



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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WELCOME

to Our Soft Opening

We look forward to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall and worshipping the Lord, as a congregation, gathered in our sanctuary again this month. Please read the details on page 5.

"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him." Lamentations 3:21-24

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 2, SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, 10:00 - 10:30 A.M.

AUGUST 9, WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY, 11 A.M.

AUGUST 16, SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, 10:00 - 10:30 A.M.

AUGUST 17, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

AUGUST 18, DEACONS MEETING, 7:00 P.M.

AUGUST 19, DRIVE THROUGH MEAL, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

AUGUST 23, WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY, 11 A.M.

AUGUST 30, WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY, 11 A.M.

COMPLETE MONTHLY CALENDAR ON BACK.

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





Some have asked in light of the Coronavirus and the "peaceful protests" which have turned to looting, violence, hostility, rebellion, crime, murder, death and destruction in our land, are these signs of the "end of the world?" I definitely **am not** a "conspiracy theorist," but I definitely **am** a believer in God's Holy Word. I **do not** even pretend to understand all the mysteries of the "end times," but I truly believe scripture tells us we **do not** know the day or the hour, but we are to **watch** for the "**signs**" of Jesus' return. We read in Matthew 24:36, ***But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.***

As the saying goes, "We do not know **what** the future holds, but we do know **Who** holds the future! I found the following list of "signs" that we may study and consider as we **trust God** and **know** that **He is with us**, while at the same time, as Matthew 24:44 tells us, ***Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.***

SOME SIGNS OF THE END TIMES AS RECORDED IN THE BIBLE

1. People will be deceived by false prophets, and by people who claim to be Divine. (Matthew 24:24)
2. There will be severe earthquakes, famines, plagues, and severe weather conditions. (Matthew 24:3, 7; Luke 21:11; Mark 13:8)
3. The gospel will be preached in all the world and unto all nations. (Matthew 24:14; Acts 2:17)
4. There will be excessive eating, drinking, and an increase in divorces. (Matthew 24:37-38)
5. There will be an increase in homosexuality. (II Timothy 3:1-3)
6. There will be an increase in children rebelling and being disobedient to their parents. (Mark 13:12; II Timothy 3:2)
7. Man's knowledge will increase drastically. (Daniel 12:4)
8. There will be a revival of the practices of the occult: witchcraft, sorcery, astrology, soothsaying, and magic. (Revelation 21:8; 9:21)
9. The Jews will return to their homeland, and Israel will become a thriving nation once again. (Isaiah 6:7; 27:6; 35:1)
10. The Hebrew Temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem. (II Thessalonians 2:4; Matthew 24:15)
11. Financial catastrophe will envelope the world. (James 5:1-3; Revelation 18:11-12)
12. People will not be allowed to buy or sell without the mark of the beast (666) on their forehead or their right hand. (Revelation 13:16-18)
13. There will be a revival of the use of the guillotine as a means of capital punishment. (Revelation 20:4)
14. A new, revised calendar will be adopted. (Daniel 7:25)
15. The ancient city of Babylon will be rebuilt. (Revelation 18:10; 18:17; Zechariah 5:9, 11)
16. There will be 153 nations in existence in the world. (Matthew 13:47-49; John 21:11; Luke 21:28-30)
17. The street in front of the Temple, and the western wall in Jerusalem will be rebuilt. (Daniel 9:25; Zechariah 12:6)
18. There will be signs of the end of the world in the sun, moon, and the stars. (Luke 21:25)
19. In the last days men will love pleasures, rather than God. (II Timothy 3:1-4)
20. Jesus said that when the fig tree (the nation of Israel according to Jeremiah 24:4-6) "shoots forth" (is re-established), the generation alive at that time would live to see the kingdom of God coming into existence. (Luke 21:29-32)

May God bless us as we all trust Him!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' name . . . and amazing love and grace,

Wayne Brown

MUSIC NOTES



The Music Ministry is looking forward to beginning our church re-opening process this month.

