

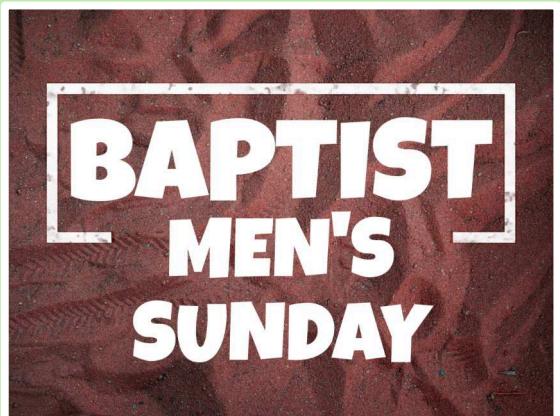


THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026, VOLUME 61, NUMBER 2



We invite you to join us for our annual Heck-Jones Banquet and Program Wednesday, February 11, 5:45 p.m.



Sunday, February 15, 2026, 11:00 a.m. Please join us as the men of the church minister to us during the morning worship service.

Events At A Glance

February 1 - Services canceled due to inclement weather

February 4, 11, 18, 25 - Wednesday Morning Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

February 8, 15, 22 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

February 9 - No WMU meeting this month

February 11 - Heck-Jones Banquet, 5:45 p.m.

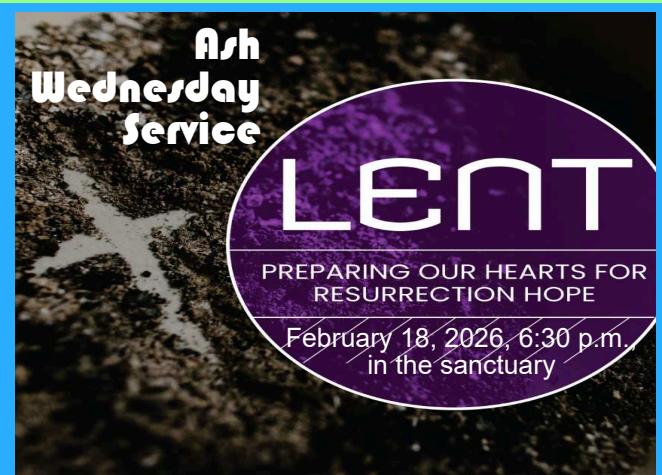
February 15 - Baptist Men's Sunday, during morning worship

February 16 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

February 17 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 18 - Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

February 25 - Lenten Service at WUMC, 12 noon



PASTOR'S CORNER



Greetings to my First Baptist Whiteville family! I will admit to feeling very enthused. The shortened month of February will soon be upon us. Of course, SHORTENED also means that it will be gone almost as fast as it gets here. And perhaps this isn't such a bad thing considering the frigid weather that also comes with it. Yes, it will all soon be a thing of the past! That's right, the temporary season of snow, sleet, and freezing rain will move by very quickly.

And just like February's coming and going, we must all continue to wait on the Lord. I can recall a time when I was once a very impatient young man. I wanted things to go according to *MY PLAN*. And I wanted it to happen now. I can think back on how I thought of waiting on God as being an arduous task - a grueling exercise. But not so! I have found His timing to be perfect. God's preparation for us - His grooming process - is readying us for **something big**. So let us take comfort in knowing this: In Jesus Christ, right now you are exactly where you're supposed to be.

Our God is a good God! May we conclude with these powerful words from **Isaiah 55**, "*Seek the Lord while you can find Him. Call on Him now while He is near. Let them turn to the Lord that He may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to God, for He will forgive generously.*"

MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL!



WMU

There will not be a monthly meeting for WMU in February.

Heck-Jones Banquet: February 11, 2026, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Mission Project: Donayre Cancer Center

Hospice Meal: Mary Alice Stanley, (Contact: Karen - 910-642-9051)



Mission Project: Donayre Cancer Center, Hygiene bags for patients; please prepare these and place on the Missions table in Fellowship Hall.

The WMU would like to invite ALL church members to celebrate with us at a banquet on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 5:45 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. **Why a banquet?** We love North Carolina WMU. We have a special envelope for Heck-Jones WMU offering. This offering stays in North Carolina. We pay for, prepare the meal, and hope you will attend. Please bring your envelope and join us for a night of celebration. We are delighted that Reverend Laura Senter will be our speaker. We are very fortunate to have Reverend Senter in our congregation. Be prepared for a wonderful experience of listening to real life experiences. It is our prayer that everyone will study missions, pray for missions, participate in missions, and give to missions.

Thank you for supporting WMU around the world. Together we can make a difference.

