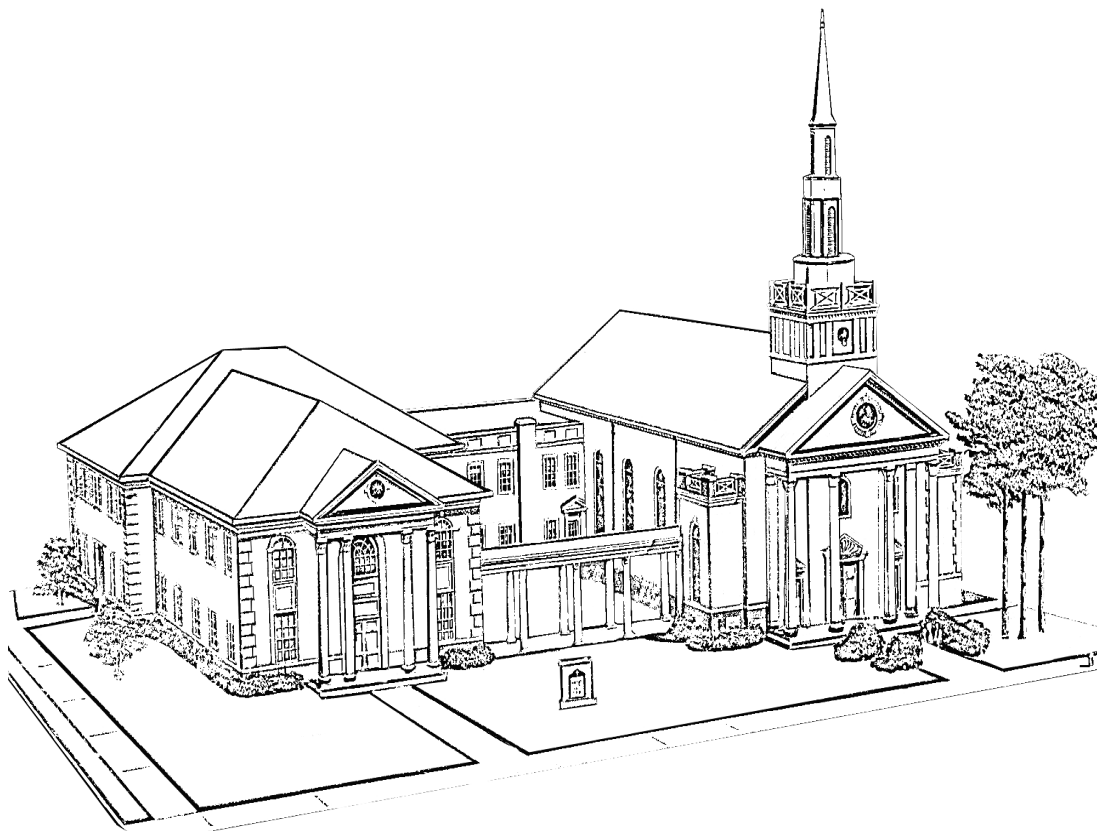




# First Baptist Church

## Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC



**Homecoming Harvest Day**  
**Celebrating 183 Years**  
**November 5, 2017**

# **The Church at Worship**

## **Homecoming—Harvest Day**

### **All Saints Day**

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Eleven A.M.

\* Please stand as you are able

#### **Greetings**

Rev. Ryan Clore

The threefold bell toll represents the doctrine of the Trinity:  
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### **Meditation**

God of the ages,  
your saints who lived in faithful service  
surround your throne  
and offer you praise and worship  
both night and day.  
May we, your saints on earth,  
join our voices with theirs to proclaim  
your rule of righteousness and peace,  
which comes to us through Jesus Christ  
now and forever. Amen.

### **A Time to Praise**

#### **Prelude**

Youth and Adult Handbell Choir  
*Chimings of Great Joy* Dan Edwards

#### **Call to Worship**

*For All the Saints* The Chancel Choir  
SINE NOMINE

#### **Invocation**

Rev. Clore

#### **Hymn of Praise, No. 44**

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

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### **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. 350**

AURELLIA

*The Church's One Foundation*

### **\* Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Carlton Prince

Offertory

*Sarabande*

Mr. Jim Council  
Jean-Baptiste Lully

### **\* 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**

Children's Sermon

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

Introduction of Guest

Rev. Clore

## Worship Through Song

The Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir  
and Congregation

*A Canticle of Blessing*  
Adapted from Psalm 103:1-5, 10-12, 20-22

David Danner

### Choir:

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and always kind.  
He has not paid us for our sins,  
nor for our iniquities.  
But as the heavens are high above the earth,  
So great his mercy t'ward them who fear him.  
As far as east is from the west,  
So far hast he cast our sins away!

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me,  
Bless his holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And forget not all his benefits,  
Bless his holy name!

Who forgiveth all thy sins,  
who healeth all thy diseases,  
Who redeemeth thy life from death,  
who crowneth thee with loving kindness  
and tender mercies,  
Who satisfies thy desires with good things  
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagles.