Various ensembles, duets, and soloists (vocal and instrumental) will provide music for our worship services. While we will not have regularly scheduled choir rehearsals, each of these

groups, soloists, etc. will be diligently rehearsing behind the scenes. We will definitely keep our interim supply organist very busy!

I look forward to seeing you in worship beginning this month. Remember to call the office and reserve your seat.

The Music Ministry will also prepare the Wednesday drive-through meal for the month of August. It will be

on August 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. The menu is chicken, baked potato, salad and desert.

We will continue to look at music activities for children, youth and handbells, and will plan to start them just as soon as we know that it is safe for all involved.

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

Eddie

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH, NEXT DRIVE THROUGH SUPPER, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

The Music Committee is preparing our next drive through meal. The plate will include chicken, baked potato, salad and dessert. There is no charge for the meal. We will bring your plates to your vehicle. If you would like to bring your tithes and offerings, we will take those in to the church for you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS



A huge "Thank you" goes out to all the people involved in ministering to our congregation by preparing and distributing Wednesday drive-through meals on July 22. This has been an excellent fellowship outreach for our congregation. We want you to know that we realize the work involved and the many hands it takes to accomplish this feat. What an encouragement to our church family that so many volunteers are all willing to work to minister to the needs of others. We appreciate your service to our people and to our Lord!

August 2, 2020

"The Vine . . . The Vinedresser . . . and the Fruit!"
John 15:1-27

August 9, 2020

"Our Helper: The Holy Spirit"
John 14:1-31

August 16, 2020

"Happy Anniversary, Joy! This Is Dedicated to the One I Love!"
Proverbs 31:10-31, I Corinthians 13:1-13

August 23, 2020

"Children Learn What They Live"
Psalm 127:3-5, Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:1-4

August 30, 2020

"Are We Growing in Wisdom and Stature and in Favor with God and Man?"
Luke 2:21-52



AUGUST MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Not available in August

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

2 Sandra Floyd / Haywood Corbett
9 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince
16 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte
23 David Carter / Charlie Duncan
30 Tricia Sanderson

DVD DISTRIBUTION

Not available in August

HOSPICE MEAL

Has been canceled by the facility

NURSERY

Not available in August

PEW STOCKER

Janet Plasky

SOUND & VIDEO

2 Mitchell Sauls
9 Bryce Kronenwetter
16 Kirby Sanderson
23 Eric Kronenwetter
30 Kirby Sanderson

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

2 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
9 Genie Carter
16 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
23 Bill & Jolene Lewis
30 Mitchell Sauls / Bridger Warlick

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

Visitors not allowed inside the facility

USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

2 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /
David Heath / Clint Grainger /
J. C. Hyatt
9 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt
16 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /
Chris Blackmon
23 Harry Ward / David Tedder /
Haywood Corbett / Kevin
Williamson / Kyle Cook
30 TBA

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Kenwood Royal

STEWARDSHIP

July 5, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,645.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$0.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,645.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,344.80
Total Collections This Week	\$4,989.80
Under Budget This Week	\$3,020.50

Budget Need to date	\$266,620.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$257,694.74
Over Budget to date	\$8,925.26

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### July 12, 2020

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$200.00          |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$3,970.00        |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$0.00            |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$4,170.00</b> |

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| Designated/Other Funds             | \$185.00          |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$4,355.00</b> |
| <b>Under Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$2,495.50</b> |

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| Budget Need to date  | \$273,285.50 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$261,864.74 |
| Under Budget to date | \$11,420.76  |

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July 16, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$1,805.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$2,500.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,305.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,035.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,340.00
Under Budget This Week	\$2,360.50

Budget Need to date	\$279,951.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$266,169.74
Under Budget to date	\$13,781.26

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### July 28, 2020

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$1,440.00         |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$8,526.20         |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$600.00           |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$10,566.20</b> |

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$1,890.00         |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$12,456.20</b> |
| <b>Over Budget This Week</b>       | <b>\$3,900.70</b>  |

