



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020, VOLUME 55, NUMBER 2

Join us, February 2, during the morning worship for a special time of communion as we remember and celebrate what Christ did for us on the cross.

### 2020 Communion Schedule

April 26  
July 26  
September 27  
December 24



### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**FEBRUARY 2, COMMUNION DURING MORNING WORSHIP**

**FEBRUARY 2, COMMUNITY YOUTH MEETING, AT FBCW, 3:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 3, PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 7, SAVING SONS CHICKEN BOG FUNDRAISER, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 16, COMMUNITY YOUTH MEETING, AT THE HOPKINS FARM, 6 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 17, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.**

**FEBRUARY 18, DEACONS MEETING, 7:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 26, ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY, 6:30 P.M.**

*COMPLETE MONTHLY CALENDAR ON BACK.*

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

**Ash**  
**Wednesday**  
**February 26**  
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First Sunday in Lent  
March 1



# PASTOR'S CORNER

I want to thank you for the many expressions of support and appreciation you have given to me during this time between full time pastor and an interim pastor. Your words of encouragement and expressions of appreciation have certainly made my task a lot easier than it might have been. I have felt that our church needed a "settling down" period and I have felt that process slowly but steadily happening. Let us continue to pray for that process and for our committee and for our interim pastor, whoever that may be. When we do bring that person on board it is my sincere prayer that we will resolve to work with him and support him that his work may be effective among us. Hopefully, that will be happening soon.

In the meantime let us give our attention to outreach (and inreach) as we engage in the simple process of inviting people to church. Let us also be conscious of those who are visiting our church and seek to extend a warm welcome to them. It is my honest conviction that we need church more today than ever simply because of the way the world is.

May God grant us the grace to truly be His people at this time in this place.

In His Love,  
Dr. Fred Senter

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*"Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises."*

*Romans 4:20-21 NLT*

We would love to add your pictures to our photo gallery. As you snap photos of the next activity you attend, please send some of those into the office so we can share with everyone else. 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](mailto:office@fbcwhiteville.com).



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Inquirers Sunday School Class, which is open to all adults, but particularly younger adults, began meeting again on Sunday, January 5, in the first room on the right, upstairs in the educational building. Janice Young is facilitating the study. If you are not involved in a Sunday School class, come try out this group. You do not need to be a church member to attend. We hope to see you soon!

# MUSIC NOTES



This church year is moving by quickly. During this time the Music Ministry is preparing music for the upcoming seasonal emphases:

Ash Wednesday Service, Wed. Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Sundays in Lent, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Palm Sunday, April 5

Mundy Thursday, April 9

Easter Sunday, April 12

The Youth Choir continues to prepare for *Festival by the Sea*, March 6-8. The festival involves over 350 youth singers from churches in the Southeast. The festival concludes with a Sunday morning worship incorporating the music the youth have prepared.

Do you have musical talents presently not being used? All of our choirs invite you to join the Music Ministry here at First Baptist.

## At a Glance...

Plan now to join us for the

## 2019-2020 Music Ministry

### Children's Choir

(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.



## MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

A type of horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	MURTEP
Played by King David	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRHA
Plucked to make sound	<input type="checkbox"/>	IGSNSTR
Similar to a tambourine	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRBELIT
A type of harp	<input type="checkbox"/>	ELRY
Blown through to make sound	<input type="checkbox"/>	EPPI
A percussion instrument	<input type="checkbox"/>	YBLACMS

Le\_ everyt\_ing tha\_ has \_r\_ath  
\_raise the \_ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

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

## Wednesday Night Supper



### February 5

Menu - Stew Beef,  
Rice, Veggie, & Dessert  
**Peggy Norosky—C**  
Mike & Lauren Cole  
Jolene Lewis  
Jennifer Bowling  
Carlton & Mary Jean  
Prince

### Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley  
Katherine Scott

### February 12

Menu - Heck-Jones Meal  
Parmesan Chicken, Whipped  
potatoes, Green Beans  
Almondine, Cranberry Salad,  
Rolls, Cream Cheese Dessert  
**Myrtle Corbett & WMU**  
Brad & Anna Johnson  
Mel & April Ray  
Dale Duncan  
Ella Jo Sellers  
Sylvia Walker

