



# THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAY 2026, VOLUME 61, NUMBER 5



SUNDAY, MAY 10



Operation Inasmuch  
Saturday, May 16,  
Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.  
Activities at 9:00 a.m.

### Events At A Glance

- May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- May 4, 11, 18, 25 - Book Study in the parlor, 6:00 p.m.
- May 6, 13, 20, 27 - Wednesday Morning Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.
- May 10 - Mother's Day
- May 11 - WMU meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- May 16 - Operation Inasmuch, 8:00 a.m. breakfast, 9:00 a.m. activities
- May 17 - Columbus Community Band Spring Concert, 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, 7:00 p.m. SCC
- May 18 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- May 19 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- May 27 - Covered-dish meal and Church Conference, 5:45 p.m.

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



# PASTOR'S CORNER



April showers bring May flowers - so we've always been told. But with our lack of rainfall and the drought that we've been in, perhaps we're going to have to be a month behind. I don't know, but God does. Perhaps May showers are going to bring June flowers. But one thing that we do know is that the Easter season is going to be quickly leading us to the inclusion of the Holy Spirit into our midst. O how exciting this is! One of the great things that the Holy Spirit wants to do in the lives of believers is to empower their witness. As we all know, the word for "power" in Acts 1:8 comes from the Greek word *dunamis*, from which we get the words *dynamite*, *dynamic*, and *dynamo*. God gave us the power of the Holy Spirit not so that we could feel something, but so that we could accomplish something. And so, First Baptist, as we enter into the beautiful month of May, let us always remember that His Spirit has been given to all believers in order to deepen our spiritual walk and to enable us to impact our world for Jesus Christ. God bless you all, it's going to be a great month ahead!

*Pastor Chris*

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## WMU

**WMU Meeting: May 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

**Program/ call to Prayer: Hilda Ray**

**Hospice Meal: Hilda Ray (Contact: Karen - 910-642-9051)**

**Project:** Snacks, SCC (exams); Operation Inasmuch



The WMU is staying busy and looking forward to summertime. May is the month of Mother's Day, and we want to wish everyone Happy Mother's Day. We all enjoy a day of work and fellowship. WMU will be assisting the Missions Committee with the soup and sandwich project. We always look forward to visiting our home bound members and others in our community. They look forward to us coming to see them. Please plan to join in and help with any project that you choose.

June, July, and August we will not meet for WMU. The schedule for hospice meals (third Friday of the month) will be: June - Genie Carter, July - Peggy Norosky, and August - Janie Briggs. We will be asking for donations of school supplies during the month of August. We can all do a lot when we work together to help others.

**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



## CHURCH CONFERENCE

Please plan to attend our next church conference on **Wednesday, May 27**. We will begin the evening with a **covered-dish meal at 5:45 p.m.** If Committee Chairs have reports to turn in for their committees, please have those in by **Thursday, May 21**. Thank you.

# MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES

## MAY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 3 Tina Sauls
- 10 Jan Hinson
- 17 Beverly Pope
- 24 TBD
- 31 TBD

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 3 Leigh Cook / Ron Walters
- 10 Gina Morningstar
- 17 Donna Prince / Charlie Duncan
- 24 Mary Alice Stanley / Keith Beverley
- 31 Carolyn Grainger / Kirby Sanderson

### HOSPICE MEALS

- Hilda Ray

### NURSERY WORKERS

- 3 Josh Williamson
- 10 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
- 17 Keith & Jamie Beverley
- 24 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter
- 31 Resa & Julie Hillman

### SOUND & VIDEO

- 3 Kirby Sanderson
- 10 Eric Kronenwetter
- 17 Kirby Sanderson
- 24 Eric Kronenwetter
- 31 Eric Kronenwetter



## CHURCH ROLL

We need your help. We would like to be sure our membership directory is up to date. If you are a member of another church, attending another church, or you would like us to remove your name from our roll, please contact the church office (910-642-2139, office@fbcwhiteville.com.)

Thank you very much.

## MAY STEWARDSHIP

### April 5, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,777.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,302.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$7,079.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,020.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$8,099.00</b>

**Under Budget This Week \$1,500.19**

Budget Need to date	\$150,627.87
Budget Rec'd to date	\$139,055.00
Under Budget to date	\$11,572.87

### April 12, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$1,573.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$650.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,223.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$161.90
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$2,384.90</b>

**Under Budget This Week \$3,355.81**

Budget Need to date	\$156,206.68
Budget Rec'd to date	\$141,278.00
Under Budget to date	\$14,928.68

### April 19, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$410.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,405.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$177.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,992.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$644.57
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$3,636.57</b>

**Under Budget This Week \$2,586.81**

Budget Need to date	\$161,785.49
Budget Rec'd to date	\$144,270.00
Under Budget to date	\$17,515.49

### April 26, 2026

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,605.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$500.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,105.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$333.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$3,438.00</b>

**Under Budget This Week \$2,473.81**

Budget Need to date	\$167,364.30
Budget Rec'd to date	\$147,375.00
Under Budget to date	\$19,989.30

## APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sue Pinnell
- 5 Mike Schachnuk  
Mary-Greg Williamson  
Maggie Williamson
- 6 Janet Plasky
- 8 Betty Jo Prevatte
- 11 Leah Sanderson
- 14 Ashleigh Ritchie
- 15 Leigh Cook
- 17 Marty Ezzell
- 20 Glenn Waters
- 25 Carly Sanderson
- 26 Hilda Ray
- 27 Myrtie Sellers
- 30 Mary Jean Prince
- 31 Heath Watson

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### 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.

# MAY 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 12:30 Church After Church	4 6:00 Book Study	5	6 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  6:30 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	7	8	9
10 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	11 10:00 WMU Meeting 6:00 Book Study	12	13 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  6:30 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	14	15	16 8:00 Operation Inasmuch 9:00 Volunteer Activities
17 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Columbus Community Band Concert	18 9:30 Finance Meeting 6:00 Book Study	19 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	20 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  6:30 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	21	22	23
24 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	25 6:00 Book Study	26	27 10:00 Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 5:45 Covered-dish Meal 6:30 Church Conference	28	29	30
31 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship with Communion						

## OPERATION INASMUCH

Please mark your calendar for **Operation Inasmuch** on **Saturday, May 16**. We will start this event with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Volunteer activities begin at 9:00 a.m. There will be a place for **everyone** to participate. If you would like to volunteer, there will be something for you to do. If you have a suggestion for a project, please call a member of the Missions Committee: Martha Senter-C, Donna Prince, Ella Jo Sellers, Gina Morningstar, Genie Carter, Martha Watson.



## COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BAND

Please join us **Sunday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m.** for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Concert in the Sanctuary at First Baptist Church. If you can't make the 3:00 p.m. concert, you will be able to see the same concert at **Southeastern Community College at 7:00 p.m.** the same evening.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

If you are entering college or currently enrolled and are interested in receiving our college scholarship, please pick up a scholarship application in the church office. Deadline to return the applications is **May 31**.



The Family Life and Wednesday Night Supper Committees have discussed ideas for Wednesday night meals and activities from now through August. This month is a church conference month, so we will have a covered-dish meal at **5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, with conference to follow at 6:30 p.m.** Thank you for your help with the meals and the fellowship!