



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019, VOLUME 54, NUMBER 2



### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**FEBRUARY 10**, CHILI SUPPER & GAME NIGHT, 6:00 P.M.

**FEBRUARY 13**, WMU HECK-JONES MEAL, 5:45 P.M.

**FEBRUARY 14**, DONAYRE CANCER CARE CENTER, LUNCHEON, 12 NOON

**FEBRUARY 17**, AMAZING GRACE CONCERT, 3 P.M.

**FEBRUARY 17-23**, CBF KENTUCKY GROUP STAYING AT CHURCH (FOR MISSION WORK IN CRUSOE)

**FEBRUARY 18**, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

**FEBRUARY 19**, DEACONS MEETING, 7 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: "LOVE"



"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous." – Matthew 5:43-45

I write this article after just sitting down from reading aloud a portion of one of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s sermons titled, "Loving Your Enemies." The service was at the hospital and several ecumenical clergy across the county participated. In the sermon, King passionate states:

And when you come to the point that you look in the face of every man and see deep down within him what religion calls 'the image of God,' you begin to love him in spite of. No matter what he does, you see God's image there. There is an element of goodness that he can never slough off. Discover the element of good in your enemy. And as you seek to hate him, find the center of goodness and place your attention there and you will take a new attitude.

The longer I live the more I believe that agape love, the kind of love that Jesus and Martin Luther King, Jr. speak of, is a foreign concept to the world. Sure, a mother innately knows how to love her newborn baby, but what about a love that transcends family, especially as it concerns those whom we 'dislike'?

Even now, as I search for words, I'm not sure how to articulate the *importance* of love. I certainly can't do it better than Martin Luther King, Jr. I certainly can't do it better than Jesus. As followers of Christ we are continually invited to choose the kind of love that Jesus talks about when he tells us to love our enemies.

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day. As we attune our hearts to the song of love, may we not simply imagine the romantic love that we have for a spouse or significant other – or even the love we have for our family – but of an *agape* love that God has for us, despite our own evils. May we all, regardless of our passionate political stances and world views, choose the love that Christ speaks of, when he says, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

- Rev. Ryan Clore



## FEBRUARY SERMONS

### February 3

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Competing Values*

Luke 4:21-30

### February 10

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Going Pro*

Luke 5:1-11

### February 17

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Gulp*

Luke 6:17-26

### February 24

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

*Just Love*

Luke 6:27-38





The Music Ministry has started the new year preparing for several upcoming events and worship services. Below are several:

**February 17, Amazing Grace Concert**  
Featuring First Baptist and community musicians.

**March 1-3, Youth Choir** will participate in *Festival by the Sea* at Myrtle Beach.

**March 6, Ash Wednesday**

**March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, Sundays** in the Season of Lent

**April 14, Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 18, Maundy Thursday**

**April 21, Easter Sunday**

Plan now to join us for each of these meaningful events and worship experiences.

## 2018-2019 Music Ministry At a Glance!

**Music Makers** (for ages 4 years old and older)  
Day and time tba

**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.

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

**Youth Choir** (for grades 6-12)  
Sunday, 5:20 p.m.

**You are invited to find a place to use your musical talents this year. Join us for an exciting new year!**

# NOTICE

*Please*

**Excuse our appearance  
We are housing guests who are  
Helping others in our community**

Tabor City Baptist Church has been kind enough to loan us their shower trailer while we house work groups who come to our area to help with disaster recovery reconstruction. It is very important to the workers that they be able to clean up after a long day working with residential debris. More groups are already scheduled to be with us. We appreciate your patience and your vision to be a part of spreading the light of Christ in our community.

