



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Please join us for a sandwich supper and an old-fashioned Hymn Sing on Wednesday, August 14, at 5:45 P.M.



It's time to plan the 2024-2025 budget. The Stewardship and Finance Committee is working hard to get the budget ready for the next church year. Please read more details on page 6.

Events At A Glance

August 1 - Children's Summer JAM, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

August 5, 12, 19, 26 - Book Study, 6:30 p.m.

August 6, 13, 20, 27 - Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

August 7, 14, 21, 28 - Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

August 12 - Budget Input Deadline for Committee chairs.

August 14 - Hymn Sing and Sandwich Supper, 5:45 p.m.

August 19 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

August 20 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 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



“All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.”
Isaiah 54:13

In case you haven't had a chance to stop by yet, our children's summer **JAM** (*Jesus And Me!*) is currently in session and in full swing. Among our newest First Baptist members, Kaiya Williamson is one of the participants. She's 9 years old, and as of the first two sessions, was the only girl in attendance. After the second day wrapped up I smiled and asked her "Are you keeping all of these boys in check?" Without missing a beat, an exuberant grin quickly came to her face as she replied, "I'm having a blast!" Kaiya is indeed a trooper. And according to the vibrant singing of songs, rhythmic dancing and banging of "drums" (Gus Cothorn, **YOU ROCK!**), participation in Bible lessons, and various arts and crafts - this seems to be the prevailing sentiment among all the children.

Proverbs 20:11 certainly comes to mind as I watch the children gleefully participate in their morning activities, *“Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.”* A BRIEF NOTE TO THE PARENT(S) AS YOU DROP LITTLE BOBBY & SUSIE OFF FOR TUESDAY & THURSDAY SUMMER JAM AT 1ST BAPTIST: Your children, are doing you proud! Their energy... intelligence... politeness... enthusiasm... and quest for Biblical learning has been nothing short of **AMAZING!** Although we're not finished yet, let us pause long enough to give ourselves a well deserved pat on the back for a "job well done!" It has already been decided that on the last Thursday of JAM we're going to prepare for a very memorable final day for the children (and parents). Just prior to pickup at noon we are planning to have a "graduation ceremony" for the kids. There will be special gifts provided to all kids as we honor their participation.

Our hard-working staff at 1st Baptist deserve so much credit for all the time & effort they have devoted to this joyous endeavor! We are already making plans to meet up in order to discuss what we can do to make this much needed program **EVEN BIGGER & BETTER** in 2025! *THIS is the level of excitement that has been building since day one. I know that the children will be ready!* **To God be the glory!**

Pastor Hillman



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Church After Church
July 21, 2024. We
had a great time at
San Juan Restaurant.

Remember the old
song—*They will
know we are
Christians by our
love?* You are invited
to join us as we
follow the teaching
of God's word and
take our brotherly
love out into the
community with us
each Sunday after
the worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY SUMMER JAM 2024

We are thankful for a successful Summer JAM. Each day the children participated in a music session, story time (where they learned about the Fruits of the Spirit), craft session, and playtime. At the end of the JAM, they will receive a certificate of participation and a t-shirt with our JAM logo. Their enthusiasm was off the charts. We had a good group each day and they were a joy to work with.



AUGUST MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

4 Tina Sauls
11 Jan Hinson
18 Tricia Sanderson
25 Beverly Pope

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

4 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson
11 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray
18 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers
25 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray

HOSPICE MEALS

Janie Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

4 Kate C. Lee
11 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
18 Keith & Jamie Beverley
25 Brenda Carter / Genie Carter

SOUND & VIDEO

4 Kirby Sanderson
11 Eric Kronenwetter
18 Kirby Sanderson
25 Eric Kronenwetter

"By nothing do we limit (God) more than by allowing our human ideas of what He proposes to be the measure of our expectation. The reliance of a heart perfect toward Him is simply this: it yields to Him as God; it rests upon Him; it allows Him, as God, to do in His own way what He has promised. The heart is perfect toward Him in meeting Him with a perfect faith for all that He is and does as God. **Faith expects from God what is beyond all expectation.**"