Bless the Lord, mighty angels,  
Who hearken to his voice  
and obey his will.  
Bless the Lord, all his hosts;  
let everything in all creation  
Bless and praise the Lord.

### Congregation and Choir:

Praise my soul, the King of heaven,  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored,  
forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Angels in the height adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
And Saints triumphant bow  
before him;  
Gathered in from ev'ry race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### Sermon

Legacy Received . . . Legacy Left  
Genesis 12:1-9

Dr. Mike Queen

### Call to Commitment

Rev. Clore

### \* Hymn of Commitment, No. 390

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

### \* Benediction and Blessing

Rev. Clore

### \* Organ Dismissal

*Rigaudon*

Mr. Council  
Andre Campira



## **A Short History of the 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 1932. This building became known as the old chapel building when the present sanctuary was built in 1952. The architect was Mr. H. C. Lenthicum who died the week construction was scheduled to begin. Mr. A. G. Carter, the contractor and a member, handled the entire building project. 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. In 1882, the church purchased the property south of its first parcel from the First St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Until 1872 these congregations worshiped together. In 1913, the church purchased a parcel of land south of its property from the NC Black Methodist Association. This church is now known as 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.

A first parsonage was built in the early 1900'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. This 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., and Dr. Ronald M. Hinson, Jr. The Rev. Ryan Clore has been our present pastor since January 2016. The Reverend Eddie Fort has served as our Minister of Music since 2004. The church has had five interim pastors—Daniel Deaton, James F. Heaton, Frank Hawkins, Luther "Drag" Kimrey, 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 a National Park. Several members have gone to the foreign

mission field: Miss Mary Fannie Memory (Johnson) 1879; 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) (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. Several women have been ordained as deacons since Mrs. Gayle Powell was ordained in 1987. Linza Grace Smith Layman Coffee and Charles Lee Price who both grew up in First Baptist Church have been ordained to the ministry by their respective churches.

One of FBC Whiteville's most distinguished members in the field of Religious Work is Dr. H. I. Hester, who was a member and Sunday School teacher here from 1909-1914 when he left for Wake Forest University.

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 175<sup>th</sup> 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 requests 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, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Hanging of the Greens, The Youth Progressive Dinner and the Christmas Eve Communion. The Community Thanksgiving Service is also a highlight. Another special event is 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, 2017, First Baptist Church Whiteville has a membership of 378, of which 307 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.

Submitted by Carlton Prince, Chair of the History Committee

Sources: Church and Associational minutes, newspaper accounts, *Contacts*, bulletins, letters, etc. All of these are in the History Room

## REMEMBERING OUR HERITAGE

First Baptist Church  
Whiteville, North Carolina

### Fifty or More Years of Membership

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

Rose Ann Langston  
Barbara Long  
Coy M. Long  
Charles Lytle  
Michael Memory  
Jennifer Moranz  
Doris Norris  
Milton Page  
Harold Pate  
Gayle Powell  
Janet Plasky  
Frances Price  
Carlton Prince  
Myrtie Sellers  
Nancy Smith  
William D. Smith  
Carolyn Cook Southerland  
Juanita Stanley  
Nancy Lytle Stapp  
Burline Stocks  
David Tedder  
Rita Todd  
Glenda Turbeville  
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, 2016

Stephen Bazemore - 2/5/17  
Heather Bazemore - 2/5/17  
Holly Faulk - 9/17/17

## DECEASED MEMBERS SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Bessie "Becky" Williamson Murray - 12/3/16

William Harold Hughes - 2/25/17

Willard Hooks "Pete" Huggins - 3/20/17

Rev. Daniel Rudolph Suggs - 4/10/17

Grace Olene Utley - 4/19/17

John Julian Norosky - 6/21/17

Miriam Hasty Bright - 8/03/17

Bettie Lou Memory - 10/13/17

James Charles "Charlie" Hall - 11/01/17

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 5

- 10:10 a.m. Handbell Warm-up in the Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship  
12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon  
4:00 p.m. Melody Makers Children's Choir  
(4 years old - 1st grade)  
5:15 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells

### Monday, November 6

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

### Wednesday, November 8

- 4:30 p.m. Young Musicians, Grades 2-5  
5:15 p.m. Children's Handchimes, Grades 1-5  
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Equipping Church Study (ch. 5,  
pp. 67-74), Godly Play Children's Program  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal



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We welcome with us today, our guest speaker Dr. Mike Queen, and his wife, Bobbie. Mike and Bobbie, we are honored to have you worship with us on this joyous occasion and we welcome you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church welcomes everyone to our 183<sup>rd</sup> 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. There are new exhibits today—one exhibit highlights Reverend I. T. Newton who was our pastor in 1917 and the Newton Sunday School Bible Class now a memory with the death of Mrs. Miriam Bright, its last member. The History Room is located in the Fellowship Hall.

The Harvest Day arrangement is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Billy & Bettie Lou Memory by Michael and Janice Memory.

We welcome Dr. Mike Queen as our guest minister today.

Today's meditation was copied from *Call to Worship*, PAM, Louisville, KY, 2016.

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