

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019, VOLUME 54, NUMBER 12



We invite you and your family to join us on December 1 at 6:00 p.m. as we prepare the sanctuary and our hearts for the season of Advent.

Come Se Faithful A Service of Carols December 15, 11:00 a.m.



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER 1, MISSIONS BREAKFAST, 9:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 1, HANGING OF THE GREENS, 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 2, PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 6, GLEANERS SS CLASS CHRISTMASLUNCH, 12 NOON.

DECEMBER 8, YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 14, YOUTH CAROLING, 4:45 P.M.

DECEMBER 15, "COME YE FAITHFUL" DURING MORNING WORSHIP, PRESENTED BY THE CHANCEL AND YOUTH CHOIRS.

DECEMBER 16, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 17, NO DEACONS MEETING IN DECEMBER.

DECEMBER 18 & 25, NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 22 & 23, LIVE NATIVITY, 6:30 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M. BOTH EVENINGS.

DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE, 6:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 24 & 25, OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

COMPLETE MONTHLY CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

First Baptist Church has been blessed to have Ryan Clore serve as our pastor over the last four years. We are so grateful for the Christian love, joy, and grace that Ryan, Jenny, Luke and Shannon have brought to our church, our community and to God's kingdom while they were here. While we do not want to see them to go, we know that they must follow God's call. We are anxious to see what great things will be accomplished in Albemarle.

In addition to carrying on its regular duties, your Board of Deacons has been busy with two tasks related to finding a new pastor. The first was to select an Interim Pastor and Pulpit Supply Selection Committee. The Deacons selected the five members and two alternates for this committee. Those five members are: Dale Duncan (Chair), Janet Plasky, Johnny Britt, Hilda Ray, and Mel Ray. The alternates are Jim Warlick and Martha Senter. The church approved this committee at a called meeting on November 13. This committee is already well on their way to trying to find the right interim pastor for First Baptist Church. In the meantime, we are so grateful to Dr. Fred Senter who has graciously agreed to supply our pulpit and our Wednesday night fellowships though the end of the year. Please thank Fred for agreeing to serve.

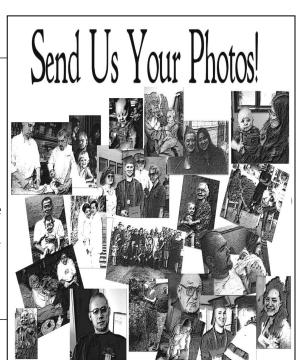
The second task was to appoint a Pastor Selection Committee. That task is the responsibility of the Personnel Committee and the Nominating Committee. Brownie Cook has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee, and his selection was approved by the church at the called meeting on November 13. Again, please thank Brownie for serving our church in this capacity. According to our by-laws, these two committees are to get together and select five members, and two alternates for the Pastor Search Committee. Please pray fervently so that God's will is revealed to all who are involved in calling our new pastor.

Through Christ, our church is strong! We will find the right pastor who answers God's call to serve First Baptist Church. With prayer and discernment, we will come together and serve together so that the Kingdom of God is glorified forever.

Yours in Christ,

Coburn Powell
Chairman of the Board of Deacons

Don't miss out on another photo op! This month we have Missions Breakfast, Sunday School class parties, Youth Progressive Dinner, Youth Caroling, "Come Ye Faithful", Live Nativity, and Christmas Eve Communion Service. All these are great opportunities to fill our archives with the activities that we enjoy being a part of at First Baptist Church. We would love to add your pictures to our photo gallery. It is always fun to look back and see who was working on a project, helping in the kitchen, or just visiting with friends. Send your pics to office@fbcwhiteville.com. If you have been snapping photos of other events, feel free to send those to the office as well.



MUSIC NOTES





'Tis the Season!

As you read this, the Chancel Choir has combined with other church choirs to provide music for our Community Thanksgiving Service. Thank you Choir!

The Hanging of the Greens is less than a week away! Plan to join us for this inspiring service as we prepare our sanctuary and our hearts for the coming Christ Child. The service is at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Come, Ye Faithful, a service of carols will be presented by the Chancel Choir with help from our youth singers, the congregation, Youth & Adult Handbell Choir, percussion, flute, organ and string ensemble on Sunday, December 15 during the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. The service is a blending of familiar and less familiar Christmas carols from around the world. Dress Rehearsal is Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.

The Christmas Eve Candle light Communion service will be at 5:00 p.m. on December 24. The service is about 45 minutes in length incorporating the Christmas story through scripture and carols, concluding with communion. Come early to get a good seat.

