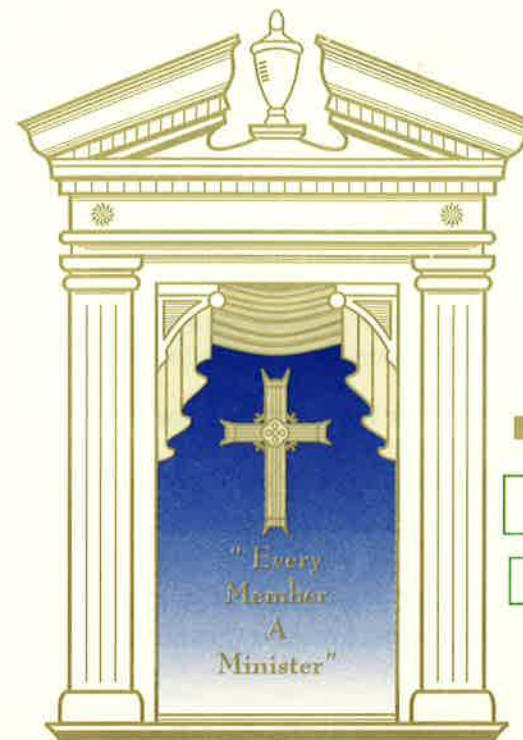


# CHURCH WEEK

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## COMING UP

- ♦ **Sunday, April 30**
  - 9:45 AM – Sunday School
  - 10:55 AM - Worship Service
  - Noon-Korean Friends Lunch with Rev. Kim-Fellowship Hall
  - 3:00 PM-Orchestra
  - Youth Super Session
  - 4:30 PM-Choir
  - 5:30 PM-Supper
  - 6:00-7:00 PM-Bible Study
- ♦ **Monday, May 1**
  - 10:00 AM- Conversational English Class for Korean Friends-Library
  - 3:30-4:15 PM- Little Ringers II
  - 4:30-5:00 PM- Little Ringers I
  - 5:15 PM-Trustees-Library
- ♦ **Tuesday, May 2**
  - 6:00 PM-Deacon/Membership Team-Library
  - 7:00 PM-Christian Education Committee- K101
- ♦ **Wednesday, May 3**
  - Church Family Night**
  - 4:00 PM-Prayer Team-K101
  - 5:20 PM-Serving Line Opens
  - 6:00 PM Blessings, Celebrations, Prayer Concerns
  - 6:15 PM- Adult Bible Study-The Sermon on the Mount-led by Dr. Bland
  - Intergenerational Bells-Sanctuary
  - Intergenerational Learning Group-Catawba Meadows Park with Popsiclepalooza Snack Fest.
- 7:00 PM-Chancel Choir
- ♦ **Thursday, May 4**
  - No Chancel Ringers
- ♦ **Friday, May 5**
  - 9:45 AM -Women's Prayer Group- Chapel
  - 11:00 AM-7:00 PM- Youth Chicken Pickin'-Fellowship hall

# First Baptist Church Week

Morganton, North Carolina

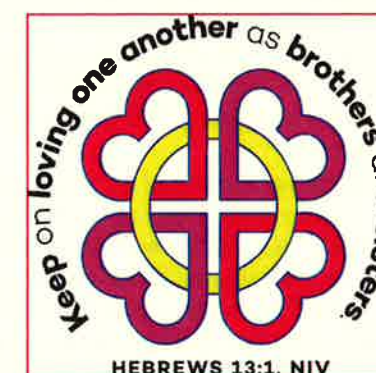
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**WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY!**  
**APRIL 30—10:55 AM**



**Sermon:**  
**"Welcoming the Stranger"**  
**(Hebrews 13: 1-3)**  
**Dr. Tom Bland, Jr., preaching**  
Guest Rev. Sei Hun Kim will give his testimony. Rev. Kim is a retired Asian Church Planter with the Baptist State Convention of NC. He is a BSCNC Heritage Award recipient.

