, NC 27204	963-0038
3	Mr. Tim Greene	735 Sherwood Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	324-0032
3	Mr. Randy Wilson	2476 Grantville Ln.	Asheboro, NC 27205	953-5328
3	Mr. Dean Hinson	279 Bud Rd.	Seagrove, NC 27341	879-2167
7	Mrs. Pat Stratton	2032 Heritage Ct.	Asheboro, NC 27203	953-5577
9	Mr. Stephen Champion	617 Uwharrie St. , Apt. K	Asheboro, NC 27203	625-1235
9	Mr. Brad Crumpler	693 Brown Trl.	Asheboro, NC 27205	301-3409
9	Mrs. Pamela McKinnon	214 S. Elm St.	Asheboro, NC 27203	953-4271
10	Mrs. Patti McCutchen	1137 Lexington Commons Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	964-5859
11	Mr. Wayne Thrift	1623 Harper Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	626-0674
13	Mrs. Judy Bulla	2925 Zoo Pkwy	Asheboro, NC 27205	625-4415
14	Mrs. Diana Ferree	347 Brantley Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	626-5886
15	Mr. Foster Ferryman	448 E. Kivett St.	Asheboro, NC 27203	625-4006
16	Mr. Ed Barry	2724 Shaw St.	Asheboro, NC 27205	626-7599
16	Mr. Clinton Nance	5901 Abner Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	381-3808
17	Mr. Jim Myrick	1062 Viewmont Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	629-6622
17	Mrs. Daphne Perry	6802 Drewrys Blf.	Bradenton, FL 34203	605-359-6884
22	Mrs. Beth Lyon	1035 Oakridge Ln.	Randleman, NC 27317	706-7673
23	Mr. Mark Allred	361 Walnut Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	302-8201
23	Ms. Karen Caviness	1151 Camelot Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27203	465-0909
23	Mr. Thomas Higgins	406 Parkside Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27203	465-3078
24	Mrs. Denise Durand	2556 Wedge Pl	Asheboro, NC 27205	465-2215
25	Mrs. Linda Dunstan	103 Willow Ter.	Archdale, NC 27263	803-4369
30	Mrs. Andi Wilson	2476 Grantville Ln.	Asheboro, NC 27205	963-0464

LOOKING AHEAD

- February 2** *Family Fun Open Gym*
- February 4** *Health/Dental Volunteer Orientation*
- February 6** *Joyful Singers Practice*
- February 11** *MFUGE Luncheon*
- February 11** *Guatemala Interest Meeting*
- February 13** *Joyful Singers Practice*
- February 13** *Deacons Meeting*
- February 17** *Community Health/Dental Bus Screenings*
- February 19** *Hearts & Hands Mission Craft Group*
- February 20** *Joyful Singers Practice*
- February 23** *Youth/Family Sports Center*
- February 24** *Senior Adult Trip/NarroWay Theatre*
- February 25** *Men’s Chili Cook-Off*
- February 27** *Joyful Singers Practice*

For more information on upcoming ministry events,
please see the weekly **Worship Guide** calendar
or call the church office.

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