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



### February 6

Menu - Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Chicken Salad, Hawaiian Bread, and Assorted Desserts

**Jackie Jones - C**

Glenn & Sherry Waters

Peggy Walters

Merle Worley

Muriel Hill

Charlie Duncan

### Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley

Katherine Scott

### February 13

**Menu - Grilled Chicken, Hash Brown Casserole, Garden Peas, Broccoli Salad, Rolls, and Desserts**

**WMU Heck Jones**

**Myrtle & Haywood Corbett - C**

Sylvia Walker

Brad & Anna Johnson

Dale Duncan

Mel & April Ray

Ella Jo Sellers

### Nursery

Peggy Norosky

### February 20

Menu - Fried Chicken, Rice, Green Beans & Assorted Desserts

**Melvin Ezzell - C**

Eric & Peggy Underwood

Grayanna Young

Rose Langston

Yvonne Bass

### Nursery

Tricia Sanderson

Leah Sanderson

Carly Sanderson

### February 27

**Brenda Carter - C**

**Genie Carter - C**

Kirby & Trish Sanderson

Tina Sauls

### Nursery

Brenda Carter or

Genie Carter

Kate Carter Lee

# FEBRUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3 Grayanna Young  
10 Gina Morningstar  
17 Taylor Jordan  
24 Tricia Sanderson

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

3 Coburn Powell / Glenn Waters  
10 Sandra Floyd / Kirby Sanderson  
17 Bobby Hensley / Stephen Bazemore  
24 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

3 Peggy Walters  
10 Hilda Butler  
17 Rose Langston  
24 Frances Price

## HOSPICE MEAL

15 Mary Alice Stanley

## NURSERY

3 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson /  
Leah Sanderson / Carly Sanderson  
10 Jim & Erin Warlick / Katherine  
Scott / Wendy Hensley  
17 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn /  
Jennifer Williamson / Peggy  
Norosky  
24 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan / Jennifer  
Armbrecht / Genie Carter

Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.

Monday—Friday

Phone: 910-642-2139 Fax: 910-642-5874

## FEBRUARY

1 John A. Williams	14 Amy Carter
Danny Thorne	16 Caroline Hensley
3 Coy Long	17 Warren Cook
4 Margaret Hooks	Jeanne Britt
Ann Fowler	20 Jerry Carter
John Sauls	David Jordan
10 Charlotte Collins	23 Helen Monroe
Edgar Tison	24 Jeannie Patterson
11 Pat Hyatt	Bill Floyd
Louise Underwood	27 Peggy FormyDuval
Bridger Warlick	
12 Betty Jackson	
Carlene Goodwin	
13 Ronald Walters	
Wallyce Todd	

## OFFERING TELLERS

Steven & Donna Prince

## PEW STOCKER

Carlton Prince

## SOUND & VIDEO

3 Mitchell Sauls  
10 Bryce Russell  
17 Kirby Sanderson  
24 Eric Kronenwetter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

3 Clint & Carolyn Grainger  
10 Bill & Jolene Lewis  
17 Rose Langston & J. C. Hyatt  
24 Frances Price & Yvonne Bass

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

24 Koinonia / John the Baptist

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

3 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters / David  
Heath / Grayson Ward / J. C. Hyatt  
10 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell  
Sauls / Clint Grainger / Johnny Britt  
17 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /  
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /Chris  
Blackmon  
24 Harry Ward / David Tedder /  
Haywood Corbett / Kevin  
Williamson / Kyle Cook

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Kenwood Royal

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[Office @fbcwhiteville.com]  
Mrs. Dinah Reaves, Financial Ministry Assistant  
[fbcwhite@fbcwhiteville.com]

### Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 102  
Sunday School Attendance Average: 54

<b>December 30, 2018- Attend 119 YTD</b>			
Budget Rec'd	\$16,676.23	Budget Needs to Date	\$94,727.75
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$91,657.33
<b>Over</b>	<b>\$9,389.48</b>	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	<b>\$3,070.42</b>

<b>January 6, 2019- Attend 101 YTD</b>			
Budget Rec'd	\$6,138.25	Budget Needs to Date	\$102,014.50
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$97,795.58
<b>Under</b>	<b>\$1,148.50</b>	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	<b>\$4,218.92</b>