### Nursery

Peggy Norosky

### February 19

Menu - BBQ, Slaw, Baked  
Beans, Hush Puppies, Desserts  
**Hilda Ray—C**  
Eric & Peggy Underwood  
Grayanna Young  
Rose Langston  
Yvonne Bass

### Nursery

Tricia Sanderson  
Leah Sanderson  
Carly Sanderson

### February 26

Menu - Covered Dish Meal  
**Jackie Jones—C**  
Glenn & Sherry Waters  
Peggy Walters  
Merle Worley  
Muriel Hill  
Charlie Duncan

### Nursery

Brenda Carter or  
Genie Carter

# FEBRUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

2 Grayanna Young  
9 Gina Morningstar  
16 Tina Sauls  
23 Tricia Sanderson

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

2 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson  
9 Sandra Floyd / Haywood Corbett  
16 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince  
23 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

2 Peggy Walters  
9 Hilda Butler  
16 Rose Langston  
23 Jolene Lewis

## HOSPICE MEAL

21 Mary Alice Stanley

## NURSERY

2 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson  
9 Jim & Erin Warlick  
16 Peggy Norosky / Wendy Hensley  
23 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter

## PEW STOCKER

Janet Plasky

## SOUND & VIDEO

2 Mitchell Sauls  
9 Bryce Kronenwetter  
16 Kirby Sanderson  
23 Eric Kronenwetter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

2 Clint and Carolyn Grainger  
9 Genie Carter  
16 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt  
23 Jolene Lewis

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

23 Koinonia / John the Baptist Classes

## USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

2 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /  
David Heath / Clint Grainger /  
J. C. Hyatt  
9 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell  
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt  
16 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /  
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /  
Chris Blackmon  
23 Harry Ward / David Tedder /  
Haywood Corbett / Kevin  
Williamson / Kyle Cook

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Kenwood Royal

## Contact Information

### Ministerial Staff

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Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.  
Monday—Friday  
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## Our Financial Stewardship

January 5, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$2.50
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,323.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$150.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$5,475.50</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$231.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$5,706.50</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$1,190.00</b>
Budget Need to date	\$93,370.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$109,286.89
Over	\$15,969.89

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January 12, 2020

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| Budget Gifts Plan                  | \$10.00           |
| Budget Gifts Plan                  | \$25,212.00       |
| Budget Gifts Operational           | \$0.00            |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$5,212.00</b> |
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$620.00          |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$5,832.00</b> |
| <b>Under Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$1,453.50</b> |
| Budget Need to date                | \$99,982.50       |
| Budget Rec'd to date               | \$114,498.89      |
| Over                               | \$14,516.39       |

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January 19, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,927.50
Budget Gifts Operational	\$70.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,997.50</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$436.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$3,433.50</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,668.00</b>
Budget Need to date	\$106,648.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$117,496.39.89
Over	\$10,848.39

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January 26, 2020

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1                | \$0.00            |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2                | \$5,157.50        |
| Budget Gifts Operational           | \$700.00          |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$5,857.50</b> |
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$395.00          |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$6,252.50</b> |
| <b>Under Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$808.00</b>   |
| Budget Need to date                | \$113,313.50      |
| Budget Rec'd to date               | \$123,353.89      |
| Over                               | \$10,040.39       |

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 John Williams      | Wallyce Todd        |
| 3 Coy Long           | 16 Caroline Hensley |
| 4 Margaret Hooks     | 17 Warren Cook      |
| Ann Fowler           | Jeannie Britt       |
| Willis Pinnell       | 20 Jerry Carter     |
| Alston Prince        | David Jordan        |
| 5 John Sauls         | 23 Helen Monroe     |
| 10 Charlotte Collins | 24 Jean Patterson   |
| 11 Pat Hyatt         | Bill Floyd          |
| Louise Underwood     | 27 Peggy FormyDuval |
| Bridger Warlick      |                     |
| 13 Ronald Walters    |                     |



# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Spotlight highlights the Interim Pastor Pulpit Supply Selection Committee .*

The Interim Pastor Pulpit Supply Selection Committee is an ad hoc committee launched when the services of an interim pastor are needed for any reason. The committee consists of five members, three of one gender and two of the other gender with two alternates, one of each gender, and is appointed by the deacons and submitted to the church. The duties are listed in the church policy manual that can be viewed at any time in the church office. In short, the committee is responsible for seeking, contacting, and interviewing qualified persons to fill the pulpit during the interim period that the church is without a pastor. Much prayer and time are involved in the work of seeking and vetting candidates. As a congregation, we can help by praying daily for the members of this committee and the work that they do. We thank them for their time and effort and understand the importance of their work.

