



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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AUGUST 5, 2017

YARD SALE



BAKE SALE

6:30AM—2:00PM

412 N. Madison Street

Indoor & Outdoor!

- Children's/Baby Clothes ■ Children's Toys ■ Furniture
- Household Items ■ Exercise Equipment ■ Seasonal Decorations
- Home Décor & More!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 2, COVERED DISH MEAL,
5:45 P.M.

CHURCH CONFERENCE,
6:30 P.M.

AUGUST 5, YARD SALE, 6:30 A.M.—2 P.M.

AUGUST 9, AUGUST WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DESSERT FELLOWSHIP,
6:00 P.M. & PRAYER
MEETING, 6:30 P.M.

AUGUST 14, FINANCE MEETING, 9 A.M.

AUGUST 15, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

PASTOR'S CORNER:

“VISION & OWNERSHIP”



Have you ever thought to yourself, “If our church leaders would just do *this* or *that*, then things will be much better”? I think it’s very natural for us to look around and see how people around us could “Do it better.” But as we stare into our future as a local body of Christ, a

much better vision is one where each person looks in the mirror and says, “What is one way that I can plug in that can help us accomplish our mission together in Christ?”

When Paul wrote in Ephesians 4 “That some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some

pastors and teachers...” he was teaching us that every role is essential to the overall health of the organized church. The pastor alone cannot be an effective church. The Deacon’s alone cannot be an effective church. If **all** among us are serving into our giftedness and working diligently to plug into areas of ministry that we are passionate about, then we are working to maximize our potential for the sake of Christ in our community.

Being who we are to be will require much less of us examining ways others could do it better and much more of us looking ourselves in the mirror and finding **joy** in knowing that each of us is called by God for the building up of the body of Christ.

- Rev. Ryan Clore



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

We will **kick off** our Wednesday night ministries on **September 6 at 5:45 p.m.** with a delicious meal for the family. We will have face painting, corn hole, and our personal favorite, pie the pastor!

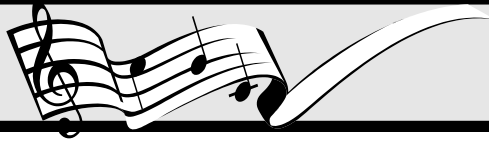
We are excited to announce that upon our return to Wednesday night activities, the congregation will engage in the reading of the book, “**The Equipping Church**” by **Sue Mallory**. Please invite your friends. Invite your neighbors. Invite all of Columbus County to join us as we work to make our Wednesday night a vibrant ministry once again!

When you talk to folks about participating we are going to ask that they buy their own book at a cost of \$15. The money is due to the church office by Tuesday, August 22. We want to make sure we can hand out the books at the kick off.

Children will be kicking off *Godly Play* and music ministries for the year and our **youth** are encouraged to join the larger congregation in hopes that our Wednesday night discussions will become much more intergenerational in nature. Youth, your voices are vital to who we are and who we will become!

In order for our efforts to prove successful, we will need **maximum** participation on Wednesday nights. The persons who are present are essentially going to be the people propelling us into the future as a local body of Christ. We have much to be optimistic about regarding our future. But for us to gain the critical mass needed to become a thriving congregation, *your effort to participate on Wednesday night matters!* Come and join us as we kick off our journey in discipleship, September 6! 😊

Music in Ministry



The **2017-2018 Music Ministry** year begins in five weeks! The new year begins on Wednesday, September 6 with our **Children's Music Activities**. The **Youth and Adult Handbells** and the **Youth Choir** will begin on Sunday, September 10. The **Chancel Choir** began in August. Please see the Music Ministry schedule for rehearsal times.

Sing With Understanding is a hymn and devotion sing-a-long time for all ages. It will take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards we will enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant (dutch treat).

The Children's Music Activity theme for 2017-2018 taken from Psalm 150 is *All Creation Sings!* We will offer a music time for ages 4 through grade 1 and grade 2 through grade 5.

*Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!*

Psalm 150:6

2017-2018 Music Ministry

There is a choir for you! Join us this year!

Children's Handchimes (for grades 1-5)
Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.

Music Makers (for ages 4 years - grade 1)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Young Musicians (for grades 2-5)
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, 5:15 p.m.

Sing with Understanding (a devotional hymn study)
Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Night Supper



For the month of August we will not have Wednesday Night Supper, Children's Music Activity, Godly Play Children's Program, or Bible Study. Starting **August 9** and continuing throughout the rest of the month, we will have **Dessert Fellowship at 6 p.m. and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

* **Chancel Choir** will practice at **7:00 p.m.** during **August.** *

The **Covered Dish Meal and Quarterly Church Conference** will be held on **August 2**, starting at **5:45 p.m.** Make plans to bring your favorite covered dish and join us for fellowship and Quarterly Conference.

We will resume full Wednesday Night Activities Wednesday evening after Labor Day (September 6) with a big "Kick-off" celebration for the new year.



