



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Please join the Missions Committee at First Baptist Church for a hot breakfast at 8:30 on Sunday morning, December 4. Sunday School will be in the Fellowship hall at 10:00 for everyone except for the small children who will be dismissed for SS.

The Missions Committee is excited to host Kim and Marc Wyatt. During the breakfast, we will enjoy fellowship with them and learn about their ministry. Marc will offer the message for our 11:00 worship service.

Kim and Marc have been Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Field Personnel since 1996, serving in Thailand and Canada. The Wyatt's have been married for 30 years and have two children, Rebecca, 24 (Social Worker in Florida) and Jon Marc, 21 (Senior at Gardner Webb University).

Kim and Marc originally arrived in Canada to assist with the start-up of Matthew House, a new Refugee Resettlement Ministry in Canada's largest city, Toronto. This later led to engaging the start-ups of 8 Matthew Houses and other newcomer ministries across Ontario and Quebec.

Their heart's desire is for the nations whom God has brought from the ends of the earth to our hometowns to be welcomed by His church and discover the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Please join us on December 4 to learn more about their exciting ministry and learn how our congregation may be able to support them in their work.

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**DECEMBER 4**, BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M.

MISSIONS DAY

**DECEMBER 10**, 12:00 NOON

GLEANERS SS

CLASS LUNCHEON

**DECEMBER 11**, 3:00 P.M.

HOSPICE MEMORIAL  
SERVICE

**DECEMBER 13**, 1 1:00 A.M.

CAROL SING

**DECEMBER 18**, 1 1:00 A.M.

CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS  
"GOD IS WITH US"

**DECEMBER 24**, 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE  
COMMUNION

**DECEMBER 25**, 1 1:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

**DECEMBER 26 & 27**

OFFICE CLOSED

COMPLETE MONTHLY  
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## "ADVENT: WHY WE WORSHIP"

Deborah Moore Clark, in her book *O Come, Let us Bow Down and Worship*, lays out five points for why Christians worship God. The five reasons she mentions are:

- Obey the Scriptural Command
- To Maintain Our Proper Relationship with God
- Because God *Is* (See Genesis 3:14-15)
- To Form the Community
- Because We are Loved

The Advent season is upon us, and what a wonderful time of year to draw our attention to why it is important to worship during this busy season. Each of these five reasons is as important as the next. She expands on these thoughts to explain all of the things worship is *not*. And she rightfully stresses that worship is not a show or entertainment. But instead ought to be approached by every person as fully engaged and participatory. She also states that worship extends far beyond the worship *service*. As we approach this Advent season, may we all strive

to worship God in our daily journey, in all of the little things that we do – because God is worthy of our worship. May we all strive to be fully engaged in worship and fully present, not expecting that our task is to be entertained. We are all members of Christ's church and we all contribute to meaningful communal worship.

So, as we enter one of the busiest times of the year, I pray that you all remember that you are loved, you are valued, and you serve a God who loves you and is worthy of your worship. May the Lord be with you this Advent.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

### SUNDAY SERMONS

December 4:

Guest Preacher, Marc Wyatt  
CBF Field Personnel

December 11:

"Holy Inconvenience"  
Matthew 1:18-25

December 18:

Chancel Choir Presentation  
"God Is With Us"

December 24:

"Heavenly Intervention Arrives . . . Right on Time"  
Luke 2:1-20

December 25:

"Nurturing the Word of God"  
John 1:1-14

### Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 121  
Sunday School Attendance Average: 62

#### **Nov. 6, 2016 - Attend 186 YTD**

Budget Rec'd	\$ 7,375.20	Budget Needs to Date	\$ 49,220.22
Budget Needed	\$ 8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$ 30,227.20
Under	\$ 828.17	Budget Under YTD	\$ 18,993.02

#### **Nov. 13, 2016 - Attend 80 YTD**

Budget Rec'd	\$ 8,053.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$ 57,423.59
Budget Needed	\$ 8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$ 38,208.20
Under	\$ 150.37	Budget Under YTD	\$ 19,143.39

#### **Nov. 20, 2016 - Attend 102 YTD**

Budget Rec'd	\$ 5,833.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$ 65,626.96
Budget Needed	\$ 8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$ 44,113.20
Under	\$ 2,370.37	Budget Under YTD	\$ 21,513.76

#### **Nov. 27, 2016 - Attend 116 YTD**

Budget Rec'd	\$ 6,250.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$ 73,830.33
Budget Needed	\$ 8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$ 50,363.20
Under	\$ 1,953.37	Budget Under YTD	\$ 23,467.13

# MUSIC NOTES

## Music Ministry Opportunities Advent and Christmas

The Music Ministry is working diligently each week to prepare for a number of important events in the life of our church. Please see below for activities you can attend and be involved in.

