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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018, VOLUME 53, NUMBER 4



### **SUNDAY** **APRIL 15**

We invite you to support our youth in ministry as they lead in the worship service on Youth Sunday.

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- APRIL 1, RESURRECTION SUNDAY
- APRIL 2, OFFICE CLOSED
- APRIL 3, "REACHING PEOPLE UNDER 30 . . ." SEMINAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE
- APRIL 4, NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
- APRIL 7, "REACHING PEOPLE UNDER 30 . . ." SEMINAR AT CHADBOURN BAPTIST CHURCH, CHADBOURN, NC, 10:00 A.M.
- APRIL 8, BAPTIST MEN BREAKFAST, 8:00 A.M.
- APRIL 15, YOUTH SUNDAY
- APRIL 16, STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE CMTE MEETING, 1:00 P.M.
- APRIL 17, DEACONS MEETING, 7:00 P.M.
- APRIL 18, SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT STUDY BEGINS, 6:30 P.M.
- APRIL 22, CHURCH COUNCIL, 2:00 P.M.
- APRIL 25, CHURCH CONFERENCE, 6:30 P.M.
- APRIL 28, OPERATION INASMUCH, 8:00 A.M.

COMPLETE MONTHLY  
CALENDAR ON BACK.

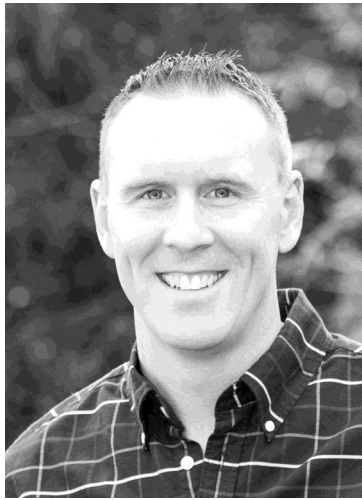
TO ADD AN EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE:  
(910) 642-2139

### OPERATION **INASMUCH** Matthew 25:40

**Saturday, April 28**

We are excited to share Christ's love with our community through our annual Operation Inasmuch projects!

# PASTOR'S CORNER: "WE WANT YOU"



In the past few months during our Wednesday night Bible studies we have been learning what it means to become an "Equipping Church." The conversations have been life-giving and we have felt the Holy Spirit shaping us into the believers God is calling us to be.

I want to personally thank all who have participated and come prepared to discuss week in and week out. We have certainly grown in our time together!

This month we are beginning our Spiritual Gift Assessments! We will collectively be finding out how God has "gifted" each one of us for unique service in this local body of Christ and then we will explore how God may be inviting us to use those gifts to bring about His will in our community. ***Each of us has a unique set of gifts. But those gifts mean nothing if we are not banding together for a common purpose.***

As we begin to inventory how each of us is "put together" we will begin to see common threads as well as common passions that unite us in our mission. I genuinely hope that you will continue to set aside Wednesday nights as important to your spiritual development and commit to helping this Church be who she can be!

- Rev. Ryan Clore



## WE WANT YOU!

### APRIL SERMONS

#### April 1

Resurrection Sunday

"Attitude Adjustment: The Christian 'Perspective'"

John 20:1-18

#### April 8

Second Sunday of Easter

"Understanding is Believing"

John 20:19-31

#### April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

"Filling a Stomach and Opening a Mind"

Luke 24:36-48

#### April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The Bravery of Christ, The Bravery of a Christ Follower"

John 10:11-18

#### April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"God's Church: A Vineyard for Christ"

John 15:1-8



# Music in Ministry



As you read this, Lent, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week have ended. Now we enter the season of celebration, Easter. The season of Easter encompasses eight Sundays and leads us to the Day of Pentecost. During this time we especially proclaim "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!" May

God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be honored and glorified with our words, songs, and hearts. To God be the glory! Great things he has done and continues to do!

