



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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NICK GRIFFIN

We are excited to announce our newest member, Nick Griffin, to our congregation! We feel honored and privileged that Nick has chosen First Baptist Church as his family of faith. May God continue to bless our ministry and these new beginnings!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 11, COMMUNION DURING
MORNING WORSHIP

AUGUST 19, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

AUGUST 20, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.

AUGUST 21, RUTH BELIEVERS PROVIDE
SUPPER MEAL, 5:45 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: "LEAVING OUR MARK"



Last week I was jogging down Madison Street for my morning run and there on the sidewalk were several words and phrases that were very vulgar – one of those words started with “F.” I shook my head and immediately thought, “Congratulations, you left your mark on the world. You had one shot, and this is what you did with it.”

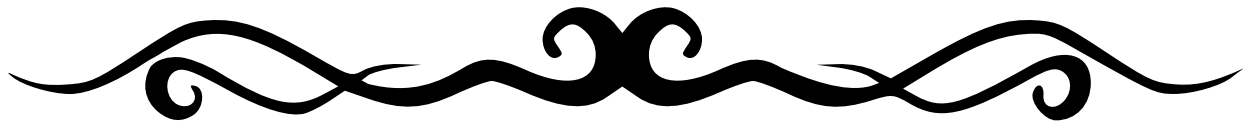
This person managed to arrive at just the right time. The concrete had not yet hardened, and the opportunity was ripe for them to leave a lasting impact on Whiteville.

I do not know the person who left these uncouth phrases. I do not know if they were being playful, thinking it might be funny, or if they were angry at the world and needed to curse something. What I do know is what they wrote.

For all of us history lovers, it is good to reflect on how our forefathers left their mark on the world around us. Because it inspires us to consider what kind of mark **we** leave on our world. Our intentions do not need to be malicious for us to leave a negative mark on the world. Leaving a positive impact on the world means being intentional *every day* to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

“Congratulations, you left your mark on the world.” Let’s hope that when people look back on our lives, that people don’t use that phrase with sarcasm. We get one shot. The concrete has yet to harden. Let’s see what we can do with it.

-Rev. Ryan Clore



AUGUST SERMONS

August 4

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Guest Speaker—Dr. Fred Senter
The Problem with the Church
Acts 3:17-26

August 11

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Much Action Required
Luke 12:32-48

August 18

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Wisdom
Luke 12:49-56

August 25

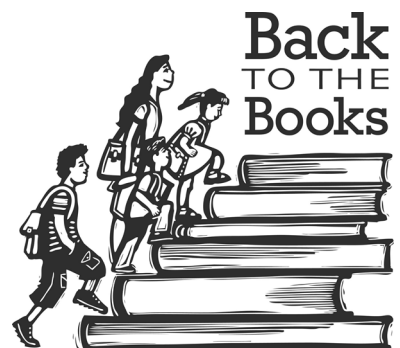
The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Bondage
Luke 13:10-17

SCHOOL TIME

It’s time to put on your thinking cap again! Some young folks have already started classes and the rest will begin shortly. It’s hard to believe that break time is over and school will be back in session so soon. Continue to pray for our students and teachers. They both need our thoughts and prayers! Not to mention, traffic will be busier for a while—so keep an eye out for those little guys on the roads!

“Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters;”

Colossians 3:23



MUSIC NOTES



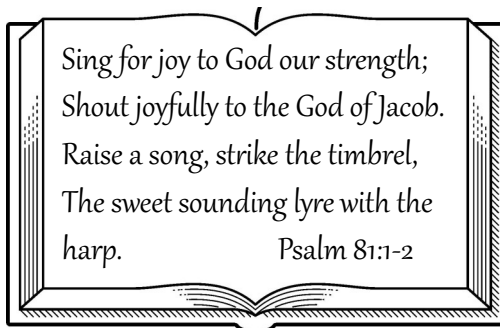
August is here and the 2019-2020 church year is about to begin!

After a month off, the Chancel Choir has resumed rehearsal and is excited about the new church year. Music preparation for Homecoming, Advent and Christmas will begin in the next few weeks.

We are thankful for our youth who participated musically in worship during the month of July. The youth are: Bryce Kronenwetter, Carly Sanderson, Bridger Warlick and Mary-Gregg Williamson. You did an outstanding job and we were truly blessed.

The 2019-2020 Music Ministry year will begin the first Wednesday (September 4) and Sunday (September 8) after Labor Day.

Please see the music opportunities on the next page and plan now to join our music team.



Sing for joy to God our strength;
Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song, strike the timbrel,
The sweet sounding lyre with the
harp. Psalm 81:1-2

Looking Ahead...

Plan now to join us for the

2019-2020 Music Ministry (beginning Wednesday, September 4)

Melody Makers

(for preschool ages 4-6) [tba]

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.