**December 18 *God Is With Us***  
(Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.)  
presented by the youth and Chancel Choirs with  
guests String and Woodwind Ensemble.

**December 24 *Christmas Eve Communion***  
5:00 p.m.

## Music Ministry 2016-2017 *At a Glance!*

**Children's Music Activity** (for grades 1-6)  
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

**The Chancel Choir** (for Adults and Youth)  
Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

**Preschool Music Activity**  
Each Sunday during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m.

**Youth and Adult Handbells**  
Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Choir** (for grades 6-12)  
Sunday, 5:15 p.m.

***Sing With Understanding*** (A hymn study for all ages)  
The second Tuesday of each month, 11:00 a.m.

## Future Music Opportunities

March 3-5, 2017	Youth Choir Festival (Myrtle Beach, SC)
April 9, 2017	Raleigh Ringers Concert (Lumberton Civic Center) Tickets: \$25 adult, \$10 student



# DECEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

4 Grayanna Young  
 11 Gina Morningstar  
 18 Katherine Jordan Scott  
 25 Tricia Sanderson

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Peggy FormyDuval

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

4 Stephen Prince & David Jordan  
 11 Rose Langston & Kate Carter  
 18 Jerry Wilson & Jim Warlick  
 25 Glenn Waters & Sylvia Walker

## NURSERY

4 Tina Sauls / Taylor Jordan  
 11 Jennifer Hall / Jenny Clore  
 18 Mary & Joe Hooks  
 25 John & Peggy Norosky

## SOUND & VIDEO

6 Jason Schoolcraft  
 11 Wil Ezzell  
 18 Kirby Sanderson  
 25 Eric Kronenwetter

## OFFERING TELLERS

Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

## PEW STOCKER

Myrtle Corbett

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

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

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

6 Ellis Jordan, Jerry Carter, Emory Worley, Clint Grainger, Trent Young, & John Norosky  
 11 Jerry Wilson, Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, & Charlie Hall  
 18 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Emory Worley, Haywood Corbett, & Edgar Tison  
 25 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, Grayson Ward & Charlie Hall

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

4 Clint & Carolyn Grainger  
 11 Bill & Jolene Lewis  
 18 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt  
 25 Jerry Wilson & Yvonne Bass

## HOSPICE MEAL FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

Janice Young

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Legrande Thompson	12	Joe Hooks	24	Peggy Walters
2	Vann Underwood	12	Laurie Batten	28	Sandra Floyd
2	Katherine Scott	12	Sharon Cunningham	28	Natalie Royal
3	Jeannine Sellers	13	Roger Chestnutt	29	Myrtle Corbett
4	William Wilson	14	Ruth Johnson	29	Mike Wilson
4	Hope Britt	16	Anna Elkins	29	Charles Austin
5	Glenn Ray	17	Zona Willis	29	Jennifer Bowling
6	Lonnie Williams	17	Don Peacock	29	Kate Carter
8	Frances Price	17	Sally Cook	30	Alex Hall
12	Phillip McCulloch	20	Brenda Wilson	31	David Boege
12	Phillip Ward	21	Lauren Ashley Lynn		

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

December 7: Chairpersons—Brenda Carter & Genie Carter Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad & Rolls; Dessert: Fruit Cobbler

December 14 : Chairperson—Mary Alice Stanley & Deloris Harrison Menu: Soup and Sandwiches; Dessert: Something Delicious

December 21: No Wednesday Night Meal

December 28: No Wednesday Night Meal

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.) and Prayer Meeting (6:30-7:00 p.m.)

A nursery is available after supper.

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Member Spotlight is written by John Sauls.*

Tina and John moved to Whiteville in 2006 from Greenville, South Carolina, where they were both very active in church. They have four children, Ted (26) works for Space-X in California, Mikayla (22) is a student in Charleston, South Carolina, and Mitchell (14) and Benlyn (6) live at home with John and Tina. Mitchell is an active eighth grader who is a black belt in karate and is active in our youth and choir ministries. Benlyn is a first grader at the Columbus Charter School and is involved in dance and enjoys attending choir with Mr. Eddie and Sunday School with Mrs. Sue.

