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Join us for all the opportunities to enjoy fellowship with your church members!

Welcome to our new Interim Pastor Steve Manuel and his wife Barbara! "Steve and Barbara Manuel have served in many capacities over the past 40 years. Early on Steve served churches in youth, education, and outreach ministries in Texas and Virginia. For a brief time he was also a Minister of Music. In 1985 he and Barbara were appointed as foreign missionaries and spent 18 years with the International Mission Board serving in central Mexico and at the Board's Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. Barbara has been involved in prison ministry since 1995 and has served as pianist in Mexico and Virginia. Following their missionary career, Steve was Director of Missions for the Strawberry Baptist Association. Since 2008 Steve has served as intentional and traditional interim pastor in a number of churches in Virginia and Florida. During this same time Barbara has continued ministering in local jails and even spent a few years serving on the Virginia Governor's Board of Social Services. They have two grown sons and five grandchildren. They have extensive interests and hobbies that you will get to know in the months ahead as they share in the life of FBC."



Sunday December 31st was Rev. John Fulcher's his last sermon as our pastor and he was recognized for all his devotion and service to this church.

On January 7th a catered lunch was held in honor of Rev. Fulcher to express our love and gratitude for all he has done over the 17 years of service. A basket was provided for cards of well wishes, as he begins his retirement.

As we say farewell to Rev. Fulcher, as our senior pastor, we are glad to know he will continue to teach the Thursday Morning Bible Study group.



For over 20 years, volunteers maintained a paper recycling trailer at the church. The efforts of these volunteers and the profits from the trailer provided funds for local community missions such as Grace Network and Richard's Dinner (Community Christmas Dinner), as well as state and international mission trips. The church's volunteer driver has retired, and the recycling facility being used by the church has closed; therefore, regrettably, we have had to discontinue this service to the community. Please do not leave any papers in the parking lot; use the paper recycling container on Market Street, the Henry County recycling boxes, or take newspapers to the SPCA. Our thanks are extended to those who have made this ministry a success.

Do you have any ideas how we can raise money for missions?





CompassPoints

from the Pastor's Perspective...

First let me thank the Personnel Committee and John Collins, chair, for the gracious recognition and plaque given to me during worship, December 31st. I am also especially grateful to John for helping me pack up my office—a much more daunting task than I had anticipated. Also I appreciate the luncheon, January 7th, organized by Pam Burgess and the hospitality committee and your many kind words and generous gifts. And my thanks also go to Frank Taylor and his crew for moving so many boxes of books, files, notes, ect. to my home as a retirement gift. It has been both an honor and a humbling experience to serve this church for the past 17 years in a number of positions. When I began as your Minister of Education in 2000 I did not imagine that one day I would be Pastor. The thought never entered my mind.

First Baptist Church, Martinsville holds a special place in my heart. I was introduced to and nurtured in the faith beginning as a small child in the old church downtown. Fine examples like Chevis and Helen Horne, Finney Williams, and John and Alpha Manson helped shape my understanding of the faith. It was here that I first felt called to ministry. It was here I gained many of the necessary tools for a career in ministry. John Man-

son taught me to read music, beginning at age 6. As a teenager John let me direct several of our younger choirs: he apparently saw something in me I had not recognized, as did his wife Alpha, who first told me that one day I would be a preacher. She planted a seed that day. I will always be grateful for what I learned here about the faith, pastoral ministry, and music ministry during those formative years.

Since I joined the staff in 2000, I have worked with some remarkable people. I particularly want to acknowledge Marsha Garren and Renee Fulcher for their patience, help, constant encouragement and support. We are fortunate to have Mary Taylor become Office Administrator upon Marsha's retirement. She's a perfect fit for the job. Life is a series of transitions— from infancy, to childhood, to adolescence, young adulthood, middle age, and then to life as a senior. As I said on my last Sunday, I do not see this as an ending, but a transition. I'm not sure exactly how I will use my gifts in the future, but Lord willing, I will continue to use them. My thanks to you for being such a gracious, forgiving, trusting congregation.

My best to one and all--

Blessings,

John

Wednesday Night Supper

Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m.

Meal includes beverages—
tea, coffee, water or lemonade.

