



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Love is **PATIENT**,  
Love is **KIND**.  
It does not **ENVY**,  
it does not **BOAST**,  
It is not **PROUD**.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**FEBRUARY 17**, HOSPICE MEALS SERVED  
12 NOON

**FEBRUARY 20**, STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
9 A.M.

**FEBRUARY 21**, DEACONS MEETING  
7 P.M.

**FEBRUARY 26**, CHRISMON WORKSHOP  
3 P.M.

**FEBRUARY 27**, CHRISMON WORKSHOP  
9 A.M.

COMPLETE MONTHLY  
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

"In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."

1 John 4:10

# PASTOR'S CORNER:

## "THE WAY OF LOVE IN A WORLD DIVIDED"

We reside in an American world that is divided. In using labels like right and left, Republican and Democrat, conservative and liberal, white and black, we give our seal of approval to the jargon that perpetuates division. We can easily fall into the trap that staking our claim in being right is how we advance God's Kingdom. We tend to believe, because we have Jesus behind us, that our way is the only way to live – and then we use our political stances, and even the Bible, to justify our correctness.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner. It's a day that we set aside to celebrate love. In honor of this unique upcoming holiday, I invite you to read the chapter in the Bible that is often referred to as "The Love Chapter," 1 Corinthians 13.

Being people of love does not mean that we should not have an opinion, or even that we should not voice our views. But it does mean we are attentive to how we express our views and to the extent we are willing to *listen* to those whose views

differ from our own. We ought not dismiss thoughts different from our own as "evil." Demonizing people is not the attitude of Christ.

If we are not careful, we can find ourselves like the Pharisees, whose chief sin was the desire to be "Right." In their desire to be "Right" they found themselves hating the man who came with the message that the most important thing was treating humans as humans. Jesus' message was *love*. Those of us who desire to always be right will have a difficult time understanding that message.

How will we respond to a world divided? Will we, too, stake our claim in being right? Or might we seek to be people of love and reconciliation? We all have a choice. May we guard our words closely. May we listen and think before we speak. And more than anything, may we spread love with our words and actions throughout our own little corners of the world.

- Rev. Ryan Clore



### Take My Life and Let It Be *A Prayer Lived Out in Life*

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) of England began writing verse at age seven. Her insatiable thirst for the Bible led her to memorize the entire New Testament, Psalms, Isaiah, and the Minor Prophets. She was a concert contralto soloist and a brilliant classical pianist. She gave her life to Christ at age fifteen.

At age twenty-one she stood in the art gallery at Dusseldorf, Germany, looking at the painting of the crucifixion with the engraving beneath it, "This I have done for thee; what has thou done for Me?" In the previous century the wealthy young Count Zinzendorf of Moravian missionary fame read these same words and was led to consecrate his life to Christ. As she stood there, her very soul was stirred. Tears cascaded down her cheeks. From that moment she dedicated her talents to the service of the Lord.

Throughout her life she was frail and delicate in health and died at the early age of forty-two. When she wrote "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee," it was for her a prayer. And when she penned the words, "Take my silver and my gold," she did exactly that! She gave fifty pieces of jewelry (heirlooms) to the Church Missionary Society, including a jewel cabinet that she said was "fit for a countess." She retained only a brooch for daily wear that was a memorial of her parents, and a locket with a portrait of her niece who had gone to heaven. Of that experience she wrote, "I don't think I need tell you I never packed a box with such pleasure." Despite the dark nights of frequent sickness and suffering, the dedicated life of this poetess can best be summed up in her own prayer lyrics.

### Take My Life and Let it Be By Frances Ridley Havergal

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love,  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King,  
Always, only, for my King.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

## SUNDAY SERMONS

February 5: Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany  
 "Exceeding Our Own Expectations"  
 Matthew 5:13-20

February 12: Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
 "Character, Integrity and Conflict"  
 Matthew 5:12-37

February 19: Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany  
 "The Unlovable"  
 Matthew 5:38-48

February 26: Transfiguration Sunday  
 "An Encounter with Heaven"  
 Matthew 17:1-9

## Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 91  
 Sunday School Attendance Average: 53

<b>Jan. 1, 2017- Attend 78</b>	<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd \$10,400.22	Budget Needs to Date	\$114,847.18
Budget Needed \$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$84,409.42
Over \$2,196.85	Budget Under YTD	\$30,437.76

<b>Jan. 8, 2017- Attend 80</b>	<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd \$4,687.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$123,050.55
Budget Needed \$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$89,096.42
Under \$3,516.37	Budget Under YTD	\$33,954.13

<b>Jan. 15, 2017- Attend</b>	<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd \$5,148.27	Budget Needs to Date	\$131,253.92
Budget Needed \$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$94,244.69
Under \$3,055.10	Budget Under YTD	\$37,009.23

<b>Jan. 22, 2017- Attend 108</b>	<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd \$3,902.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$139,457.29
Budget Needed \$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$98,146.69
Under \$4,301.37	Budget Under YTD	\$41,310.60

Details for January 29, 2017 will be in the March newsletter.



