



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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90's + Celebration

What an honor it is to celebrate our members who will be 90 years old by 2019! On August 19, we are going to honor these folks who have served the Lord so faithfully in so many different areas of service at First Baptist Church. We will be recognizing them in the morning worship service along with their families.

After worship we will have the opportunity to fellowship with them during lunch, where we will have a video filled with photos of days gone by. Join us as we are excited to take this time to celebrate age and wisdom. What a blessing these folks are to us! If you know of any other 90+ members we can celebrate, please call the church office.

Ninety Years Old by 2019

Lois Batten	Betty Jackson
Murline Britt	Ruth Johnson
Warren Cook	Gayle Powell
Watha Cook	Joe Sellers
Doris Davis	Marie Sellers
Dewey Hill	Nancy Smith
Margaret Hooks	Juanita Stanley
Frances Yow	

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 1, 8, 15, FIELD AND FUN, 5:30 P.M.

AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27, NOMINATING
COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 6 P.M.

AUGUST 19, 90'S+ CELEBRATION, 11 A.M.,
LUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL, 12:15 P.M.

AUGUST 20, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

AUGUST 21, 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



PASTOR'S CORNER: "THE BREAD OF LIFE"



This month in worship we will be taking a dive into chapter 6 of John. Throughout the chapter, Jesus continues to remind his followers that he is the bread of life that has been sent from Heaven to grant eternal life to all who would eat his body (flesh) and drink his blood. Much

like the manna that their ancestors had eaten, he was sent from Heaven. Yet those who eat of his flesh will not die, as their ancestors did.

If there's anything to be said about eating flesh, (and I recognize that this is an extreme understatement), is that doing so is *hard work*. As Christians today, perhaps we should really take that to heart. It's not some "little cracker" that we're eating when we partake in the Lord's Supper. What we're doing represents *munching* on the flesh of Jesus.

When we think of it that way, perhaps we get a better understanding of the way we approach our relationship to him in everyday life. Too often we look at Christianity as the thing that helps us to know "Right" from "Wrong." We draw lines in the

sand and we tend to lean on history to teach us what that is. We are done debating; we are done dialoguing; the other side is just **wrong**. My news media supports my belief. The Bible supports my belief. My faith supports my belief. I am right and they are wrong. I am good and they are evil. Or maybe "they" are just not smart enough to know what I know.

Jesus tells us to munch on his flesh. The disciples that left when he gave those instructions recognized something – following Jesus isn't easy! Eating in the bread of life is about seeking justice, not power. Eating the bread of life is focusing on things that are eternal, not material wealth, not status. Eating the flesh of Jesus gives us reason to pause. It causes us to come to the table with even those who we don't like. To look at every human as a person created by God – and to show love.

Please, please, please, don't justify your "stance" as the bread of life, and condemn the world with your views. Please, please, please, do not perpetuate the divide in this world. Choose the true bread of life. Choose love.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

AUGUST SERMONS

August 5

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
"Not from Moses. . ."
John 6:24-35

August 12

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
"Jesus and Ethics"
John 6:51-58

August 19

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Difficult Teaching"
John 6:56-69

August 26

Dr. Fred Senter
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Music in Ministry



The 2018-2019 church year begins in just a few weeks. The Music Ministry will start the new year in two stages.

First, the Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m.

The Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, and Youth/Adult Handbell Choir begin the

new year the week after Labor Day which is September 3. The schedule is as follows:

The Melody Makers (4 and 5 years old) is scheduled to meet on Sunday, 4:00 p.m. beginning September 9.

The Young Musicians and Children's Handchimes (grades 1-5) will meet each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. We will be talking with parents to determine if this is the best time for these groups.

The Chancel Choir will meet each Wednesday (August, 7:00 p.m., September, 7:15 p.m.

The Youth Choir will continue to meet on Sunday, 5:15 p.m. beginning September 9.

The Youth/Adult Handbell Choir will meet each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. beginning September 9.

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



Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Psalms 30:4-5, 11-12

2018 Music Ministry

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

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

The Chancel Choir (for Adults and Youth)
Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. (August, 7:00 p.m.)

