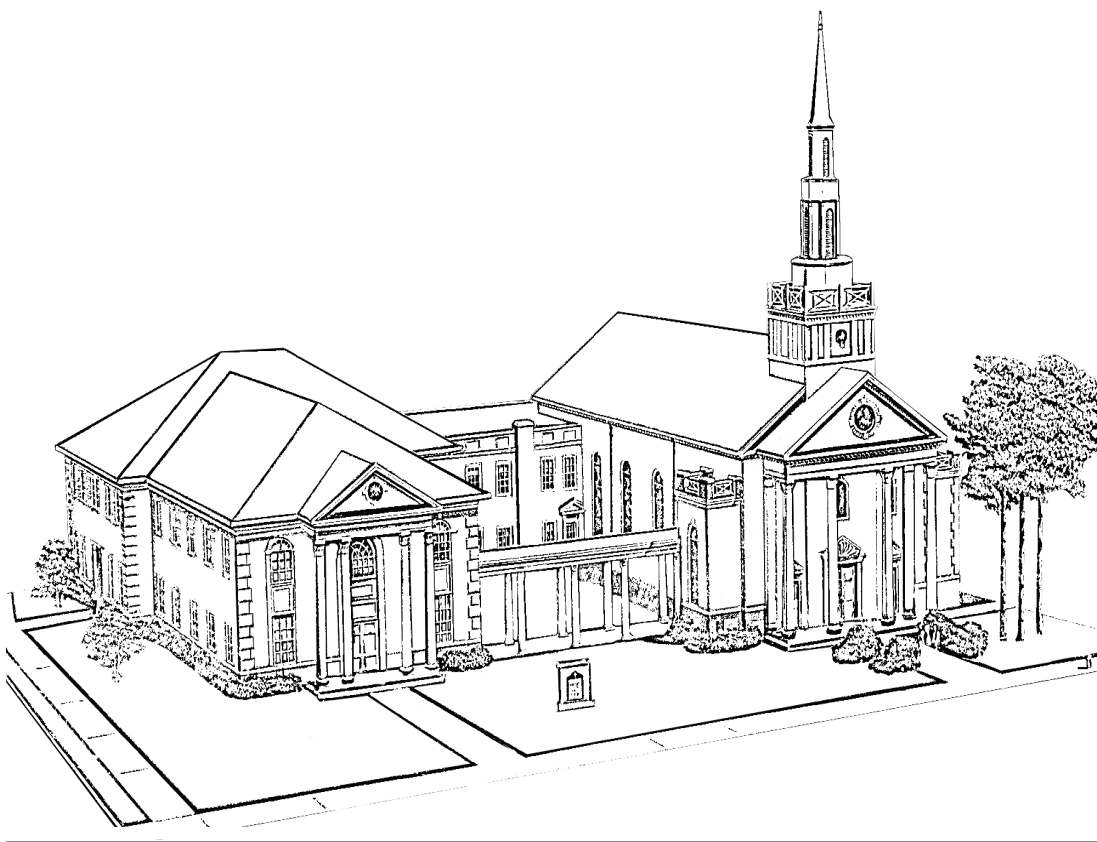




# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC



Homecoming Harvest Day

Celebrating 182 Years

November 6, 2016

# The Church at Worship

## Homecoming—Harvest Day

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Eleven A.M.

\* Please stand as you are able

### Greetings

Rev. Ryan Clore

### Meditation

For every pilgrim searching for a home,  
for every son or daughter seeking a family,  
for every weary soul longing for rest  
and hurting heart aching for healing,  
for every person who seeks more challenge,  
more meaning,  
a deeper kind of life than merely existing,  
For all of us,  
may this be a place of healing and homecoming.  
In this hour,  
may those who seek, find You.  
For You, O Lord, are our life and our hope. Amen.

