

The Outlook

First Baptist Church Clayton

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2024 - 2025 Music Opportunities

This year, FBC will offer a variety of opportunities for people of all generations to explore and develop their musical gifts. We hope you can plug into one of these great groups!

Mix It Up Handbells is a mixed-age handbell group that will meet from 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. each Sunday morning beginning Sunday, August 25. All 3rd – 12th graders are invited to participate. During the church year, we will play during worship 3-4 times based on the group's availability. If you are interested in participating, plan to join us for our first rehearsal on August 25!



Adult Choir meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. beginning September 11. From Sept - Nov, we will work on the Christmas Cantata, "Hope Has Hands" during the first 20 minutes of Wednesday night rehearsals. If you would like to join the adult choir full-time or join the Christmas Cantata that will be presented on December 1, let me know! We would love to have you!

Adult Handbells meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. beginning September 11. We do have a position available and are seeking a new player!

Youth Choir was revived during the 23-24 church year and we are excited to offer this opportunity again this year! Youth Choir will meet on Wednesday nights from 5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. beginning September 18, in the upstairs room across from the media room in the sanctuary. They will sing on December 1 and will resume rehearsals once I return from maternity Leave

Children's Choir will begin on Wednesday, October 9 from 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. They will sing on Sunday, December 1. The spring children's musical is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30.

Blessings,
Rev. Keeley Tarkington
Minister of Music



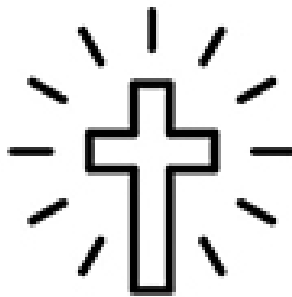
Birthday Celebration

The Patrick Moore Mission Group celebrated Lois Weeks' 98th birthday on August 12 with two of her favorite cakes, homemade chocolate and pineapple.

New Deacons to be ordained Sunday at 4 p.m.

A Deacon Ordination Service will be held Sunday, Aug. 18 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Paul Greer and Elaine Johnson will be ordained. Dr. Len Kever will deliver a short message.

The entire First Baptist Church family is invited to attend this most special occasion. All ordained Deacons are especially encouraged to attend for the Laying on of Hands.



Following the Ordination Service, a hot dog supper and ice cream social will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Hot Dogs, baked beans, chips, fruit and ice tea will be served.

All are invited to bring their best homemade ice cream to share. Votes will

be collected and the winner of the best tasting homemade ice cream will receive a prize.

Join Rev. Nance for “God Heard Their Cry”

Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins Sept. 4 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the SALT Classroom. Zoom is an option. “God Heard Their Cry” is name of the Bible Study. In this eighth volume of the acclaimed “That the World May Know” series, Ray Vander Laan will help us discover how God answers the cry of His persecuted people and proclaims Himself Lord to them and their oppressors. Sign up now in the church office. Discover Guides are available for \$10. Five study sessions will be held: Sept. 4, 11, 18, Oct. 2 and 9. Please note there will not be a study on Sept. 25.

Upcoming Events

The rescheduled trip to Sylvan Heights Bird Park in Scotland Neck and Dortches is set for Tuesday, Sept. 10. If you purchased tickets back in May, Rev. Nance still has them. Watch for more details soon. Senior Adult Sunday is Sept. 15. The senior adults will lead the Sunday morning worship. Hope4Us will provide some of the music. More details to come.



Memorials and Honorariums

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE GENERAL FUND

In Memory of

Hazel Strickland and Keith Ferrell by Judy Wood
Keith Ferrell, Donald Varner and Hazel Strickland
by Andy and Gloria Pleasant

Keith Ferrell by Ayden and Betty Lee
Rawlings McCauley (special aunt of John Paschal)
by Jeff and Jackie Tarkington

In Honor of

Lois Weeks' 98th birthday by Andy and Gloria Pleasant

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

In Memory of

Hazel Strickland by Joe and Linda Hester

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Card of Thanks

Thank you for all of the prayers, visits, food, cards, and calls during my recovery from a recent fall. Romans 15:2 (NIV) tells us that "Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up." I am truly blessed for your love and kindness.



Love in Christ, Bucky

2024 Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....14	New Members.....20
Worship Attendance	
Sunday, August 11.....154	Sunday, August 4.....168
Sunday School Attendance	
Sunday, August 11 - Not Held	Sunday, August 4.....122
General Fund Giving	
Sunday, August 4.....\$17,644	Sunday, July 28.....\$12,510
Weekly Needs.....\$14,860	August 11 giving to be reported next week