



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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We look toward our Ash Wednesday service, in the sanctuary, at 6:30 p.m. on February 14. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season - a 40 day journey to the cross. Everyone is invited to be a part of this meaningful service!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- FEBRUARY 11-18**, WMU FOCUS WEEK & WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HECK-JONES OFFERING
- FEBRUARY 12**, WMU SOUP MINISTRY, 10:00 A.M.
- FEBRUARY 14**, HECK-JONES MEAL, 5:45 P.M.
- FEBRUARY 14**, ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 6:30 P.M.
- FEBRUARY 18**, FAMILY FUN NIGHT, 5-7 P.M.
- FEBRUARY 19**, FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG, 1 P.M.
- FEBRUARY 20**, DEACONS MTG, 7 P.M.
- FEBRUARY 24**, EDDIE HAMMETT SEMINAR AT CHADBOURN BAPTIST CHURCH, 10 A.M.-2:00 P.M. - CO-HOSTED BY FBC WHITEVILLE

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

TO ADD AN EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR, PLEASE
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE:

PASTOR'S CORNER:



From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see,

everything has become new! – 2 Corinthians 5:16-17, NRSV

The Church that Jesus Christ established on earth has existed for over two thousand years. We followers of Christ are a people with great history and tradition. We are also a people who believe that God is continuing to work in and through us to bring his creation into the full glory for which it is intended. In other words, we do not believe we have yet to reach the perfection for which God intended.

This creates an interesting paradox for our faith. We must be connected with our past in order to recognize that we are not here to start our own religion. We are to be a people of Christ, for Christ. But this also means that we are ever striving to

“MAKING ALL THINGS NEW”

purify that which we have made profane. The church is not a perfect institution – yet its function is to represent a perfect and Holy message. A large part of that message is that if we are willing to let go of things that we love, or metaphorically (and sometimes literally) speaking, experience death, then God will usher in new life.

This means that to the core of our very existence, **Christians are to be people who easily let go of things of the past; people who search with all their hearts to usher in this new thing that God is trying to do.**

More than ever we need to pay attention to the new thing that God is trying to do. We are in the midst of a reformation like we haven't seen in five hundred years. There is a major shift that is occurring. Many people are scared because it looks different than anything we've ever seen before. If we believe that God is always working to restore his world, then perhaps we ought to view this shift as a blessing from God.

An important question for our church as we look to the future: How might we live into the mentality that God is always striving to make all things new?

- Rev. Ryan Clore

FEBRUARY SERMONS

February 4

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

“A Message of Hope”

Mark 1:29-39

February 11

Transfiguration

“The Glory of Revelation”

Mark 9:2-10

February 14

Ash Wednesday

“Me and God”

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18

First Sunday in Lent

“Foresight in the Wilderness: A Lamb Among Lions”

Mark 9:9-15

February 25

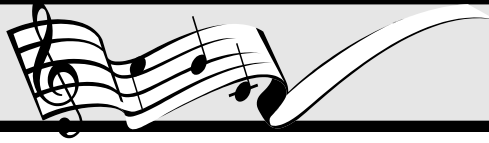
Second Sunday in Lent

“Holy Pride”

Mark 8:27-38



Music in Ministry



2018 Music Ministry

There is a choir for you! Join us this year!

Young Musicians & Children's Handchimes
(for grades 1-5)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

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

Melody Makers (for ages 4 years-grade 1)
Sunday, 4:00 p.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 devotional hymn study)
Every second Tuesday of the month, 10:30 a.m.



We begin the Lenten Season this year with our Ash Wednesday service on February 14 at 6:30 p.m. The Season of Lent represents our 40 day journey to the cross. Join us for Ash Wednesday and each Sunday during the Lenten Season.

Maunder Thursday is March 29. The Chancel Choir is preparing *A Service of Shadows* which will follow communion on that evening. Plan now to attend this most meaningful service.

The Chancel Choir is looking for a few new singers. We need 3 Sopranos, 4 altos, 2 Tenors and 1 Bass to fill the choir loft. You don't have to be a soloist or even read music, only a willingness to serve God with your time and talents. Will you join us this Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.?

Our Youth Choir continues to prepare music for the 2018 *Festival by the Sea*, March 2-4, Myrtle Beach.