<b>January 13, 2019- Attend 85 YTD</b>			
Budget Rec'd	\$4,838.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$109,301.25
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$102,633.58
<b>Under</b>	<b>\$2,448.75</b>	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	<b>\$6,667.67</b>

<b>January 20, 2019- Attend 98 YTD</b>			
Budget Rec'd	\$5,915.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$116,588.00
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$108,548.58
<b>Under</b>	<b>\$1,371.75</b>	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	<b>\$8,039.42</b>

<b>January 27, 2019- Attend 107 YTD</b>			
Budget Rec'd	\$5,383.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$123,874.75
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$113,932.08
<b>Under</b>	<b>\$1,903.25</b>	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	<b>\$9,942.67</b>

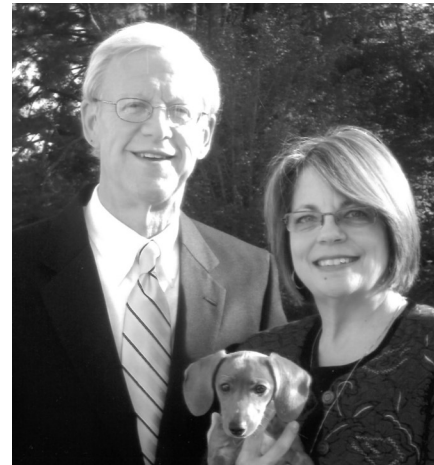
**Global Missions Goal: \$4,000.00 Collected: \$2,275.00**

**Lottie Moon Goal: \$1,500.00 Collected: \$1,280.00**

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Spotlight highlights Rick & Anna Kimball.*

Rick and Anna moved to Whiteville from Greensboro, NC in 1989. Their two children included 8 year old daughter Alice and 4 year old son, Richard, Jr. Rick faced the task of making adjustments for a new career as Director of Sales Training with United Carolina Bank and Anna was beginning a new elementary school teaching position in Whiteville. Ultimately, she retired after completing 33 years of combined service teaching and growing the minds of students at the elementary level in public schools. In addition, the Kimball's had their own children to raise by building life lessons through their responsibilities as role models for Alice and Richard. This commitment to Anna's work ethic is apparent as she worked part-time at Belk for 21 years, too!



It was the twenty-ninth day of June this past summer and Anna and I woke up simultaneously. After a few minutes of jokingly bantering over who was the luckiest to have married the other, the conversation focused on reminiscing on the blessings we had shared during these years together. This led to goals and plans for the future. We expressed how pleased we were to have such good role models in our congregation. They support each other and provide encouragement for each other—adults and children alike maturing with this attitude being demonstrated.

Bolstered by Rick's dad's example (as an ordained minister) and the encouragement of Rick's mother and Anna's mother and dad as faithful "church-goers", which promoted a model that our FBC members were already following. What a wonderful group to model after! Their actions in everyday life followed the words of the first verse of the hymn "Because I have been given much, I, too must give; Because thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live; I shall divide my gifts from Thee with every brother that I see who has the need of help from me." (please read Romans 12:1-13)

Since the Kimball family, in 1989, joined the fellowship of Whiteville First Baptist Church, we have endeavored to be "active" members, participating in the Hanging of the Greens annual service; sharing teaching responsibilities in adult Sunday School classes; conducting Royal Ambassador training classes with the youth; assisting in various capacities of worship services, reading scripture, and guiding with prayers; participating in Nursery care and Children's Committee, Nominating Committee, and Deacon responsibilities.

In recent years our activity level has decreased due to unexpected physical problems. Our family has appreciated meals, encouragement, cards and letters, and your prayers which have been a wealth of support for us. Friendship and sharing your donation of talents, especially smiles and visits have been amazing and more uplifting than we could ever return. Thank you, Thank you!

"Nana" and "Pop Pop" have both retired and been spending a great amount of time helping with "baby-sitting" duties driving to Greenville, SC to be with Richard's three children, two 5 year old twin sons and 2 1/2 year old son. Also, Alice's almost one year old son in Maryland has been a joyful addition to our family this year!

