

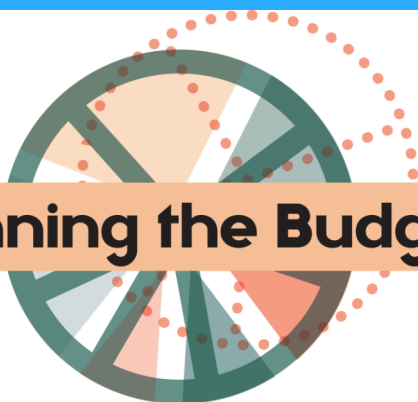


THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026, VOLUME 61, NUMBER 8



One-day Vacation Bible School
on Saturday, August 15,
from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,
for ages 5-12



Planning the Budget

It's time to plan the 2026-2027 budget. The Stewardship and Finance Committee is working hard to get the budget ready for the next church year. Please read more details on the back page.

Events At A Glance

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.,
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

August 5, 12, 19, 26 – Wednesday Morning Prayer
Service, 10:00 a.m.; Book Study following
morning prayer service; Wednesday Evening
Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

August 10 – Team Jesus VBS registration deadline

August 12 – Wednesday Night Supper provided by our
Deacons, 5:45 p.m.

August 15 – Team Jesus VBS, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

August 17 – Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

August 18 – 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



Galatians 3:27 tells us, *"All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."*

God was present and was everywhere to be experienced. We heard the whispering of His praises in the tranquil summer breeze. He was in the water. He was heard throughout the laughter of the children. It was a full day. It was a beautiful day. And in every respect, it was an unforgettable day. We called it Baptism Sunday. Committed followers of Christ, Devon Mobbs and Ashleigh Ritchie, took to the waters of Holy Baptism at Lake Waccamaw. The lovely home of John and Janet Plasky couldn't have made for a better setting. A dedicated turnout from First Baptist was there in support of the powerful event. Prayers were prayed, stories were told, hymns were sung, and Communion was joyously received.

The festivities that occurred last Sunday afternoon, July 26, at Lake Waccamaw, were a reminder that sweet summertime is eternal, and God is good - **OH SO GOOD**. And who knows, perhaps that special day allowed you to reflect back on your own baptism? I hope that it did, *I hope that it did*. Outside of church it felt really good for us to have an opportunity to gather together. And what better reason to do it than for a baptism? I thank all of you who were there in attendance. It was an important day for First Baptist Church.

May God bless you richly. Let's make August 2026 a beautiful month to remember at First Baptist Whiteville.

Pastor Chris



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love following my recent surgery. Your prayers, thoughtful cards, and delicious meals have been a tremendous blessing during my recovery.

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN, for your incredible kindness and care.

LOVE YOU ALL,

CAROLYN GRAINGER

WMU

WMU Meeting: No meeting in August

Hospice Meal: Janie Briggs (Contact: Karen - 910-642-9051)

Project: School Supplies



August seems to have gotten here before we could believe it. The days are flying by as we prepare to begin a new church year. This is a good opportunity to make visits and phone calls to those who need to know that we miss them. Outreach is a very important ministry for everyone to participate in. God can take your passion, talent, and gifts to bring glory to His kingdom. God gives each believer gifts through the Holy Spirit to benefit the body of Christ. Please pray for God to speak to you about a ministry involving personal contact with others. God bless you in all your efforts to reach others with love.

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

AUGUST MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

2 Tina Sauls
9 Jan Hinson
16 Beverly Pope
23 TBD
30 TBD

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

2 Brownie Cook / John Sauls
9 Leigh Cook / Ron Walters
16 Gina Morningstar
23 Donna Prince / Charlie Duncan
30 Mary Alice Stanley / Keith Beverley

HOSPICE MEALS

Janie Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

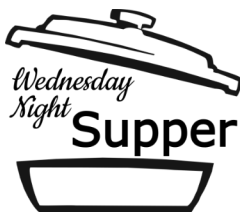
2 Josh Williamson
9 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
16 Keith & Jamie Beverley
23 Genie Carter
30 TBD

SOUND & VIDEO

2 Kirby Sanderson
9 Eric Kronenwetter
16 Kirby Sanderson
23 Eric Kronenwetter
30 Kirby Sanderson

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

On **Wednesday, August 12, at 5:45 p.m.**, our Deacons will be providing Wednesday Night Supper for our congregation. We will have grilled chicken and all the fixings along with dessert. All you have to do is join us for fellowship. We would love to see you there.



