

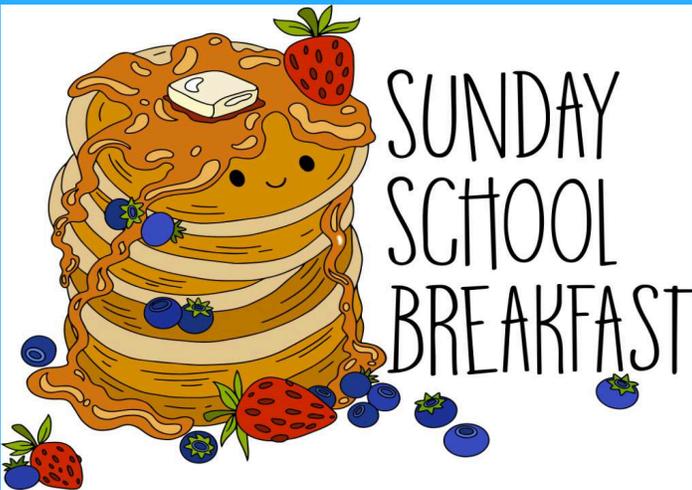


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Whiteville, NC

Reflecting God's Hope For a New Day

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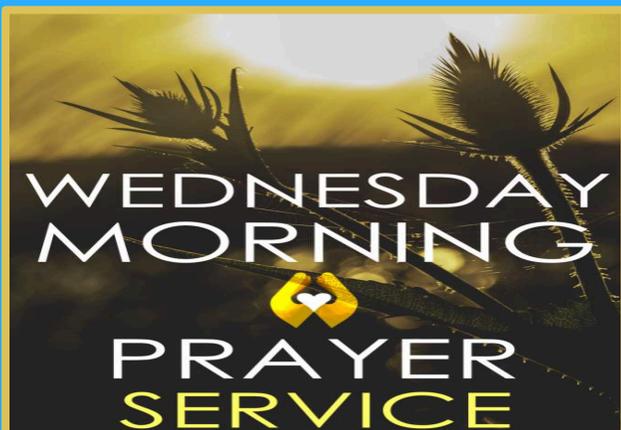


Our Sunday School is growing!
Please invite a friend and join us on
March 15, at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday
School breakfast in the fellowship hall.

Events At A Glance

- March 1 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- March 2 - Book Study Begins, 6:00 p.m.
- March 11, 18, 25 - Wednesday Morning Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.
- March 4, 11, 18, 25 - Lenten Service at WUMC, 12 noon, with lunch following the service.
- March 9 - WMU meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- March 15 - Sunday School Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
- March 16 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- March 17 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- March 29 - Palm Sunday Service, 11:00 a.m.

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



We will not meet for morning prayer service on Wednesday, March 4, so Pastor can prepare for Lenten Services.



PASTOR'S CORNER



"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High."

Psalm 92:1

It's time for us to prepare to be littered with blessings. As I can best recall it was on a breezy March morning, when a motorist driving along Route 23 somewhere near Columbus Ohio, called the police to report a most unusual sighting: a large amount of money was scattered alongside the highway. Although the exact amount wasn't announced, sources close to the case said that it added up to tens of thousands of dollars. Even more perplexing, officials had no idea whatsoever of where the money came from.

The accounts of this story are reminiscent of the blessings that God brings to our lives. Just like that of the cash littering the highway, blessings are often unexpected and many times overlooked. And as we all know, the highway of life isn't free of obstacles, traffic jams, and occasional detours. Let's be honest, sometimes there are exhausting grades and precipitous curves. But make no mistake - God never fails to litter our way with blessings. The psalmist boldly proclaims, *"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits"* (**Psalm 68: 19**).

Last Sunday we talked about the Ark of the Covenant and how it relates to our own *"Spiritual Markers"* that God lays out for us. First Baptist Whiteville, perhaps today would be the perfect day to slow down and ponder just how blessed we are. Tens of thousands of His blessings are headed our way! Yes, goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives.

Jesus loves you and so do I!

WMU



WMU Meeting: February 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Program/ call to Prayer: Mary Jean Prince
Hospice Meal: (Contact: Karen - 910-642-9051)

Project: Saving Sons, Whiteville - Stock the Pantry - Please bring canned goods for the male residents to cook at their facility.

2026 Annual Meeting, Associational WMU, Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, **April 16, 6:00 p.m.** Ms. Linda Mercado of Columbus County will be speaking on Heck/Jones and the important ministries of North Carolina WMU. She currently serves on the WMU Regional 3 Executive Board.

WMU wants to thank everyone that has given to the Heck/Jones NC offering. Thank you for your attendance in February at the annual banquet. This is our way of giving back to the church and showing our appreciation to all of you. Everyone in WMU is looking forward to spring. If you would like to join us, please come to our monthly meeting.

