


Today, we celebrate 27 years of ministry in Lexington SC. Before holding our first Service, we called 12,000 homes and asked one question: do you have a church you regularly attend? 1,200 people said they did not have a church and we asked permission to mail info to them. We mailed 6 pieces of literature (marketing strategy; six before it sticks; people have to hear from you 6 times before they remember you). We invited these people to our first Service at the Lexington Middle School. We had 116 people come on crowd day. We begin to love folks and teach God's word and have been steady at it since. We moved on site (Barr Rd.) in December of 1994 (we met in the school cafeteria for 4 years).

When we came out to our present location some were concerned we were moving too far out but now we can see that God has strategically located us in a growing community with lots of opportunity. We have had some good days, we have made mistakes and learned and we are excited about the future. We thank you for your prayers, friendship and support through the years. Since our Lord hasn't returned, we have some more work to do. See you out on the job site.

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9:00 AM Celebration Service
 10:30 AM Contemporary Service

Please help us create an atmosphere for worship...

- Take a moment to silence your mobile devices.
- We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Take advantage of our Preschool & Children's Ministry.

New to FBC?

How to become a Member

Before joining FBLEX, we ask that you attend our "Discovery Class." In this class you will become familiar with our history, beliefs and different ministries.

Next class is November 12 at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room of the Student Center. This is a one day class.

Small Groups - Join one today!

We continue week 4 on our "Disciple One" series. The next four lessons will teach principles that would help establish a lifestyle that would produce spiritual growth. The first of those four lessons start today on "Fellowship."

Helpful Hint! Take some time this week to fill in some names on your circle of influence, then pray for those individuals that together we might reach our community One Disciple at a time.

This Wednesday Night at FBC

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy and green beans.
 Dessert | Marcos Pizza, Potato Bar, Salad Bar and Hot Dog Bar.
 Prices: \$4 (ages 13 and above), \$2.50 (ages 6-12), \$1.50 (ages 3-5)
 2 and under are free. (Family max of \$15.00)

Preschool - Puggles & Awana Cubbies..... 6:30 PM
 K5-4th Grade - Disciple Zone..... 6:30 PM
 5th - 6th Grade - Area 56..... 6:30 PM
 Jr./Sr. High - the Fallout (Student Center) 6:30 PM
 Adults - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)..... 6:30 PM
 Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center) 6:30 PM



Celebrate with US!
 27 years

Today, October 1
Tailgating @ FBLEX from 4 - 6 PM
with your Life or Home Group



Jason Crabb & Cana's Voice
 WITH THE FBLEX CHOIR

OCTOBER 19 AT 7 PM

Tickets available at fblex.org

Cana's Voice
 Jody McBryer, Doug Anderson, TaRanda Greene

Ladies, join us at the FBLEX Ladies Retreat

SWEET LIFE CAFÉ

Bonclarken Retreat Center, Flat Rock, NC
 November 16 - 18, 2017
 (Thursday, 7:30 PM program start - Saturday, 12 PM lunch)

Registration available in the Worship Center lobby following both worship services on Sunday, October 8, 15, & 22
 *Final payment due October 22 (pay in lobby or via Realm)

For any questions, email women@fblex.org

FREE Ticket to Jason Crabb Concert

Want a free ticket to the Jason Crabb concert? Come sing with Jason Crabb, Cana's Voice and the FBLEX Choir on October 19! Only three more rehearsals...Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on 10/4, 10/11 and 10/18. For more information, contact Roy Stenstrom at roy@fblex.org or 803-917-0971. We'd love to have you!



OWLS

October 6th to the SC foothills, to the small town of Landrum. We will visit Glassy Chapel, lunch and a stroll along Main Street. Stop for apples on way home. Cost \$10. Leaving FBLEX at 8 AM. Deposits of \$25 per person being taken NOW for "Christmas at the Beach" November 1st, one night hotel, dinner and ticket to Christmas at the Carolina Opry, cost \$100 per person (double occupancy...balance due October 15th)



Community Awareness Event

October 2nd, from 6 - 8:30 PM at FBLEX in the Worship Center...Chasing the Dragon, the life of an opiate addict. Panel discussion and testimony from Bobby Brazell sharing how God has transformed his life and used his story to help others. Childcare available. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. Silent auction to benefit opening a Recovery Center.



Deliverers Needed

We need 20-25 people to volunteer one time per month to deliver cookies to new neighbors of FBLEX. Join today and be a part of the Cookie Ministry.



Contact Whitney Grainger at church 957-0686 ext 113 or woohoograinger@hotmail.com.

Cafe' Wednesday

Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 AM (Student Center) and 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall). We continue our journey in The Book of Hebrews: A Better Way, Learning to Endure. This week's lesson focuses on Hebrews 7, where we will deal with the issues involving the priestly ministry of Melchisedec from the OT. We will also look at Christ being a better kind of Priest in the NT.



Looking for Somewhere to Serve?

