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First Baptist

April 26, 2017

LAURENS

In Need of Prayer

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| Linda Dell Tennent | Bill Ramey | Betty Teague |
| Tony Broome | Ruth Garrett | |
| Jane Corn | Gail Allen | |
| Wanda Allen | Billy Owings | |
| Jerry Griffin | Bette Hood | |

Youth Trip to Carowinds - Saturday, May 6

Depart at 9am from FBC and Return around Midnight. Cost is \$37 and there are options available for buying food at a reduced cost in advance. Please call the church or see Carl by April 26th if you would like to participate.

Wednesday Nights In May

Our Wednesday night opportunities for Adults, Youth, Children & Preschoolers will meet as normal through May 24th. After that, we will be on summer break from Wednesday nights until September. However, we will not have Family Night Meals in May, only activities.

CWA (Comfortable with Age Senior Adult Group)

Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 11:00am

Join us for a fabulous meeting featuring members of The Senior Follies from Anderson, SC. For more than 25 years, Anderson Senior Follies has staged an annual professional-quality theater production cast exclusively with people 55 years old or older. Cast members are all volunteers who come from a variety of backgrounds and offer a diversity of talents. Each year's production is written by cast members along with Annette Cantrell Martin, who also directs, producers and choreographs the production. After each spring's run of shows at Anderson University's Henderson Auditorium, smaller groups of cast members travel throughout the community and region performing at meetings and social organizations as part of the Follies To Go program. Our meal will be prepared by Til Culbertson, and the cost of the meal is \$7 per person.

Vacation Bible School Registration

VBS registration is now open. You may register online at fbclaurens.org, or pick up a form outside the church office. **We will have VBS work nights each Wednesday in May through May 24! Please prayerfully consider coming to help from 5-7 PM each of these nights!**



May DIVERGE Youth Activities

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| May 6 | Carowinds |
| May 21 | Graduate Recognition in Worship |
| May 21 | Graduate Recognition Dinner - 6PM |

Upcoming Opportunities for Children

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| May 1 | Fine Arts 2017 registration begins |
| May 9 | Last day of 1-3 Grade Handbells |
| May 14 | 1-3 Graders play bells in worship |
| May 24 | Last Wednesday Night! |
| May 30 | Last day of 4 & 5 Grade Steel Drums |

MAY WORSHIP AT FBC

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| May 7 | <i>The Right First Steps</i> | I Samuel 30:1-9a |
| May 14 | Mother's Day: <i>The Dream Keepers</i> | Ruth 1:6-18 |
| May 21 | Graduate Sunday: <i>The Never Ending Quest for Wisdom</i> | I Kings 3:5-15 |
| May 28 | Memorial Service: <i>Their Spirit Rests on You</i> | II Kings 2:1-15 |

New Men's Study - Church: Why Bother?

Our three men's groups are offering a brief study of Phillip Yancey's book *Church: Why Bother?* in late April and in May. The study looks at why active participation in the church is so invaluable and offers some good thoughts for reminding ourselves of and inviting others to experience the value of church. The study began on April 25 in the Tuesday morning group that meets at 7am in the Conference Room and on April 29th in the Sunday night Group that meets at 6pm in the Fireside Room. The Tuesday noon group will begin the study on May 2. This is an excellent chance for those who would like to try out one of our men's groups to do so. Please see either Tommy or Rickey to get more information or to participate.

Mother's Day Offering

In your May packet, you will find an envelope to use for our annual Mother's Day Offering to benefit Martha Franks Retirement Community and the work of the South Carolina Baptist Ministries of Aging. Martha Franks and the SCBMA are tremendous ministry partners to our work at First Baptist and to the health of our community and its Senior Adult population. Please consider participating in this opportunity to support their work.

Annie Armstrong Update

To date, we have received \$10,143 toward our goal of \$13,000 to benefit the work of Baptist Missionaries serving in North America. We will continue to receive this offering until the end of May and hope that you will prayerfully consider participating if you have not already done so.

Deacon Election - May 21

On May 21, we will elect 8 new individuals to serve us as Deacons over the next three years from those who were nominated in April. This is a very, very important Sunday for you to be present in order that we all might be a part of this process. The list of those who have been nominated will be published beginning Wednesday night, May 3 for your prayers and reflection. Those elected will begin their service on September 1.

I Am a Friend of God Children's Musical

Sunday, April 30, at 5:00 PM

Our 1st-5th graders are learning many life lessons about how we should treat our friends based on the example of Jesus. Come out and support our children!

Camp McCall

June 9-11

For boys who have completed 1st-4th grade
\$135 per Camper

PASSPORTkids Camp

June 27-30

For boys & girls who have completed 3rd-6th grade
\$275 per Camper
Bob Cooper 4-H Camp