

The SENTRY

A Newsletter of First Baptist Church

March 6, 2024

Jane Stevens Love Class

In 1974, Jane Stevens visited First Baptist Church and asked the Deacon Chair and others if they had an available room for her to use to teach a Sunday school class for persons with disabilities. At the time, she was teaching a Sunday school class at the Children's Center but their program had expanded to the point they no longer had room. She had gone to several places to see if there was room for the Sunday school class that she led but could not find a suitable place. The Deacon chair checked into it and told her the house across the street from the church on Green Street (where the parking lot is now) was available for her group to meet. In the early years, Jane personally picked up at least three class members each week and brought them to church. Lavetrice McIver, who is presently a member of our Love Class, was one of the original members that Jane picked up. Beth Lawrence Adcock and Lura Burns assisted Jane during this time.

As the class grew, for safety reasons, they relocated to the second floor of the Education Building and stayed there until the second phase of construction was completed. The class moved downstairs to the new building where they continue to meet.

The Huber family moved to Sanford in 1976 and specifically chose FBC because there was a SS class for their daughter, Anne-Marie Huber. When Anne-Marie went forward to accept Jesus, Jane said she wanted to be baptized and move her membership to First Baptist Church. Jane and Anne-Marie Huber were baptized on the same day, June 15, 1980.

In approximately 1979, the men from the Lee County Group Home, along with other special needs persons in the community including Dale Curry and residents of the TLC Home, started attending the Love Class.

In approximately 1988-1989 the group decided they wanted to meet on Wednesday night and the Sonshine Group was formed. "Son" meaning Christ and "shine" meaning the light. Activities continue each Wednesday night.

Throughout these 54 years, FBC members have been highly supportive of this ministry. Thank you for your Christian love and support.



Carol & Ron Huber

**Please remember our Special Ministries Sunday is this week
(Sunday, March 10th @ 11:00—ONE SERVICE ONLY)**

Nursery Schedule

3-10-24

11:00

Dana Miller
Jenali/Charlotte
Suzanne Colandro

3-17-24

8:45

Anna Lucas

11:00

Brook Bruner
Jennifer & Gary
Harrison

Usher Schedule

3-10-24

**NO 8:45
SERVICE
TODAY**

8:45 Service

3-17-24

Greg Spivey
Bill Stone

Mike's Musings

Music and Worship - We look forward to hearing from our Music Makers Choir on March 17th, the week following music by the Love Class Choir. Our Chancel Choir and Praise Team will both sing a couple times through the end of the month. I am so thankful for their hard work and commitment to weekly rehearsing.

Thomas Merton says "the will of God is that all should be saved. Hence it follows that God wills us all to cooperate with Jesus Christ and with one another to bring one another to salvation and holiness." As the Lenten season comes to its conclusion and we head to Holy Week, I pray we have found time to reflect on the great sacrifice Christ made on the cross for each of us, and have found an opportunity to help "bring someone to salvation and holiness".

Triple L - Sign Up for our dinner theatre outing closes March 10th, and we have two seats remaining. Thirty three have already signed up. That is a tremendous group!

This month's Triple L lunch on March 19th will feature information about the upcoming celebration of the City of Sanford's 150th birthday. We will hear from someone on the planning committee.

On April 22nd Theron and Peggy will host a trip to hear the North Carolina Baptist Singers and Orchestra's final concert of the season at Aversboro Road Baptist Church in Garner.

11:00 Services

Offertory Team - for MARCH

Stephen Coble - Chair

Jimmy Tucker

Jim Turner

Judy Thomas

Paula Layton

Bill Stone

Gay McDonald

Shirley Thomas

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$20,577.00
Weekly Budget Received	18,514.00
Building/Capital Improvement	50.00
Other	1,200.00
TOTAL	19,764.00

Up! Up! and Away!

Our FBC Upward volunteers are SUPER!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who made this season go so smoothly!



Circle 10 will meet at the home of Elaine Stoner on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm. Guest speaker will be Kristin Johnson, Case Manager Supervisor for Cameron Boys Camp which is a part of Baptist Children's Home of NC.

2024 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Goal: \$25,000.00

Collected: 4,150.00

Worship at First Baptist

March 10

11:00

Special Ministries Sunday

Guest Speaker

Chris Autry

Music by the Love Class Choir

March 17

8:45 & 11:00

"A Bittersweet Message"

Revelation 10:1-11

Music

8:45

"House of the Lord"

By Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith

Praise Team

11:00

"I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary"

Arr. Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir with Matt Thomas, Solo

2024 NC Baptist Mission Conference

April 5th- 6th

Hickory Grove Baptist Church

Charlotte, NC

We will take the Church Bus!

Cost is \$30/each.

***Please contact Lee Johnson for
more information.***

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Triple L Lunch

March 19

Fellowship Hall

12:00pm

**Speaker will be
from the planning
committee.**

(Sanford's 150th Birthday)



**Reminder: Prefilled plastic
Easter Eggs needed for FBK
Egg Hunt on March 24th!**



FBC Pictorial Directory

You may sign up now@ www.ucdir.com

Church Code: NC469

Password: photos

Wednesday	April 17	2:00pm - 8:40pm
Thursday	April 18	2:00pm - 8:40pm
Friday	April 19	2:00pm - 8:40pm
Saturday	April 20	10:00am - 4:40pm

Mar. 10th
SPECIAL MINISTRIES
SUNDAY
Family Worship
No Children's Church

CHILDREN'S CHURCH INFO

Mar. 17th
BEGIN IN SANCTUARY
Music Makers sing at the
beginning of service.
Children's church will
dismiss after they sing.

Mar. 24th
BEGIN IN SANCTUARY
Begin with palms in
sanctuary then dismiss.
LUNCH AND EGG HUNT*
@ 12:00

*Remember to bring a basket.

Mar. 31st
BEGIN IN THE
CHAPEL!!
EASTER SUNDAY:
KIDS... Bring a FRIEND!!

