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Growing Toward Christ

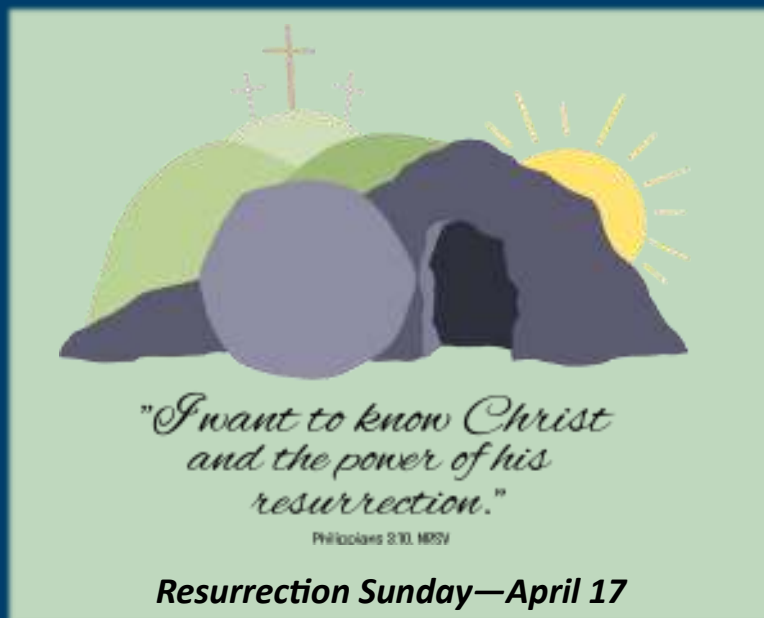
Whiteville, NC

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*Children's Committee Easter Activity
Wednesday, April 13, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Pizza, Snacks, Easter Message,
Games, and Egg Hunt*

Open to the community.



*"I want to know Christ
and the power of his
resurrection."*

Philippians 2:10, 18:5

Resurrection Sunday—April 17

Events At A Glance

- April 3 and 10 - Children's Easter Activity, 9:45 a.m.
- April 4, 11, and 25 - Children's Music Activity, 5:15 p.m.
- April 5, 12, and 19 - Sunshine Group Yoga Class, 10:00 a.m.
- April 6 and 13 - Community Lenten Services at WUMC, 12:00 noon, lunch to follow.
- April 6, 13, and 27 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.
- April 9 - Church Workday, 8:00-11:00 a.m., breakfast will be at 7:45 a.m.
- April 10 - Palm Sunday
- April 10 - Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
- April 11 - WMU Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- April 13 - Children's Committee Easter Activity, 5:30 p.m.
- April 14 - Maundy Thursday Service at WUMC, 6:00 p.m.
- April 17 - Resurrection Sunday
- April 18 - Office Closed for Easter
- April 19 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- April 20 - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:45 p.m.
- April 20 - Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- April 25 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- April 27 - Quarterly Church Conference, 6:30 p.m.



PASTOR'S CORNER



As we have worshiped together during this Lenten Season, I have tried to share through the sermons about the importance of our words . . . and especially what Jesus was trying to teach us with His last words from the cross! I hope by now you not only have heard once again, “The Seven Last Words of Jesus” as He uttered them from the cross, but that you also have memorized them! Jesus’ “words” truly can have a meaningful and significant impact on our lives . . . IF we take them to heart! According to Holy Scripture, these brief—yet profound—statements were made by Jesus as He was being crucified on the cross—even as He was hanging there under extreme stress . . . gasping for His next breath . . . and enduring torturous pain! Each word (statement) is a final and last message from Jesus, the Savior and Lord . . . the Son of God . . . the promised Messiah . . . to help us see the depth of His love for all of us and for all of humanity! In review, the number “seven” is the biblical number for completion, fulfillment, wholeness, and salvation! So, from the cross, in His dying breaths, Jesus dealt with—and taught us the importance of—these seven issues: FORGIVENESS of sin . . . ASSURANCE of salvation . . . ADOPTION into the family of God . . . ABANDONMENT and loneliness . . . NEEDS physical and spiritual . . . COMPLETION of a task . . . VICTORY and home going! The “words” for your reference are as follows:

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. Luke 23:34

Verily, I say unto you, today you will be with Me in Paradise. Luke 23:43

Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother! John 19:26-27

My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me? Mark 15:34

I thirst! John 19:28

It is finished! John 19:30

Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit! Luke 23:46

Words! Words!! WORDS!!! Let’s please ask God to help and lead us in using our words carefully . . . because the words we say—and how we say them—truly do reflect who we are and what is in our heart!