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

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

Wednesday Night Supper, Prayer Meeting, and Bible Study Time will recess during the summer months of June, July, and August.

The Chancel Choir will meet at 7:00 p.m. beginning August 8. **Field & Fun** will meet for 3 more weeks on the dates listed below.

Meals will continue to be provided for our homebound members by the ladies listed below.

August 1

Jolene Lewis

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Field & Fun Summer  
Food Program,  
5:30 -7:00 p.m.  
(meal provided)

### August 8

Gayle Powell

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Field & Fun Summer
Food Program,
5:30 -7:00 p.m.
(meal provided)

August 15

Mary Alice Stanley

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Field & Fun Summer  
Food Program,  
5:30 -7:00 p.m.  
(meal provided)

### August 22

Myrtle Corbett

### August 29

Martha Senter

# AUGUST MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5 Grayanna Young  
12 Gina Morningstar  
19 Taylor Jordan  
26 Tricia Sanderson

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

5 Kate C. Lee / Barbara Whitson  
12 Eric Underwood / Glenn Waters  
19 Sandra Floyd / Kirby Sanderson  
26 Bobby Hensley / Brenda Carter

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

5 Peggy Walters  
12 Hilda Butler  
19 Rose Langston  
26 Frances Price

## HOSPICE MEAL

17 Mary Jean Prince

## NURSERY

1 Jim & Erin Warlick / Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson  
8 Jennifer Armbrrecht / Heather Bazemore / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley  
15 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn / Jennifer Williamson / Peggy Norosky  
22 Jenny Clore / Mary Alice Stanley / Yvonne Bass

## OFFERING TELLERS

Joe & Mary Hooks  
(entire month)

## PEW STOCKER

Janet Plasky

## SOUND & VIDEO

5 Jason Schoolcraft  
12 Wil Ezzell  
19 Kirby Sanderson  
26 Eric Kronenwetter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

5 Clint & Carolyn Grainger  
12 Bill & Jolene Lewis & Yvonne Bass  
19 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt  
26 Bridger Warlick & Mitchell Sauls

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

26 Gleaners Class

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

5 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Mitchell Sauls, & Clint Grainger  
12 Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, & Mel Ray  
19 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Mitchell Sauls, Haywood Corbett, & Edgar Tison  
26 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, & Grayson Ward

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Kenwood Royal

We have made some changes in the church office. We have new email addresses. You can begin using these immediately. Please make a note of our new addresses:

**Pastor Ryan Clore** - fbcwhitevillepastor@gmail.com (unchanged)

**Rev. Eddie Fort** - efort@fbcwhiteville.com

**Mrs. Teresa Malpass** - office@fbcwhiteville.com

**Mrs. Dinah Reaves** - fbcwhite@fbcwhiteville.com



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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Wyatt Stover  | 24 Stephen Prince     |
| 3 Mel Ray       | Maggie Hensley        |
| Bobbie Suggs    | 26 Mary Alice Stanley |
| Sherry Waters   | Sylvia Elkins         |
| 4 Bryce Russell | 27 Rose Langston      |
| 11 Rita Todd    | Jennifer Clore        |
| Jerry Wilson    | Joseph Bowling        |
| Emily Lawson    | 31 Alex Brown         |
| 16 George Holt  | Dewely Hill, Sr.      |
| 21 Sue Jordan   |                       |
| 22 Muriel Hill  |                       |
| Mike Cole       |                       |

## Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 99

Sunday School Attendance Average: 54

### July 1, 2018- Attend 133

|               |                |                         |                   |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Rec'd  | \$7,312.00     | Budget Needs to Date    | \$291,538.80      |
| Budget Needed | \$7,288.47     | Budget Received YTD     | \$288,851.53      |
| <b>Over</b>   | <b>\$23.53</b> | Budget <b>Under</b> YTD | <b>\$2,687.27</b> |