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

FEBRUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
1 Tina Sauls	Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,110.00
8 Jan Hinson	Budget Gifts Operational	\$525.00
15 Beverly Pope	Total Budget This Week	\$2,635.00
22 TBD	Designated/Other Funds	\$240.00
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	Total Collections This Week	\$2,875.00
1 Gina Morningstar	Under Budget This Week	\$2,943.81
8 Donna Prince / Charlie Duncan	Budget Need to date	\$78,103.34
15 Mary Alice Stanley / Jeff Mahanes	Budget Rec'd to date	\$73,623.00
22 Carolyn Grainger / Kirby Sanderson	Under Budget to date	\$4,480.34
HOSPICE MEALS		
Mary Alice Stanley		
NURSERY WORKERS		
1 Josh Williamson	Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
8 Bobby & Wendy Hensley	Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,847.00
15 Keith & Jamie Beverley	Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,728.00
22 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter	Total Budget This Week	\$4,575.00
SOUND & VIDEO	Designated/Other Funds	\$473.64
1 Kirby Sanderson	Total Collections This Week	\$5,048.64
8 Eric Kronenwetter	Under Budget This Week	\$1,003.81
15 Kirby Sanderson	Budget Need to date	\$83,682.15
22 Eric Kronenwetter	Budget Rec'd to date	\$78,198.00
	Under Budget to date	\$5,484.15

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Marie Wheatley	Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
John Williams	Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,560.00
3 Beverly Pope	Budget Gifts Operational	\$750.00
4 Willis Pinnell	Total Budget This Week	\$4,310.00
Alston Prince	Designated/Other Funds	\$50.00
5 John Sauls	Total Collections This Week	\$4,360.00
7 Jennifer Williamson	Under Budget This Week	\$1,268.81
9 Olivia Crawmer	Budget Need to date	\$89,260.96
10 Charlotte Collins	Budget Rec'd to date	\$82,618.00
11 Pat Hyatt	Under Budget to date	\$6,642.96
Louise Underwood		
Bridger Warlick		
13 Ron Walters	Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Wallyce Todd	Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$1,105.00
16 Caroline Bonner	Budget Gifts Operational	\$100.00
17 Jeanne Britt	Total Budget This Week	\$1,205.00
20 Martha Watson	Designated/Other Funds	\$0.00
David Jordan	Total Collections This Week	\$1,205.00
24 Bill Floyd	Under Budget This Week	\$4,373.81
27 Peggy FormyDuval	Budget Need to date	\$94,839.77
28 Joshua Williamson	Budget Rec'd to date	\$83,823.00
	Under Budget to date	\$11,016.77

JANUARY STEWARDSHIP

January 4, 2025

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,110.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$525.00
Total Budget This Week	\$2,635.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$240.00
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Budget Need to date	\$78,103.34
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January 11, 2025

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Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,847.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,728.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,575.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$473.64
Total Collections This Week	\$5,048.64
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Under Budget to date	\$5,484.15

January 18, 2025

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,560.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$750.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,310.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$50.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,360.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,268.81
Budget Need to date	\$89,260.96
Budget Rec'd to date	\$82,618.00
Under Budget to date	\$6,642.96

January 25, 2025

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$1,105.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$100.00
Total Budget This Week	\$1,205.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$0.00
Total Collections This Week	\$1,205.00
Under Budget This Week	\$4,373.81
Budget Need to date	\$94,839.77
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JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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January 25, 2026 -Canceled

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

Global Missions

Received As of 1/31/26 \$3,125.00

Lottie Moon Offering

Received As of 1/31/26 \$350.00

THANK YOU

Dear First Baptist Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls, and food during my recent illness.

Donna Prince

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Facts of Life Church, Whiteville Warming Center on Lee Street is in need of supplies. If you would like to help, **please drop items off** at the center across from Whiteville High School, behind the church, in the gym building. Some ideas for donations:

Plates, bowls, forks/spoons, napkins, cups, pillows, blankets, coffee, snacks, cold medicine, bread, lunch meat, chili fixings.

Thank you for your help.



Community
Concert

The Columbus Community Band will be giving a free Pops Concert on Monday, February 15, at 6:00 p.m., at Southeastern Community College. Everyone is invited.

FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Services canceled due to inclement weather.	2	3	4 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 6:30 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	5	6	7
8 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 12:30 Church After Church - Tokyo Express	9 Heck-Jones Focus Week February 9-15	10	11 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 5:45 Heck-Jones Banquet	12	13	14
15 Baptist Men's Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 CCB Pops Concert SCC	16 9:30 Finance Meeting	17 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	18 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary	19	20	21
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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. We will mark this meaningful worship with Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**. Please make plans to join us as we prepare our minds to focus on the sacrifice Christ made for us at Calvary when He paid the ultimate price for our sins.



Lenten services will be held at Whiteville United Methodist Church, **Wednesdays at noon**, beginning **February 25**, and will run through Holy Week Wednesday, **April 1**. After the service, lunch will be served in the WUMC fellowship hall. Services are open to the public and will feature speakers from churches/ministries in our area.



BOOK STUDY

Monday, March 2, we begin our book study of Dr. David Jeremiah's book *The Promise of Heaven*. If you would like to be involved in the study, and would like the office to order your book, please have your money in to the office by **Thursday, February 19**. The cost for the book is \$15.

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