



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021, VOLUME 56, NUMBER 8



**You are cordially invited to  
enjoy watermelon with us on  
Sunday, August 15, 2021,  
6:30 p.m., sponsored by the  
Baptist Men.**

Children ages 3 years — 2nd grade  
are invited to:



**Children's Music  
Activity**

**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

*until school starts*

### Events At A Glance

August 1, Communion during the morning worship,  
11:00 a.m.

August 3, 10, 17, Children's Music Activity, 10:30 a.m.

August 11, Prayer Meeting in the fellowship hall,  
6:30 p.m.

August 15, Watermelon Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

August 16, Finance meeting, 9:30 a.m.

August 17, Deacons' meeting, 6:30 p.m.

August 18, Chancel Choir rehearsals resume, 4:30 p.m.

*Complete monthly calendar on back.*

To add an event to our calendar,  
please contact the church office:

(910) 642-2139





Can you believe how rapidly 2021 is flying by as the year is vanishing before our eyes? We have had a wonderful and busy summer at First Baptist Church with some fun-filled and very pleasant church-wide activities. In addition to our regular weekly worship opportunities, our deacons prepared, hosted, and served the delicious fish fry dinner with all the trimmings in June. Also, in June, the Social Committee sponsored an awesome "Home-made Ice Cream Fellowship!" In July, the Family Life Committee treated us to the festive and delicious hot dog supper with a delightful time for games. And, this month, on **Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm**, our Baptist Men will be furnishing and slicing watermelons for all of us to enjoy at the church! These events certainly blessed our church and truly served to encourage our entire fellowship! We truly THANK EVERYONE who "helped to make them happen!" The Grounds, Properties, and the Children's Committees initiated workdays for the church's

playground in July and they made tremendous and obvious improvements. Our Baptismal Committee helped us prepare in June with **Grace Wheatley** and her family as we celebrated Grace's baptism. Our church also offered the use of our kitchen and fellowship hall for the "Praying Pelicans" Mission Teams who came to serve this summer in the Whiteville area. And . . . on July 29<sup>th</sup>, we hosted and ministered with the BLOODMOBILE at our church. We also had a very meaningful Vacation Bible School led by Donna Prince, who volunteered to serve as our VBS director, and the wonderful team of volunteers, July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>! WE TRULY THANK GOD FOR EVERYONE—ONE AND ALL—WHO HELPED WITH ALL OF THESE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND MINISTRIES!

Perhaps you have heard, or have used the phrases, "*Little things mean a lot!*" and "*Little is much when God is in it!*" At one time or another in our lives, I am sure we all have received and have been touched by simple, yet heart-felt words or deeds expressed through a comment . . . note . . . card . . . letter . . . phone call . . . text message . . . email . . . remembrance . . . gift . . . or an unexpected visit by someone whose thoughtfulness and gift of TIME really blessed our lives!

I am reminded of the story in the Bible of the little boy (John 6:1-14) who shared his small and simple lunch of five (5) barley loaves and two (2) fish with Jesus. Jesus used the lad's unselfish act of sharing his lunch and He blessed many lives through the child's act of obedience and generosity through sharing his little gifts which blessed multitudes.

In speaking of the call of Christians to unselfishness, on July 18, 2021, I preached on the role of deacons as real servants. Our church in conference on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, voted to name one of our members, **Mrs. Gayle Wells Powell**, as Deacon Emeritus, in light of her many years of faithful service and also, because, like the scriptures tell us, she epitomizes a true spirit of humility, self-sacrifice, service, obedience, generosity, and selflessness. More details will be announced later about an upcoming service of recognition for Mrs. Powell, but for now, may I join with the entire church family in saying, "Congratulations, Mrs. Powell!" We love and appreciate you and your many years of service. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" May God continue to guide and bless you and all of us today and always, in ALL WAYS. . . in Jesus name and in His amazing love and grace.