### A Time to Praise

### Prelude

Youth and Adult Handbell Choir  
*Celebration No. 5 in C Major* Michael Keller

### Call to Worship

*Joy in the Morning* The Chancel Choir  
Natalie Sleeth

### Invocation

Rev. Clore

### Hymn of Praise, No. 44

*For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX  
(stanzas 1-4, 6)

Children first grade and under who wish may attend Children's Worship on the last stanza of this hymn.

### Children's Sermon

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

## A Time to Remember

### Homecoming Responsive Reading

Congregation

Leader: O Lord, we come together in your dwelling place, in memory of days gone by.

People: The building and the faces may have changed, but their influence continues to shape our lives.

Leader: Here, we were baptized into the community of believers, the body of our Lord.

People: With gratitude we recall the warmth of that welcome and the strength of the challenge.

Leader: Here, we were taught always to press on toward the goal of your upward call to Christ.

People: With gratitude we recall the depth of that lesson and the diligence of our teachers.

Leader: Here, we were forgiven when we stumbled and given the will to rise again.

People: With gratitude we recall the pain of our separation and the joy of our reunion.

Leader: Here, we were sent forth on our own and assured that we would never journey alone.

People: With gratitude we recall the power of that promise and the grace of its fulfillment.

Leader: O Lord, we come together in your dwelling place to renew our friendship with your people and our faith in you.

People: May your dwelling place always be a home for others, as this place has been for us.

## A Time to Give

### \* Offertory Hymn No. 74

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*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

### \* Offertory Prayer

Mr. Carlton Prince

### Offertory

*Chancel Radiance*

Mr. Jim Council  
Carl Wilhelm Kern

### \* Offertory Response, Hymn No. 253

OLD 100TH (altered)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **A Time To Proclaim**

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| <b>Introduction of Guest</b>         |  | Rev. Clore                           |
| <b>Worship Through Song</b>          | <i>Hear Ye the Master's Call</i>                                       | The Chancel Choir<br>David Schwoebel |
| <b>Sermon</b>                        | A Positive Outlook In a Negative Looking World<br>(Acts 29:21-26, 44b) | Dr. Fred Senter                      |
| <b>* Hymn of Commitment, No. 390</b> | <i>We Are Called to Be God's People</i>                                | AUSTRIAN HYMN                        |
| <b>* Benediction and Blessing</b>    |  | Rev. Clore                           |
| <b>* Organ Dismissal</b>             | <i>March of the Noble</i>  | Mr. Council<br>Frederick Keats       |



The Harvest Day arrangement is given to the Glory of God by Betty Lou Memory and her family. Thank you for your cards, flowers, prayers and many visits during my time of recovery. I am so grateful for my church family's many acts of love and kindness.

We welcome our own Dr. Fred Senter as our guest minister today. Dr. Senter is presently serving as Interim Pastor at Lennon's Crossroads Baptist Church.

Today's meditation was copied from *Be Thou Present*, Smyth and Helwys Publishing, Inc., Macon, GA., 1994

Today's Responsive Reading is copied from: *Litanies and Other Prayers for the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C*, Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 1991.

First Baptist Church welcomes everyone to our 182nd anniversary. We are happy you are here today to share in our worship service, to enjoy the lunch in our fellowship hall following the worship service, and to fellowship with your family and friends. The History Room is open and you are invited to visit it.

## **A Short History of First Baptist Church Whiteville, NC**

First Baptist Church was constituted on August 17, 1834. The first pastor was the Reverend Dennis Lennon from the Lennon's Crossroads area. Services were held at the Court House Square until the church moved to its present location in 1866.

An attractive clapboard church with two front doors, bell tower and steeple was built in the 1870's. A brick addition was constructed behind this building in the 1920's. The clapboard building was torn down in 1932 and a new sanctuary was completed in 1933. This building became known as the old chapel building when the present sanctuary was built in 1952. Dedication of the debt free sanctuary took place on March 17, 1957. The old chapel building was torn down in 1988 and the present education section on the north side of the sanctuary was constructed. Dedication of this building was on November 5, 1989.