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.

JULY STEWARDSHIP

July 5, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$300.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,955.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$812.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,067.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,372.58
Total Collections This Week	\$5,439.58

Under Budget This Week	\$1,511.81
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Budget Need to date	\$223,152.40
Budget Rec'd to date	\$201,262.00
Under Budget to date	\$21,890.40

July 12, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$1,958.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,360.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,318.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$376.79
Total Collections This Week	\$3,694.79

Under Budget This Week	\$2,260.81
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Budget Need to date	\$228,731.21
Budget Rec'd to date	\$204,580.00
Under Budget to date	\$24,151.21

July 19, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,801.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$560.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,361.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$0.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,361.00

Under Budget This Week	\$1,217.81
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Budget Need to date	\$234,310.02
Budget Rec'd to date	\$208,941.00
Under Budget to date	\$25,369.02

July 26, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,727.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$11,187.00
Total Budget This Week	\$13,914.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$374.00
Total Collections This Week	\$14,288.00

Over Budget This Week	\$8,335.19
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Budget Need to date	\$239,888.83
Budget Rec'd to date	\$222,855.00
Under Budget to date	\$17,003.83

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 Mel Ray
Sherry Waters
4 Bryce Kronenwetter
6 Holden Justus
11 Rita Todd
22 Mike Cole
24 Stephen Prince
25 Maggie Hensley
26 Mary Alice Stanley
27 Rose Langston
Sonya Peacock
28 Bill Taylor
31 Lauren Cole
Sam Wheatley

JULY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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

*"The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind
and storm" (Nahum 1:3).*

I recollect, when a lad, and while attending a classical institute in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant, sitting on an elevation of that mountain, and watching a storm as it came up the valley. The heavens were filled with blackness, and the earth was shaken by the voice of thunder. It seemed as though that fair landscape was utterly changed, and its beauty gone never to return.

But the storm swept on, and passed out of the valley; and if I had sat in the same place on the following day, and said, "Where is that terrible storm, with all its terrible blackness?" the grass would have said, "Part of it is in me," and the daisy would have said, "Part of it is in me," and the fruits and flowers and everything that grows out of the ground would have said, "Part of the storm is incandescent in me."

Have you asked to be made like your Lord? Have you longed for the fruit of the Spirit, and have you prayed for sweetness and gentleness and love? Then fear not the stormy tempest that is at this moment sweeping through your life. A blessing is in the storm, and there will be the rich fruitage in the "afterward." -- Henry Ward Beecher

from *Streams in the Desert*, July 28

AUGUST 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 12:30 Church After Church	3	4	5 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service Book Study after WMPS 6:30 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	6	7	8
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2026 - 2027 BUDGET CHANGES

It is time to begin work on the 2026-2027 budget. The Stewardship and Finance Committee needs the input of our committees to carry on the ministries for the coming year while being responsible stewards of our current giving and resources.

Please contact Dinah in the church office no later than Monday, August 10, 2026 to give us your budget input from your committee.

Thank you for your ministry at First Baptist Church, The Stewardship and Finance Committee.

TEAM JESUS VBS

On **Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**, we will have a one-day **Team Jesus** Vacation Bible School for ages 5-12, with a class for adults led by Dr. Fred Senter. Please visit our First Baptist Church Whiteville Facebook event and let us know if you will be attending. We want to get a count of



attendees for activities and lunch.

Registration deadline is

Monday, August 10. You can also call the church office, 910-642-2139, if you would like to let us know you will be coming.