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| Budget Need to date  | \$286,616.50 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$276,735.94 |
| Under Budget to date | \$9,880.56   |

*And we have known and believed  
the love that God hath to us. God is  
love; and he that dwelleth in love  
dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

1 John 4:16

## August Birthdays

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

## CONTACT INFO

### Ministerial Staff

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### Ministry Assistant Staff

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

# REOPENING THE CHURCH

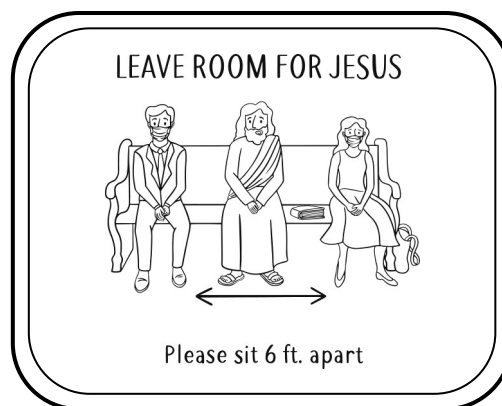
The Committee to Reopen First Baptist Church is planning for our soft opening beginning in August. Plans include the following:

Continue the Wednesday Night Drive-Through Supper through August. The Music Ministry will provide the meal for the August Wednesday Night Drive-Through Supper.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, we will offer a general Sunday School session for **adults** in the Fellowship Hall. Face masks will be required and we will be practicing social distancing by placing chairs strategically throughout the Fellowship Hall to accommodate up to 36 people. We are enlisting volunteers from our Sunday School classes to teach on these days. Please be patient as we are in a learning curve as to how to offer services to as many of our members as possible. Sunday School will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. in order for individuals to return to their homes to listen via internet or radio. Members of the committee and Deacon volunteers will be directing the flow of traffic in and out of the building. **Reservations are required.** The Sunday School teacher for both of these Sundays will be **Karen Dawsey**.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> we will open the sanctuary to the congregation for worship services. In addition to staff, we can accommodate up to 36 participants in the sanctuary with social distancing. If we exceed the number of reservations for the sanctuary, we will open the Fellowship Hall and allow participants to view the service on a screen through the internet. Families may sit together in the sanctuary but others must social distance. Children are welcome for our worship services in the Sanctuary. They must sit with parents in designated family pews and remain with family members during entrance and exit from the building. There will be no Children's Service or nursery provided on these days. Masks will be required and we will have volunteers to assist with seating, exit and entrance options. **Reservations will be required.**

Again, we ask your patience in advance as we are preparing to fully open our church. We welcome your suggestions and ideas. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 910-642-2139 and they will forward them to the committee. Please continue to pray for our committee as we move forward in opening FBC. Thank you for your interest, support, and prayerful concern.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

The WMU enjoyed our annual salad and dessert luncheon on Monday, July 13, with Mrs. Joy Brown, wife of our interim pastor, as the speaker. It was wonderful to fellowship and enjoy a meal together, even while safe-distancing.



Joy, thank you for an informative, inspirational program! To hear you recount some of the experiences you had while on mission encouraged us to do more and to be aware of how God is working alongside us as we go. You made Jesus's promise in Matthew 28:19-20 a reality: *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*

The church-wide project for August is School Supplies. Although school in the classrooms may be adjusted this year, teachers and students will still need supplies. You may take items such as crayons, pens, paper, facial tissues, hand sanitizer, etc. to the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall, or drop them off at the August Wednesday Night Supper pick-up on August 19.

The Harvest Table offering to date is \$440.00. We are still collecting funds and you may make your check payable to First Baptist Church and designate it WMU/Harvest Table.