Adjacent properties have been purchased or given. In 1882, the church purchased the property south of its first parcel from the First St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Until 1872 these congregations had worshiped together. In 1913, the church purchased a parcel of land south of its property from the St. Mark AME Zion Church. In 1958, the church bought land from the Baggett family just across Church Street on its north side; this area is now a parking lot. In 1965, the church bought the property on the east of the sanctuary where the Fellowship Hall was constructed in 1966. The F. M. White house was bought in 1988 and has since been removed.

The first parsonage was built in the late 1890's at what is now the corner of US Highway 701 Bypass (J. K. Powell Boulevard) and Business US Highway 74-76, known as the Washington Street or Chadbourn Road. A second parsonage was built on the south side of the sanctuary in the 1930's and razed in the spring of 2009. The area is now used as a children's playground.

First Baptist has had twenty-six pastors: Dennis Lennon, C. T. Anderson, James W. Dickson, Haynes Lennon, George W. Hill, John Franklin McMillan, Carson Powell, A. W. Price, James A. Smith, John F. Tuttle, J. T. Betts, B. H. Phillips, J. G. Blalock, Charles Cooke Smith, J. H. Poteet, I. T. Newton, B. T. Roach, Samuel N. Lamb, Robert C. Foster, Francis S. Chesson, Gwenn McCormick, Roy Walker, Roger B. Gilbert, L. Kendell Cameron, Jr., Ronald M. Hinson, Jr. and presently Ryan Clore. The Reverend Eddie Fort has served as our Minister of Music since August 2004. Our church has had six interim pastors—Daniel Deaton, James F. Heaton, Frank Hawkins, Luther "Drag" Kimrey, Daryl Trexler and Andrew Barnhill.

Three pastors were foreign missionaries: Carson Powell (Africa), B. T. Roach (China) and Frank Hawkins (Brazil). Two were Confederate officers in the Civil War: James W. Dickson and John Franklin Tuttle. The Reverend James A. Smith served as a private and later led in the effort to get Fort Fisher named as a National Park. Several members have gone to the foreign mission field: Miss Mary Fannie Memory (Johnson) 1879 and Mrs. Lela Memory (Harold) McMillan 1913 (China), Mrs. Elaine Sheffield (Archie) Nations 1952 (Japan), Wallyce Todd (Slovakia), Mason Smith (Germany), and Mrs. Stephanie Underwood Hathaway (Adam) is serving in Shenyang, China. First Baptist continues a strong emphasis on missions.

According to the information available, the church has ordained the following ministers: Archibald McMillan, Charles Glisson, Dennis Phillips, Kerry Peeler, Mason Smith and Wallyce Todd. Women have been ordained as deacons since Mrs. Gayle Powell was ordained in 1987.

The Women's Missionary Union was organized in 1879. A ministry to the deaf was begun in 1948. The church started the Columbus Baptist Mission in 1953, and this congregation evolved into Trinity Baptist Church, now located on South Thompson Street.

The Church History Room was officially opened and dedicated on the 175th Anniversary of First Baptist Church celebrated on November 1, 2009.

The church accepts persons for membership who profess a Christian faith and who have experienced a believer's baptism or request a baptism by immersion. Others join by promise of church letters from another Baptist church or by their statement of Christian faith and prior baptism.

A broad range of activities for all ages is offered, including weekly bible study through our Sunday School; Mission groups for men, women, and children, ministries to Senior adults, children, youth, and families, a graded choir ministry, Vacation Bible School, Mission trips, Operation Inasmuch, and weekly Wednesday night supper before prayer service. Favorite special activities have included Ash Wednesday, Maunday Thursday, Good Friday, Hanging of the Greens, The Youth Progressive Dinner, and the Christmas Eve Communion. The Community Sunrise and Thanksgiving Services are also highlights. Another special event has been the exchange worship service and reception between First Baptist and First St. Paul Missionary Baptist. These congregations worshiped together through 1872.