We have been blessed to participate in the Community Lenten Worship Services hosted so well by Pastor Terry Hunt and our friends at the Whiteville United Methodist Church! I have been invited to speak there and have the privilege of doing so on Wednesday, April 6th, at 12 o’clock noon. We are grateful to say that our Ministry Assistant, Teresa Malpass, will be sharing in the special music as part of the service on that same day. Please remember that lunch is served following the service. There is no charge, but donations are accepted. For the final service of the Lenten series, Reverend Marty Sellers, pastor of the Evergreen United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker at noon on Wednesday, April 13th.

As a continuation of the unity we have felt and have enjoyed in our COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES, we also will join the congregation at the WUMC on Maundy Thursday, April 14th, at 6:00 p.m. in their sanctuary for the celebration of the Lord’s Last Supper with Communion and Tenebrae, a Service of Shadows. Please join us as we gather in unity . . . and are blessed to share in worship and in memory of our Savior’s love together!

Our Children’s Committee and Sunday School leaders have planned a VERY SPECIAL emphasis for RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022. CHILDREN AND YOUTH, PLEASE COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd, AND NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, AT 9:45 AM TO HELP US PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS in a very creative and unique way! Also, on Resurrection Sunday, April 17, we will celebrate the ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM as part of our Morning Worship Service. If Y-O-U desire to be baptized on this very special Sunday, please call the church office, 910-642-2139, or me, at 843-796-0397, with any questions or concerns you may have! We will be thrilled to celebrate with you! Thank you!

Let us all PLEASE continue to pray for UKRAINE and all those devastated there! We can NEVER thank all of you adequately for all you have done and are doing to help in sending bountiful supplies from our church to the ships in Wilmington as they are bound for Poland with your gifts for UKRAINIANS! THANK YOU! As Tiny Tim says in Charles Dickens’ beloved book, A Christmas Carol, “God bless us everyone!” We truly are blessed to be a blessing, aren’t we?!? And . . . I truly am blessed by Y-O-U at First Baptist Church of Whiteville! Please let me know if you ever need me in any way—at anytime, ok? (843.796.0397)

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ love,

Wayne Brown



Music Notes



As the Lenten season of preparation and Holy Week comes to an end we look forward to Christ's Resurrection Sunday on April 17. At that time

we will bring back our Hallelujahs to celebrate our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Truly this is the threefold truth on which our faith depends, and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:

*Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!*

Our **Children's Music Activity** will join with the Chancel Choir to sing on Palm Sunday, April 10 during the morning worship service. The children meet each Monday at 5:15 p.m. Invite your neighborhood children age 4 through 2nd grade to participate. All are welcome!

The Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. You are invited to join us!

Eddie

Your thoughtfulness to my family during our time of loss is greatly appreciated. Thank you for coming to the graveside service, stopping by the office to share your condolences, praying for my family, and for the cards you took time to send. *May the LORD bless you, and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.* Numbers 6:24-26 NASB.

In His service,
Teresa Malpass

Thank you for your many prayers and acts of kindness during my recent surgery. I covet your continued support during these upcoming weeks of recuperation.

Robin Fort



Notes of **THANKS**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

The Wednesday Night Supper Cooking Groups are preparing meals for our once-a-month, third Wednesday evening prayer meetings. We will have meals through the month of May. This month the meal will be on **Wednesday, April 20 at 5:45 p.m.** prior to **Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**, prepared by Groups 3 and 4. The menu for April is grilled pork chops, green beans, gourmet mashed potatoes, rolls, and assorted desserts.

May 18 - Groups 5 and 6 will be preparing the Wednesday night meal.