**Make your reservations through the church by
4:00 p.m. on Mondays.**

January Menu:

- 3 Salisbury steak /gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and cherry cobbler.
- 10 Baked chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, tropical fruit, biscuit and pound cake w/ice cream.
- 17 Beef tips & rice, turnip greens, roll and peach cobbler.
- 24 Baked pork chop w/ dressing and gravy, butter beans, cucumber & tomato salad, biscuit, and birthday cake.
- 31 Spaghetti w/ meat balls, tossed salad, french bread, and apple cobbler.

February Menu:

- 7 No dinner— replacing floor in Fellowship Hall.
- 14 Ham, green beans, fried apples, biscuit and jello w/cookie.
- 21 Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, corn bread, and peach cobbler.
- 28 Fried chicken, scalloped tomatoes, mac & cheese, roll, and birthday cake.

Pictorial Directory

In the upcoming months we will be working on an in-house pictorial directory on Sundays. More information will be coming soon.

Many Thanks for the Christmas gift!

We are so grateful for the cash gift that you gave us this Christmas and for the many thoughtful acts of appreciation.

FBC Staff: John Fulcher, Renee Fulcher, Mary Taylor, Baxter Jennings, Kenny Smith, Ted Hatcher, Beth Kotchish, and the WEE Ministry Staff.

WMU News & Meetings

Members and some special "draftees" rang the bell for the Salvation Army on December 11. We were blessed with a beautiful day and collected \$696.89. A big shout out goes to members: Ann Draper, the organizer and provider of candy canes; Pam Burgess, Linda Moore, Sylvia Knight, Linda Dorr, Becky Stone, Jean Rood, Nita Gauldin, Linda Gale, and Joan Haynes. Other church members who stepped up were: Dennis Knight, Richard Dorr, Steve Haynes, Armand Harrell, Joe Engle, Janet Holt, Linda Read and Jane Hughes. It takes a church! A total of 18 stockings were delivered to the Salvation Army for local children and \$ 651.75 was collected for Global Missions.

January We will sponsor a "Supplies Shower" for our Wee Ministry. A list is posted on the bulletin board outside the Office and in the Sunday bulletin.

January 22— Baptist Men's & Women's Speaker series begins.

February 5— Luncheon Meeting at Kings Grant

Stewardship Report—December 2017

\$ 438,117 Total Budget
438,117 Budget Needs Year to Date
399,914 Budget Receipts Year to Date
38,203 Budget Shortfall



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❖❖ATTENTION❖❖

New Email Addresses

Please note that the staff's addresses have changed:

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Baptist Men & Women's Speaker Series

January - April, every 4th Monday, they will host dinner and a speaker.
Time: 6:00 p.m. Cost \$7, \$24 season tickets

Monday, January 22nd- the speaker will be Pastor Steve Manuel, our Interim pastor. Join us as we get to know him and he gets to know us.
February 26-The Honduras Mission Team will talk about their mission trip.

In case of inclement weather
Tune in to:
WDBJ 7, WSLs 10,
Radio WMVA 1450 or

www.firstbaptistmartinsville.com

for information concerning our worship service.

Children's Worship

January

7 Steve & Joan Haynes

14 Linda Gale

21 Marsha Garren

28 Julie Hall & Nita Gaudin

February

4 Linda Dorr & Martha Perdue

11 Linda Moore

18 Roslyn Wingett

25 Susan Sapp

Remember to keep the Pastoral Search Committee in your daily prayers.

Library Drifts



The Library Bake Sale held on Sunday December 3, 2017 was truly a success. The variety of food and beverages donated was unbelievable. This year we also had poinsettias and homemade bows for sale which were very popular. Many of you placed orders, in advance, to make sure that you received the items that you wanted. Others took "pot luck" which also worked out well. We attribute the success of the bake sale to those of you who donated edible treats, beverage mixes, cash for the cause, other items and especially to all of you who shopped with us.

The Hospitality Committee set up an exquisite table of food and punch appropriate for lunch. Many of you invited friends from other churches to join us, socialize, and shop. The Fellowship Hall was decorated for the occasion with garlands and a Christmas tree. The members of the Library Committee are grateful to all who participated and contributed to the ambience of the day.

Stop by the library or the cart in the narthex to check out a book to read. The members of the Library Committee wish you a peaceful and happy 2018!

