

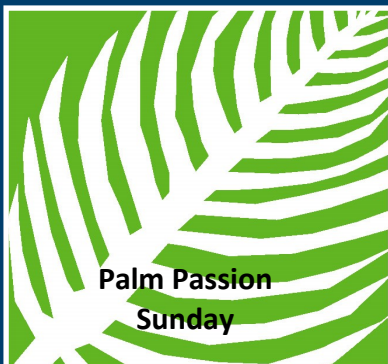


# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019, VOLUME 54, NUMBER 4



Palm Passion  
Sunday



Maundy Thursday  
Communion &  
Tenebrae  
April 18



Holy Week  
April 14-20



Resurrection  
Sunday  
April 21



**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 28**

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

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- APRIL 4**, COLUMBUS COUNTY PASTORS LUNCHEON, HOSTED BY COLUMBUS REGIONAL HOSPITAL, 12 NOON.
- APRIL 6**, UNIFY COLUMBUS DAY, WHS BOWERS AUDITORIUM, 11 A.M.
- APRIL 14**, PALM PASSION SUNDAY
- APRIL 14-20**, HOLY WEEK
- APRIL 15**, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.
- APRIL 16**, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.
- APRIL 18**, MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION & TENEBRAE SERVICE, 7:00 P.M.
- APRIL 21**, RESURRECTION SUNDAY
- APRIL 22**, OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER
- APRIL 24**, NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
- APRIL 27**, OPERATION INASMUCH, 8:00 A.M.
- APRIL 28**, YOUTH SUNDAY
- APRIL 28**, CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, 2:00 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: "SPREAD LOVE, NOT POISON"



I passed West Columbus HS the other day and the sign out front said, "You Change the world with your example, not your opinion." While in some ways, access to the internet and the trend of social media has provided people with the false belief that their opinion might change the world, we shouldn't view the internet and social media as the enemy.

It has allowed us to exchange information at speeds we've never been able to before. And while some can use their opinions to tear down, others have used the platforms to build up the world and people around them. That ain't all bad!

In an exchange on Twitter, one man was bashing Johnny Manziel, a successful college quarterback who never succeeded in the NFL due primarily to drug and alcohol addictions. Another man simply responded to the 'bashing' with this statement: "You want to cut down the fig tree; I want to see it bear fruit."

That simple response (in my humble opinion) frames the context for every person who claims to be of Christ. While we can (and should) in the Spirit of love hold one another accountable for behaviors that are destructive, we are **not** people who tear others down because they do not fit our mold of what a human ought to be.

Holding people accountable means speaking directly with that person. Spreading poison means sharing negative information with other people about that person. People of Christ must know the difference! We are given the opportunity every day to choose: Will I spread love, or will I spread poison? I hope each of us chooses to spread love.

-Rev. Ryan Clore



## APRIL SERMONS

### April 7

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Take the Time . . .*

John 12:1-8

### April 14

Palm Passion Sunday

*We Did This*

Luke 22:12-23:56

### April 18

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

John 13:1-7, 31b-35

### April 21

Resurrection Sunday

*Proclaimers*

John 20:1-18

### April 28

Second Sunday after Easter

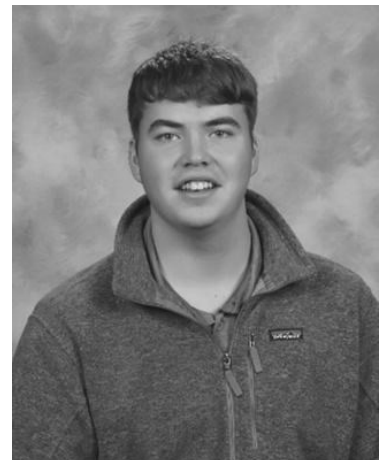
*A Fear Overcome*

John 20:19-31

## ONE OF OUR OWN

The News Reporter's Columbus County Athletic Spotlight featured Bridger Warlick in March, remarking on his no. 1 standing in singles Tennis. He is also part of the WHS Bowling team. Besides athletic endeavors at school, he is a drum major and a member of the FFA. We are so proud to see him taking an active role in the church and the community.

We are proud of our youth at First Baptist. They traveled to Myrtle Beach for Festival by the Sea in March and were a part of the Amazing Grace concert in several different areas. They regularly participate in the music ministry during the church worship services, and are a huge help during Vacation Bible School. You will be able to see them in action again on Youth Sunday the 28th of April.