Gratefully and prayerfully in Jesus' love,

Wayne Brown

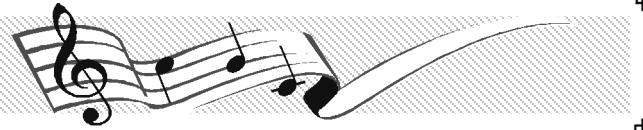
## DEACON EMERITUS

On July 28, 2021, Mrs. Gayle Wells Powell was elected, at the Church Conference, Deacon Emeritus. The Nominating Committee received the nomination from Mrs. Betty Jo Prevatte. Upon receiving the nomination, it was reviewed and voted by the Nominating Committee to recommend her nomination to the Board of Deacons. The Board of Deacons at their July meeting voted on the recommendation to elect Mrs. Powell Deacon Emeritus. The naming of a deacon as Deacon Emeritus is given in recognition of outstanding service and ministry as a deacon in this church.

Mrs. Gayle Powell joined FBC January 2, 1949. She was elected deacon in 1997. Mrs. Powell taught for many years in the Junior, Intermediate, Senior High, and Adult Ladies Sunday School Classes. Mrs. Powell served in many positions throughout the years in WMU. Mrs. Powell worked in VBS. She especially enjoyed her years of serving on the Tape Ministry and Flower Committees. Throughout the life of her service she has been asked to serve on special committees. Mrs. Powell has been very committed to the entire ministry of First Baptist Church. God Bless You, Mrs. Gayle Powell, and thank you for your lifetime of service.



## Music Notes



Our **Children's Music Activity** is going well considering the vacation season.

The group for age 3 through 2nd grades meets each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Please feel free to invite your community friends. We will determine the best time to meet during the school year once everyone knows their schedules.

**The Chancel Choir** will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, August 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Plan to start out the new church year singing with them!

**Handbells** will resume as soon as school begins for the Fall. Date, day and time will be announced later in the summer.

The **deacons** outdid themselves on Sunday, July 18 by providing the worship choir that morning. In fact, you sang so well that there is already talk of

having a **Deacon Choir** sing in worship more often. Thank you for your willingness to serve in a different way and maybe a little out of your comfort zone.

The Music Ministry continues to offer music activities and events for you to participate in during the summer months and on into the Fall. There is definitely a place for you! Join us today!

*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*



## WE NEED YOUR HELP - PLEASE SEND MORE PICS

Thank you for the pictures we have been receiving as we have become more active as a church family and are creating more opportunities for those "Kodak moments." Please continue to take pictures of our activities so we can "brag" about our church family on our website and our Facebook page. Keep checking our online presence to see what is going on as we share the pictures you are sending to us. Thank you for all your help!

### August 1, 2021

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
*The Meaning of the Lord's Supper*  
Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-23;  
John 13:1-35; I Corinthians 11:23-34

### August 8, 2021

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
*Little Is Much When God Is in It!*  
John 6:1-14

### August 15, 2021

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
*The Precious Gift of Time*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; 4:9-12; I Corinthians 13:1-13

### August 22, 2021

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
*Three Very Distinct Attitudes Concerning Life and Living*  
Luke 10:25-37

### August 29, 2021

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
*The Importance of One!*  
Psalm 142:4; Luke 10:37

**AUGUST SERMONS**

## AUGUST MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Grayanna Young
- 8 Gina Morningstar
- 15 Tina Sauls
- 22 Tricia Sanderson
- 29 TBA

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 1 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley
- 8 Chris Blackmon / John Sauls
- 15 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson
- 22 Tricia Sanderson / Haywood Corbett
- 29 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince

### HOSPICE SNACKS

Peggy Underwood

### SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Mitchell Sauls
- 8 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Kirby Sanderson

### SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 15 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt

### USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

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

*"God has given each of you a gift  
from his great variety of spiritual  
gifts. Use them well to serve one  
another."*

*1 Peter 4:10 NLT*

## STEWARDSHIP

**July 4, 2021**

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$9,119.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$115.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$9,274.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$11,073.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$20,347.00</b>

<b>Over Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,839.98</b>
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Budget Need to date	\$257,360.80
Budget Rec'd to date	\$260,090.84
Over Budget to date	\$2,730.04

**July 11, 2021**

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,200.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$275.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,475.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$289.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$3,764.00</b>

<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,959.02</b>
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Budget Need to date	\$263,794.82
Budget Rec'd to date	\$263,565.84
Under Budget to date	\$228.98

**July 18, 2021**

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,072.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$2,150.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$4,222.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$449.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$4,671.00</b>

<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,212.02</b>
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Budget Need to date	\$270,228.84
Budget Rec'd to date	\$267,787.84
Under Budget to date	\$2,441.00

**July 25, 2021**

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,500.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,800.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$200.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$145.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$6,645.00</b>

<b>Over Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$65.98</b>
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Budget Need to date	\$276,662.86
Budget Rec'd to date	\$274,287.84
Under Budget to date	\$2,375.02

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Mel Ray  
Bobbye Suggs  
Sherry Waters
- 4 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 11 Rita Todd
- 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  
Sam Wheatley

"I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God."