### July 8, 2018 - Attend 91

|               |                   |                         |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Rec'd  | \$4,857.00        | Budget Needs to Date    | \$298,827.27      |
| Budget Needed | \$7,288.47        | Budget Received YTD     | \$293,708.53      |
| <b>Under</b>  | <b>\$2,431.47</b> | Budget <b>Under</b> YTD | <b>\$5,118.74</b> |

### July 15, 2018 - Attend 86

|               |                   |                         |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Rec'd  | \$6,106.20        | Budget Needs to Date    | \$306,115.74      |
| Budget Needed | \$7,288.47        | Budget Received YTD     | \$299,814.73      |
| <b>Under</b>  | <b>\$1,182.27</b> | Budget <b>Under</b> YTD | <b>\$6,301.01</b> |

### July 22, 2018 - Attend 97

|               |                   |                         |                    |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Rec'd  | \$3,123.00        | Budget Needs to Date    | \$313,404.21       |
| Budget Needed | \$7,288.47        | Budget Received YTD     | \$302,937.73       |
| <b>Under</b>  | <b>\$4,165.47</b> | Budget <b>Under</b> YTD | <b>\$10,466.48</b> |

### July 29, 2018 - Attend 84

|               |                   |                         |                    |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Rec'd  | \$5,126.15        | Budget Needs to Date    | \$320,692.68       |
| Budget Needed | \$7,288.47        | Budget Received YTD     | \$308,063.88       |
| <b>Under</b>  | <b>\$2,162.32</b> | Budget <b>Under</b> YTD | <b>\$12,628.80</b> |

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Member Spotlight highlights Chris and Elizabeth Blackmon.*

Chris and Elizabeth Blackmon have been attending First Baptist Church together for the past two years. Chris grew up attending First Baptist where his grandparents and parents were also members. Chris moved away for college and to start a career before moving back home to Whiteville almost four years ago. During the time of his move home, Chris and Elizabeth met at a Christmas party and started dating. After dating two and a half years, Chris and Elizabeth got married at First Baptist Church last September. Elizabeth grew up in the Cherry Grove Community and is a member of Cherry Grove Baptist Church. Chris and Elizabeth love attending First Baptist Church when at home, but also continue to visit her home church when able. They are currently residing at Chris's family lake house in Lake Waccamaw with their dog Laken. Chris is an Agriculture Technician at the Border Belt Tobacco Research Station in Whiteville, and Elizabeth works for Columbus County Schools as an Academically and Intellectually Gifted Specialist. Before getting married and moving home to Columbus County, Elizabeth worked for Johnston County Schools near Raleigh for 11 years.

They both enjoy spending time with family and friends, going to the beach, and watching sporting events. They are both NC State Alumni and are huge Wolfpack fans. Chris has a passion for the outdoors and Elizabeth loves to travel and experience new things. One of their favorite things to do is spend time with their niece and nephew, Bricklynn Rooks and Chatham Smith.

Chris has enjoyed coming back to his home church and now serves on the nominating committee. This summer, Elizabeth truly enjoyed the opportunity to help teach Vacation Bible School and getting to know the children. They both enjoy attending First Baptist Church and developing relationships with the members. They look forward to getting more involved in the near future.



*The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.*

*Ephesians 1:14 NLT*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU HIGHLIGHTS

### AUGUST: WMU CHURCHWIDE MISSIONS PROJECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR TEACHERS



Attention all First Baptist Church members! Beginning August 1, the WMU will sponsor a churchwide collection of school supplies for our local schools. There will be a collection box in the church vestibule, or you may place your items on the Missions Table in the church Fellowship Hall. This project is always very much appreciated by our schools and teachers. Teachers from our congregation are invited to take their items first, and the remaining items are delivered to the schools. Thank you for your participation in the past; let's make this our best collection ever!!

**WMU ladies**, we voted at our May meeting to pay individually for our subscriptions to *Missions Mosaic* and use all of our budgeted funds to help with costs of our mission projects. The subscriptions **are \$22.99 and are due for renewal now**. If you would like to continue to receive the monthly magazine, you may make your check payable to FBC and designate it for WMU-Missions Mosaic. You may also take your payment directly to Dinah in the church office.

Thank you!