As we enter the month of April we conclude the Lenten season. Our journey to the cross and then to Christ's resurrection is fast approaching.

Plan now to join us for each of these meaningful events and worship experiences:

- April 7,** The Fifth Sunday in the Season of Lent
- April 14,** Palm/Passion Sunday (Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Children's Choir to participate.)
- April 18,** Maundy Thursday (Communion and Service of Shadows presented by the Chancel Choir and readers.)
- April 21,** Easter Sunday (Chancel Choir and brass instruments)
- April 28,** Youth Sunday (The youth with various talents will lead in worship.)
- May,** The Children's Choir will sing in worship, tba)

## 2018-2019 Music Ministry *At a Glance!*

**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.

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

**Youth Choir** (for grades 6-12)  
Sunday, 5:20 p.m.

**You are invited to find a place to use your musical talents this year. Join us for an exciting new year!**

# NOTICE

*Please*  
**Excuse our appearance  
We are housing guests who are  
Helping others in our community**

Tabor City Baptist Church has been kind enough to loan us their shower trailer while we house work groups who come to our area to help with disaster recovery reconstruction. It is very important to the workers that they be able to clean up after a long day working with residential debris. More groups are already scheduled to be with us. We appreciate your patience and your vision to be a part of spreading the light of Christ in our community.

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.), Prayer Meeting (6:30-6:45 p.m.), Godly Play (6:30 - 7:30p.m.), & Bible Study (6:45-7:15) p.m. Nursery is available after supper.

## Wednesday Night Supper



### April 3

**Menu** - Chicken bog, green beans and fruit salad

**Peggy Norosky - C**

Mike & Lauren Cole

Jolene Lewis

Jenny Clore

Jennifer Bowling

Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

### Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley

Katherine Scott

### April 10

**Menu** - Pork loin, brown rice, vegetable, bread and dessert

**Carlton & Mary Jean Prince - C**

David & Sue Jordan

Mike & Lauren Cole

Peggy Norosky

Dale Duncan

### Nursery

Peggy Norosky

### April 17

**Menu** - Fried Chicken, green peas, potato salad, rolls and dessert

**Jackie Jones - C**

Glenn & Sherry Waters

Peggy Walters

Merely Worley

Muriel Hill

Charlie Duncan

### Nursery

Tricia Sanderson

Leah Sanderson

Carly Sanderson

### April 24

**No Wednesday Night Activities**

# APRIL MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

7 Grayanna Young  
14 Gina Morningstar  
21 Taylor Jordan  
28 Tricia Sanderson

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7 Bobby Hensley / Stephen Bazemore  
14 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte  
21 Leigh Cook / Charlie Duncan  
28 Joe Hooks / Merle Worley

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

7 Peggy Walters  
14 Hilda Butler  
21 Rose Langston  
28 Frances Price

## HOSPICE MEAL

19 Yvonne Bass

## NURSERY

7 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson /  
Leah Sanderson / Carly Sanderson  
14 Jim & Erin Warlick / Katherine  
Scott / Wendy Hensley  
21 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn /  
Jennifer Williamson / Peggy  
Norosky  
28 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan / Jennifer  
Armbrecht / Genie Carter

## OFFERING TELLERS

Geoff & Nicole Hopkins

## PEW STOCKER

Dale Duncan

## SOUND & VIDEO

7 Mitchell Sauls  
14 Bryce Russell  
21 Kirby Sanderson  
28 Eric Kronenwetter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

7 Clint & Carolyn Grainger  
14 Frances Price  
21 Rose Langston & J. C. Hyatt  
28 Bill & Jolene Lewis

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

28 Gleaners Class

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

7 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters / David  
Heath / Grayson Ward / J. C. Hyatt  
14 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell  
Sauls / Clint Grainger / Johnny Britt  
21 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /  
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal / Chris  
Blackmon  
28 Harry Ward / David Tedder /  
Haywood Corbett / Kevin  
Williamson / Kyle Cook

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Brenda Carter

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[fbcwhite@fbcwhiteville.com]

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



1 Bill Lewis	15 Harry Ward
Michael Memory	Mary Hooks
Emily Cole	Geoffrey Hopkins
2 Karen Hall	16 Brittany Lynn
5 John Paite	18 Joe Sellers
6 Gina Morningstar	19 Lionel Todd, Jr.
7 Ashley Taylor	21 Chase Soles
10 Edward Hooks	25 Leola Formy-Duval
11 Miriam Brown	Janet Royal
Audrey Black	30 Anna Kimball
13 Charlie Duncan	Nicole Hopkins
Bill Memory, Jr.	
14 April Ray	
Landon Bailey	

### Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 98  
Sunday School Attendance Average: 55

March 3, 2018- Attend 85		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$5,836.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$160,308.50
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$144,386.05
<b>Under</b>	<b>\$1,450.75</b>	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	<b>\$15,922.45</b>

March 10, 2019- Attend 92		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,062.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$167,595.25
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$150,448.05
<b>Under</b>	<b>\$1,224.75</b>	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	<b>\$17,147.20</b>

March 17, 2019- Attend 105		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$5,344.75	Budget Needs to Date	\$174,882.00
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$155,762.80
<b>Under</b>	<b>\$1,942.00</b>	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	<b>\$14,820.67</b>

March 24, 2019- Attend 108		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$5,257.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$182,168.75
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$161,049.80
<b>Over</b>	<b>\$2,029.75</b>	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	<b>\$21,118.95</b>

Heck-Jones Offering Goal \$3,000—Received \$3,052.00

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Spotlight highlights Disaster Relief Work Groups.*

## Partnership and Opportunity

The Kingdom work is best done in partnership. That has been how we as Baptists have lived our lives and given our tithes. We do Kingdom work together. But as times change within denominations, financial landscapes, and religious organizations the work of the Kingdom looks different. The work of the Kingdom no longer begins from programs at a denominational level but it is birthed locally.

Thank you, First Baptist Family for stepping up to that calling. You have taken the lead among Cooperative Baptists to help Whiteville and Columbus County recover from the destruction of Hurricane Florence and witness the power of God to bring people together to accomplish the work of the Kingdom.

By opening the doors to your church, you have helped 10 households begin the process to get back into their homes and an entire community begin to heal. You have established relationships with CBF churches in Kentucky and Tennessee. You have gone outside our CBF family to work with Praying Pelicans Missions, worked across all religions and backgrounds to help Crusoe, and even opened the doors to knowing Christ to families and individuals that have had homes damaged and that have come to serve.

It takes us all. It takes meals, electricity, and a floor to sleep on. It takes folks to plan and to coordinate the plan. It takes folks to swing a hammer and saw a board. It takes everyone to do a part to share God's love and accomplish the Kingdom work.

Family of First Baptist Whiteville, you are awesome!



## COLUMBUS

**A Gathering for Unity in Our County**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019—11am**

**Bower's Auditorium**

**Whiteville High School**

**Come and join your fellow Columbus County neighbors and friends, as we celebrate who we are as a community. We will focus on what unites us together, pray for healing and forgiveness from what divides us, and rejoice in the common good that makes us who we are. Come and bring your entire family!**

**For more information, contact 910-642-2155**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

April 15, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer: Mary Alice Stanley

Program: Martha Senter

Missions Emphases: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

FBC Goal: \$1,000

Operation Inasmuch: April 27



Spring brings many reasons for Christians to celebrate and remember our heritage: Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday!! It also brings many opportunities to share our faith and resources. During the month of April, we will collect the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. On April 27, we will give our time and resources as we participate in Operation Inasmuch. The WMU will provide a soup and sandwich ministry to our homebound members and to residents of Madison Hill apartments and for Operation Inasmuch workers.

**Watchword:** "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile". 1 Cor. 15:58

### Our Mission

... is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

Myrtle Corbett



## OPERATION INASMUCH

Please make plans to join us on **Saturday, April 27**, 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 **Monday, April 20**.

### 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.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 25 House Food Collection
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Ministry (Prayer for OI projects)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Columbus Regional Hospital - Nursery / Infant Kits
- \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Ministry - through grade 5
- \_\_\_\_\_ Child Care Ministry (through age 3—8:00 a.m.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Load-A-Truck - Red Springs Mission Camp
- \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Support Ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soup Kitchen Ministry

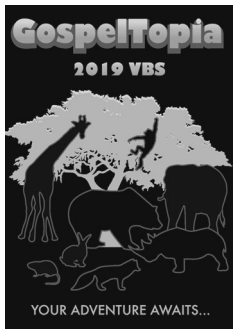
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photography Ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Crusoe Projects (Ramp build, Cookout, Linens)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Card Ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fidget Blankets (for Alzheimer's patients)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Laundry Mat Ministry (taking quarters to laundromat patrons as a witnessing tool)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saving Sons, Inc.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MISSIONS WORK

Please sign up to work on **April 27** for **Operation Inasmuch**. If you know of a project you would like for us to do, call the church office.