Thank you Chancel Choir for inspiring us on Maundy Thursday with your presentation of *A Service of Shadows*. Each of us present was deeply moved.

We will hear from our youth in worship on April 15. They will read the scriptures, offer their musical talents, and participate in other parts of our worship service. Plan now to join us for Youth Sunday.

It is never too late to join one of our fine music groups. Join us this week!

## 2018 Music Ministry

**Music Makers** (for ages 4 year-grade 1)  
Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

**Youth and Adult Handbells**  
Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Choir** (for grades 6-12)  
Sunday, 5:15 p.m.

**Young Musicians & Children's Handchimes**  
(for grades 1-5)  
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

**The Chancel Choir** (for Adults and Youth)  
Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

**Sing with Understanding** (a devotional hymn study)  
April 10, 10:30 a.m.



Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.) and study of *The Equipping Church/Spiritual Gifts* at (6:30-7:00 p.m.)  
A nursery is available after supper.

## Wednesday Night Supper



**April 4**  
No Wednesday Activities

Equipping Church,  
(Final Thoughts)  
**April 11**  
*Brenda Carter, Chair*  
*Genie Carter, Chair*  
Kirby & Trish Sanderson  
Tina Sauls  
Jerry Wilson

**Nursery**  
Tricia, Leah,  
& Carly Sanderson

Spiritual Gifts Assessment  
Study Introduction  
**April 18**  
*Mary Alice Stanley, Chair*  
*Myrtle Corbett, Chair*  
Haywood Corbett  
Myrtie Sellers  
John & Janet Plasky  
David Heath

**Nursery**  
Peggy Norosky

Quarterly Church Conference  
And Covered Dish Meal  
**April 25**  
*Hilda Ray, Chair*  
*Karen Dawsey, Chair*  
Brownie & Leigh Cook  
Stephen & Donna Prince

**Nursery**  
Brenda Carter or Genie Carter  
Kate Carter Lee

# APRIL MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 4 Grayanna Young
- 11 Gina Morningstar
- 18 Taylor Jordan
- 25 Tricia Sanderson
- 29 Sherry Water

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

- 1 Peggy Walters
- 8 Hilda Butler
- 15 Rose Langston
- 22 Frances Price
- 29 Juanita Stanley

## HOSPICE MEAL

- 16 TBA

## NURSERY

- 1 Jim & Erin Warlick / Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson
- 8 Jennifer Armbrrecht / Heather Bazemore / Katherine Scott
- 15 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn Jennifer Williamson
- 22 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan Emily Lawson
- 29 Peggy Norosky / Genie Carter

## OFFERING TELLERS

- Brownie & Leigh Cook

## PEW STOCKER

- Dale Duncan

## SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Jason Schoolcraft
- 8 Wil Ezzell
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Jason Schoolcraft

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
- 8 Bill & Jolene Lewis
- 15 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
- 22 Bridger Warlick & Mitchell Sauls
- 29 Mitchell Sauls & Lonnie Williamson

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

- 22 Gleaners Sunday School Class

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

- 1 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Mitchell Sauls, & Clint Grainger
- 8 Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, & Mel Ray
- 15 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Mitchell Sauls, Haywood Corbett & Edgar Tison
- 22 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, & Grayson Ward
- 29 TBA

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

- Brenda Carter

### BAPTIST MEN BREAKFAST

The Baptist Men will be meeting on **April 8**, at **8 a.m.** for breakfast. All men are invited!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 Bill Lewis       | 14 Landon Bailey |
| Michael Memory     | 15 Harry Ward    |
| Emily Cole         | Mary Hooks       |
| 2 Karen Hall       | Grayson Ward     |
| 5 John Paite       | 16 Brittany Lynn |
| 6 Gina Morningstar | 18 Joe Sellers   |
| 7 Ashley Taylor    | 28 Janie Cox     |
| 11 Audrey Black    | 30 Anna Kimball  |
| 13 Charlie Duncan  |                  |
| Bill Memory, Jr.   |                  |

