



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC



**Homecoming Harvest Day
Celebrating 188 Years
November 6, 2022**

The Church at Worship

Homecoming—Harvest Day

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Eleven o'clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Introduction of Guest Minister

Dr. Wayne Brown

Remembering Our Past... Honoring Today

Rev. Eddie Fort

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

How Great Thou Art

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
arr. Janet Linker

Invocation

Dr. Brown

* Hymn of Praise, No. 7

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

A Time to Remember

Homecoming Responsive Reading

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 that challenge.**

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

The Church's One Foundation

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* Offertory Prayer

Mr. Brownie Cook

Offertory

The Lord's Prayer

Mrs. Slomanski
Albert Hay Mallote

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

*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.*

Children are invited to come forward on the last stanza for the Children's sermon. Following the Children's Sermon, children age five and under who wish may attend Children's Worship.

Children's Sermon

Mrs. Donna Prince

A Time to Proclaim

Scripture Reading

Psalm 133

Dr. Kendell Cameron

Choral Worship

The Chancel Choir and Congregation

Our Everlasting Guide

David Schwoebel

(Commissioned to the glory of God in celebration of the 175th anniversary of First Baptist Church, Whiteville, North Carolina.)

When saints of old obeyed God's voice,
They shaped our history.
They journeyed forth in living faith,
In love and harmony.

They built, they prayed, they labored on
Through wars and conflict's tears.
Now ages past, their story tells
Of One who calmed their fears.

O Holy God, Most Gracious Lord,
In you our hope abides.
You were their strength from day to day,
Their Everlasting Guide.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Our faith and hope gives way to joy,
God's vision sounding clear.
The heritage we claim this day
Leads us t'ward future years.

Now sons and daughters rise in faith
To serve in Jesus' name.
Your gifts of time and talents give,
One heart, one mind, proclaim.

To Christ our Savior, Lord of all,
Commit yourselves to bow.
Good news now share with ev'ryone
This is our sacred vow.

O Holy God, Most Gracious Lord,
In you our hope abides,
You are our strength from day to day,
Our Everlasting Guide.

We journey forth in Jesus' name,
In answer to his call.
To worship, serve, and share God's
Word,
That Christ is Lord of all.

Congregation and Choir:

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!**

You will be our strength from day to
day,
Our Everlasting Guide. Amen.

Sermon

A Modern Day Miracle

Dr. Cameron

A Time to Serve

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

AUSTRIAN HYMN

We Are Called to Be God's People

*** Benediction and Blessing**

Dr. Brown

*** Organ Dismissal**

A Festival Fanfare

Mrs. Slomanski
Johann Sebastian Bach

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., Dr. Ronald M. Hinson, Jr., and Rev. Ryan Clore. The Reverend Eddie Fort has served as our Minister of Music since August 2004. The church has had six interim pastors—Daniel Deaton, James F. Heaton, Frank Hawkins, Luther "Drag" Kimrey, Andrew Barnhill, and presently, Dr. Wayne Brown.

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 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 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, 2022, First Baptist Church Whiteville has a membership of 342, 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
Audrey Black
Murline Britt
Carl E. Butler
Hilda Butler
A. G. "Buster" Carter
Brenda Carter
Jerry L. Carter
Michael Cole
James Collier, Jr.
Charlotte Collins
Joseph W. Cook
Doris B. Davis
Charles L. Duncan
Dale Duncan
Elizabeth Fowler
Rocky Fowler
Yvonne Gold
Jackie Harper
Doris Harwood
David Heath
Charles Hickman
Sally McKenzie High
Dewey L. Hill, Sr.
Joe Hooks
Doris Hughes
Billie Jayroe
Carol Jones
Betty Gail Kronenwetter
Rose Langston
Coy M. Long

Charles Lytle
Michael Memory
Simms Memory
Jennifer Moranz
Milton Page
Janet Plasky
Betty Jo Prevatte
Bill Prince
Carlton Prince
James Rogers
Lynn Rogers
Joe Sellers
Ella Jo Sellers
Myrtie Sellers
Nancy Smith
William D. Smith, Jr.
Carolyn Southerland
Juanita Stanley
Nancy Lytle Stapp
David Tedder
Rita Todd
Glenda Turbeville
Joanne Vereen
Ronald M. Walters
Harry D. Ward
Glenn Waters
Barbara Whitson
Lois Willetts
Stephen Willetts
J. Gregory Williams

MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2019

Carly Sanderson, November 17, 2019
Jillian Young, November 17, 2019
Lauren Clark, February 2, 2020
Tanya Clark, February 2, 2020
Thomas Clark, February 2, 2020
Olivia Clark, February 2, 2020
Jennifer Williamson, February 9, 2020
Mary-Gregg Williamson, February, 9, 2020
Hannah Clark, February 16, 2020
Grace Wheatley, August 30, 2020
Jason Wheatley, August 30, 2020
Marie Wheatley, August 30, 2020

Sam Wheatley, August 30, 2020
Benlyn Sauls, February 20, 2022
Janie Briggs, April 10, 2022
Hadi Ipekyun, April 10, 2022
Ruth Kuykendall, April 24, 2022
Martha Watson, April 24, 2022
Robert Clyburn, May 22, 2022
Kristine Clyburn, May 22, 2022
Kiesha Crawmer, August 21, 2022
Olivia Crawmer, August 21, 2022
Beverly Pope, September 18, 2022

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2019

Frances Price, November 21, 2019
Warren Cook, Jr., February 14, 2020
Hollis Salyer, March 5, 2020
Megan Lynn, March 29, 2020
Doris Norris, April 3, 2020
Margaret Hooks, April 14, 2020
Donald Prevatte, May 22, 2020
Jerry FormyDuval, June 28, 2020
Watha Cook, July 15, 2020
Ann Smith, July 29, 2020
Edmond Wall, September 25, 2020
Lydia Williams, November 1, 2020
Janice Memory, December 11, 2020
Robert Young, December 31, 2020
Harold Pate, January 4, 2021
John Cole Lennon, Jr., January 11, 2021
George Holt, February 21, 2021
Ruth Johnson, March 22, 2021

Oswald Williams, March 31, 2021
Katie Thompson, April 28, 2021
Sue Jordan, May 6, 2021
Brittany Lynn, October 20, 2021
Carl "Nick" Moorhead, November 7, 2021
Myrtle Cartrette, January 2, 2022
Don Peacock, January 21, 2022
Lonnie Williams, March 13, 2022
Sylvia Elkins, March 18, 2022
Jackie Jones, May 25, 2022
Gayle Powell, June 4, 2022
Howard Jones, June 21, 2022
Vivian Brown, July 17, 2022
William "Bill" Lewis, July 11, 2022
Robin Fort, August 24, 2022
Louise Royal, September 2, 2022
Joanne Wall, September 29, 2022



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The arrangement today is given to the glory of God by Michael Memory in memory of his wife, Janice Memory.

A gracious welcome is extended to all who worship here today. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service.

We welcome Dr. Kendell Cameron back to the pulpit for Homecoming. Dr. Cameron was pastor here at FBC-Whiteville from 2003-2008. He received his Bachelor of Science degrees from NC State, Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School, and Doctor of Ministry from George Fox University. He served First Baptist - Mount Holly for 14 years and presently serves the First Baptist Church of Albemarle. Dr. Cameron loves to read with interests from US History to Shakespeare. He and Jan love traveling, seeing sites, and finding the best desserts wherever they can - which makes them especially happy to be here today!

Today's meditation is adapted from: *Be Thou Present, Prayer, Litanies, and Hymns for Christian Worship*, 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*, by Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson, Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 1991.

The History Room is open today. After extensive damage from Hurricane Florence on September 14, 2018 and its heavy rains, and the COVID issues, the History Committee is very happy to report that the Church History Room is now open again—**today** and hereafter. If anyone or group would like a guided tour, the committee will be happy to arrange that. However, anyone who wishes to visit, browse, or just see the History Room is welcomed to do so anytime the church office is open. Please call Carlton Prince or the church office to arrange a guided tour. Thank you, church family, for your patience and understanding.

The History Committee—Charlotte Collins, Doris Davis, Mary Jean Prince, Jo Anne Vereen, Sherry Waters, Lois Willetts, Carlton Prince, Chairman.

Deceased Committee Members—Martha Holt, Bettie Lou Smith, Olene Utle, Joanne Wall, William “Bill” Wilson.