Our Children's music groups, *The Melody Makers* (4 years of age through 1st grade) and *The Young Musicians* (2nd-5th grades), continue to meet each week. We always have room for more children and encourage you to invite your friends.



Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.) and study of *The Equipping Church* at (6:30-7:00 p.m.)

A nursery is available after supper.

Wednesday Night Supper



Equipping Church,
Ch. 7, pp. (110-121)

February 7

Hilda Ray, Chair
Daren Dawsey, Chair
Brownie & Leigh Cook
Stephen & Donna Prince

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley
Katherine Scott

Ash Wed. Service in Sanctuary

February 14

Heck Jones Meal

Fred & Martha Senter
Betty Jo Prevatte
Joe & Mary Hooks
Vivian Brown
Mike & Becky Thompson

Nursery

Tricia, Leah,
& Carly Sanderson

Equipping Church,
Ch. 8 (123-134)

February 21

Janice Young, Chair
Charlotte Collins
Merle Worley
Sylvia Elkins
Sandi Floyd

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

Equipping Church,
Ch. 8 (134-147)

February 28

Peggy Norosky, Chair
Mike & Lauren Cole
Jolene Lewis
Jenny Clore
Jennifer Bowling
Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

Nursery

Brenda Carter or Genie Carter
Kate Carter Lee

FEBRUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

4 Grayanna Young
 11 Gina Morningstar
 18 Taylor Jordan
 25 Tricia Sanderson

DVD DISTRIBUTION

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

HOSPICE MEAL

16 Martha Senter

NURSERY

4 Jenny Clore / Jennifer Hall
 Trish Sanderson
 11 Jennifer Armbrrecht / Heather
 Bazemore / Katherine Scott
 18 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn
 Jennifer Williamson
 25 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan
 Emily Lawson

OFFERING TELLERS

John & Tina Sauls

PEW STOCKER

Carlton Prince

SOUND & VIDEO

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

25 Koinonia / John the Baptist Classes

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

4 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Mitchell
 Sauls, & Clint Grainger
 11 Jerry Wilson, Travis Harrison,
 John Sauls, Buster Carter, & Mel Ray
 18 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Mitchell
 Sauls, Haywood Corbett & Edgar
 Tison
 25 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters,
 David Heath, Grayson Ward

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Kenwood Royal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 John Williams | 13 Ronald M. Walters |
| 3 Coy Long | 14 Amy Bailey Carter |
| 4 Margaret Hooks | 16 Caroline Hensley |
| Ann Fowler | 17 Warren Cook, Jr. |
| Alston Prince | Jeanne Britt |
| 5 John Sauls | 19 Matthew Underwood |
| 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 | 26 Kaylyn Horne |
| Aaron Mooney | 27 Peggy FormyDuval |
| Bridger Warlick | |
| 12 Betty Jackson | |
| Carlene Goodwin | |

FEBRUARY

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 100
 Sunday School Attendance Average: 54

Dec. 31, 2017- Attend 109	YTD		
Budget Rec'd	\$15,028.15	Budget Needs to Date	\$102,038.58
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$123,779.08
Over	\$7,739.68	Budget Over YTD	\$21,740.50

Jan. 7, 2018- Attend 72	YTD		
Budget Rec'd	\$3,817.06	Budget Needs to Date	\$109,327.05
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$127,596.14
Under	\$3,471.41	Budget Over YTD	\$18,269.09

Jan. 14, 2018- Attend 120	YTD		
Budget Rec'd	\$7,082.55	Budget Needs to Date	\$116,615.52
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$134,678.69
Under	\$205.92	Budget Over YTD	\$18,063.17

Jan. 21, 2018- Attend 105	YTD		
Budget Rec'd	\$8,039.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$123,903.99
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$142,717.69
Over	\$750.53	Budget Over YTD	\$18,813.70

Jan. 28, 2018- Attend 95	YTD		
Budget Rec'd	\$6,995.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$131,192.46
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$149,712.69
Under	\$293.47	Budget Over YTD	\$18,520.23

Christmas Missions Offering

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>
Lottie Moon	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Global Missions	\$4,000.00	\$4,305.00

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights Eric and Betty Gail Kronenwetter.

Betty Gail grew up on Church Street. First Baptist Church has always been her church home - her family. Eric grew up in Raleigh. His father was in the military and his family travelled a lot.