APRIL

### Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 108  
Sunday School Attendance Average: 56

<b>Mar. 4, 2018- Attend 93</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd	\$8,704.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$167,634.81
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$185,471.29
<b>Over</b>	\$1,415.53	<b>Budget Over YTD</b>	\$17,836.48

<b>Mar. 11, 2018- Attend 93</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd	\$4,646.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$174,923.28
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$190,117.29
<b>Under</b>	\$2,642.47	<b>Budget Over YTD</b>	\$15,194.01

<b>Mar. 18, 2018- Attend 107</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd	\$4,779.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$182,211.75
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$194,896.29
<b>Under</b>	\$2,509.47	<b>Budget Over YTD</b>	\$12,684.54

<b>Mar. 25, 2018- Attend 138</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd	\$4,997.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$189,500.22
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$199,893.29
<b>Under</b>	\$2,291.47	<b>Budget Over YTD</b>	\$10,393.07

### Missions Offerings

**Baptist Retirement Homes** \$519 of our \$500 goal was received  
**Heck-Jones** \$3,053.00 of our \$3,000 goal was received

**Annie Armstrong** \$630 of our \$1,000 goal has been received.

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Member Spotlight highlights Buster and Genie Carter.*

Buster (Armond Graham Carter III) is a Whiteville native and has been a member of First Baptist Church since childhood. Buster graduated from Wingate College, served in the United States Marine Corps and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. While stationed in Virginia Beach, he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Genie Byrd, who was teaching Home Economics in Virginia Beach City Schools. They married in 1973.

Buster continued his education in Civil Engineering at Wake Community College enabling his return to Whiteville and a career in construction as a general contractor (following in his father's footsteps). When not working Buster loves to fish and play golf.

Genie has been a teacher, clerical worker, cafeteria supervisor, health educator, homemaker, and interior designer. Having a love of nature and things of beauty she enjoys working in her home and garden. She also enjoys knitting (while Buster watches TV) and reading.

Their daughter, Kate, married Chad Lee last May and they are expecting a son this May. Needless to say, Buster and Genie are excited and anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild!



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Committee Chairs**, please mark you calendars for our next church council meeting on **April 22 at 2 p.m.** **Remember that all committee/organizational reports need to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday, April 11.**

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our next Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for **Wednesday evening, April 25, at 6:30 p.m.** For Conference, we meet after Wednesday Night Supper, which is a covered dish meal, to discuss the changes/activities during the last quarter. If you are looking for service opportunities, this will be the perfect time to get the full overview of church activity. Please join us to get a better view of how our church is ministering to its members and to the community.



**Covered Dish Meal**  
and Quarterly Church Conference

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## YOUTH IN MINISTRY

Youth Sunday is **April 15** and our youth have already begun preparation for the service. They will participate in worship by offering prayers, reading scriptures, giving the children's sermon and providing inspiring music. Please be in prayer for our youth as they continue to prepare for Youth Sunday.



**YOUTH**

**VBS 2018**

Vacation Bible School will be held in the afternoon **June 24-28**. We will have a 5 day school this year beginning on Sunday and ending on Thursday. If you are interested in helping in any manner, please contact Donna Prince by email at **dbprince52@yahoo.com** or phone **910-646-1265**. We look forward to another great time at VBS this year so come join in the fun!

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT STUDY



On **April 18** we will hand out our Spiritual Gifts Assessment books and Rev. Clore will give an introduction to our study. Join us for the opportunity to find out how God has "gifted" each one of us for unique service in this local body of Christ. We are using the book, *Network Participant's Guide, Revised: The Right People, in the Right Places, for the Right Reasons, at the Right Time*, by Bruce Bugbee and Don Cousins.



## OPERATION INASMUCH

Please make plans to join us on Saturday, April 28, as our church engages in hands-on missions in our own community, serving as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ with Operation Inasmuch.

