



# FBC NEWS

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## First Friday in May to Feature Art of The Potter's House Preschool



As the school year draws to a close the preschoolers will be putting their artists' smocks on and preparing for May's First Friday! The art event will be held on May 5th 5:30pm-8:00pm in the Welcome Center. Each preschool class has been given a famous artist to use as inspiration for creating their own artwork. We would love to see you attend this special event where you will be able to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments.

This fun and creative display will also present an opportunity for an offering to the Hardy Family's Adopt-a-Room for Josh Campaign at the Ronald McDonald House. The RMH was one of Josh's favorite places to stay while receiving treatment at St. Jude's Hospital before he passed away in September of 2016. Josh Hardy and his three brothers are former students at our church preschool. Many teachers had the pleasure of teaching Josh. His parents are supporters of the preschool and think of our church as family. Let's come together and celebrate an evening of art, creativity, and community!



## The Virginia Baptist Historical Society to Convene on May 16 for its Annual Meeting;

### Long Time Executive Director Fred Anderson to Retire

Religious Liberty is a value dear to Americans. It especially is a time-honored principle of Baptists dating from their earliest beginnings when they were a despised minority in the Old World and the New. In Colonial Virginia, Baptists were persecuted, arrested and imprisoned for their faith.

Virginia Baptists endured persecution while practicing non-violence. They publicized their plight and petitioned for religious liberty. They influenced their prominent neighbors - Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Patrick Henry - and aided in the securing of mankind's most elemental right through the documents of Virginia and the Republic.

Religious Liberty is never a finished subject and will be the featured topic for the meeting and program.

**ANNUAL MEETING & PUBLIC PROGRAM**  
Virginia Baptist Historical Society and  
The Center for Baptist Heritage & Studies

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

**Dinner** (by reservation only - see below) **6:00pm**

**Annual Meeting Program 7:30pm**  
Sanctuary, River Road Church, Baptist  
Richmond, Virginia

#### Features

- ◇ Address on Religious Liberty by Amanda Tyler
- ◇ Presentation by Fred Anderson on "A Rusty Piece of Iron"
- ◇ Recognition of Religious Liberty legacy of 18<sup>th</sup> century Virginia Baptist churches
- ◇ Transition of leadership as Fred Anderson retires as executive director
- ◇ Grand organ music played by organist Robert Gallagher on the church's restored organ

The dinner in the host church's Fellowship Hall is open to all - members, visitors, guests - by pre-registration only at the cost of \$20 per person. Make your reservation by May 9 by sending a check to VBHS, P.O. Box 34, University of Richmond, VA 23173

# Among Our Family

## —In the Hospital—

**MWH:** Janice Ashley, Arva Priola

## —Sympathy To—

Dewey Lowman in the death of his stepmother, Pat Lowman Dixon

Ethel Mitchell in the death of her husband, Bill Mitchell

The family of Earl Woodward

# Coming Up

## Saturday, April 22

To Reach a Minister After Office Hours, please call 540-300-1442  
Youth - Mission Madness

## Sunday, April 23

Youth - Mission Madness  
8:30am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
12:30pm Kirundi Worship

## Monday, April 24

9:30am Ladies Bible Study  
9:30am NOVA Classes  
5:00pm NOVA Classes  
7:30pm Theology on Tap (Spencer Devon)

## Tuesday, April 25

10:30am ESL Classes  
6:00pm Yoga Class  
7:00pm Property Workgroup

## Wednesday, April 26

9:30am NOVA Classes  
12:00pm Yoga Class  
5:00pm NOVA Classes  
5:15pm Family Supper  
6:00pm Prayer Time & Adult Study  
6:00pm Children's Choirs  
6:30pm Stephen Ministry  
7:15pm Spring Business Meeting  
7:15pm Sanctuary Choir

## Thursday, April 27

8:00am Primetimers to Agecroft Hall  
10:30am ESL Classes  
5:00pm Community Meal

## Friday, April 28

9:30pm NOVA Classes

## Saturday, April 29

To Reach a Minister After Office Hours, please call 540-300-1442

## Sunday, April 30

8:30am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
12:30pm Kirundi Worship  
5:30pm Youth Sunday Night Activities

## Dinner Menu

### Wednesday, April 26

**Hot Dogs and Hamburgers with all the fixin's, chips, brownies**

Please make or cancel your reservation for Wednesday dinner by the Monday before. This will help us to know how to purchase and prepare food appropriately.

# Responsibilities for April 23

## --Greeters Schedule--

Princess Anne St: Jerry & Vicki Silver  
Sanctuary Door: Keith and Janis Snider  
Caroline Street:  
Children's Area: Robert & Chaleé Carmichael  
Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class  
Amelia St:

## --Deacons--

**8:30am**

Anne Nuckols (Lead),  
Susan Graham, B.J. King, Jean English  
Larry & Joy Case (W)  
Phil & Suzanne Short (B)

**11:00am**

Rich Pitts (Lead),  
Jimmy & Susan Hilldrup, Chuck Bogue,  
Ben & Janice Clark,  
Phyllis Marcom, Charlie Payne  
Donna Updike, Burnie Parker (W&B)

## --Ushers--

**8:30am**

Tony & Robin Overby,  
Joe & Brenda Richardelli  
Elevator: Mike Wondree

**11:00am**

Togie & Wendy Payne,  
John & Mary Wayland Lawson,  
Gayle Webster, Winston Ward

## --Bus Drivers--

Dean Goff, Robert Carmichael



# Spring Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 26  
7:15pm in Ferrell Hall

## Stewardship Summary

### Ministry Budget

Weekly Needs	\$25,823
Sunday, April 16	\$21,441
Y-T-D Total	\$346,782
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$66,385

### BUOH in Missions

Weekly Needs	\$3,302
Sunday, April 16	\$1,460
Y-T-D Total	\$42,323
Ahead/Behind Goal	-\$10,509

### Capital Fund

Sunday, April 16	\$1,825
Y-T-D Total	\$10,443

# Mystery Solved!

A long standing mystery at FBC has been the history of the ball on the tip of the steeple. Early images of the church show a weather vane situated atop of the steeple, but it had been long forgotten when the ball was installed.

An interesting article appeared in the July 8, 1936 edition of the Free Lance Star that solves the mystery:

*Weather vane is Back on Steeple*

*New Pointer Put Up Following Damage by Wind*

*Denizens of the mid-town section were much relieved today when another weather vane was placed on the Baptist Church steeple. The old weather vane had for years informed all who wanted to know which way the wind was blowing but in a recent storm the wind blew so hard it nearly blew off the top of the steeple.*

*Steeplejacks in the last few days have been repairing the damage and repainting the steeple. Yesterday they tipped the tall structure with a large silver colored ball which could not in any way tell anyone which way the wind was blowing. Today they put a pointer directly under the ball so it is still possible to rush out of the office, gaze in the direction of the steeple, and tell from which direction the wind is blowing.*

*What good it does to know is something that cannot be explained off hand.*

## A Church Funny



*Barbara C. remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Bro. Jack's sermons.*



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