**Chancel Choir Anthem:**  
**"In My Father's House"**  
by Craig Courtney

## YOUTH CHICKEN PICKIN'

**Friday, May 5 11:00 AM-7:00 PM**

Tickets- \$9 -available from a youth near you or in the church office

Plate includes: 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw, Bread, and Dessert

Dine-in or Take-out

Free delivery upon request-minimum 4 orders

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Individually wrapped desserts are needed. They may be delivered to the fellowship hall on May 4.  
Call Tyler at 437-2544 ext.27 or sign-up in Sunday School to volunteer to bring desserts.

## MERRY MONTH OF MAY CHURCH FAMILY NIGHTS

Dr. Bland's study of "The Sermon on the Mount" (in the chapel) and Intergenerational Bells (in the bell room) will continue through May 17.

The Intergenerational Learning Group (parents and kids together) will finish out (before summer break) with lots of fun experiences together:

**May 3 — Catawba Meadows Park with Popsiclepalooza Snack Fest**

**May 10 — Me, You, and Some Glue to make Mother's Day Crafts**

**May 17 — Martha's Park with our Pretzelpalooza Snack Fest**

**May 24 — Habitat for Humanity Can Crushing Mission Adventure**

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**Then May 31 is our "Big 50" Church Family Picnic and Cool Car Show!**

## 2017 EASTER OFFERING FOR U.S. MISSIONS

Once again this year, we are promoting our First Baptist Church Easter Offering for U.S. Missions AFTER Easter Sunday.

Call it an "Eastertide Offering," if you prefer!

In recent years, partly because of the timing of our very successful Ladies' Clothing Sale for U.S. Missions, all proceeds from which help to fund this Easter Offering, we have delayed the start of this emphasis until shortly before, or even right after, Easter.

Our Ladies' Clothing Sale is coming up May 12 and 13. We thank Jackie Ward and her wonderful volunteers for setting up and facilitating again this year the Ladies' Clothing Sale—and we anticipate another terrific boost for the U.S. Missions Offering as a result!

Now, though, the time certainly has come for all of us to do our part to contribute to the Easter Offering for U.S. Missions.

Our Missions Committee, jointly chaired by Steve Bailey and Clyde Shuping, has identified four giving options for this year's Easter Offering.

**The overall goal of the offering is \$5,500. Let's try to surpass it very soon!**

We will receive gifts for this offering through Sunday, May 28.

As you consider giving to the Easter Offering for U.S. Missions, please be assured that every penny of each gift designated for a particular option will be applied to that option. But in keeping with longstanding Missions Committee policy, any undesignated gifts will be divided equally among these four options:

**Easter Offering for North American Missions.** Traditionally called the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, these gifts help to support the work of the North American Mission Board (NAMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention. Currently approximately 5,700 missionaries are serving the Lord full-time or part-time through NAMB, engaging primarily in evangelistic work in cities, on college campuses, and elsewhere, and planting hundreds of new churches. NAMB also endorses some 3,800 Southern Baptist chaplains serving in the military, in hospitals, and in many other venues.

**Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina.** Founded 21 years ago, this small but rapidly growing organization seeks to facilitate mission activities locally and abroad with many North Carolina Baptist churches. Dr. Larry Hovis, Moderator of CBFNC, visited with us on a Wednesday evening last fall, and a goodly number of our members attended and participated in the recent annual gathering of CBFNC, which was held at First Baptist Church, Hickory. CBFNC strives to further the objectives of the national CBF organization, in part by helping to start new churches and by encouraging and helping to facilitate outreach to numerous Unreached People Groups, some of which are represented right here in North Carolina.

**Youth Mission Service Trip to Danville, VA.** Once again this summer, many of our youth will be spending the better part of a week doing hands-on missions and outreach work in Danville, VA, which again is hosting a large youth mission camp known as PassPort. Over the years, numerous FBC youth have enjoyed, and benefited greatly from, the PassPort experience in various settings, including Macon, GA, in 2008 and 2012, and Jacksonville, FL, two years ago. Again this year, our youth will be partnering with youth from many other churches throughout the southeast in doing many mission projects in and around Danville, where many folk have struggled in recent years with a local economy no longer thriving (as it once did) on tobacco, textiles, railroads, and other industries. Worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities in the evenings are always included in these wonderful endeavors. Funds are needed to help pay for the cost of travel and other expenses.