As of November 1, 2015, First Baptist Church Whiteville has a membership of 396, of which 323 are resident members. The Church is a warm, inviting, relevant, caring fellowship. The congregation worships God with a quality music emphasis, a strong proclamation of God's Holy Word, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Everyone is welcome.

Submitted by Carlton Prince, Chair of the History Committee

Sources: Church and Associational minutes, newspaper accounts, Contacts, bulletins, letters, etc.

## REMEMBERING OUR HERITAGE

First Baptist Church  
Whiteville, North Carolina

### Fifty or More Years of Membership

Lois Batten  
Audrey Inman Black  
David Boege  
Earlene Bracey  
Miriam Bright  
Myrtle Bright  
Murline Britt  
Carl E. Butler  
Hilda Butler  
Armond David Carter  
Armond (Buster) G. Carter  
Brenda Williams Carter  
Jerry L. Carter  
Michael Cole  
Nancy Collier  
James Lewis Collier, Jr.  
Warren Cook  
Watha Cook  
Doris B. Davis  
Walton Dozier  
Charles L. Duncan  
Dale Duncan  
Sylvia Elkins  
Jerry FormyDuval  
Yvonne Gold  
James E. Greer  
Jackie Lewis Harper  
Doris Harwood  
David Heath  
Sally McKenzie High  
Dewey L. Hill, Sr.  
George W. Holt  
Joe Hooks  
Margaret Hooks  
Pete Huggins  
Doris Hughes

Billie Jayroe  
Rose Ann Langston  
Barbara Long  
Coy M. Long  
Charles Lytle  
Bettie Lou Memory  
Bill Memory  
Michael Memory  
Becky W. Murray  
Doris Norris  
Milton Page  
Gayle Powell  
Janet Plasky  
Frances Price  
Bill Prince  
Myrtie Sellers  
Nancy Smith  
William D. Smith  
Carolyn Cook Southerland  
Juanita Stanley  
Nancy Lytle Stapp  
Burline Stocks  
David Tedder  
Rita Todd  
Glenda Turbeville  
Olene Utley  
Joanne Vereen  
Edmond O. Wall  
Joanne Wall  
Ronald M. Walters  
Harry D. Ward  
Barbara Myers Whitson  
Lois Willetts  
J. Gregory Williams  
Frances Yow

### MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Grayson Ward - 12/20/15  
Jenny Clore - 2/7/2016  
Rev. Ryan Clore - 2/7/2016  
Charlie Hall - 4/10/16  
Jennifer Bowling - 8/21/16  
John Bowling - 8/21/16

Taylor Jordan - 9/11/16  
Landon Bailey - 9/25/16  
Addie Elizabeth Bailey - 9/25/16  
Amy Bailey-Carter - 9/25/16  
David Carter - 9/25/16

## **DECEASED MEMBERS SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

Kay Baker - 12/5/2015  
Earlene Bracey - 1/24/16  
Ann Taylor Stanley - 2/3/2016  
Evelyn Mobley Singletary - 2/10/2016  
Furney Greene Baker - 2/23/2016  
Jimmy Ward Spivey - 2/25/2016  
Lloyd Poe "Pebo" Collier, Jr. - 3/16/16  
Paul J. Sellers - 3/26/16  
Jack Guy Vereen - 5/21/16  
James Otto Doll, Jr. - 6/6/2016  
Joyce Walters Gore - 6/10/2016  
Carol Sue Smith Greer - 8/30/2016  
Mary L. Williamson Cook - 10/27/16

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Sunday, November 6**

9:30 a.m. Handbell Warm-up in the Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up  
10:55 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship  
12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon

#### **Monday, November 7**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

#### **Tuesday, November 8**

11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing

#### **Wednesday, November 9**

4:40 p.m. Children's Handbells  
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Church Prayer Meeting  
Children in Action (K-5th grade)  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Church Staff**

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Teresa Malpass, Ministry Assistant  
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