Myrtle Corbett, WMU Director

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will be meeting **Mondays at 6 p.m.**, on a weekly basis, as they prepare for the upcoming church year. Committee members will be notified by committee chairs of any cancelations or changes. Please be in prayer for The Nominating Committee and the Stewardship and Finance Committee as they prepare for the new church year.

## FIELD AND FUN

We have 3 more Field and Fun Days left for the Summer! This is a partnership with the Summer Food Services Program through Whiteville City Schools in efforts to ensure each child in Columbus County receives at least one nutritious meal each day throughout the summer. First Baptist Church is serving as a site for any child in the community to come and enjoy a nutritious meal and fun time with the community. Everyone is welcome to join us on **August 1, 8, and 15** for a meal and outdoor recreational activities from **5:30pm-7pm**.



If you have questions, please contact Jenny Clore 540.760.7253

## BACKPACK MINISTRY

Missions committee will begin packing backpacks for the school year and need to place a large food order. If you would be interested in being part of this ministry, please make your check to First Baptist Church and mark it "Backpack".

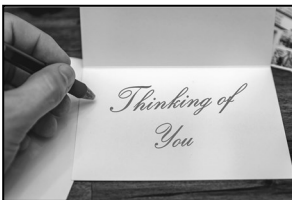
## UPDATED INFORMATION

We updated our church database as members completed the "Mass Communications" forms. If you are not receiving mass communication information by phone, email, or text, or The Contact via email and you would like to begin receiving this information, please feel free to come by or call the church office and make sure we have your current information.

## A MATTER OF PRAYER

Please be in prayer for :

- The Nominating Committee as they prepare for the 2018-2019 church year.
- The Stewardship and Finance Committee as they prepare for the 2018-2019 church year.
- The areas of ministry where the Lord would have each of us use our gifts to serve our church and our community.
- The Members, Family, and Friends on our Ministry of Encouragement. You can pick up a copy of this in Sunday School, the church office, or via email.



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make a difference in someone's life! Visit a shut-in, send a card, call or text someone that could use some encouragement. You'll be surprised to see what a difference it makes in someone else's day as well as your own.

## RADIO BROADCAST

Remember, if for some reason you can't make it to the Sunday morning worship service, you can listen to the live radio broadcast at FM 103.9 and AM 1540 WTXY every Sunday morning.



## KNIT WITS (KNITTING MINISTRY)

Please note the new day for Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry) will be Thursdays starting August 16. The time will remain the same, 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

## COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUESTS

Stewardship and Finance Committee is asking that Committees please have their prepared Budget Requests in to the church office by Monday, August 13. Thank you.



|                                                                                                                                                               | August 2018                                                                   |                        |                                                          |                                                 |                                  |     |
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| Sun                                                                                                                                                           | Mon                                                                           | Tue                    | Wed                                                      | Thu                                             | Fri                              | Sat |
|                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                               |                        | 1<br>5:30-7:00 Field & Fun                               | 2                                               | 3                                | 4   |
| 5<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship                                                           | 6<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>6:00 Nominating CMTE Meeting                      | 7                      | 8<br>5:30-7:00 Field & Fun<br>7:00 Chancel Choir Resumes | 9                                               | 10                               | 11  |
| 12<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship                                                          | 13<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>6:00 Nominating CMTE Meeting                     | 14                     | 15<br>5:30-7:00 Field & Fun<br>7:00 Chancel Choir        | 16<br>3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry) | 17<br>12:00 Hospice Meals Served | 18  |
| 19 90's + Celebration<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br>12:15 Lunch in the Fellowship Hall | 20<br>9:30 Finance Mtg<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>6:00 Nominating CMTE Meeting | 21<br>7:00 Deacons Mtg | 22<br>7:00 Chancel Choir                                 | 23<br>3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry) | 24                               | 25  |
| 26<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>Gleaners Class at Liberty<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship                             | 27<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>6:00 Nominating CMTE Meeting                     | 28                     | 29<br>7:00 Chancel Choir                                 | 30<br>3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry) | 31                               |     |

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