**North Carolina Baptists on Mission.** For many years known as NC Baptist

Men, NC Baptist on Mission is an organization comprised of both men and women who strive to be the "hands and feet of Christ" through responding to catastrophic events anywhere, anytime throughout the U.S. and

elsewhere. The organization has received international acclaim for its Disaster Relief efforts, often being among the first to arrive at the scene of hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and even man-made occurrences (including New York City and Washington, D.C., following the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks). Steve and Nancy Bailey, Jim and Sandy Baden, and our Ecumenical Sunday School Class, among others, have been very actively involved recently in a massive, ongoing flood relief project that NCBM is coordinating in and around Lumberton, NC, in the wake of Hurricane Matthew last fall. The Baileys and Badens have also participated in NCBM-led flood relief projects in West Virginia and South Carolina. Any and all support that we can give NCBM will be used for great good!

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of these giving options and for your generous gifts!

Love,



SAVE THE DATE! "MAKER FUN FACTORY" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JULY 9-13!



### EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY UPDATE

Offering Received April 16 and 23.....	\$28,153
Budget Required to Date.....	\$274,040
Budget Received to Date.....	\$263,021
Organ /AV Fund Donations to Date.....	\$145,338

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, April 30  
9:45 AM-Info and Prayer Time  
10:00 AM-Bible Study  
Super Session  
4:30 PM- Choir  
5:30 PM- Supper  
6:00-7:00 PM-Bible Study

### GMC-GOD'S MATURING CHILDREN

May 9, 2017 11:30 AM  
Program: "Troubadours of Joy"  
The singing ministers of First Baptist will entertain with music that will inspire, uplift, and bring joy into our daily lives.  
Menu: Chicken Caesar Wrap, Broccoli Salad, Strawberry Shortcake, Beverage. Cost: \$6.  
Please make reservations by calling Suzette (437-2544 ext. 18) by Sunday, May 7.

### INVITATION

They're getting married!  
Please join us to celebrate the engagement of  
**Eleanor Bland**



to

**Andrew Lowdermilk**

Saturday, May 19

2:00 - 4:00 PM

First Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

Hosted by Tom and Pat Bland

RSVP to Pat at 828 433-4285

by Friday, May 12, 2017.

### LADIES' CLOTHING SALE FOR U.S. MISSIONS

Friday, May 12 2:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 13 7:00AM-Noon

Saturday is Half-Price Day!

The Ladies Clothing Sale will be held on May 12 and 13. Please bring ladies' items on Thursday, May 11 from 10:00 AM- 6:00 PM.

**Volunteers are needed at these times to set-up for the sale:**

Thursday, May 11: 10:00 AM until 6:00 and on Friday,

May 12 from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Volunteers are needed to assist with the sale:**

Friday from 2:00 PM-7:00 PM and on

Saturday, from 7:00 AM

Volunteers are also needed on Saturday from Noon-1:00 PM for clean-up. All proceeds are given to missions in the United States.

Call Jackie Ward at 437-1564 for more information and to sign-up to help.

### IN MEMORY

Gifts have been given in memory of  
**Barbara Lambert, Martha Hendrix,  
Nora and Charles Monroe, and  
Hazel Mull.**

### THANK YOU

Thank you notes have been received from **Jean Abshire and Louise and George Greene.** They are posted on the bulletin board in the Christian Education Building.

### CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT MENU

Wednesday, May 3

**Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!**

Chicken Cream Cheese Enchiladas/  
Spanish Rice/ Fixin's Bar/ Chips and  
Salsa/Beverage

**Kid's Meal**-Beef and Cheese Tacos/  
Rice/Beverage

**Veggie Meal**-Baked Potato/Salad  
Bar/Chips and Salsa/Beverage

Serving Team- Karen Mull

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to  
**Cameron Mull and  
Nate Collins**

who were married on April 22.

### BACKPACK MINISTRY

Items for May

*George Hildebrand Elementary:*

Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit

*Mountain Crest Elementary:*

Canned Fruit, and Peanut Butter

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 30

**Roger Jackson**

### MIMOSA CHRISTIAN

COUNSELING CENTER

YARD SALE

JUNE 23-24