## 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 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:*

*be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

**For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

February (No Meeting)

Missions Emphasis: Heck-Jones Offering      Goal: \$3,000.00



February is an exciting and busy month for WMU! WMU Focus Week and Heck-Jones Week of Prayer and Offering are **February 10-17**. On Wednesday night, **February 13**, the WMU will team up with the WNS cooking committee to prepare a sit-down meal of **Grilled Chicken, Hash Brown Casserole, Garden Peas, Broccoli Salad, Rolls, and Desserts**. There will be no charge for the meal, but we encourage everyone to bring a donation for the Heck-Jones Offering which supports the work of Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina. Please give as generously as you can to help meet our goal of \$3,000 for this ministry. On February 17, the Missions Committee is expecting a disaster work crew to arrive and be here for a week. The WMU and others from our church will provide the evening meals while they are here.

Thank you, FBC Family, for supporting the WMU as we seek to be the heart, hands and feet of Christ.

**Global Missions Offering Goal: \$4,000.00      Collected: \$2,275.00**

**Lottie Moon Offering Goal: \$1,500.00      Collected: \$1,280.00**

**Watchword:** *"My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. 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  
WMU Director

## COMMUNITY CONCERT

Come and enjoy multiple variations of the song Amazing Grace performed by different musicians from all different genres, denominations and backgrounds **Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. February 17, 2019**. First Baptist Church's hope is to bring our entire community together for a time of worship and to celebrate the transformative power of the Lord's Grace. Weaved throughout the concert you will hear the story of the amazing grace that transformed the life of John Newton, which inevitably led him to write the renowned hymn, Amazing Grace in 1779. **This is a FREE event and open to the public.** A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert and be offered to all in attendance.

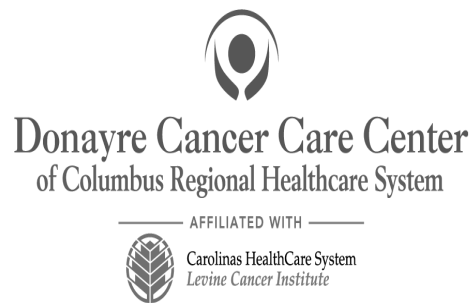
A nursery will be provided for ages infant to 5 years old. If you have questions about the event, please contact the church office at 910.642.2139.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## AN INVITATION

You are invited to attend a presentation on **February 14** by the Donayre Care Cancer Center (DCCC). Kelsey Lynn, BSN, RN, Oncology Nurse Navigator and Lisa Thomas, Director, MSN, RN, OCN will highlight the different cancer screenings that are provided in our area. The presentation is sponsored by the Greater Columbus Women's Civic League and will be held in the First Baptist church Fellowship Hall and begins at **12 noon**. Lunch will be provided. Please mark your calendars, invite a friend and learn more about health opportunities available through the DCCC. Call Lauren Cole at 910-840-3785 for further information.



## CHILI SUPPER & GAME NIGHT

Please join us **Sunday evening February 10 at 6:00 p.m.** for a Chili Supper & Game Night. This event is for the entire family.

Those who wish to write to the family of Dr. Gwenn McCormick, who died January 13, 2019, may address cards, etc. to:

Mrs. Diane Hagstrom  
4470 Ott Avenue  
Penney Farms, FL 32079

Dr. McCormick's memorial service will be **February 23, 2109 at 2:00 p.m.** in the church at Penney Farms.

Dr. McCormick was pastor of First Baptist Whiteville from 1970-1977. He and his wife, Lona, who died about five years ago, have been at Penney Farms for ten years. Their daughters are Annettee, Carolyn, and Diane. There are three grandchildren.



## RADIO BROADCAST

Remember, if for some reason you cannot make it to the Sunday morning worship service, you have three ways you can listen to the live worship broadcast every Sunday morning: radio station FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, and online at [www.wtxy1540.com](http://www.wtxy1540.com). (Scroll to the "Church Services" box and select the "Click to Listen Live" link.)



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