The **Disaster Relief Mission Teams** have been wonderful this past month. They have accomplished a lot of hard work in Crusoe. It is amazing how much work still has to be done. We will continue to have some teams come and the Missions Committee will make every effort to keep the church informed of all the needs associated with this mission. We thank the church for the support. The comments we have received from both the teams and our community have been very uplifting. We, as a congregation, are blessed for our efforts. If you would like to prepare a meal for a dinner, call either Martha Senter or Myrtle Cook.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar—Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! The gospel is all about the Good News of what Jesus has done for us because of His great love. Kids will learn about how much God loves them by exploring the jungle of Gospeltopia and meeting some of the animals that live there. The 5 animals they'll encounter - Erika Elephant, Kevin Kangaroo, Larry Lion, Sam Sheep, and Gloria Giraffe - all have something special to teach kids about God's love.

We will meet on Sunday, **June 23** for registration and a social. Regular classes will be **June 24-27, 1:30-4:30 p.m.** If you are interested in helping during VBS this year, please contact Karen Dawsey at 910-770-2111.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the out-going support you showed me and my family during this difficult time of Linda's passing. Thank you Grief Committee for a wonderful spread for us and our friends and church family. Thank you Ryan for your love and support. Thank you Eddie for organizing a beautiful funeral as I knew you would. The cards, the hugs, food and the genuine concern is very helpful to us. Linda loved our church in Whiteville and especially enjoyed our visits to FBC on special occasions.

We love you all,

Phil Ward and Family

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FBC,

Thank you for allowing us to stay here and share your church. We appreciate your generosity!

Praying Pelicans and First Presbyterian Cookeville

## RADIO BROADCAST

Remember, if for some reason you cannot make it to the Sunday morning worship service, you have three ways you can listen to the live worship broadcast every Sunday morning: radio station FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, and online at [www.wtxy1540.com](http://www.wtxy1540.com). (Scroll to the "Church Services" box and select the "Click to Listen Live" link.)



|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | April 2019                                         |                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                      |                                     |                                                                |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1                                                  | 2                      | 3<br>5:00 Young Musicians<br>(Grades 1-5)<br>5:45 Wednesday Night<br>Supper<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible<br>Study, Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir  | 4<br>12:00 Columbus Cnty.<br>Pastors Luncheon,<br>Hosted by Colum.<br>Regional Hospital                              | 5                                   | 6<br>11:00 Unify<br>Columbus Day,<br>WHS, Bowers<br>Auditorium |
| 7<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship &<br>Children's Worship<br>3:30 Youth Bible Study<br>4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells<br>5:20 Youth Choir                                                          | 8<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:00 WMU          | 9                      | 10<br>5:00 Young Musicians<br>(Grades 1-5)<br>5:45 Wednesday Night<br>Supper<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible<br>Study, Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir | 11                                                                                                                   | 12                                  | 13                                                             |
| 14 <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship &<br>Children's Worship<br>3:30 Youth Bible Study<br>4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells<br>5:20 Youth Choir<br><b>Holy Week</b><br>(4/14 - 4/20) | 15<br>9:30 Finance Mtg.<br><br>10:00 Staff Meeting | 16<br>7:00 Deacons Mtg | 17<br>5:00 Young Musicians<br>(Grades 1-5)<br>5:45 Wednesday Night<br>Supper<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible<br>Study, Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir | 18<br>3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits<br>(Knitting Ministry)<br><br>7:00 Maundy<br>Thursday<br>Communion &<br>Tenebrae Service | 19<br>12:00 Hospice<br>Meals Served | 20                                                             |
| 21 <b>Resurrection Sunday</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship &<br>Children's Worship                                                                                                          | 22<br><i>Office closed<br/>for Easter</i>          | 23                     | 24<br><br>No Wednesday<br>Night Activities                                                                                                                                  | 24                                                                                                                   | 26                                  | 27<br>8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.<br><b>Operation<br/>Inasmuch</b>    |
| 28 <b>Youth Sunday</b><br>9:45 Sunday School At Liberty<br>- <i>Gleaners Class</i><br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship &<br>Children's Worship<br>2:00 Church Council Meeting                                            | 29<br>10:00 Staff Meeting                          | 30                     |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                      |                                     |                                                                |

| May 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 19       | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26       | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

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