The youth went on their summer mission trip to Cincinnati, Ohio in June. They helped in Boys and Girls homes in and around the Cincinnati area and also worked with an area food bank. Mission projects like Youth Mission Trip, Operation InAsMuch, and Operation Christmas child allow us to put "hands and feet" to Christ's greater mission of sharing His message of love and compassion with the world around us. We are so glad that our youth have taken the time out of their summer vacations to share this message with others.

Please pray as we actively working to plan our new year. Everyone's thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

AUGUST MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

6 Grayanna Young
13 Gina Morningstar
20 Katherine Jordan Scott
27 Tricia Sanderson

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

6 Stephen Prince / David Jordan
13 Rose Langston / Kate Lee
20 Eric Underwood / Brenda Carter
27 Glenn Waters / Sylvia Walker

DVD DISTRIBUTION

6 Peggy Walters
13 Hilda Butler
20 Rose Langston
27 Frances Price

HOSPICE MEAL

18 Mary Jean Prince

NURSERY

6 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
13 Tricia & Leah Sanderson
20 Carlton & Mary Jean Prince
27 Yvonne Bass & Tonya Schoolcraft

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

6 Merle Worley
13 TBD
20 Emory Worley
27 Janice Young

OFFERING TELLERS

Brenda Carter & Genie Carter
(entire month)

PEW STOCKER

Charlie Duncan

SOUND & VIDEO

6 Jason Schoolcraft
13 Wil Ezzell
20 Kirby Sanderson
27 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

6 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
13 Bill & Jolene Lewis
20 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
27 Jerry Wilson & Yvonne Bass

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

27 Gleaners Class

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

6 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Emory
Worley, Clint Grainger, Trent
Young & John Norosky
13 Jerry Wilson, Travis Harrison,
John Sauls, Buster Carter, Charlie
Hall, & Mel Ray
20 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Emory
Worley, Haywood Corbett &
Edgar Tison
27 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters,
David Heath, Grayson Ward &
Charlie Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Kenwood Royal



AUGUST

3	Bobbie Suggs	24	Stephen Prince
	Sherry Waters	25	Stephen Willetts
4	Bryce Russell		Maggie Hensley
8	Olivia Butler	26	Mary Alice Stanley
11	Rita Todd		Sylvia Elkins
	Jerry Wilson	27	Robert Stanley
15	Richard Cox		Rose Langston
16	George Holt		Sonya Peacock
20	Stephanie Hathaway		Jenny Clore
21	Sue Jordan	28	Bill Taylor
22	Muriel Hill	30	James Fowler
	Michael Cole	31	Dewey Hill
23	Gregory Stark		

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 91
Sunday School Attendance Average: 53

July 2, 2017- Attend 89		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,523.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$295,321.32
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$212,708.09
Under	\$1,680.37	Budget Under YTD	\$82,613.23

July 9, 2017- Attend 97		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$3,727.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$336,338.17
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$241,655.89
Under	\$4,476.37	Budget Under YTD	\$94,682.28

July 16, 2017- Attend 86		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$4,626.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$344,541.54
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$246,281.89
Under	\$3,577.37	Budget Under YTD	\$98,259.65

July 23, 2017- Attend 91		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,293.25	Budget Needs to Date	\$352,744.91
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$252,575.14
Under	\$1,910.12	Budget Under YTD	\$100,169.77

July 30, 2017- will be included in the September Contact

Annie Armstrong Offering \$777.50
State Missions Offering \$150.00
Baptist Hospital \$730.60
Global Missions Offering \$703.50

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights Katherine (Kate) Shields Carter Lee & Chadwick (Chad) Wayne Lee

Kate and Chad tied the knot at First Baptist Church on May 20th, 2017. The newlyweds happily reside at 286 Dogwood Lane in north Whiteville with Kate's horse, Raleigh, and dog, Patches. The couple enjoys playing golf together and being on the water; though Kate prefers the beach, Chad enjoys the river.

The couple met in high school through their love for Christ on a joint Youth Fall Retreat in the mountains of NC. "We have both matured and grown spiritually since then, and are now stronger than ever."

Kate has attended FBC all her life, but has been a member since her baptism in 1993. She is active in "Inquirers" Sunday School class, numerous committees, and in 2015 was ordained as a deacon. She is passionate about the people, future, and growth of First Baptist, and if she can catch you on Sunday mornings, she is sure to give you a warm greeting and a big hug! Kate's parents, Buster & Genie Carter, are truly her inspiration in life.

Chad was baptized in 1992 by Rev. Tony Hargett at Lake Waccamaw. He attends Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church and First Baptist Church. His parents, Harry & Donna Lee, raised him and his older brother, Rodney, in a loving, Christian home in the Old Dock area. Chad has 3 beautiful nieces and one great nephew. Chad works in Crop Insurance as an Adjuster for RCIS, a company owned by Zurich. He works with Mr. Wayne Reaves, who is the husband of our very own Dinah Reaves in the FBC Office.