Eric works all over Brunswick county beaches and Betty Gail gets to play with your pets everyday at *All Creatures Great & Small*.

Bryce is a freshman at Whiteville High School and is very busy in lots of different activities. He enjoys participating in Handbell choir with Rev. Eddie and singing in the youth choir.

Eric, Bryce, Brantley, Rian, and Tyler like First Baptist because it is their church home and the folks here are like family. They have made so many memories here and are looking forward to making many more.



Betty Gail says, speaking of their dog, "Zelda lives at our house, no she's in charge of our house." Zelda is their little Australian Cattle dog.

Eric and Betty Gail would like to thank the pastor, minister of music, and congregation for caring, working so hard, sharing their faith, and showing the love of God that keeps First Baptist Church their home and family.

NURSERY PAGERS



Thank you to everyone who contributed toward the purchase of the new parent paging system for our nursery! We are excited to be able to provide a new system that allows seamless communication between the nursery and parents who are either in Sunday School or the church service. The system is installed and already being used! Thank you for your generosity and support!

- The Nursery Committee

GODLY PLAY

It's going to be a great January in Godly Play as we discuss the Mystery of Easter and the Parables! Join us every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30! Godly Play is a great way for children ages 3-11 to experience God in new, interactive ways.



CBFNC 2018 Annual Gathering
Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
March 15-17, 2018

Fit Church
Nurturing Healthy Congregations

Leadership Institute | March 15
Tunes & Tales | March 15
Annual Gathering | March 16
All Are Called Forum | March 17

Join us for three days of fellowship, learning, and growth! Anyone who is interested in the annual CBFNC meeting is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

You can check out all of these events on their web site using the link - <http://www.cbfnc.org/events/fitchurch>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU NEWS

February Meeting: February 12, 2018, 10:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall

Call to Prayer:

Program: Soup Ministry



WMU Focus Week and Week of Prayer for Heck-Jones Offering is February 11 – 18. The schedule for the week is as follows:

- Sunday, February 11: Prayer Guide Inserts in Worship Bulletin
- Monday, February 12: Soup Ministry to shut-ins and Madison Hill residents
- Wednesday, February 14: Wednesday Night Supper prepared by WMU

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goals of \$4,000 for **Global Missions** and **\$1,500 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings**. Our missions offerings help increase our awareness of the need to share the Gospel and give us an opportunity to incorporate Christ's Great Commission into our witnessing opportunities. **Thank you!**

Thank you also for your response to our church-wide collection of clothing, food, and personal hygiene items to be distributed to the homeless people who visit the six shelters in Columbus County on January 31. There will be a state-wide count of homeless people on that night and the items will be distributed. **Thank you!**

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Feeling the winter blues? Want to get out of the house, have some fun? Want to get to know some of the newer or older members of our church? If so, plan to attend the upcoming Family Fun Night.

It will be held Sunday, February 18 from 5-7 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall, and church members of all ages are urged to attend and get involved.

Activities will start at 5 o'clock with a chili supper followed by games for all ages being planned for children, youth, and seniors.

Church departments involved in planning for the Fun Night are Children's, Youth, and the 50's + Group. One of the goals of the program is to promote the development of intergenerational relationships.

Come, get involved, and get to know everyone!

EDDIE HAMMETT SEMINAR

Saturday, February 24

Reaching People Under 30 While Keeping People Over 60

Eddie Hammett will lead a seminar to review **8 Practical and Proven Principles** of [Reaching People Under 30 While Keeping People Over 60](#). It will also be a wonderful time for Support, Encouragement, and Networking with others on a similar journey toward greater effectiveness in our local settings.

About Eddie: President of Transforming Solutions, Master Certified Coach through International Coach Federation www.TransformingSolutions.org, author, Church & Clergy Coach for CBFNC. Seasoned church minister, coach and consultant committed to transforming the church for more effective ministry in our 21st century world. Author of 8 books that speaks how culture impacts the way we do church today and tomorrow. Book in progress [Where is Church Going From Here?](#) (working title)

Schedule:

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Church Workshop – Reaching People Under 30... – Open to all lay persons

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – Courtesy of Chadbourn Baptist Church

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. *What's the Deacon's Role NOW?* – Open to Active Deacons and Ministerial Church Staff

Where: Chadbourn Baptist Church - First Baptist Church Whiteville is co-hosting this regional event.