Do you **have** a coloring book?

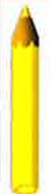
Come join us at a coloring party at

Kings Grant

28th of February
10-11:30

Multi purpose room

Sponsored by McCabe Library



All are welcome to join us at King's Grant for this fun time!
We have books if you don't.



Henry County Baptist Association Senior Adult Trip

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

April 16-18, 2018

Deposit due March 2, 2018

For more information see bulletin board outside of the office.



January- March

Cereal (12-18 oz)

Please leave food in Room 101

Always needed:

Hygiene products

E-mail addresses needed

Newsletters are being sent by e-mail or 1st class mail. Please notify the church of your email address if you wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

XYZ Outing

February 27th- Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to go to lunch and come back to watch a movie.

Our Church Staff

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Birthdays in January & February

1 Pat Harris	3 Armand Harrell
Herbert Collins	Shirley Roark
6 Charlene White	Brenda Hanks
10 Ran Isley	5 Audrey Buck
11 Amber Nowlin	6 Jean Gray
14 Sybil Cochran	7 Martha Crowley
John Dyches	Peyton Dowdy
16 Robert Moore	13 Linda Dorr
17 Linda Dalton	14 Renee Fulcher
18 Karen Doss	John Crouch
19 Mary Wilson	16 Rosa Collins
Claire Downing	James Doss
Betty Brown	19 Jane Mize
21 Kitty Sparrow	Betsy Miers
22 Martha Drane	Jeanne Pedigo
23 Yvonne Turner	20 Nancy Canupp
Kenneth Kirkman	22 John Floyd
JoAnna Wilson	23 Ann Grogan
29 Joretta Draper	Linda Moore
Kenny Smith	Angilee Downing
30 Richard Dorr	25 Betty Minter
31 James Haskins	Elaine Fringer
	28 Jack Johnston
February	
2 Joyce Hankins	

At Home Ministry

Sybil Cochran, Helen Dandridge, Lottie Estes, Annie Lee Ferrell, Neville Frith, Helen Hay, Betsy Miers, John Pedigo, Shirley & Jesse Roark, Kitty Sparrow, Jeanette Stone, Melva Stultz

Blue Ridge Manor: Esta Wilson, Iva Burnette, Catherine Shires

Blue Ridge Rehab: Betty Prillaman

King's Grant: Onslea Gesell, Frances Weaver, Mary Bull, Charlene White, Clifford & Elsie Minter, Bruce Spencer, Pat Jordan, Mary Elizabeth Wells, Betty Minter, Catherine Collins, Judy & Jim Minter, Beverly Estes, Gayle Williams

Out-of-town: Betty Brown, Mildred & Clyde England, John Holmes, Frances Whitlock, Davis Walker, James Turner

January Calendar

1	Church office & daycare closed
3	Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
4	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
7	Deacon's meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Rev. Fulcher's Retirement Lunch- noon
8	Knitting ministry 10:00 a.m.
9	Personnel Cmte 5:30 p.m.
10	Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
11	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
14	Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
16	WEE Ministry meeting 1:30 p.m. Business & Finance meeting 5:15 p.m. Buildings & Grounds meeting 5:30 p.m.
17	Trustee meeting 11:00 a.m. Family Dinner 5:30 p.m. Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
18	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Flower committee 3:00 p.m.
21	Sunday School 9:45 p.m. Worship 11:00 p.m.
22	Baptist Men & Women mtg. 6:00 p.m.
23	XYZ outing 12:00 p.m.
24	Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
25	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
28	Sunday School 9:45 p.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
31	Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting 6:05 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

February Calendar

1	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
4	Deacons Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
5	Women on Mission 10:00 a.m.
6	Personnel committee 5:30 p.m.
7	No Family Night Dinner (floor) Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
8	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
11	Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
12	Knitting ministry 10:00 a.m.
14	Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
15	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
18	Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. After Worship Reception 12:00 p.m.
20	WEE Ministry meeting 1:30 p.m. Business & Finance meeting 5:15 p.m. Buildings & Grounds meeting 5:30 p.m.
21	Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
22	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
25	Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
28	Coloring book party 10:00 a.m. (at King's Grant) Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. Business meeting 6:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.