



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Whiteville, NC

Reflecting God's Hope For a New Day

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Events At A Glance

- July 1, 8, 15, 29 - Wednesday Morning Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.
- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Book Study in the fellowship hall, 11:00 a.m., following prayer service
- July 2 - Office closed for Independence Day
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 5, 12, 19, 26 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- July 20 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- July 21 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- July 22 - Wednesday Morning Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.; Celebrate Recovery Seminar with Rev. Darren Mills, 6:30 p.m.

**Looking Ahead - Saturday,
August 15!**



Complete monthly calendar on back.
To add an event to our calendar,
please contact the church office:
(910) 642-2139



PASTOR'S CORNER

Our conduct should cause others to glorify Christ.



readings from **1 Peter 2:9-12**

Summer is officially here, and this July marks an especially important birthday in our nations' history as we celebrate 250 years. Oh the joy that awaits us as we contemplate the 4th. The service... the sacrifice. America the Beautiful! Indeed, God shed His grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood. From sea to shining sea. Throughout our glory, throughout our mistakes - He has been so good to us. But I can't help but wonder: is this wonderful experiment called America still growing strong, or are our best days already behind us?

Have you ever felt like your life wasn't really important in the grand scheme of things? Have you ever wondered if it was possible to make a difference in the world around you? Our nations' founders certainly did. And the apostle Peter tells us that we can - and should - play a significant role in this world.

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE. First, think about who you are. Believers of Jesus Christ need to be different from those who do not know the Lord. Our godly lifestyles, priorities, and outlooks should set us apart from nonbelievers. As Peter writes, *"now you are God's people"* (**1 Peter 2:10**).

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. We are not to isolate ourselves from the world. The objective of the Christian is not to isolate but to infiltrate - to permeate. On a daily basis are you living 'on mission' - being God's salt to the world? We want to be bright lights in this dark world through our words and actions (**Matthew 5:16**). God has purposely placed us in this world so that our lives can have an impact on the people we come into contact with. It's in this way that we are able to show others the goodness of God (**1 Peter 2:9**). So it's true: our godly characters and lifestyles will get the attention of those who are living ungodly lives and confront them with the life-changing message of the gospel.

As we have often said, perhaps the holiest moment of a church service is when God's people go out the doors of the church and go into the world. *'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore.'* This is what America has always set out to do. And this is also when our godly living will cause people to ask, *"What makes you so different?"* Listen, some people might criticize, ridicule, or persecute us for living godly lives. But others might come to know Jesus as a result of our faithful obedience to God's Word. And when they do, they will glorify God for our testimony and their newfound salvation.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY First Baptist! God has blessed us richly with the freedoms we continue to enjoy. Let us spread the Word and pass around His love with everyone He puts on our path!

Jesus loves you and so do I. And please remember that today's kindness will create ripples of goodness.

Pastor Chris

This song, the lyrics written by Fanny Crosby, is a great encouragement to us in our trials. When we consider her situation and follow her example, we see our Savior is there in all of our circumstances of life. She *chose* to follow her Savior and know the peace of His comfort.

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

All the way my Savior leads me,
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who thru' life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread;
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Tho' my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see.
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see.

MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES

JULY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 5 Tina Sauls
- 12 Jan Hinson
- 19 Beverly Pope
- 26 TBD

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 5 Donna Prince / Charlie Duncan
- 12 Mary Alice Stanley / Keith Beverley
- 19 Carolyn Grainger / Kirby Sanderson
- 26 Buster Carter / Tricia Sanderson

HOSPICE MEALS

July

NURSERY WORKERS

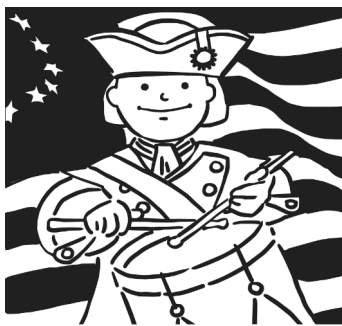
- 5 Josh Williamson
- 12 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
- 19 Keith & Jamie Beverley
- 26 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter

SOUND & VIDEO

- 5 Kirby Sanderson
- 12 Eric Kronenwetter
- 19 Kirby Sanderson
- 26 Eric Kronenwetter

TEAM JESUS VBS

On **Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**, we will have a one-day *Team Jesus* Vacation Bible School. Please visit our First Baptist Church Whiteville Facebook event and let us know if you will be attending. We want to get a count of attendees for activities and lunch. Registration deadline is **Monday, August 10**. You can also call the church office, 910-642-2139, if you would like to let us know you will be coming.



Happy 4th of July!

JUNE STEWARDSHIP

June 7, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,430.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,060.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,490.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,060.41
Total Collections This Week	\$5,550.41

Under Budget This Week \$1,088.81

Budget Need to date	\$172,943.11
Budget Rec'd to date	\$152,865.00
Under Budget to date	\$20,078.11

June 14, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$7,997.77
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,734.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$700.00
Total Budget This Week	\$12,431.77

Designated/Other Funds	\$269.58
Total Collections This Week	\$12,701.35

Over Budget This Week \$6,852.96

Budget Need to date	\$206,415.97
Budget Rec'd to date	\$187,589.00
Under Budget to date	\$18,826.97

June 21, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,355.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$560.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,915.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$75.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,990.00

Under Budget This Week \$663.81

Budget Need to date	\$211,994.78
Budget Rec'd to date	\$119,504.00
Under Budget to date	\$19,490.78

June 28, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,000.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,241.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$450.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,691.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$221.29
Total Collections This Week	\$4,912.29

Under Budget This Week \$887.81

Budget Need to date	\$217,573.59
Budget Rec'd to date	\$197,195.00
Under Budget to date	\$20,378.59

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

You may have noticed a hiccup with your contribution envelopes. This is the note we received from the company who prints and mails them:

Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July in order to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers. Please use previous month's envelopes you still have available and write the correct date on them.

JUNE SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Jamie Beverley
- 8 Doris Davis
- 9 Jason Schoolcraft
- 15 Donna Prince
- 20 Delores Harrison
Grace Mishoe
- 24 Jim Warlick
- 31 Catherine Cook

Office Hours

Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.,
Monday—Thursday
Phone: 910-642-2139 Fax: 910-642-5874

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday morning worship - 11:00 a.m..
Wednesday Prayer Services - 10:00 a.m.
& 6:30 p.m.

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JULY 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service Book Study after WMPS 6:30 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	2 <i>Church Office closed for Independence Day</i>	3	4 
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WMU

WMU Meeting: No meeting in July

Hospice Meal: JULY (Contact: Karen - 910-642-9051)

Project: The Burnett Coleman Matthew 25 Center at Tabor City



Happy 4th of July! Summer is here and we all enjoy the different activities that go along with this time of the year. We have often talked about going to the Matthew 25 Center. Please be looking for a date and time that we may be able to go for a visit. We will be making plans, and we hope everyone can go see everything that goes on at the center. Matthew 25:40 - "And the King will answer them, 'I tell you the truth, just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.'"

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