Cost: \$20 a person

Link for Online Registration - Eddie Hammett Seminar:

<http://www.cbfnc.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=RLywmjweVo%3d&tabid=473>

FIRST BAPTIST CHILDREN'S MISSION

The **Children's Committee at First Baptist Church** would like to give our children an opportunity to help others. We have chosen to create **Care Bags for Foster Kids in Columbus County**. The bags may be provided to kids during the transition time from their homes into foster care. **During the month of February**, our children will be standing in the vestibule of the church collecting items. Please consider donating items to help our children and the children in our community!



Items to be collected:

Crayons

Coloring/Activity Book

Pencils

Erasers

Composition Books

Books

Small Toys/Games/Card Games/

Puzzles

Stuffed Animals

Sidewalk Chalk

Curly Drinking Straws

Small Plastic Drinking Cups

Glow Sticks

Shampoo

Soap

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Deodorant

Comb/Brush

Hair Accessories

Pajamas—all sizes

Small blankets/Throws

Socks

Play-doh

Bubbles

50'S+ "AMAZING GRACE" TRIP

The musical, "Amazing Grace", at the Wilson Center on Cape Fear Community College campus was wonderful! We had nineteen people attend and everyone had a good time. We started the evening at the church riding the bus to the K&W cafeteria and enjoying dinner together. From K & W, we rode to the Wilson Center for the musical. After the show, we made it back to the church by 11ish. We had such a good time that we would like to encourage other folks to be a part of the 50's + group fellowship. Keep your eyes open as we schedule more activities and give updates about our plans.

Next we look forward to being involved in the Family Fun Night on the 18th of February. We hope to see you there!

"WHAT'S NEXT?"

Well, we had a few interruptions last month, but if all goes as *currently* planned, we should finish our reading of *The Equipping Church* the first week of April. The next step in the process is a spiritual gifts assessment! :)

We will begin collecting money this month for books if you would to join us on Wednesday nights for the gifts assessment. The book we will be using to guide our study is *Network Participant's Guide, Revised: The Right People, in the Right Places, for the Right Reasons, at the Right Time*, by Bruce Bugbee and Don Cousins. The cost per book is \$10.00. Please turn your money into the office by **Monday, March 21** if you'd like to participate.

We have been enjoying increased participation and fruitful discussions and we hope that you will make plans to join us in the weeks and months to come! The movement we have from these conversations will shape our vision and our future. The more people we have participating the stronger our church will be!

DID YOU KNOW . . .

As Baptists, we are believers in freedom. We are not religiously obligated to observe Ash Wednesday, Lent, or any other season; instead we do so by free choice. We can *choose* to participate. That is what makes special services such powerful opportunities for worship—we *choose* to follow Jesus just like He chose to die for us.

This month we celebrate Ash Wednesday. It is the first day of the season of Lent, and Lent is the forty days, excluding Sundays, before Easter. Its name comes from the imposition of ashes on the head which reminds us that we are dust. It has been traditional in the church to have a service that day in which we spend time taking spiritual stock of our lives. The service is meant to be a time of spiritual reflection and confession as we think on the reality of Easter.

Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year. Interesting isn't it, that it falls on Valentine's Day; when you consider what love it took to bring us salvation. Let us reflect on the words of the hymn, *Search Me, O God*, as penned by Dr. J. Edwin Orr to take spiritual stock of our lives:

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.*

*Lord, take my life, for I would live for you;
Fill my poor heart with your great love so true.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.*

February 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:00 Melody Makers 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	5 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	6	7 5:00 Young Musicians Choir/ Children's Handchimes 5:45 Wed. Night Supper, 6:30 Prayer Meeting, "Equipping Church" (Ch 7 pp. 110-121), Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	8 10:00 Peer Learning Group for Pastor	9	10
11 <i>Heck-Jones Offering and Prayer Week 2/11-18</i> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:00 Melody Makers 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	12 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 WMU Soup Ministry 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	13 10:30 Sing with Understanding Hymn Sing	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 5:00 Young Musicians Choir/ Children's Handchimes 5:45 Heck-Jones Meal, 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary, Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir <i>Lent Begins</i>	15	16 12:00 Hospice Meals Served	17
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