April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jesus Is Fully God and Fully Human!
Luke 2:52

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday
Who Doesn't Love a Parade?
Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1-11

April 17, 2022

Resurrection Sunday
... That God May Be All in All!
I Corinthians 15:1-28

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter
After Easter ... What?
John 20:1-31

APRIL SERMONS

APRIL MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 3 Tina Sauls
- 10 Gina Morningstar
- 17 Tricia Sanderson
- 24 Grayanna Young

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 3 Lauren Cole / Hilda Ray
- 10 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
- 17 David Carter / Glenn Waters
- 24 Stephen Prince / Mary Alice Stanley

HOSPICE SNACKS

Rose Langston

SOUND & VIDEO

- 3 Mitchell Sauls
- 10 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 17 Kirby Sanderson
- 24 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 3 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 10 Genie Carter
- 17 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
- 24 Bill and Jolene Lewis

USHERS (Chairman: Harry Ward)

- 3 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /
David Heath / Clint Grainger /
J. C. Hyatt
- 10 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt
- 17 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /
Chris Blackmon
- 24 Harry Ward / David Tedder /
Haywood Corbett / Kevin
Williamson / Kyle Cook

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

March 6, 2022 - 41
March 13, 2022 - 43
March 20, 2022 - 47
March 27, 2022 - 48

Average attendance for March Sunday
School is 44.

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

STEWARDSHIP

February 27, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$2,000.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,159.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$200.00
Total Budget This Week	\$7,359.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$2,893.91
Total Collections This Week	\$10,252.91

Over Budget This Week \$764.44

Budget Need to date	\$145,080.32
Budget Rec'd to date	\$137,913.50
Under Budget to date	\$7,166.82

March 6, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$100.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,9300.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$202.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,232.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$349.53
Total Collections This Week	\$6,581.53

Under Budget This Week \$362.56

Budget Need to date	\$151,674.88
Budget Rec'd to date	\$144,145.50
Under Budget to date	\$7,529.38

March 13, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$180.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,945.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,250.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,375.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$321.20
Total Collections This Week	\$4,696.20

Under Budget This Week \$2,219.56

Budget Need to date	\$158,269.44
Budget Rec'd to date	\$148,520.50
Under Budget to date	\$9,748.94

March 20, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$200.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,330.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$250.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,780.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$2,227.01
Total Collections This Week	\$6,007.01

Under Budget This Week \$2,814.56

Budget Need to date	\$164,864.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$152,300.50
Under Budget to date	\$12,563.50

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bill Lewis
Michael Memory
- 6 Gina Morningstar
- 11 Audrey Black
- 13 Charlie Duncan
Bill Memory, Jr.
- 14 April Ray
Landon Bailey
- 15 Harry Ward
Mary Hooks
Geoffrey Hopkins
Grayson Ward
- 18 Joe Sellers
- 30 Anna Kimball
Nicole Hopkins

Special Offering

	Goal	Collected
Annie Armstrong	\$500	\$800

March 27, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$210.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,281.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$250.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,741.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$5,741.00
Total Collections This Week	\$2,530.00

Under Budget This Week \$853.56

Budget Need to date	\$171,458.56
Budget Rec'd to date	\$158,041.50
Under Budget to date	\$13,417.06

OFFICE CONTACT INFO

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH WORKDAY

On behalf of the Properties Committee & Grounds Committee...

!! WE NEED YOUR HELP !!

Church-Wide Workday: SATURDAY, APRIL 9th ~ 8:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Main areas of concern:



Ball-court/Picnic Area

Playground

Fill various holes in church yard

Interior: Clean-out/up FSH Stage Area

** Bring some basic yard tools if able.

** Breakfast will be served from 7:45a.m. – 8:30a.m. in the FSH **



Thank you in advance!!!!

EASTER ACTIVITY

The children and young people of FBC are working on a fun Easter activity on Sunday mornings in the classroom across the hall from the nursery. The group will continue this activity **Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.** on **April 3rd** and **April 10th**. Come and join the fun. See you there!