**Thanks  
for Your  
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## Special Offerings and Goals For 2016-2017

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>
Harvest Day Collections	\$5,000.00	\$5,724.00
Baptist Children's Home	\$1,500.00	\$789.00
World Hunger	\$19,250.00	\$322.00

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.

## Wednesday Night Supper



Matthew 14-15

**February 1**

Carlton & Mary Jean Prince  
 Pork Loin Roast,  
 Brown Rice, Mixed Veggies  
 & Dessert

**Nursery**

Mary Alice Stanley  
 Kathrine Scott

Matthew 16-17

**February 8**

Muriel Hill  
 Another Delicious Meal  
 Dessert

**Nursery**

Tricia Sanderson  
 Leah Sanderson  
 Carly Sanderson

Matthew 18-19

**February 15**

WMU Focus Week Meal  
 Chicken Casserole  
 Green Peas, Oriental Salad  
 Rolls  
 Cherry Pie

**Nursery**

Peggy & John Norosky

Matthew 20-21

**February 22**

Haywood & Myrtle Corbett  
 Backbone and Rice  
 Steamed Cabbage  
 Cornbread & Dessert

**Nursery**

Brenda Carter or  
 Genie Carter & Kate Carter

# FEBRUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5 Grayanna Young  
12 Gina Morningstar  
19 Katherine Jordan Scott  
26 Tricia Sanderson

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Kenwood Royal

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

5 Jerry Wilson / Melvin Ezzell  
12 Glenn Waters / Sylvia Walker  
19 John Sauls / Kirby Sanderson  
26 Brownie Cook / Bobby Hensley

## NURSERY

5 Yvonne Bass & Tonya Schoolcraft  
12 Yvonne Bass  
19 Carlton & Mary Jean Prince  
26 Clint & Carolyn Grainger

## SOUND & VIDEO

5 Jason Schoolcraft  
12 Wil Ezzell  
19 Kirby Sanderson  
26 Eric Kronenwetter

## OFFERING TELLERS

5 Mel & April Ray  
12 Mel & April Ray  
19 Mel & April Ray  
26 Mel & April Ray

## PEW STOCKER

Travis Harrison

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

5 Peggy Walters  
12 Hilda Butler  
19 Rose Langston  
26 Frances Price

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

5 Clint & Carolyn Grainger  
12 Bill & Jolene Lewis  
19 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt  
26 Jerry Wilson & Yvonne Bass

## HOSPICE MEAL FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Mary Alice Stanley



## Ministerial Staff

Rev. Ryan Clore, Pastor  
Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

## Support Staff

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Mr. Jim Council, Interim Organist

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1 John A. Williams	12 Betty Jackson
Danny Thorne	13 Ronald Walters
3 Coy M. Long	Wallyce Todd
4 Margaret Hooks	14 Amy Carter
Ann Fowler	16 Caroline Hensley
Alston Prince	17 Warren Cook
5 John Sauls	Jeanne Britt
Thomas Sauls	20 Jerry Carter
10 Charlotte Collins	David Jordan
Edgar Tison	22 Mary Sasser
Linda Strickland	23 Helen Monroe
11 Pat Hyatt	24 Jean Patterson
Louise Underwood	27 Peggy FormyDuval
Nicole Land	
Aaron Mooney	
Bridger Warlick	

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Member Spotlight highlights a longtime, beloved member, Mrs. Frances Price.*

Frances grew up on a farm in Western NC, was saved in 1943, worked her way through college in Berea, KY, and taught in high school near her hometown for two and half years. Convicted that she was not within God's will for her life, she prayed for forgiveness and guidance which led her to move to Whiteville in 1955 to work as a home economist. Soon after, she joined First Baptist and became active in the church. In 1956, at a Drama Organizational Meeting, she met Allen Price, a young widower. They married a year later in 1957. She then resigned her job to help rear her four year old stepson, Allen, who is now retired from an office management career. Allen and his wife Lucy live in Texas and have a daughter, Wendy, and two grandsons, Colton and Colby.

After five years and much prayer, God gave Allen and Frances a medical miracle—a son, Charles, who now supervises the Audio-Visual Department at Campbell University, while also attending classes as a part-time student at Campbell's Divinity School. He and Betty have a grown son and daughter, Joseph and Sarah.

In 2008, Frances lost her beloved husband, after a long nine year battle with cerebrovascular accidents (strokes).

The Price family was abundantly blessed with opportunities to serve Christ at First Baptist Church. Over the years they founded and led the Muppett Minstrels, which with capable assistance from other church members, performed locally and to different parts of the south. They enjoyed teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, producing dramas, and leading Bible studies for new believers. For 25 years they recorded devotions which were broadcast locally before Sunday morning worship services.