*Ephesians 3:16-19 NLT*

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## OFFICE HOURS

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

**Hospice Snacks for August:** Peggy Underwood  
**August Mission Project:** School Supplies



The WMU members were involved with our July Bible School in various roles: Teaching, assistant teaching, providing lunch on Saturday (with help from Carlton Prince), and other areas as needed. Our mission project for August is collecting school supplies for our local schools, and we invite the congregation to join this effort. A basket will be placed in the church foyer throughout the month, or supplies may be placed on the Missions Table in the fellowship hall. As always, we need and appreciate full participation by the church.

**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

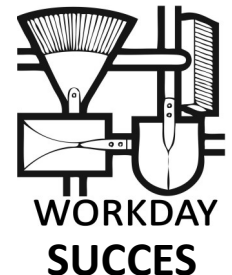
### Our Mission


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

Myrtle Corbett, WMU Director




## WORKDAY UPDATE

Thank you for all your help working on the playground on July 17. We had several people come out and join us.




**American Red Cross**

*Thank you!*

**First Baptist Church of Whiteville**

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Sponsor Group

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**July 29th**

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Date of Drive

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Total Number of Donors

First Time Donors

46

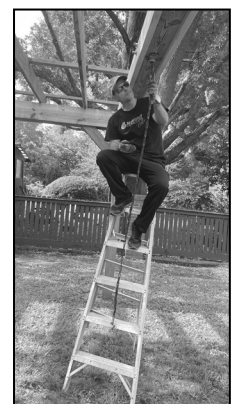
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Units Collected

Potential Number of Lives Saved

When you made the decision to host a blood drive, you helped change lives.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WATERMELON FELLOWSHIP

On **Sunday evening, August 15** at **6:30 p.m.** the Baptist Men are sponsoring a watermelon fellowship. Please come and enjoy with us!

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Please mark your calendars for the following event:

**Operation Inasmuch—Saturday, October 2, 2021.** Please be considering projects in which you would like for us to participate. Check with your committees, Sunday School classes, WMU, Baptist Men, Choir, Youth, and Children's groups for ideas. Try to think outside of the box and see if we can meet some of the needs in our community. Please, call the office (910-642-2139) or any member of the Missions Committee with your ideas. Lauren Cole, Mary Hooks, Bobby Hensley, Haywood Corbett, Geoff Hopkins, or Martha Senter. Thank you!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our regular Sunday School classes resumed in our original classrooms on July 4. Please contact Kirby Sanderson (910-840-1856) if you are interested in assisting with any of these classes: nursery, 2 year old class, 3-5 year old class, and 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. Also, parents please contact Kirby if you have a child who will attend Sunday School. He will assess the demand for the children's classes to determine the teachers needed. We are glad to seeing the church family back in our normal surroundings.

## HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Please note, the office will be closed on **Monday, September 6**, in observance of Labor Day.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship. I greatly appreciate it. Thank you for all that y'all have done for me during my early years. Again, I cannot thank all of y'all enough.

Love,  
Bryce Kronenwetter



The family of **Charles Donald Prevatte**, born May 13, 1937, died May 22, 2020, has given to the church a crystal vase in his memory. He truly loved First Baptist Church and appreciated the many ways he was afforded to be of service. The family wishes to thank the chairman of the Flower Committee for accepting this gift on behalf of the church.

Sincerely, Mrs. Betty Jo Prevatte and family.

# VBS MINI GALLERY

These are some of the many pictures taken at this year's Vacation Bible School. Please check our website at [www.fbcwhiteville.com](http://www.fbcwhiteville.com) to see the entire gallery in color. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Glenn Waters for taking all these photos!





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