The members of this committee are:

Johnny Britt  
Dale Duncan, Chair  
Janet Plasky  
Hilda Ray  
Mel Ray  
Martha Senter – Alternate  
Jim Warlick – Alternate



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## A NOTE OF



Dear Members of First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, food and many other thoughtful blessings shown to us during J. C.'s sister Rose's death. We are grateful for each of you and thankful to belong to our church family.

With much love,  
Pat & J.C. Hyatt

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**Community Youth Meeting, February 2, 3:00 p.m.**—Meet at FBC at 3:00 p.m. to fill Tebow bags. We will have devotion and snack after.

**Community Youth Meeting, February 16, 6 p.m.**—The youth will meet at the Farm for light supper (hot dogs, chips and dessert), fellowship, and Bible study with other youth groups in our community.

**Baptist Men's Breakfast, Sunday, April 19**—The men of the church are invited to breakfast and to connect with brothers in Christ to discuss future project opportunities.

**Operation Inasmuch, Saturday, May 2**—if you know of any project that you would like the church to be involved in, please call the church office.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

February 10, 2020 10:00 A.M.

Missions Project: Heck-Jones Offering

Devotion and Call to Prayer: Hilda Ray



Our church will observe **WMU Focus Week February 9 – 16**. The most important part of our observance is the **Week of Prayer for the Heck-Jones Offering**. Our offering goal is \$1,000.00 and will be collected throughout the month of February. An envelope is included in your weekly offering envelope packet. *The WMU will prepare and serve the Wednesday night meal on February 12. We invite you to bring your Heck-Jones offering and join us for the meal. There will not be a charge; your offering is your ticket!*

**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

## SAVING SONS CHICKEN BOG FUNDRAISER

On Friday, February 7, Saving Sons will hold a Chicken Bog Fundraiser. The \$7 tickets are available in the church office. You have seen the young men from Saving Sons at Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study. Come out and show your support for the service they are providing to our community.

The Saving Sons ministry provides a safe environment for men struggling with addiction or alcoholism, and initiates the discipleship process to the point where the student can function as a Christian in society. If you would like to know more about the ministry, pick up a brochure from the church office or call Colton Reaves at 910-770-2221.

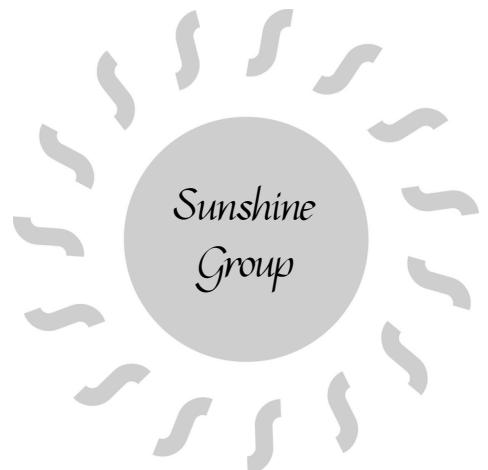


## SUNSHINE SENIOR ADULT GROUP

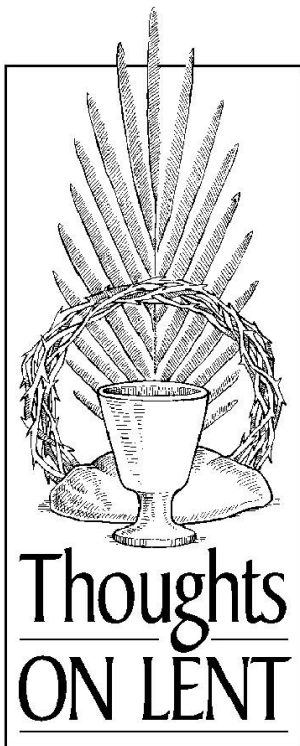
**Jim Whitter and the Piano Men, Saturday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.,** at Southeastern Community College. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$20 each with a group of 15+. For more information on the music event, visit [www.scc.nc.edu](http://www.scc.nc.edu). To sign up, call or come by the church office.