There will be no music rehearsals on Sunday, December 15, 22 and 29 and Wednesday, December 18, 25, and January 1. All rehearsals resume on January 5, 2020.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

At a Glance...
Plan now to join us for the

2019-2020 Music Ministry

Children's Choir & 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.

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.), Prayer Meeting (6:30-6:45 p.m.), Godly Play (6:30 - 7:30p.m.), & Bible Study (6:45-7:15) p.m. Nursery is available after supper.

Wednesday Night Supper



Menu - Chicken Pot Pie, Slaw, and Fruit

Hilda Ray—C

Eric & Peggy Underwood Grayanna Young Rose Langston Yvonne Bass

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley Katherine Scott

December 11

Menu - Chicken Bog, Italian Cut Green Beans, Baked Apples, Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Haywood & Myrtle Corbett—C

Mike & Lauren Cole Jolene Lewis Jenny Clore Jennifer Bowling Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

<u>Nursery</u>

Peggy Norosky

<u>December 18</u> No Wednesday Night Activities

<u>December 25</u>
No Wednesday Night Activities

DECEMBER 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 / Barbara Whitson
- 15 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson
- 22 Sandra Floyd / Haywood Corbett
- 29 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince

DVD DISTRIBUTION

- 1 Peggy Walters
- 8 Hilda Butler
- 15 Rose Langston
- 22 Jolene Lewis
- 29 Rose Langston

HOSPICE MEAL

20 Janice Young

NURSERY

- 1 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson / Leah Sanderson / Carly Sanderson
- 8 Jim & Erin Warlick / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley
- 15 Peggy Norosky
- 22 Dale Duncan / Jennifer Armbrecht / Genie Carter
- 29 Mary Alice / Martha Senter

24 Peggy Walters

29 Charles Austin

Kate C. Lee

Myrtle Corbett

Jennifer Bowling

28 Sandra Floyd

- 2 Vann Underwood **Katherine Scott** Jillian Young
- 3 Jeannine Sellers
- 6 Lonnie Williams
- 12 Joe Hooks Laurie Batten
- 13 Roger Chestnutt
- 16 Anna Elkins
- 17 Don Peacock Sally Grace Cook
- 21 Lauren Lynn

PEW STOCKER

Myrtle Corbett

SOUND & VIDEO

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Genie Carter & Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 8 Yvonne Bass
- 15 Rose Langston & J. C. Hyatt
- 22 Bill & Jolene Lewis
- 29 Mitchell Sauls & Bridger Warlick

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

22 Gleaners Class

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

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Peggy FormyDuval

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

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 117 Sunday School Attendance Average: 47

October 27, 2019- Attend 90 **YTD**

Budget Rec'd	\$5,779.32	Budget Needs to Date	\$26,662.00
Budget Needed	\$6,665.50	Budget Received YTD	\$43,936.47
Under	\$886.18	Budget Over YTD	\$17,274.47

November 3, 2019- Attend 135 YTD

l	Budget Rec'd	\$6,650.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$33,327.50
l	Budget Needed	\$6,665.50	Budget Received YTD	\$50,586.47
١	Under	\$15.50	Budget Over YTD	\$17,258.97

November 10, 2019- Attend 81 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$4,442.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$39,993.00
Budget Needed	\$6,665.50	Budget Received YTD	\$55,028.97
Under	\$2,223.00	Budget Over YTD	\$15,035.97

November 17, 2019- Attend 110 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$6,668.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$46,658.50
Budget Needed	\$6,665.50	Budget Received YTD	\$61,696.97
Over	\$2.50	Budget Over YTD	\$15,038.47
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November 24, 2019- Attend 140 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$4,801.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$53,324.00
Budget Needed	\$6,665.50	Budget Received YTD	\$66,498.47
Under	\$1,864.00	Budget Over YTD	\$13,174.47

Harvest Day Goal was \$3,200. We have received \$3,770.

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Spotlight highlights the Hanging of the Greens Committee.

Hanging of the Greens is a special service where we prepare the sanctuary and our hearts for the Advent season. During this service, we will prepare for our celebration of Christ's coming by hanging greenery and by lighting the candles and Christmon trees throughout the sanctuary. Evergreen boughs and wreaths are traditionally hung during the Advent season to symbolize the eternal life that Christ brings, and candlelight represents the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. This participatory, family-friendly service will also include Scripture, prayer, and the singing of Christmas carols.

