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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA

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Reshape Conference



RESHAPE CONFERENCE

March 14, 2020
9:30 am-3:30 pm
Starling Avenue Baptist Church
Martinsville, Virginia

Fellowship, Large Group Sessions,
Lunch, and Breakouts to help your
church be reshaped by God's Spirit

Cost: \$200 per church
Due by March 2, 2020
Send checks to Barnabas Partnership
152 Sutherlin Ave., Danville, VA 24541



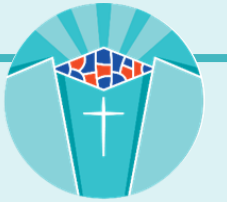
Make plans to attend so we can vision together as a church family!

Break out Sessions include:

- Claiming your Disciple identity
- Conversational Faith Sharing
- Reshape Your Church Building
- Discovering, Nurturing, & Caring for Volunteers
- Financing Your Church Future
- Things Are Changing

Conference is free Lunch \$10 per person Deadline to sign up is February 28th!

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Libby's Letter

Friends, we are in an exciting season of thoughtful change and hopeful anticipation in 2020! We are excited to welcome Becky Collins as our new minister of music. She brings energy and spirit to our adult choir, new ministries with children's music to our Early Learning Center, and lots of ideas for continued and expanding ministry to all ages through music.

We also look forward to the coming months as we share ministry with sister churches Starling Avenue Baptist and Chatham

Heights Baptist. We begin on February 16th, when I will preach at CHBC and Brian Harrington from SABC will preach here. On March 14th, we will all gather at the ReShape Conference (see the back of newsletter) to learn what it means to try to be church in this changing world. We will learn about strategies to re-imagine ministry in our separate and shared contexts.

And finally, we are re-starting our Wednesday night schedule here at church. We will begin Wednesday evening gatherings

with our Ash Wednesday service on February 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Midweek Check-In are back!

On March 4th, we will begin Wednesday dinner and Midweek Check-In. Ashley's Taste of Home restaurant will cater our meals, which will include either a meat or vegetarian entrée, two side vegetables, homemade bread and dessert. The church will provide drinks. The cost is \$8.00 per

plate, and anyone attending will need to sign up by Monday of the week you intend to join us. If you know you'll attend regularly, you may prepay for the full term at \$7.00/plate (11 weeks, so it pays for itself and then some if you come every week!), or you may pay a few weeks at a time, or each Wednesday. Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m., with a study from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Our first study will be a Lenten devotion. I'm looking forward to this season of discovery, discernment, and growth together!

Birthday Spotlight: Betsy Miers



Betsy Miers

Happy Birthday to Betsy Miers who will be turning 100 on February 19th! Betsy was born in her beloved Buffalo Ridge

in Patrick County, Va. and moved to Martinsville with her family. They joined First Baptist when it was downtown.

She began teaching Sunday School when she was still in high school with the Sunbeam Class.

After graduating from JMU with an education degree, she served as Sunday School Director and

taught in the Jr. Dept. She was asked by Mrs. Manson to teach the Winsom Sunday School Class and did so for many years.

She has held many positions in the church. She was one of the first women deacons of the church, served as WMU President twice, served on the Pastor Search committee for Dr. McCann, and served on the Personnel, Bereavement, and Head

of State committees. She was also Director of WMU for Martinsville & Henry Co. She took part in the church's dedication ceremony when it was built on Starling Ave.

She also gave the first Pall to the church in memory of her mother and sister. Join us in wishing her a very happy milestone birthday!

Women on Mission

The meeting will be held on February 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in Room 105.

All the women of the church are invited to come and help make baby blankets for the hospital.

Bring a sharp pair of scissors and join us in fellowship.

XYZ Club

Bingo! Come join us on February 25th at 11:00 a.m. in Room 105. A light lunch will be provided. All are welcome to join in on the fun.

History Committee

Our new history committee needs your help! As we organize, archive, write, & display our history, we are asking you to bring any items you have related to the church. We'll organize and sort—bring whatever you have!

