



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Whiteville, NC

Reflecting God's Hope For a New Day

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**Children's Easter Activity,
Saturday, April 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**



Events At A Glance

April 1 - Lenten Service at WUMC, 12 noon, with lunch following the service.

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Wednesday Morning Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion, 6:30 p.m.

April 4 - Easter Children's Event, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

April 5 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.

April 5, 12, 19, 26 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

April 6, 13, 20, 27 - Book Study in the parlor, 6:00 p.m.

April 13 - WMU meeting, 10:00 a.m.

April 20 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

April 21 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Complete monthly calendar on back.

To add an event to our calendar,
please contact the church office:

(910) 642-2139



PASTOR'S CORNER



As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you."

2 Corinthians 6: 1-2

Yesterday as I was writing these words the howling wind and torrential rains were pounding outside my office window. There were tornado watches within our area so the decision was made to cancel our Monday evening book study. Today is St Patrick's Day and it's beautiful outside. What a difference a day makes. The sun is shining brightly and the birds are chirping merrily as if they know what's right around the corner. The wind gusts from yesterday have been replaced by a soft, gentle breeze. This Friday marks the beginning of Spring and I can see the signs all around me - that God is really up to something. The birds and the bees - I can't wait for the cheerful noisy chatter that comes about during springtime.

And I also believe that God is in the process of preparing the soil for some exciting changes in our church. The resurrection of Easter brings with it a season of hope and renewal. Our children are laughing, learning about the teachings of Jesus, and in search of a brand new day at First Baptist. How can this not be cause for great joy as we anticipate our future? I want to invite people to join us at God's house. And then I want to invite even more people to come and join us. Please feel free to stand beside me in this holy venture. Right now, people are in need of spending quality time with the God who loves them - wants to be with them.

Our family, our neighbors, our friends.

The spring of 2026 brings with it the hopes of a new day ahead. Together, let us seize the moment and prepare for the many blessings that are soon to come. God bless you all! Jesus loves you and so do I.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

In order to reduce expenses, and since we no longer meet bulk mail minimums, we are going to change the delivery of the monthly newsletter from bulk mail method to mail/pick-up method. You will be able to pick-up *The Contact* on the First Sunday of the month in the church narthex or from the bench outside the Sunday School Office. We ask that anyone willing and able to pick-up their newsletter at church, please do so. If you need it delivered by mail, please call the church office so we can add you to our list of homebound members. There are always extra copies in the church office as well.

We appreciate your efforts in helping with church expenses.

CHURCH ROLL

We need your help. We would like to be sure our membership directory is up to date. If you are a member of another church, or attending another church or you would like us to remove your name from our roll, please contact the church office (ph. 910-642-1239, email office@fbcwhiteville.com.)

WMU

WMU Meeting: April 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Program/ call to Prayer: Martha Senter / Betty Jo Prevatte

Hospice Meal: Martha Senter / Betty Jo Prevatte (Contact: Karen - 910-642-9051)

Project: Hygiene Bags

Happy Easter to everyone! We are all thankful to God for sending His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for all of us. Please remember to pray everyday for our church and our ministry in Whiteville, Columbus County, and North Carolina. We study and give to missions all over the world. We may not be able to go, but we can all pray. Missionaries are depending on all of us. Enjoy this most beautiful time of the year. Everything is coming alive around us and we can rejoice and be glad.

WMU emphasis for 2024-2026: *What Joy!*

2026 Watchword: *Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. - 1 Thessalonians 2:8*

Our Mission

...is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

Myrtle Corbett, Co-Director

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director



MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 5 Tina Sauls
- 12 Jan Hinson
- 19 Beverly Pope
- 26 TBD

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 5 Mary Alice Stanley / Jeff Mahanes
- 12 Carolyn Grainger / Kirby Sanderson
- 19 Buster Carter / Tricia Sanderson
- 23 Brownie Cook / John Sauls

HOSPICE MEALS

- Betty Jo Prevatte / Martha Senter

NURSERY WORKERS

- 5 Josh Williamson
- 12 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
- 19 Keith & Jamie Beverley
- 26 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter

SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Kirby Sanderson
- 8 Eric Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter

MARCH STEWARDSHIP

March 1, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$100.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,245.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$902.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,247.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$300.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,547.00

Under Budget This Week \$1,331.81

Budget Need to date	\$122,733.82
Budget Rec'd to date	\$115,014.00
Under Budget to date	\$7,719.82

March 8, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,335.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,102.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,437.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$79.47
Total Collections This Week	\$4,516.47

Under Budget This Week \$1,141.81

Budget Need to date	\$128,312.63
Budget Rec'd to date	\$119,451.00
Under Budget to date	\$8,861.63

March 15, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$110.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,415.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$900.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,425.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$6,206.99
Total Collections This Week	\$11,631.99

Under Budget This Week \$153.81

Budget Need to date	\$133,891.44
Budget Rec'd to date	\$124,876.00
Under Budget to date	\$9,015.44

March 22, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$1,863.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$951.00
Total Budget This Week	\$2,814.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$128.00
Total Collections This Week	\$2,942.00

Under Budget This Week \$2,764.81

Budget Need to date	\$139,470.25
Budget Rec'd to date	\$238,290.00
Under Budget to date	\$11,780.25

March 29, 2026

Will be available in the May Contact

MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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Please join us each week for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michael Memory
- 6 Gina Morningstar
- 13 Charlie Duncan
- 14 April Ray
- 15 Mary Hooks
Grayson Ward
Harry Ward
- 30 Anna Kimball

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Office Hours

Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.,
Monday—Thursday
Phone: 910-642-2139 Fax: 910-642-5874

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday morning worship - 11:00 a.m..
Wednesday Prayer Services - 10:00 a.m.
& 6:30 p.m.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

The Family Life and Wednesday Night Supper Committees have discussed ideas for Wednesday night meals and activities for the months of April through August. We will begin on **Wednesday, April 15, at 5:45 p.m. with a soup, sandwich, ice cream sundae supper followed by a Hymn Sing.** The cost of the meal will be **\$4.00 per person.**

THANK YOU

My Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for your prayers, cards and food during my illness. Hope to be back worshipping with you soon.

Love to all,
Myrtie Sellers

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Glenda, along with her son David and grandson Jesse, want to thank you for remembering us with your calls, cards, food, and especially the Christmas carols at Christmas. You almost brought tears to this old ladies hard-hearted heart. We appreciate your offers to help with driving to church and doctor appointments.

I love you all.

APRIL 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 12 noon Lenten Service @ WUMC 6:30 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	2 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service	3	4 2:00 - 4:00 Easter Children's Activity
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CHILDREN'S EASTER ACTIVITY

Calling all children. Please join us on **Saturday, April 4, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** for our Easter Activity. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the playground (you may get a little dirty), then we will go to the fellowship hall for cookie making and cross decorating. After the indoor fun, we will head back out to the playground for an egg hunt. Children of all ages are invited. Please bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

On **Resurrection morning**, at **6:30 a.m.** we are going to meet on the front steps of the church for **Sunrise Service**. We had a fantastic turnout last year and hope to have another good crowd again this Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome to this event, member and visitor alike. Please invite your friends and family to join us.

BOOK STUDY

We continue to have book study on **Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.**, in the parlor. We are studying Dr. David Jeremiah's book, *The Promise of Heaven*. If you would like to join us, you can purchase a book and its study guide off line and meet us in the parlor.

LOOKING AHEAD

Please mark your calendar for **Operation Inasmuch** on **Saturday, May 16**. We will start this event with breakfast from 8:00-8:30 a.m. There will be a place for everyone to participate. If you have a suggestion for a project, please call a member of the Missions Committee: Martha Senter-C, Donna Prince, Ella Jo Sellers, Gina Morningstar, Genie Carter, Martha Watson.



COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BAND

Please join us **Sunday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m.** for our Spring Concert in the Sanctuary at First Baptist Church. If you can't make the 3:00 p.m. concert, you will be able to see the same concert at **Southeastern Community College at 7:00 p.m.** the same evening.