Wednesday Night Supper



Wednesday Night Schedule for the Summer

6:30 p.m. – Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

7:15 p.m. – Ice Cream/Dessert

7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

On Wednesday, **August 21**, The Ruth Believers Sunday School class will provide supper (5:45 p.m.).

Ruth Believers, we thank you for providing a meal so that we can gather around the table for fellowship again in August!

Our normal Wednesday Night Suppers will resume on **September 4**.

AUGUST MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11 Grayanna Young
11 Gina Morningstar
18 TBA
25 Tricia Sanderson

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

11 Sandra Floyd / Kirby Sanderson
11 Bobby Hensley / Stephen Bazemore
18 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte
25 Leigh Cook / Charlie Duncan

DVD DISTRIBUTION

11 Peggy Walters
11 Hilda Butler
18 Rose Langston
25 Frances Price

HOSPICE MEAL

16 Mary Jean Prince

NURSERY

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

OFFERING TELLERS

Janet Plasky & Merle Worley

PEW STOCKER

Janet Plasky

SOUND & VIDEO

11 Mitchell Sauls
11 Bryce Kronenwetter
18 Kirby Sanderson
25 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

11 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
11 Frances Price
18 Rose Langston & J. C. Hyatt
25 Bill & Jolene Lewis

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

25 Gleaners Class

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

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

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Kenwood Royal

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Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 87
Sunday School Attendance Average: 58

June 30, 2018- Attend 95		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$3,896.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$255,036.25
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$219,311.65
Under	\$3,390.25	Budget Under YTD	\$35,724.60

July 7, 2019- Attend 88		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$4,985.300	Budget Needs to Date	\$291,470.00
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$244,719.90
Under	\$2,391.45	Budget Under YTD	\$46,750.10

July 14, 2019- Attend 80		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$10,882.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$198,756.75
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$255,602.40
Over	\$3,595.75	Budget Under YTD	\$43,154.35

July 21, 2019- Attend 89		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$5,340.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$306,043.50
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$264,942.40
Under	\$1,946.75	Budget Under YTD	\$45,101.10

July 28, 2019- Attend 85		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$4,850.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$313,330.25
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$265,792.90
Under	\$2,436.25	Budget Under YTD	\$47,537.35

3 Mel Ray	27 Rose Langston
Bobbie Suggs	Sonya Peacock
Sherry Waters	Jenny Clore
4 Bryce Kronenwetter	28 Bill Taylor
11 Rita Todd	30 James Fowler
16 George Holt	31 Dewey Hill
21 Sue Jordan	
22 Muriel Hill	
Mike Cole	
24 Stephen Prince	
25 Maggie Hensley	
26 Mary Alice Stanley	
Sylvia Elkins	



FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Spotlight highlights the Chancel Choir.

Early in Biblical history musicians have offered praise to God in worship. In 1 Chronicles 6:31-32 we read "And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD...And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing..."

Have you ever imagined a Sunday morning worship service without the musical offerings of our Chancel Choir? Almost every Sunday throughout the year, the Chancel Choir provides music to enhance our worship experience. Their songs are eclectic in style and theme but always filled with inspiration.

Dedication in attendance and preparation has everything to do with their ongoing success. Think about it...each Wednesday the choir rehearses from 7:15 till 8:30 and even longer during more demanding seasons like Christmas. Each singer could be at home relaxing in their favorite chair, reading a book, enjoying a snack, etc. Instead, week after week they come to choir rehearsal to prepare for worship.

The choir rehearses worship music for many weeks ahead of time, sometimes even months depending on the difficulty of the song. Why? Because they desire to offer their best to God in worship.

Here are some words from our Chancel Choir members. They were asked to write in one or two sentences what is most meaningful to them regarding their involvement in the Chancel Choir.

Joining the choir a number of years ago gave me a sense of direction and purpose at a time when I sorely needed it. What a blessing it has been to be associated with so many fine musicians and others like me who sometimes struggle but always enjoy being a part of bringing melody and meaning to the words we sing! (Brownie Cook)

The choir is a smaller family group within the congregation and we connect with each other in a special way. When we sing an anthem in worship, it connects the scripture and sermon, creating a true sense of worship. Anthems that are taken directly from scripture are especially beautiful and meaningful. (Myrtle Corbett)

Other than my family, the Chancel Choir has been the group which I have been a part of for more years than any other. It is through the beauty of nature and through music that I most see God's creation, and through music I am most aware of the presence of God. (Sylvia T. Elkins)

I joined the Chancel Choir in the early 60's. Not only do I enjoy singing but look forward to fellowship with one another. I look forward going to practice. When the different voices come together music is alive. Music is an expression of love and feeling, a spiritual feeling. I am grateful to be a part of choir. Music has always been a big part of my life. (Rose Langston)

To be part of the Chancel Choir is J-O-Y...Jesus- Others-You. (Jolene Lewis)

It gives me joy to be involved in our Chancel Choir family, joining our voices to sing of God's love, and be of service to him. (Pat Hyatt)

There's something more than special when worshipping God through meaningful hymns and anthems that were written hundreds of years ago, that have survived the ages, and are still alive today. And experiencing the camaraderie of being in fellowship with other choir members who also love and appreciate our music ministry as I do—we encourage each other. (Lydia Williams)

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. " (Colossians 3:16)

Once again, can you imagine a Sunday morning worship service without the musical offerings of the Chancel Choir? God has truly blessed us.

