



**First Baptist Church**

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC



**Homecoming Harvest Day**

Celebrating 184 Years

November 4, 2018

# The Church at Worship

## Homecoming—Harvest Day

### All Saints Day

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Eleven A.M.

\* Please stand as you are able

#### Greeting

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  
*Celebration No. 4 in F Major* Michael R. Keller

#### Responsive Reading

Psalms 84:1, 4, 10, 12

Congregation

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of Hosts! My soul longs,  
indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh  
sing for joy to the living God.

People: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I  
would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in  
the tents of wickedness.

People: **O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

#### Invocation

Rev. Clore

#### Call to Worship

*Our Great and Glorious King*

The Chancel Choir  
arr. Gordon Young

#### Hymn of Praise, No. 44

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

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### A Time to Remember

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## Homecoming Responsive Reading

Congregation

**Leader:** A community of faith conveys God's good news of love, and leads its members along pathways of faith.

**People:** It sows seeds of life in the soil of our hearts, causing faith and hope to sprout in our souls.

**Leader:** This congregation has been a vehicle of God's grace, shining God's marvelous light across the years;

**People:** a place for growing in relationship with the Lord, for living, loving, and forgiving in the spirit of Christ.

**Leader:** We celebrate the many members of this family of faith, who have walked with the Lord through their years.

**People:** We remember how they have blessed us so richly, conveying God's gift of love from their hearts to our hearts.

**Leader:** We celebrate the gift we are to one another, as we learn and grow along this spiritual journey.

**People:** We give thanks for the togetherness we feel with one another, sharing in all of life's joys and sorrows, its victories and defeats.

**Leader:** It is a day of great joy in the life of this congregation, as we celebrate the many lives it has already touched.

**People:** We give thanks for the body of Christ that we are today and for God's inspiration for our future.

**Leader:** In light of all God has given us through the gift of this community of faith we joyfully give all of the glory to God.

**People:** To God be the Glory! Great things he has done and continues to do!

## A Time to Give

\* Offertory Hymn No. 383 *We Are God's People* SYMPHONY

\* Offertory Prayer Rev. Wallyce Todd

Offertory Mr. Jim Council  
*Song of Exultation* Vincent Williams

\* 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

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Clore

Introduction of Guest Rev. Clore

**Worship Through Song**

*The Church Shall Stand*

The Chancel Choir  
Carl J. Nygard

Refrain:

The Church shall stand like a rock, shall stand like a rock,  
The rock of ages;  
The Church shall stand like a rock with Christ as her cornerstone.

The Church shall shine like a beacon,  
Shine through the darkest storm that rages.  
The Church shall shine like a beacon, guiding the wayward home.

From age to age, though storms shall rage,  
Her stalwart spire shall soar,  
And show the cross to weak and lost and guide them to a safer shore.

Refrain:

Not in a building alone,  
Unconfined to mortar and stone.  
But in the faith that we share,  
The burdens we bear,  
Caring for each other;  
Thus shall our church be renowned,  
There in the blessing of Christ our founder.  
The Church shall live forever,  
Lasting the path that time engages;  
The Church shall live forever,  
Blessed by the Lord alone.

Refrain:

Sermon	Coming Home	Rev. Seth Hix
* Hymn of Commitment, No. 406	<i>The Solid Rock</i>	SOLID ROCK
* Benediction and Blessing		Rev. Clore
* Organ Dismissal	<i>Rejoice! This Joyful Day</i>	Mr. Council Cyrus Mallard



## **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 August 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, 2018, First Baptist Church Whiteville has a membership of 358, of which 287 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	Billie Jayroe
Audrey Inman Black	Rose Ann Langston
David Boege	Coy M. Long
Myrtle Bright	Charles Lytle
Murline Britt	Bill Memory
Carl E. Butler	Michael Memory
Hilda Butler	Jennifer Moranz
Armond David Carter	Doris Norris
Armond (Buster) G. Carter	Milton Page
Brenda Williams Carter	Harold Pate
Jerry L. Carter	Gayle Powell
Michael Cole	Janet Plasky
James Lewis Collier, Jr.	Frances Price
Joseph W. Cook	Carlton Prince
Warren Cook	Myrtie Sellers
Watha Cook	Nancy Smith
Doris B. Davis	William D. Smith
Walton Dozier	Carolyn Cook Southerland
Charles L. Duncan	Juanita Stanley
Dale Duncan	Nancy Lytle Stapp
Sylvia Elkins	David Tedder
Jerry FormyDuval	Rita Todd
Yvonne Gold	Glenda Turbeville
Jackie Lewis Harper	Joanne Vereen
Doris Harwood	Edmond O. Wall
David Heath	Joanne Wall
Sally McKenzie High	Ronald M. Walters
Dewey L. Hill, Sr.	Harry D. Ward
George W. Holt	Barbara Myers Whitson
Edward Hooks	Lois Willetts
Joe Hooks	J. Gregory Williams
Margaret Hooks	Frances Yow
Doris Hughes	

### MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Kevin & Melissa Williamson - November 5, 2017  
William F. Floyd, Jr. - October 7, 2018

### DECEASED MEMBERS SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Robert Fields Tedder - January 1, 2018  
Lucy Burline Suggs Stocks - April 27, 2018  
Robert Gilbert Stanley - May 20, 2018  
Patricia Whitley Long - September 10, 2018  
Barbara McKeel Long - October 25, 2018

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 4

- 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  
4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells

### Monday, November 5

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

### Wednesday, November 7

- 5:00 p.m. Young Musicians Choir, Grades 1-5  
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play  
Children's Program  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 8

- 3:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)



### **Church Staff**

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We welcome with us today, our guest speaker Reverend Seth Hix. Seth, 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 184<sup>th</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. It is located in the Fellowship Hall.

The Harvest Day arrangement is given to the Glory of God.

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

Today's Responsive Reading is adapted from: [www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org)