Easter comes early in April, and we invite everyone to participate in the Lenten Season. We can all pray for all churches to reach out to everyone and welcome everyone to join us at the foot of the cross.

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

MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Tina Sauls
- 8 Jan Hinson
- 15 Beverly Pope
- 22 TBD
- 29 TBD

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 1 Buster Carter / Tricia Sanderson
- 8 Brownie Cook / John Sauls
- 15 Leigh Cook / Ron Walters
- 22 Gina Morningstar
- 29 Donna Prince / Charlie Duncan

HOSPICE MEALS

- Mary Jean Prince

NURSERY WORKERS

- 1 Josh Williamson
- 8 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
- 15 Keith & Jamie Beverley
- 22 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter
- 29 TBD

SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Kirby Sanderson
- 8 Eric Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Kirby Sanderson

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

In order to reduce expenses, and since we no longer meet bulk mail minimums, we are going to change the delivery of the monthly newsletter from bulk mail method to mail/pick-up method. You will be able to pick-up The Contact on the First Sunday of the month in the church narthex or from the bench outside the Sunday School Office. We ask that anyone willing and able to pick-up their newsletter at church, please do so. If you need it delivered by mail, please call the church office so we can add you to our list of homebound members. There are always extra copies in the church office as well.

We appreciate your efforts in helping with church expenses.

FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP

February 1, 2026

No church - snow day

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$525.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$100.00
Total Budget This Week	\$625.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$4.00
Total Collections This Week	\$629.00

Under Budget This Week \$4,953.81

Budget Need to date	\$100,418.58
Budget Rec'd to date	\$85,903.00
Under Budget to date	\$14,515.58

February 8, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$420.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$7,815.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$6,987.00
Total Budget This Week	\$15,222.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$670.00
Total Collections This Week	\$15,892.00

Over Budget This Week \$9,643.19

Budget Need to date	\$105,997.39
Budget Rec'd to date	\$101,125.00
Under Budget to date	\$4,872.39

February 15, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,918.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$702.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,620.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,785.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,405.00

Under Budget This Week \$1,958.81

Budget Need to date	\$89,260.96
Budget Rec'd to date	\$82,618.00
Under Budget to date	\$6,642.96

February 22, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,702.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,320.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,022.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$278.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,300.00

Under Budget This Week \$556.81

Budget Need to date	\$117,155.01
Budget Rec'd to date	\$109,767.00
Under Budget to date	\$7,388.01

Heck-Jones Offering

Received As of 2/22/26 \$2,150.00

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

- February 1, 2026 - snow day
- February 8, 2026 - 47
- February 15, 2026 - 52
- February 22, 2026 - 50

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jan Hinson
- Grace Morningstar
- 3 Coburn Powell
- 4 Christopher Hillman
- Jason Wheatley
- 6 Haywood Corbett
- Nick Griffin
- Tricia Sanderson
- Pierson Young
- 7 Gary Bass
- 9 Anna Ezzell
- 11 Justin Faulk
- 12 Rachel Powell
- 13 Glenda Turbeville
- Charles Lytle
- Tanya Clark
- 14 Teri Powell
- Melisa Priest
- 17 Brenda Carter
- Wil Ezzell
- 18 Christopher Blackmon
- 21 Ann Sauls
- 22 Joe Cook
- Howard Tew
- 24 Clinton Grainger
- Wendy Hensley
- Ken Waters
- 27 Johnny Britt

THANK YOU

Dear First Baptist Family,

Thank you for all your cards, calls, prayers, consideration, and food during our recent illness.

David and Linda Heath

Sunday,
March 8



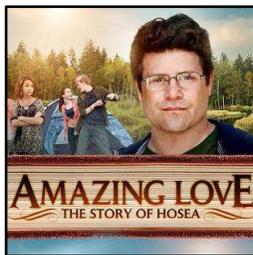
MARCH 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 12:30 Church After Church - Tokyo Express	2 6:00 Book Study	3	4 12 noon - Lenten Service at WUMC 6:30 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	5	6	7 
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29 Palm Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	30	31				

April 2026						
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MOVIE NIGHT

We will play the Movie, *Amazing Love: The Story of Hosea*, on Sunday, March 22, at 4:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Please invite a friend and join us.



LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten services are being held at Whiteville United Methodist Church, Wednesdays at noon, and will run through Holy Week, Wednesday, April 1. After the service, lunch will be served in the WUMC fellowship hall. Services are open to the public and will feature speakers from churches/ministries in our area.

BOOK STUDY

We are studying Dr. David Jeremiah's book, *The Promise: 31 Reasons to Get Excited About Your Eternal Home*, beginning Monday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us.