The couple has just celebrated their 2-month anniversary and looks forward to a long and happy marriage. They look forward to someday raising children together and sharing memories with family and friends. "We thank everyone for all their love and blessings on our marriage."



August 6

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
"Bring it to the Table"
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
"Why We Believe. Why We Doubt."
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
"A More Inclusive Mission"
Matthew 15:21-28

August 27

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
"What Say You?"
Matthew 16:13-20



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

The WMU held its annual July Salad Luncheon on July 12 with 20 members and guests attending. Meals were also delivered to our shut-ins who regularly receive a Wednesday Night Supper meal. Inspirational music was presented by Mr. Bill Thompson, soloist, and Mr. Jim Council, pianist. Martha Senter presented a program on the spiritual gift of hospitality, offering several suggestions on how hospitality opens doors for personal witnessing and testimony. Using that theme, the WMU will prepare gift packages for our graduating high school seniors who will soon be leaving their homes to attend college.



Our Bread Ministry continues to be well-received, and since we began this project last fall, the WMU has presented 37 loaves of bread to visitors and others in our congregation.

Regular monthly meetings will resume on September 11 at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Dear Bereavement Food Committee,

The meal that you prepared after Harold's funeral was delicious! We appreciate your time and dedication in preparing such a meal. Harold always appreciated the support, friendship, and love shown to him by his church family. Thank you for thinking of our family in such a special way and remembering us during this difficult time.

Love,
The Hughes Family



Dear Friends at First Baptist Church:

On behalf of the patients at North Carolina Baptist Hospital/Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, I want to thank you for your gift of \$730.60 for our Mother's Day Offering/Benevolent fund. Your gift to this offering and fund brings hope to patients who suffer from great financial need. God changes their lives through your compassionate giving. Every Dollar of your gift helps struggling patients pay their hospital bills in the name of Jesus Christ and His love.

With gratitude to the Lord and NC Baptists, patients who have been recipients of the gifts from the Mother's Day Offering/Benevolent Fund write letters and notes of appreciation that say things such as:

"I'm speechless and feel so unworthy of what you did for me. . . How do you say thank you for such a gift of saving my life and then telling me no charge?"

"My heart was overwhelmed as I read your letter referring to the payment of my hospital bill. . . I pray the richest blessings on those who made this gift possible."

"Thank you, Jesus, for the kind generous people who find it in their hearts to help others in their time of need. It's like a heavy chain has been lifted from my shoulders."

Again, thank you for your life-changing gift and may God bless your church and its ministry.

Rev. Leland A. Kerr
Baptist Healthcare Liaison
FaithHealthNC, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know where Sunday School originated? Most of us have probably attended Sunday School most of our lives and just assumed it was established the same time as all things church-ey.

This brings up an interesting discussion. In the latter half of the 18th century, a newspaper owner, Robert Raikes, sought to “do his father proud” with the newspaper the two had worked on together until his father’s death in 1757. He walked along the streets of Gloucester, England on an errand one day and came upon a group of young fellows in a scuffle. The boys were ragged and dirty. Robert separated the two that were fighting and sent the whole crowd of young folks home. When he arrived at his designated stop, he asked the lady about the boys and their situation. She told him to pay no mind to those children and that they were referred to as the “white slaves of England” because they worked 12+ hour days in the mills and sweatshops, 6 days a week. The children “ran the roads like wild animals” on Sundays because it was their only day off. They were uneducated because they had to work to live - there was no time or extra money for formal education. Many of their parents were dead or in prison. Robert thought of his own father, “What if my father had died when I was young?”

Robert, who frequently visited the prisons of Gloucester, knew the outlook for these children was grim. They worked all the time and had no hope of an education. It was from his burden for these young people that the idea of Sunday School was born. He shared his idea with his friend, Rev. Thomas Stock. He wanted to teach the children to read and write for part of the day and teach them Bible for the rest of the day on Sundays.

It wasn’t long until the idea caught on and people were noticing the behavior of these children was improving. The children had something to look forward to – something to work for. Robert was using his printing business to print reading books, spelling books, Bible study books, and scriptures for the Sunday Schools. His father would have been proud!

The first national American Sunday School effort began in 1824. It expanded to all ages and became an important outreach arm for the church.

Of course, we realize Sunday School has changed quite a bit over the years. Free public education has taken over teaching children to read and write and religious education has been left to the home and church, but Sunday School is still an important arm of the ministry of the church, today.

<http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/church-history-for-kids/robert-raikes-and-how-we-got-sunday-school-11635043.html>


If you have a topic you would like us to discuss in the “Did You Know” section, we encourage you to contact the church office.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY T-SHIRTS

The Children’s Ministry is selling t-shirts. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt with the church logo to support their ministry, please submit form and payment to the church office. Order forms and payments are due by August 6. There are extra forms in the church office.

“First Baptist Church Whiteville” with the cross and vine are on the front left chest with “Growing Toward Christ” printed across the back.

This will be a good way to put our church’s name out in our community and support our Children’s Ministry at the same time.

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