**WMU Ladies:** The 2020-21 subscriptions for Missions Mosaic have been ordered. Each subscription is \$24.54; if you can submit this amount, it will help to reimburse our account. Make checks payable to FBC and mark them WMU/Missions Mosaic. 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

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

As we continue with plans for re-opening the church, we will keep everyone up-to-date via our mass communication list (phone call, email, or text). If you are not currently receiving mass communications from the church office, please let us know so that you can be added to our list.

The Sunday morning video service will be broadcast on YouTube Live (a link to the video is posted on our FBC Facebook page), and the audio can be heard on radio station FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, and online at [www.kool1039radio.com](http://www.kool1039radio.com)—"Listen Live." The recorded video is added to our website every Monday, so if you miss the Sunday service, or would like to see previous messages, they can be found at [www.fbcwhiteville.com](http://www.fbcwhiteville.com) under "Media and Resources."

You will be able to give contributions online on our [www.fbcwhiteville.com](http://www.fbcwhiteville.com) web site under the "Giving" tab near the top of the page, or you can mail contributions to the church.

Thank you for your patience as we work through staying safe. We miss meeting together and look forward to seeing you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you need any help.

# THANK YOU

I am very grateful to and want to thank sincerely **ALL** who have helped us celebrate and relish the “drive through” meals that have been so enjoyable and delicious! Another meal is being sponsored on August 19<sup>th</sup> by our Music Ministry. We also are extremely grateful to the members of the committee who have been meeting regularly to pray, discuss, and plan for the re-opening of the church: **Lauren Cole, chair-person; Charlie Duncan, Eddie Fort, Mary Hooks, Mary Jean Prince, and Kirby Sanderson**. I have had the privilege of meeting with this fine group and we **all** want to seek and follow God’s will. I guess we can say we had rather “err on the side of caution and safety,” because we certainly do want to be safe and not cause anyone harm, although we all want to be able to worship and fellowship together again.

With that said, on **Sundays, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**, we are thankful to **KAREN DAWSEY**, who will teach a combined Sunday School class for all who would like to attend in the Fellowship Hall. On **Sundays, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will open the sanctuary for worship with overflow in the Fellowship Hall, if needed. **THANK YOU** for your patience and understanding as we learn and take “baby steps” together for this “soft opening” of our church. Future church-wide opportunities and plans will be announced, but please call the church office, 910.642.2139, or any member of the committee, or me (843.796.0397), if you have **any** questions or concerns. **THANK YOU!**

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ name . . . and amazing love and grace,

*Wayne Brown*

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for honoring me on Graduate Recognition Sunday and for the beautiful, engraved Bible that was presented to me by Dr. Brown from the church. I will be forever grateful to my church for all the love and support I have been given by you throughout the years.

Sincerely,
Leah Sanderson

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank our church family for all of the expressions of love shown to us - for the food, flowers, calls, visits, cards, memorials and kind acts - we will be forever grateful. We have felt the prayers offered up for us.

Love,
Peggy FormyDuval and Family



FYI

For your information, the week of August 17-21, the Ministry Assistant will be on vacation and incommunicado, so if you need help from the office, please plan accordingly. The phones will be covered Monday through Thursday of that week if you have general questions concerning contact or calendar information, and as is her regular schedule, the Financial Ministry Assistant will be available Monday and Tuesday should you have questions for her. Thank you for your help!

	August 2020					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 Sunday School in the fellowship hall	3 10:00 Staff Mtg	4	5 6:00 Reopen the Church Committee Meeting	6	7	8
9 11:00 Morning Worship in the sanctuary	10 10:00 Staff Mtg	11	12 6:00 Reopen the Church Committee Meeting	13	14	15
16 10:00 Sunday School in the fellowship hall	17 9:30 Finance Mtg 10:00 Staff Mtg	18 7:00 Deacons Mtg	19 5:30–6:30 Drive through Supper—Prepared by the Music Committee	20	21	22
23 11:00 Morning Worship in the sanctuary	24 10:00 Staff Mtg	25	26 6:00 Reopen the Church Committee Meeting	27	28	29
30 11:00 Morning Worship in the sanctuary	31					

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