Worship Care

- 2 Mary Lewis Johnston
Dean Johnston
- 9 Roslyn Wingett
Linda Gale
- 16 Joan Haynes
Steve Haynes
- 23 Marsha Garren
Ronnie Garren

Grace Network

Food Assignment
Jan.- Mar. 2020

Peanut Butter
(18 oz)

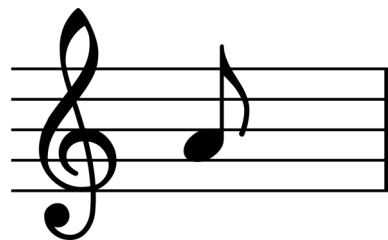
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Deacons

Each month, two deacons are “Deacons of the Month,” serving to welcome visitors with a home visit and/or call and welcome any new members. This month your deacons are:

- Jerry Perdue
- John Collins

A Note from Becky Collins



Dear Church Family,
It is a delight to be called as part of the ministry team at First Baptist!

My husband, Joe, and I look forward to many years of service here in the Martinsville/Henry County community, and

we are excited to serve alongside such a vibrant congregation of believers.

Thank you for your confidence in my talents and calling as your Minister of Music... you are a blessing to me!

Becky

At Home Ministry

Sybil Cochran
Annie Lee Ferrell,
Boyd & Jean Gray
Betsy Miers
Jeanette Stone
Melva Stultz
Gayle Williams

Blue Ridge Rehab

Betty Prillaman

Fork Mtn. Rest Home

Barbara Williams

Haven of Rest

Neville Frith

King's Grant

Frances Weaver
Charlene White
Bruce Spencer
Pat Jordan
Mary Elizabeth Wells
Betty Minter
Catherine Collins

Jim Minter

Helen Dandridge

Ann & Leroy Owens

Irene Simpson

Out of Town

John Abbott

Iva Burnett

Frances Whitlock

Special Service



February 26th

6:00 p.m.

In the Chapel

Library Drifts

Although February is the month with the least number of days, it has several days of recognition or holidays. February is designated Black History Month.

Valentine's Day is also a busy day for cards, flowers, dinner reservations, and jewelry. Research lists February as “Creative

Romance Month,” which speaks to the growth in popularity of Valentine's Day.

February 2nd is Groundhog Day, which according to superstition, lets us know how many weeks of winter are left. This February has 29 days due to being a Leap Year. Does this happen

every 4 years? No, century years such as 2000 or 2400 are leap years, but 1900 and 2200 are not. All are divisible by 4, but century years need to be divisible by 400.

Want to keep learning? Stop by the library to check out a book!

Birthdays for February

- 2 Joyce Hankins
- 3 Armand Harrell
Brenda Hanks
- 5 Audrey Buck
- 6 Jean Gray
- 7 Martha Crawley
Peyton Dowdy
- 13 Linda Dorr
- 14 Renee Fulcher
John Crouch

- 16 Rosa Collins
James Doss
- 19 Jane Mize
- 19 Betsy Miers
Jeanne Pedigo
- 20 Nancy Canupp
- 22 John Floyd
- 23 Ann Grogan
Angilee Downing

- 25 Betty Minter
Elaine Fringer
- 28 Jack Johnston

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February 2020



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>9 am Deacon's Meeting</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship</p> <p>3 pm Visitation 4pm Funeral: Dot Powell</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 am Children's Chapel</p> <p>Women on Mission</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:15 pm Personnel Committee</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10 am Knitting Ministry</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Library Committee</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10 am Children's Chapel</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:15 pm Business & Finance</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>2 pm Buildings & Grounds Committee</p> <p>5:30 pm ELC Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship</p> <p>12:15 pm Business Mtg.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10 am Children's Chapel</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11 am XYZ Bingo</p> <p>5:00 pm Mission Committee</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am Library Committee</p> <p>6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Chapel</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>1:00 PM History Committee</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