Tina is currently the Youth Sunday School teacher for First Baptist and also the Chair of the Children's Committee. John is a Sunday School teacher, deacon and works with the youth on Sunday nights and also enjoys taking the youth on mission trips during the summer. John grew up in First Baptist Church and Tina has been a member since 2006. They hope that the work they do with the children and youth will touch them and give them a good foundation to live Christian lives as they mature and become productive adults.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

First Baptist Church is excited to participate in this year's **Whiteville Christmas Parade!** Join us on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. as we support our community and share the love of Christ with those around us. The parade will proceed downtown on Madison Street, which makes our church lawn the perfect location to setup your chairs, blankets and drink hot cocoa while you enjoy the parade!



If you're interested in decorating the float or participating in the parade, please contact Jenny Clore at 540-760-7253.

## BEING THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

In October our community and surrounding communities were devastated by the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. Even though most of our immediate needs have been remedied (i.e. water, power, etc.), many in communities around us are still struggling to recover from the impact of the storm (home repairs, loss of work, etc.), and this is such a difficult time of year to be in need or to be displaced. Let us continue to be the presence of Christ and continue to be aware of and reach out to those still in need.

## F3 - FITNESS, FELLOWSHIP AND FAITH

We want to invite the men of our congregation to come out and take part in the Fitness, Fellowship and Faith workout group that meets every Saturday morning at 6:50 at Whiteville High School. There is an interest in the community for also getting a women's group together—nothing specific yet—stayed tuned for details and women, let us know if you have an interest in being involved in the start-up.

## QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our next Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for January 25, 2017. If you are new to our Quarterly Church Conference, we meet after Wednesday Night Supper (covered dish) and discuss the changes/activities during the last quarter. This is our opportunity to see what committees are working on and where they could use our help. If you are looking for service opportunities, this will be the perfect time to get the full overview of church activity. ***If you are a chair of a committee, please remember that all committee/organizational reports need to be turned in by Thursday, January 19.*** Please join us to get a better view of how your church is ministering to its members and to the community.

IN EVERYTHING *Give Thanks*

1 THESS. 5:18

# NEWS & GRATITUDE



## WMU NEWS

The WMU will not meet at its regular time in December. Our group will participate in the Missions Committee's annual Missions Breakfast on December 4.

**Missions Emphasis for December:** Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Global Missions Offering.



## WORKING TOGETHER

A special thanks to the following men of our church who built a ramp for Betty Batten on Saturday, November 12: Edgar Tyson, Eric Kronenwetter, Bobby Hensley, Melvin Ezzell, Emory Worley, Charlie Duncan, Fred Senter and Jerry Winters from Lake Waccamaw. We were told you did a great job and had good fellowship. THANKS MEN!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A special thanks to Sue Jordan and her helpers for taking care of the shoebox ministry this year for our church. We filled and delivered 92 boxes that were taken to Charlotte. Thanks to all who prepared a box or helped with the postage which was \$644.00.



## HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CONTACT?

If your group or committee would like to have an announcement appear in the January Contact, just send or call it in to the church office by Friday, December 21.

910-642-2139 or  
fbcoffice@embarqmail.com



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN:  
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL  
BE UPON HIS SHOULDER:  
AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

*Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.*  
ISAIAH 9:6



December 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
<b>4</b> Missions Day with Marc & Kim Wyatt 8:30 Missions Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Marc Wyatt preaching in the Morning Worship, Children's Worship 5:00 Youth/Adult Handbells 6:00 Youth Progressive Dinner	<b>5</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting  4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00 Children's Music Activity grades 1-5 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:15 Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 10:00 Peer Learning Group for Pastor— Bladenboro	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b> 12:00 Gleaners Class Lunch
<b>11</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 3:00 Hospice Memorial Service 5:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	<b>12</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting  4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	<b>13</b> 11:00 Hymn Sing	<b>14</b> 5:00 Children's Music Activity grades 1-5 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:15 Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal for 12/18 Choir Special	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 12:00 Hospice Meals Served	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship Chancel Choir Presents - "God Is With Us" 6:00 Youth Bible Study	<b>19</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 9:00 Finance Committee Meeting  4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	<b>20</b> 7:00 Deacons Meeting	<b>21</b> No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00 Christmas Eve Communion
<b>25</b> 11:00 Christmas Worship	<b>26</b> <b>Office closed</b>  4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	<b>27</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b> No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

Sunday Morning Worship [www.wtxy1540.com](http://www.wtxy1540.com), Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 a.m.

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