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE EASTER ACTIVITY

The Children's Committee is planning an Easter activity for children on **Wednesday, April 13th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** The Committee will be providing pizza, snacks, an Easter message, games, and an egg hunt. This activity is open to the community so please spread the word and invite your friends!



The Sunshine Group is sponsoring an 11 week Yoga Class instructed by Pat Woodward. The class runs until **Tuesday, April 19**, and meets at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This session is already full, but if you would be interested in being involved in a future class, please contact Mary Alice Stanley (910-640-7503) or the church office (910-642-2139).

YOGA CLASS

Your justice is eternal, and your instructions are perfectly true. As pressure and stress bear down on me, I find joy in your commands. Your laws are always right; help me to understand them so I may live.

Psalm 119:142-144

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU



April 11, 10:00 A.M. - Fellowship Hall
Call to Prayer and Program: Hilda Ray
Hospice Snacks for March: Rose Langston

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Collected: \$800.00

WMU Missions Extravaganza and Annual Meeting April 22 – 23

Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC

Call Betty Jo Prevatte for information if you are interested in attending.

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Spring has arrived and our spirits are quickened as we see new life opening around us. Amid the strife that surrounds us, the war in Ukraine that is so senseless and heartbreaking, we can be encouraged by the WMU Watchword from the book of Hebrews printed below. God **IS** our strength and our salvation; whom shall we fear! We must continue to pray, to trust and “be about our Father’s business”. Thank you to everyone who contributed items to be shipped to Poland for Ukrainian refugees. Together we can make a difference!!

2020-21 Watchword: *But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. Hebrews 10:39*

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett
WMU Director



Baptist Men

Baptist Men will meet on **Sunday, April 10 at 8:00 a.m.** for breakfast and our quarterly meeting. Please plan to attend. A special thanks for the men who helped build a ramp on Saturday, March 26. It was truly a mission project.

Fred Senter

BAPTIST MEN

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 18, the office will be closed in observance of Easter.



QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. is our next quarterly church conference. We will not have a covered dish meal like we have had in the past. If committee chairs have **reports** to turn in for their committees, please have those in by **Thursday, April 21**. Please join us. Thank you.

MISSIONS

MISSIONS REPORT

Ukraine donations have been phenomenal! The community has come together in such an amazing way that it is taking many volunteers to organize, label, load, and unload all the supplies that have been dropped off at the church.



A big thanks to all who helped with the Ukraine Project— a special thanks to Janice Young for all she did to help make this project successful—Mary Hooks at Liberty Medical ordered all the medical supplies and provided a truck for two shipments—Mr. Dewey Hill provided a truck for two shipments. I cannot begin to name all who helped with the packing, both women and men. Our community has also responded with providing supplies—this has truly been a great mission for our church—thanks to ALL!

We received a check for \$400 from Immanuel Baptist Church in Greenville, N.C. to purchase supplies specially for children. We received a check for \$2000 from Greenwood Baptist Church in Florence, S.C. The following is a note to our church:

Dear Martha & FBC Whiteville,

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of ministry to the Ukrainian people. May God bless your church and may God use the supplies to encourage the people and the workers. May they see the goodness of God and the love God has provided through Jesus, our Lord.

Please let us know if there will be another shipment planned in the future. God bless you all.

In His Love,

Pastor Johnny McDaniel
Greenwood Baptist Church Florence

April 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:45 Easter Activity 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	4 5:15 Children's Music Activity	5	6 12 Noon Lenten Service at UMC with Dr. Brown - Lunch to follow 4:30 Chancel Choir	7	8	9 7:45 Breakfast 8:00 Church Workday
10 Palm Sunday 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 9:45 Easter Activity 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	11 10:00 WMU 5:15 Children's Music Activity	12	13 12 Noon Lenten Service at UMC with Rev. Marty Sellers - Lunch to follow 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:30 Easter Activity— Pizza and Egg Hunt	14 6:00 Combined Maundy Thursday Service at WUMC	15	16
17 Resurrection Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	18 5:15 No Children's Music Activity Office Closed for Easter	19 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	20 4:30 No Chancel Choir 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting	21	22	23
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May 2022						
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