For almost a year, Frances was our hospital's interim chaplain. After Allen's death, she served on the body of deacons. She currently chairs the e-mail prayer group and is a Hospice and RSVP volunteer. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 100. Her favorite hymn is "His Eye is on the Sparrow".

All activities, Frances humbly emphasizes, were done solely to bring honor and glory to the Christ Who never fails her through hard times and great times. She says: "I thank God for sending me to Whiteville. My Christian friends have loved, encouraged and blessed me over and over. I'm so grateful for a church that offers opportunities to learn and share the Good News here and abroad. My prayer is that every member will take seriously Christ's command to reach out to the many who don't know abundant life through Christ."



## Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.*

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

**Know ye that the Lord He is God:**

it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise:*

For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DIGITAL RECORDING MINISTRY

The ladies serving on this committee deliver DVD's of our Sunday morning services, every week, to those of our church family that are in Liberty Commons and Shoreland nursing homes. If you know of anyone that would benefit from this ministry, please contact the church office.

## 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.

## CHRISMON WORKSHOPS

Day 1: Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

What to Bring: Hand towel, small scissors, small wire cutters, 12 inch ruler.

Day 2: Monday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall



We are returning on Monday for more instruction and a “working together” time.

## OPERATION INASMUCH

“Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me.” - Jesus

Mark you calendar for the annual Operation Inasmuch Mission day. On April 29, 2017, we will come together to serve in our community. In the past we have made soup for people in the community, made ramps for better home access and many other projects to show the community that Jesus cares for them. If you have never been a part of Operation Inasmuch, why not plan to join the outreach this year?

The mission of Operation Inasmuch is to live out the Gospel through daily acts of compassion: serving the unserved, loving the unloved, reaching out to the unchurched. This is another opportunity for the community to see Jesus’ love through the service of His people.

If you have any ideas for projects, please call the church office.



WMU

## Events for February, 2017



**February 9:** Soup/Sandwich Luncheon for FBC shut-ins and Madison Hill residents. WMU members will meet at 10:00 A.M. FBC children and youth will make valentines to distribute.

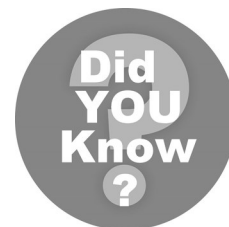
### **February 13 – 19:** WMU Focus Week

WMU members will prepare and serve Wednesday night dinner. There will be no charge for the meal but donations to the WMU NC **Heck-Jones Offering** are encouraged. Checks should be made payable to the church and marked “Heck-Jones Offering”. Our goal is \$3,500.00.

**February 18:** Literacy Council Breakfast at Whiteville United Methodist Church at 8:30 A.M. Cost is \$7.00 per person.

The WMU will lead a church-wide collection of linens for Marc and Kim Wyatt in their ministry to internationals in the North Carolina greater triad area. New or good used linens of all sizes will be accepted and may be placed on the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall.

Myrtle Corbett, WMU Director



## DID YOU KNOW?

We are implementing a new section in the newsletter to discuss congregational life and to generate a greater awareness of why things are done the way they are.

Did you know that Rev. Clore usually follows the Revised Common Lectionary? What is the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), you ask? The “Lectionary” provides Scripture readings from the Bible for worship services on Sundays in a three-year cycle. The pattern and collection of passages for each year typically follows the life cycle of Jesus’ ministry. The lectionary provides a weekly Old Testament Reading, a Psalm, an Epistle, and a Gospel Reading. While our responsive readings for Sunday’s worship usually come from the lectionary Psalm or Old Testament texts, Rev. Clore typically preaches sermons based on the weekly *Gospel* text.

Year ‘A’ follows a chronological order of selected passages in the Gospel of Matthew; Year ‘B’ follows a chronological order of selected passages in the Gospel of Mark; and Year ‘C’ follows a chronological order of selected passages in the Gospel of Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John can be found throughout years ‘A’, ‘B’, and ‘C’. We are currently at the beginning of year ‘A’. The beginning of the Advent season marked our new lectionary year.

Why follow the lectionary? Well, because we are Baptists, there is nothing that requires that we follow the RCL. But following the lectionary is a good way to ensure that your pastor is not continuing to choose his own favorite texts repeatedly. It also ensures that our congregation is getting a comprehensive understanding of the *entire* Gospel story. Those weeks when the pastor has a difficult time understanding how a particular passage may be speaking to him, are usually the times when God steps in and breathes life into the message in a way that the pastor never could have imagined.

Have more questions about the RCL or congregational life? Please feel free to ask!

If you have a topic you would like us to discuss in the “Did You Know” section, we encourage you to contact the church office.

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

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