Our Mission for Operation Inasmuch Day: To invigorate the body of Christ – the church – to live out the Gospel through daily acts of compassion by 1) Serving the un-served, 2) Loving the unloved, 3) Reaching out to the un-churched, and 4) Moving church folk out of the seats and into the streets to minister to those in need.

Please take a moment to fill out the following Volunteer Registration and submit it to the office by Sunday, April 22.

### Operation Inasmuch Volunteer Registration

(Saturday breakfast will be prepared by the WMU & Baptist Men)

Name(s) 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care Reservation (thru age 3):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Will you attend breakfast?  Yes:  7:30  8:30  No

*If you are interested in multiple projects, check all that apply.  
We will assign you to the project with the greatest need.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptist Children's Home Food Collection            | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography Ministry  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Ministry (Prayer for OI projects)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramp Ministry   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbus Regional Hospital - Nursery / Infant Kits | <input type="checkbox"/> Card Ministry   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry - through grade 5              | <input type="checkbox"/> Fidget Blankets (for Alzheimer's patients)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Ministry (though age 3—8:00 a.m.)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Families First  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Load-A-Truck - Red Springs Mission Camp            | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Mat Ministry (taking quarters to laundromat patrons as a witnessing tool) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Support Ministry                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Saving Sons, Inc.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soup Kitchen Ministry                              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest Table - Youth                              |  |

# WMU NEWS

March Meeting: April 9, 2018, 10:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall  
Call to Prayer: Mary Jean Prince  
Program: Hilda Ray



We have now collected **\$3,053.00 for the Heck-Jones Offering**, surpassing our goal of \$3,000.00. Thank you, First Baptist members! We are still collecting funds for the **North American Missions Offering**. Our goal is \$1,000.00; we have collected \$630.00. Please consider making your contribution to this offering.

The **church-wide missions opportunity** for “**Saving Sons, Inc.**”, Columbus County’s Christian resource for its drug addition problem, continues. We are collecting **Trash Bags, Cleaning Supplies, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Light Bulbs, Air Freshener, Hand Soap, and Toilet Bowl Cleaner**. Items may be placed on the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall or in the collection box in the church vestibule.

The WMU will participate with the Missions Committee in **Operation Inasmuch** on **April 28**. Members will provide breakfast items and soup ingredients for our soup ministry for shut-ins and lunch for Operation Inasmuch workers.

## CARE BAGS FOR FOSTER KIDS

The Children’s Committee would like to thank everyone who donated items for the Care Bags for Foster Kids. Our children were able to create 27 care bags that will be delivered to Columbus County Department of Social Services. Thank you for supporting our First Baptist Church children and the children in our community!

Our First Baptist Church children working together to serve other children in the community. They are demonstrating Christ’s love by giving Care Bags to Foster Kids.



April 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Resurrection Sunday</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> Deadline for "Reaching People Under 30 . . ." registration	<b>4</b> <b>No Wednesday Activities</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> "Reaching People Under 30 . . ." seminar with Eddie Hammett Chadborn Baptist Church 10:00 -2:00 p.m.
<b>8</b> 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:00 Melody Makers 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Sunday Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 WMU 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	<b>10</b> 10:30 Sing with Understanding Hymn Sing	<b>11</b> 5:00 Young Musicians Choir/ Children's Handchimes 5:45 Wed. Night Supper, 6:30 Prayer Meeting, "Equipping Church" (Final Thoughts), Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir  <b>CMTE Reports Due</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 Peer Learning Group for Pastor	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> 9:45 Sunday School Gleaners SS Class at Liberty 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship * 2:00 Church Council * 4:00 Melody Makers 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	<b>23</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:00 Young Musicians Choir/ Children's Handchimes 5:45 <b>Covered Dish Meal</b> 6:30 Prayer Meeting, <b>Church Conference</b> , Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Operation Insasmuch 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
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FBC Contact Information: Phone - 910-642-2139, Email - fbcoffice@embarqmail.com, Web - www.fbcwhiteville.com

Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com, Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 a.m.

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