

Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, April 23, 2023 are placed in memory of ALPHA MAE STANSBERRY, and daughters, ROSE ANN LANKFORD and JACKY SHADOWEN

Bob & Vickie Owens and John & Kathy Stansberry



Gifts have been given to the General Fund in memory of Brenda Huff

by

Danny & Marsha Barnett Jennifer Hannah Pat Huff

A gift has been given to the General Fund in memory of Terry Conrad

by Bob & Kim Croley



#### Volunteers needed: VBS Volunteer sign-up has begun!

Calling all adults (and youth)! Vacation Bible School is fast approaching and the church is looking for volunteers to help prep, plan, and participate. Dates are Monday, June 12-Thursday, June 15th, from 6-8:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers for the following:

- -Decoration Team (Late May & early June)
- -Classroom teachers
- -Kitchen (Prep, Serving, & Cleanup)
- -Set up & tear down/check-in

Call the office or go to the following website to sign up to volunteer: https://corbinfbc.org/vbs

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### Saturday, April 22, 2023

6:00 pm 100 Years Of Worship Celebration Dinner- FBC Family Life Center

## Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am Continental Breakfast-Fellowship

Hall

10:30 am Celebration Worship Service *corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome* 

## Wednesday, April 26, 2023

5:30 pm Dinner- (call to reserve

your spot or to cancel a standing reservation by Mon., Apr 24th)

6:15 pm Adult Bible Study -

Acts 16:13-15, 25-34

6:15 pm Children and Youth Activities

## Thursday, April 27, 2023

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm Food Pantry



FBC Scholarship applications are available. You may call us at 528-4738 or email jhouse@corbinfbc.org to request a copy. The application deadline is 12:00 pm. Fri.. May 5



#### **Dr. Paul Baxley**

The Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley was unanimously elected as the fourth executive coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in January 2019. He frequently preaches and teaches across the 30-year-old Fellowship as he leads this diverse community that includes nearly 1,400 congregations, thousands of individuals, 19 state and regional organizations, 800-plus chaplains and pastoral counselors, dozens of theological education and ministry partners, and 60-plus field personnel serving in 20 countries.

Previously, Paul served as senior minister of First Baptist Church in Athens, Ga., since 2010. A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., he has also held pastorates and ministry positions in North Carolina and Virginia and is a former member of the CBF Governing Board. During his two-terms on the CBF Governing Board from 2013-2017, Paul chaired an ad hoc committee that worked for 18 months to develop a comprehensive plan for Global Missions committed to the long-term presence of CBF field personnel around the world.

Paul is a graduate of Wake Forest University (Bachelor of Arts – Religion, 1991), Duke Divinity School (Master of Theological Studies, 1996) and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (Doctor of Ministry, 2003). He has held a variety of leadership roles on the boards of Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology, the Baptist House of Studies of Duke Divinity School and the Center for Congregational Health.

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In the Apostle Paul's letter to his spiritual son, Timothy, he writes, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you." The sincerity of Timothy's faith is one that was passed down from generation to generation to generation to generation. Three generations of faith helped equip Timothy for ministry and a life of faithfulness.

Lois and Eunice served as examples of faith to Timothy, specific people who poured faith into his life and filled up his faith cup. This is the way Jesus ordained the sharing of his Good News, that we would serve as examples of faith and pour our faith into the lives of others. Others have passed on faith to us, and now we share with others. This is the way of Christ.

This weekend, we will celebrate 100 years of worship in our sanctuary. Going back to last August, we have remembered and celebrated a specific saint or saints each week. Like Lois and Eunice before Timothy, each of these saints served as examples of faith and have passed along their faith down the line of First Baptist Church members.

Without our Stained Glass Saints, we would not be the church we are today. Their faithfulness and generosity paved a way for all of us. We have heard numerous stories now, and there are two constant themes. In each saint vignette, we heard how they were invited into participatory faith, whether it be an invitation to church or an invitation to further commitment. We also heard how each saint was actively faithful in the ways they served their church and community. As a family of faith, each of these saints understood they had a part to play, that service to God and church was a necessary expression of their faith. Without their service, we would be unable to thrive today. It is because of their faith, and the faithfulness of God, that we have found a home here. It is because of their faith that we are constantly invited to participate in the Kingdom of God as it manifests in and around our church.

This weekend, we will celebrate these saints. We will celebrate 100 years of commitment to the worship of God as a faithful community. We will celebrate the gift of worship and its vital place in the life of any church and Christian. We will celebrate God's faithfulness in how we have been so blessed to exist as we have all these years.

Any community of faith that wishes to look forward must never forget what brought them to their current place. We are always excited for what God is doing and will do, but we are, too, intentional in remembering what God has done and those through whom God has done it. For all our Stained Glass Saints, for 100 years of worship in our sanctuary, for the continued mission and work of this church, for the sincere faith of those who call our church home, and for God's faithfulness and goodness through it all, we give thanks!



In Christ ~ Alex

# First Baptist Church at Worship

April 23, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## The Third Sunday of Easter

Celebrating One Hundred Years of Worship in the Sanctuary and Our Stained Glass Saints

## **Scripture Lessons**

Psalm 116; Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 24:13-35

Children's Moment by Jeremiah Banks

**Anthem by The Sanctuary Choir** *Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us* 

Sermon by Paul Baxley
"Presence and Promise"

The Celebration of Communion

Pastoral Care Emergencies Nights and Weekend:

Minister: Jeremiah Banks 325-301-8311

If you are unable to reach this minister, please leave a message on voice mail. Messages will be monitored at regular intervals.

Deacon: Jane Chandler 606-215-1203

## **April 16, 2023 Offering Summary**

Budget Offerings \$ 6,211.00
YTD Budget Offerings: \$ 249,931.40
YTD Budget Goal: \$ 290,058.00
Loose Change Offering for April \$ 54.96
Loose Change received in **April** will be used for Olive Branch Ministries.