-Andrew Murray

June 30, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,000.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,237.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$350.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,587.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$627.65
Total Collections This Week	\$5,214.65
Under Budget This Week	\$817.95
Budget Need to date	\$216,198.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$234,872.00
Over Budget to date	\$18,674.00

STEWARDSHIP

July 7, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,480.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$600.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,080.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$1,614.91
Total Collections This Week	\$3,080.00
Under Budget This Week	\$2,324.95
Budget Need to date	\$221,602.95
Budget Rec'd to date	\$237,952.00
Over Budget to date	\$16,349.05

July 14, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$50.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,356.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$350.00
Total Budget This Week	\$2,756.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$800.00
Total Collections This Week	\$3,556.00
Under Budget This Week	\$2,648.95
Budget Need to date	\$227,007.90
Budget Rec'd to date	\$240,708.00
Over Budget to date	\$13,700.10

July 21, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,894.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,000.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,894.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$305.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,199.00
Under Budget This Week	\$510.95
Budget Need to date	\$232,412.85
Budget Rec'd to date	\$245,602.00
Over Budget to date	\$13,189.15

July 28, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,000.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$1,875.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$50.00
Total Budget This Week	\$2,925.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$475.00
Total Collections This Week	\$3,400.00
Under Budget This Week	\$2,479.95
Budget Need to date	\$237,817.80
Budget Rec'd to date	\$248,527.00
Over Budget to date	\$10,709.20

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 Mel Ray
Bobbie Suggs
Sherry Waters
4 Bryce Kronenwetter
11 Rita Todd
22 Mike Cole
24 Stephen Prince
25 Maggie Hensley
26 Mary Alice Stanley
27 Rose Langston
Sonya Peacock
28 Bill Taylor
30 James Fowler
31 Lauren Cole
Sam Wheatley

JULY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

July 7, 2024 - 50
July 14, 2024 - 42
July 21, 2024 - 42
July 28, 2024 - 27

Average attendance for July
Sunday School is 40.

Please join us each week for Sunday
School at 9:45 a.m.

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and
a light for my path. I've promised it once,
and I'll promise it again: I will obey your
righteous regulations.*

Psalm 119:105-106

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

BOOK STUDY

Beginning Monday August 5, at 6:30 p.m., we will meet together to discuss author/professor/pastor Amy DiMarcangelo's Go And Do Likewise, A Call To Follow Jesus In A Life Of Mercy And Mission. This powerhouse of a little book is guaranteed to ignite robust group participation as it pertains to the further development of our Christian walk.



If you didn't get on the list for a book, it's not too late. If you would like to join us, please call the church office and we can still order a book for you. Please join us as we study and fellowship together on Monday evenings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us for Sunday School each week at 9:45 a.m. We have classes for every age group. Let's grow our Sunday School ministry.

OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING

When was the last time you went to a singing? On August 14, the Chancel Choir will prepare a sandwich supper, then we are going to have an old-fashioned hymn sing. We'll be able to sit around the tables and sing praises to our heavenly Father with all the old songs we love to sing.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, July 21, 2024, the Williamson family joined our congregation: Josh, MaryEllen, Kaiya, and Conner. We would like to welcome them to our church family.



Dr. Hillman (and First Baptist Church),

We wanted to thank you for everything. I know Dad would be proud of all you and the family have done for him.

Drenda Ellis (Daughter of Jerry Carter)

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6 NLT

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

WMU

WMU Meeting: No Meeting in August

Hospice Meal: Janie Briggs (Hospice Contact Karen: 910-642-9051)

Sunday, June 30: WMU led the church in a worshipful patriotic service to commemorate America's Independence Day. We are truly grateful for the privilege to live in a free country and to worship God, who gives us true freedom through Jesus Christ. "Thank You!" to Betty Jo Prevatte for initiating the service, and to everyone who helped plan and participate in the service.



August is Back to School Month: We will have our annual collection of school supplies to distribute to teachers in Whiteville City Schools. Items may be brought to the Missions Table in the fellowship hall or left in the basket in the sanctuary vestibule. Paper, pens, glue, markers, hand sanitizers, facial tissues, etc., are some of the items most needed. Our schools are always very appreciative of these gifts.