**Amazing Grace II, Sunday, April 19, 3:00 p.m.**—Details forthcoming.

**Covered Dish, Sunday, May 31, 5:00 p.m.**—at the Lake. Details forthcoming.



# LENTEN SEASON



Each year we remember the death and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Lent** is a season of preparation for this celebration, a time of personal and communal renewal and penitence. As individuals, and as a community, we are invited into a time of intentional self-examination, prayer, meditation upon God's Word, giving of alms, and fasting during the season of Lent. According to *Call to Worship: Volume 48.3*, "Lent is the time to modify our Christian walk and turn toward other parts of our lives that need developing." Like Jesus Christ, who made his journey toward the cross, Lent is that time of year that we commit to making that journey with him.

The season of Lent lasts for 40 days, (leading up to Easter), but does not include Sunday's. The forty days of Lent reflect the biblical significance of the number forty. There are several prominent stories where this number stands out: in the story of Noah God caused it to rain for forty days and forty nights to cause the great flood, Moses spent forty days with God on Mount Sinai, God's people wandered the wilderness for forty years, Elijah trudged toward Mount Horeb for forty days and forty nights, and the prophecy was given to Jonah that the city of Nineveh would be destroyed in forty days. But the best example we have in the Bible of the number forty is after Jesus' baptism, when he went into the wilderness to spend forty days fasting and being tempted by the devil.

**Ash Wednesday, February 26**, marks the beginning of Lent. Many congregations like ours recognize this season of renewal by holding an Ash Wednesday service. During the service (which usually reflects a more somber mood than most) we usually prepare our hearts and minds for the difficult, self-reflective journey of Lent. The service is typically concluded with the imposition of ashes. This is where the officiating clergy will mark the foreheads of the worshipers with ashes, in the shape of the cross. The imposition of ashes reminds the worshiper of his or her own mortality and need for repentance.

Most Christians use Lent as a time to give something up, or take something on in order to learn dependency upon God through intentional prayer time. What will you commit to giving up or taking on this Lent season?

Colors you will see during the Lenten season.

Lent—*Purple*—The Royalty of Christ

Holy Week/Pentecost Sunday—*Red*—The Blood of Christ

Easter—*White*—The Purity of Christ and The Joy of the season

(Adapted from *The Services of the Christian Year, Volume V*, Webber, 1994, pgs. 95, 253-25 and *Call to Worship: Volume 48.3* pgs. 3-4).

## 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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| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mon                                                              | Tue                            | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                   | Thu       | Fri                                                       | Sat       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                       |           |                                                           | 1         |
| <b>2 Communion</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br>3:00 Community Youth Meet at FBCW to fill Tebow bags<br>3:50 Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall<br>4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells<br>5:20 Youth Choir | <b>3</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br><br>6:00 Properties CMTE Mtg. | <b>4</b>                       | <b>5</b><br>5:00 Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)<br>5:45 Wednesday Night Supper<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir             | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>10:00-2:00 Saving Sons Chicken Bog Fundraiser | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9 Heck-Jones Week of Prayer</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br>3:50 Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall<br>4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells<br>5:20 Youth Choir                                         | <b>10</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:00 WMU Mtg.           | <b>11</b>                      | <b>12</b><br>5:00 Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)<br>5:45 Heck-Jones Meal<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                                 | <b>15</b> |
| <b>16</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br>3:50 Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall<br>4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells<br>5:20 Youth Choir<br>6:00 Community Youth Mtg. at The Hopkins' Farm                | <b>17</b><br>9:30 Finance Mtg.<br><br>10:00 Staff Meeting        | <b>18</b><br>7:00 Deacons Mtg. | <b>19</b><br>5:00 Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)<br>5:45 Wednesday Night Supper<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir            | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>12:00 Hospice Meals Served                   | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b><br>9:45 Sunday School At Liberty - Koinonia/John the Baptist SS Classes<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br>3:50 Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall<br>4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells<br>5:20 Youth Choir                | <b>24</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting                                 | <b>25</b>                      | <b>26</b><br>5:00 Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)<br>5:45 Wednesday Night Supper<br>6:30 Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary, Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                                 | <b>29</b> |

| March 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 8          | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15         | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22         | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29         | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

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