The Hanging of the Greens Committee is responsible for getting the sanctuary ready for this service and Advent season. So much more goes on behind the scenes than what you might realize. The committee is responsible for:

- Coordinating with the ministerial staff in planning the Hanging of the Greens or other service
- Arranging for and decorating the sanctuary, including the Chrismon tree and interior wreaths
- Maintaining the Chrismons and other reusable decorations and supplies, and obtaining the greenery, decorations and supplies needed for use in the service each year
- Encouraging church members and other interested parties to provide, in memory of or in honor of loved ones and others, poinsettias and wreaths to be used in decorating the sanctuary during the service
- Enlisting church members to participate in decorating the sanctuary and other parts of the service
- Keeping the tree, poinsettias, etc. appropriately watered while they are in the sanctuary
- Taking the decorations down after Christmas and before the first service of the new year, and packaging and storing reusable decorations in designated areas
- Developing budget needs for Hanging of the Greens
- Meeting with the Flower Committee about working together on the Hanging of the Greens ceremony and directing those duties

Our Hanging of the Greens Committee is co-chaired by Hilda Ray and Mary Alice Stanley. There are 7 more members: Bill Floyd, Sandra Floyd, David Heath, Janet Plasky, April Ray, Mel Ray, and Glenn Waters. We appreciate their hard work preparing our sanctuary for the Advent season!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members! We are honored and privileged that Carly and Jillian have chosen to become part of our family of faith.

May the Lord bless you and use you as you continue to worship and serve with us at First Baptist Church.

Carly Sanderson





Jillian Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

December

December Missions Project: Global Missions and Lottie Moon Offerings



The WMU will assist with the **Missions Breakfast on Sunday, December 1 at 9:00 A.M.** What a wonderful way to begin the Advent and Christmas season with a Missions Breakfast where we can celebrate missions and the spread of the Gospel that our Savior, Jesus Christ, came to bring.

The Week of Prayer for International Missions will be observed December 1-8. Prayer Guides are included in the December 1 Church Bulletin. WMU ladies will find a daily prayer guide on pages 11-19 of *Missions Mosaic*. Through Global Missions and the Lottie Moon Offering we have an opportunity to spread the Good News. The **Global Missions goal is \$4,000**; the **Lottie Moon goal is \$1,500**. An envelope is included in your offering packet, and an offering basket will be provided at the Missions Breakfast. Please give generously!

Watchword: "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. <u>Always keep busy working for the Lord.</u> 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

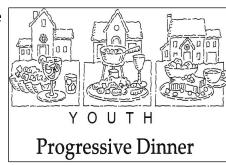
MISSIONS BREAKFAST

You are invited to join us for Missions Breakfast on December 1 at 9:00 a.m. Michael Brooks, retired missionary to Japan, will be speaking to us at the breakfast and in morning worship. All are invited!

YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The youth will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. on December 8 to make the trip to the first house for hors d'oeuvres. After they finish eating and visiting, they will go back to the church for the main coarse and a special candle light service of reflection after dinner. After the service is finished, they will go to the last house for a time of fellowship and snacks.

Contact Katherine Scott 910-770-2388 or Chris Blackmon 910-840-2704 if you have any questions.





YOUTH CAROLING

The Youth will meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, December 14 for caroling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE NATIVITY

December 22-23, 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. each night. There will be plenty of seating and refreshments. Contact Kate C. Lee 910-234-0261 if you would like to help with Live Nativity.



What we need:

Participants (for the show)

Helpers (costume, make-up, refreshments, traffic control)

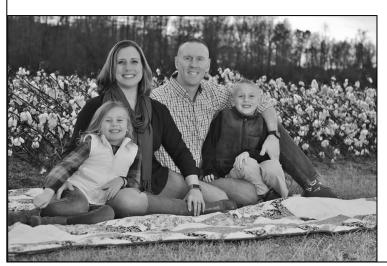
Donations (monetary donations for animals)



THANK YOU

Dear Members of First Baptist Church,

Words cannot express how grateful we are for the beautiful cards, gifts, and Love Offering you blessed us with in our last days with you. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for the four years we spent in ministry alongside you. Though we have been excited about our new journey, Jenny and I have shed many tears over having to say "Goodbye" to people who have become best friends and family. Your gifts have given us an opportunity to share tears of joy and thanksgiving. Because of your gifts and overwhelming words of affirmation, we end our ministry here, and begin a new one, with cups that are overflowing. Thank you, and



continue the good ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ and keep on being the lighthouse keepers that Whiteville and Columbus County needs!

With much love, Ryan, Jenny, Luke, and Shannon Clore

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15 Come Ye Faithful 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship	169:30 Finance Mtg.10:00 Staff Meeting	17 No Deacons Mtg.	18 No Wednesday Night Activities	19	20 12:00 Hospice Meals Served	21
9:45 Sunday School At Liberty - Gleaners SS Class 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 6:30 & 7:30 Live Nativity	23 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 & 7:30 Live Nativity	24 6:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service Office Closed	25 No Wednesday Night Activities Office Closed	26	27	28
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