The 2022-24 Watchword is: *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* --Romans 12:12

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett, Director

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director



CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

The end of our Summer JAM is Thursday, August 1, from 9 a.m.—12 noon. Please spread the word and invite children to come and participate in our last day of Bible stories, crafts, music, and games. The children have enjoyed working with Mr. Gus Cothorn on music for the summer program and the many different activities they have been involved in.

2024 - 2025 BUDGET CHANGES

Made you look! It is time to begin work on the 2024-2025 budget. The Stewardship and Finance Committee needs the input of our committees to carry on the ministries for the coming year while being responsible stewards of our current giving and resources.

Please contact Dinah in the church office no later than Monday, August 12, 2024 to give us your budget input from your committee.

Thank you for your ministry at First Baptist Church,
The Stewardship and Finance Committee

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

During the month of August, we will not have family movie night. We will have another movie in September.

DEACON ELECTION

Deacon Election will take place during worship on **Sunday, September 8**. In order to allow ample time for prayer and the seeking of God's will in the election of our church deacons, we wanted to get the necessary information to you in this edition of the newsletter.

According to the FBC Bylaws, revised January 27, 2021, voted/approved at church conference, we have changed how deacons are elected. Since this voting process Bylaw change is still new, we are including the information concerning deacon election verbatim from the Bylaws, Section 5. Deacons, 3. Election -

3. Election.

a. The election for deacons shall be held on the second Sunday in September during the morning worship service. At that time, the membership of the church shall list five (5) names for deacons. Following the counting of the votes the moderator shall talk to each of them and determine their willingness to serve.

b. To enhance and expedite the deacon election process, the Church for a three to four week period preceding the election of deacons will use the Church newsletter and announcements at appropriate worship services to emphasize the prayer, study, and obedience to God's will needed in the deacon election process. Church members are encouraged to prayerfully consider persons they wish to recommend for deacons and are encouraged to talk with those persons whose names they wish to submit to determine if those persons would serve as deacons.

c. The election of deacons by absentee balloting shall be permitted by any member desiring to do so. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Church office by such member, or by a designee of any member, at any time prior to the closing of the church office on the Thursday preceding the day of the election of deacons. The Church ministry assistant shall keep a record of all absentee ballots issued.

Please spend significant time in prayer about whom you feel God would have serve as the spiritual leaders of our church. Also, please reach out to those folks whom you believe God is putting on your heart, and ask their permission prior to writing their names down to serve as deacon.

For anyone who knows they cannot attend worship service on **Sunday, September 8** for Deacon Election, there will be confidential absentee ballots available in the church office from **Tuesday, September 3 - Thursday, September 5**. All absentee ballots must be in by **4:30 p.m. Thursday, September 5**. The absentee ballots will be transferred to the Tally Committee on Sunday morning, September 8, so they can be included with the other ballots. Please note the following people are ineligible for your vote as they are currently serving on the deacon body or rotated off last year:

<u>Term Expired 2023</u>	<u>Term Expires 2024</u>	<u>Term Expires 2025</u>	<u>Term Expires 2026</u>
Genie Carter	Kate C. Lee	Willis Pinnell	Buster Carter
Tricia Sanderson	Stephen Prince	Betty Jo Prevatte	Brownie Cook
John Sauls	Hilda Ray	Mel Ray	Charlie Duncan
Peggy Underwood	Glenn Waters	Ella Jo Sellers	Bobby Hensley
Dr. Ron Walters	Janice Young	Merle Worley	Kirby Sanderson

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

James 1:5

August 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9-12 noon Community Summer JAM	2	3
4 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	5 6:30 Book Study	6 6:30 Bible Study	7 6:30 Prayer service	8	9	10
11 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	12 6:30 Book Study	13 6:30 Bible Study	14 5:45 Sandwich Supper 6:30 Old fashioned Hymn Sing	15	16	17
18 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	19 9:30 Finance Meeting 6:30 Book Study	20 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	21 6:30 Prayer service	22	23	24
25 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	26 6:30 Book Study	27 6:30 Bible Study	28 6:30 Prayer service	29	30	31

September 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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