You are invited to help us continue the Chancel Choir legacy and to be a part of our musical family here at First Baptist.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

August Highlight: Bread Ministry



The WMU Salad & Dessert Luncheon on July 15 was an enjoyable event. Thank you to everyone who attended and provided a delicious luncheon. A special thank you to Mrs. Melba Wyche, Teresa Malpass, and Rev. Fort for a wonderful music of poetry and music.

Ladies, we need your help in keeping our freezer stocked with home-baked bread to present to our worship service guests. We have had much positive response to this ministry and we want to continue to provide it. You may bring a made-from-scratch loaf or one made from a boxed mix. One recipe makes one large loaf or two mid-sized loaves (these are a good size for this ministry). Thank you!

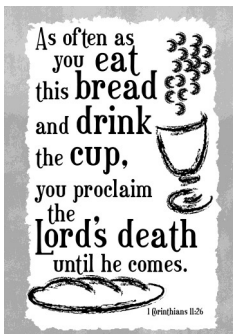
Watchword: *"My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile". 1 Cor. 15:58*

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett

WMU Director



COMMUNION

On **August 11**, during the morning worship, we will observe communion. You are invited to join us for this special time of worship when we remember Christ's completed work on our behalf.

"Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19

THANK YOU

Dear Vacation Bible School Volunteers,

Thank you for graciously welcoming Scott and Julia to your recent Vacation Bible School. They had a great time and enjoyed spending time with you and the children of First Baptist. Rachel and I are grateful for your hospitality.

Regards,

Justin Smith

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for opening your church to FBC Huntersville folks. The trip was amazing and reached the hearts of those attending and those helped. Praying for all in Whiteville.

Sincerely,

Perry Smith

# MINISTRY IN OUR COMMUNITY

## PARTNERS IN SERVICE

As we host groups in our church, we are facilitating the mission mindedness of others. Our church offers these volunteers the opportunity to use their skill sets to serve the Lord and their fellow man and to teach the next generation how to serve.

Check out the video link on our website and on our Facebook page of some of our work groups lending their hands to the mission work at Community CPR and know that we have a part in the work that happens in our community.

We often receive “Thank you” cards and pictures from groups that stay with us:

Thank you First Baptist Church of Whiteville for your hospitality and warm welcome you showed us!  
Always in our thoughts and prayers.

GUMC Youth—I Timothy 4:12 (Grace United Methodist Church, Millersburg, PA)



### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

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Make a difference in a child's life through the Backpack Ministry at First Baptist Church. The Missions Committee is looking for members willing to help with this ministry. We currently have someone to deliver to the schools on Thursdays, but we still need help packing bags. If you would like to “Leave Your Mark” in the community through this ministry, please contact Martha Senter or the church office.

## 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.)



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| 4<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship &<br>Children's Worship                                 | 5<br>10:00 Staff Meeting  | 6                       | 7<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible<br>Study<br>7:15 Ice Cream/Dessert<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                                                                      | 8                                                  | 9                                   | 10  |
| 11<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship &<br>Children's Worship<br><br><i>Communion</i>        | 12<br>10:00 Staff Meeting | 13                      | 14<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible<br>Study<br>7:15 Ice Cream/Dessert<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                                                                     | 15<br>3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits<br>(Knitting Ministry) | 16<br>12:00 Hospice<br>Meals Served | 17  |
| 18<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship &<br>Children's Worship                                | 19<br>9:30 Finance Mtg.   | 20<br>7:00 Deacons Mtg. | 21<br>5:45 Ruth Believers<br>provide WN Meal<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible<br>Study<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                                                     | 22                                                 | 23                                  | 24  |
| 25<br>9:45 Sunday School At Liberty<br>- Gleaners Class<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship &<br>Children's Worship | 26<br>10:00 Staff Meeting | 27                      | 28<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible<br>Study<br>7:15 Ice Cream/Dessert<br>7:15 Chancel Choir<br><br><i>Wednesday night<br/>activities resume<br/>September 4</i> | 29                                                 | 30                                  | 31  |

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*The Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*

*Matthew 11:28 NLT*

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