Our bookstore ministry may be the place for you! We are looking for a minimum of 6 people (couples welcomed) to give 30 minutes of their time each Sunday (or whatever you can do) to help staff our bookstore. No special training required, only your availability! If you are willing to serve, please contact Greg Lorick at greg@fblex.org or call at 315-4855 for more details.



Where Will You Serve?

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

I am interested in serving in:

- Preschool Ministry
- Children Ministry
- 5th & 6th Grade
- Student Ministries
- College & Career
- Adult Small Groups
- Choir/Orchestra
- Celebrate Recovery
- Barn Builders
- GSF (Home bound)
- Other Opportunities _____

Watch Our Services

Watch our services live. Log on to Facebook and like the First Baptist of Lexington page. Our 9 and 10:30 AM services will be live on Sundays. If you missed a service and would like to watch it, visit fblex.org and click on "Watch Our Services."

Spiritual Spotters

Genesis 48-50 & Revelation 1-2. Reading schedule and Spiritual Spotter group list is available at the Men's Table in the side Lobby. Join in on one of the groups!

Prayer Need?

If you have a pressing prayer need, fill out a prayer card (pew pocket) and place it on the altar at the invitation. The prayer team will lift your request to the Lord. If you would like to be a part of the prayer team, email Noel Fields (fun4fields@aol.com).

Connect Card

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift of chocolate covered pecans.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Sub-division: _____

Phone (home): _____

His: Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Hers: Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Information:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade: _____

Did your children attend with you today?

Yes No

Please check all that apply:

First-time Guest Returning Guest

Regular Attender FBC Member

Visiting Family/Friends

New to the Community

Looking for a New Church Home

Married Single College

How did you hear about us? _____

I would like information about:

Beginning a relationship with Christ

Baptism

Membership at FBC/Discovery Class

Life/Home Groups



Sole Stepping

We would like to provide shoes for 1215 students. The shoes are \$40 per student for a pair of new shoes. You can give anytime during the month of October. Mark you envelope "sole stepping" or give online at fblex.org. Questions? Contact Kara Miller at 843-826-1189 or Laura Day at 803-521-9638.

"Pray for Unity"

All churches in Lexington County are invited to join together for the sake of the world, our nation and our community on Tuesday, October 10 at 7 PM at Icehouse Amphitheater to pray for leaders, peace and unity. Hosted by Providence Lutheran Church.

Church Work Day

Do you like home improvement repairs? Getting your hands dirty? Then you will want to join us on Saturday, October 21 for a Church Work Day. Projects include painting, trimming hedges, drywall repair, light bulb replacement, etc. We will be sure to match you up with a project at your experience level.

Go to the website "Church Work Day" tab to sign up and see a list of projects.

FBLex Security

Active, retired, or reserve police officers please submit your information (name, address, email, cell) to Scheri at scheri@fblex.org. You will be contacted to see if you are willing to assist on a Security Rotation. A brief meeting will be held to give you a copy of our plans.

All Current CWP holders are asked to submit their information (name, address, email, cell) to Scheri at scheri@fblex.org in the event Security Teams are not available you may be called upon. A brief meeting will be set up to get you a copy of our final plans. Please submit your current CWP # and expiration date which will be kept on file.

Weekly Update

Last Week's Attendance:

Worship AM..... 869

Life/Home Groups.....575

First Time Guests.....5

Last Week's Giving:

General Fund \$32,796.77

Budget Goal to date..... \$1,322,100.00

Giving to date \$1,271,861.17

Missions \$3,098.00

Missions Budget Goal to date..... \$156,000.00

Missions Budget Given to date..... \$148,057.17

Today's Message: Celebrating 27 Years!

Let's pause on our Disciple One series so we can reflect on what God has done and where we are going. I would like to share some of our dreams, goals and ideas that God has given us.

Happy 27th Years of Ministry!

• CORE VALUES: WHAT WE VALUE.

- 1) Bible-Centered
- 2) God Focused
- 3) Think "Glocal"
- 4) Rescue Station
- 5) Circle of Friends
- 6) Multi-Generational
- 7) Blessed to Bless
- 8) Excellence

• FOUR STRATEGIC FOCUSES:

- 1) Connecting People
- 2) Campus Improvements
- 3) Commit to Disciple Making
- 4) Church Revitalization and Training

CLOSE: Thank you for serving!

- Let's have fun...joy is contagious. **1 Corinthians 3:5-9**

- You are our pride and joy. **1 Thessalonians 2:19-20**

- As we move forward, let's depend on God and make ourselves available.

Next Week: Disciple One. Discipling your family. There is no denying it, God places a premium priority on family members discipling one another. Parents & grandparents have a huge responsibility that far surpasses anyone else's in regards to teaching and guiding their households to love and live for God. But what does that look like in our world and culture? Isn't the church doing a good enough job? Sunday we'll explore the practical side of how to build a strong discipleship pipeline in your family!

Listen to sermons online at fblex.org/resources

OUR PURPOSE
LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD

