



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Baptist Men's Sunday—February 4, 2024. We invite you to worship with us—hear a men's choir and Dr. Fred Senter, our guest speaker.



February 21, 5:45 p.m.
With Guest Speaker

We invite you to join us for our annual Heck-Jones Banquet and Program with Dr. Wayne and Mrs. Joy Brown, Wednesday, February 21.

Events At A Glance

February 4 - Baptist Men's Sunday with Men's Choir and Guest Speaker, Dr. Fred Senter, 11:00 a.m.

February 5, 12, 19, 26 - Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

February 7, 28 - Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

February 8 - CBFNC Lunch at Winter Park Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC, 11:45 a.m. Registration required.

February 12 - WMU Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

February 14 - Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

February 15 - "Reaching Out to Our Neighbors" Open Forum, 6:30 p.m.

February 19 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

February 20 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 21 - WMU Heck-Jones Banquet and Program with Dr. Wayne and Mrs. Joy Brown, 5:45 p.m.

February 23 - Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m.

February 29 - CBF Growing Young Seminar, 6:30 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



Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.

(Genesis 5:22)

Isn't it wonderful how God's Word compares the Christian life not only to running a race, but also to walking a walk? Hence, the whole idea of pacing ourselves becomes extremely important. In 40:31, the prophet Isaiah boldly proclaims, *"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."* So, in other words...just keep on keepin' on!

In the book of Genesis we learn about a man named Enoch who walked with God for three hundred years. That's a long time! Enoch teaches us the importance of pacing ourselves throughout our spiritual race. I think this is very important for us to consider since we all know of folks who have what I call a yo-yo relationship with God. We can see this played out in a variety of ways. They might be fully backslidden. They might bounce from church to church to church looking for who knows what. And sometimes they might become passionate in their zeal for Jesus almost to the point of becoming obnoxious. They haven't learned to pace themselves.

As we all know, we will go through seasonal changes - in our own personal ministry, as well as our corporate church life. The need for proper pacing is something I know a little bit about. Back in my years while playing baseball I was always known to be a very fast runner. Being a left handed batter, I was good at laying a bunt down the 3rd base line - and would often run it out for a base hit. In left field, if a ball was hit in the air; I was going to run it down and catch it. I was confident that there was no way that that ball was going to hit the ground. Although I was very fast on my feet, the problem was that I was only interested in short bursts (sprints) - not long distance marathons. Short blasts are what I looked for, and not much more than that. I could often sprint a single into a double. But if I tried to make it into a triple, I would frequently get thrown out at third base. My initial blast of energy between first and second base would begin to conk out by the time I reached third. I was running hard, but fast slowing down.

The same is true of our spiritual race. The objective is not to just run fast. Our objective is to run long. So if we want to grow up spiritually, then we need to pace ourselves in this race of life - because we are in it for the long haul.

May God bless you all as we continue to forge ahead in Christ!

Pastor Chris

MINISTRY

"Ministry sounds intimidating until you develop a realistic view of what ministry is really about. Maybe you're not gifted to preach sermons, start a rehabilitation clinic, or lead a marriage retreat. But do you know people who struggle with sin? Do you know people who are carrying burdens? If so, then your first steps toward ministry are easy: help them." - Francis Chan, Pastor/Author

"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Galatians 5:13-14

“Do not be overcome and conquered by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:21

Don't waste another day of your life being angry. You can:

Forgive ----- ON PURPOSE

Love ----- ON PURPOSE

Give ----- ON PURPOSE

SO GET HAPPY AND DO GOOD!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Please Note: We appreciate everyone who participates in preparing the meals, as well as those who come to enjoy them. We hope to be able to continue to provide the fellowship meal at least once a month. This month we are having Heck-Jones Banquet (meal prepared by the WMU) with guest speakers, Dr. Wayne and Mrs. Joy Brown. We hope you will join us!

February 21, 2024

WMU

*Meal and Program—
Heck-Jones Offering Emphasis,
Guest Speakers,
Dr. Wayne & Mrs. Joy Brown*

April 24, 2024

Group 7

*Peggy Norosky, Chair
Conference Set up for
Covered-dish*

March 20, 2024

Group 6

*Fred & Martha Senter,
Co-chairs*

May 15, 2024

Group 3

*Myrtle & Haywood Corbett,
Co-chairs*

FEBRUARY MESSAGES

February 4, 2024

Baptist Men's Sunday

February 11, 2024

*Rest So You Can Run
Exodus 20:8-10*

February 18, 2024

*Don't Skip The Gospel
John 3:1-8*

February 25, 2024

*Address Your Audience
Acts 3:1-11*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICES

February 7, 2024

Strolling Through Galatians

February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary

February 21, 2024

*Heck-Jones Banquet
With Dr. Wayne and Mrs. Joy Brown*

February 28, 2024

Strolling Through Galatians

FEBRUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 4 Tina Sauls
- 11 Jan Hinson
- 18 Tricia Sanderson
- 25 Beverly Pope

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 4 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers
- 11 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray
- 18 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley
- 25 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters

HOSPICE MEALS

Peggy Underwood

SOUND & VIDEO

- 4 Kirby Sanderson
- 11 Eric Kronenwetter
- 18 Kirby Sanderson
- 25 Eric Kronenwetter



Imitating God—it's more than saying, "What would Jesus do?" It's about being *transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*—Romans 12:2b

To imitate God, we have to think like God. To think like God, we have to know Him. We begin to know Him by being in His word. When we let His word change our attitudes and behaviors, the people around us can begin to understand the hope and peace we have because of our relationship with God. Imitating Him is all about being the tool that God wants us to be in **reaching** this generation for Christ. Let us strive to be the witness tool that God wants us to be!

STEWARDSHIP

January 7, 2023

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1 | \$0.00 |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2 | \$2,012.00 |
| Budget Gifts Operational | \$610.00 |
| Total Budget This Week | \$2,622.00 |
| Designated/Other Funds | \$2,049.41 |
| Total Collections This Week | \$4,671.41 |
| Under Budget This Week | \$2,782.95 |
| Budget Need to date | \$81,074.25 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$85,352.00 |
| Over Budget to date | \$4,277.75 |

January 14, 2023

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1 | \$140.00 |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2 | \$5,249.00 |
| Budget Gifts Operational | \$1,170.00 |
| Total Budget This Week | \$6,559.00 |
| Designated/Other Funds | \$573.54 |
| Total Collections This Week | \$7,132.54 |
| Over Budget This Week | \$1,154.05 |
| Budget Need to date | \$86,479.20 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$91,911.00 |
| Over Budget to date | \$5,431.80 |

January 21, 2023

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1 | \$2,770.00 |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2 | \$4,388.00 |
| Budget Gifts Operational | \$2,250.00 |
| Total Budget This Week | \$9,408.00 |
| Designated/Other Funds | \$275.00 |
| Total Collections This Week | \$9,683.00 |
| Over Budget This Week | \$4,003.05 |
| Budget Need to date | \$91,884.15 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$101,319.00 |
| Over Budget to date | \$9,434.85 |

January 28, 2023

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1 | \$1,700.00 |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2 | \$2,983.00 |
| Budget Gifts Operational | \$245.00 |
| Total Budget This Week | \$4,928.00 |
| Designated/Other Funds | \$285.00 |
| Total Collections This Week | \$5,213.00 |
| Under Budget This Week | \$476.95 |
| Budget Need to date | \$97,289.10 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$106,247.00 |
| Over Budget to date | \$8,957.90 |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Marie Wheatley
- 3 Coy Long
Beverly Pope
- 4 Ann Fowler
Willis Pinnell
Alston Prince
- 5 John Sauls
- 7 Jennifer Williamson
- 9 Olivia Crawmer
- 10 Charlotte Collins
- 11 Pat Hyatt
Louise Underwood
Bridger Warlick
- 12 Betty Jackson
- 13 Ronald Walters
Wallyce Todd
- 16 Caroline Bonner
- 17 Jeanne Britt
- 20 Martha Watson
Jerry Carter
Hadi Ipekyun
David Jordan
- 23 Helen Monroe
- 24 Bill Floyd
- 27 Peggy FormyDuval

JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

- January 7, 2023 - 45
- January 14, 2023 - 50
- January 21, 2023 - 46
- January 28, 2023 - 42

Average attendance for January
Sunday School is 46.

Please join us each week for Sunday
School at 9:45 a.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

WMU Meeting: Monday, February 12, 10:00 A.M.
Call to Prayer and Program: Betty Jo Prevatte and Myrtle Corbett
Mission Project: Heck-Jones Offering
Hospice Meal: Peggy Underwood (Contact Karen: 910-642-9051)



Mark your calendar for the HECK-JONES BANQUET February 21!

February 12-18 is WMU Focus Week, and the Heck-Jones Banquet will be held on February 21 at 5:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The WMU will provide a delicious meal, and **Dr. Wayne and Mrs. Joy Brown will present the program.** We invite everyone to join us for this enjoyable and inspirational event. There is no charge for the meal; however, we encourage gifts to the **Heck-Jones Offering.** The statewide goal is \$325,000 and our **church goal is \$3,000.**



The 2022-24 Watchword is: *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* --Romans 12:12

Our Mission

...is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

Myrtle Corbett, Director

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY



“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV.

If you have not tried our weekly Bible Study on **Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.**, there is still room for you to join us. We are delving into God’s word with a study in the book of Matthew. There is room for all—we hope to see you there.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 KJV—“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

During our Wednesday Prayer Service we do just what Paul directs (under the direction of the Holy Spirit) in this Thessalonians passage—we take the opportunity to praise the Lord for answered prayer and pray for specific needs of the church and community as we review and update our Ministry of Encouragement prayer concern sheet. After we have a time of prayer, we spend some time in scripture together. This month we will be studying the book of Galatians. What an encouragement to come together mid-week in a small group setting to share our prayer concerns and be refreshed in God’s word. You are invited to join us each **Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.** for Wednesday Night Prayer Service.

THANK YOU

Dr. Hillman,

I want to thank you and your congregation for continuing your Christmas tradition of your Live Nativity scene! Our family found it very inspiring, and it helped us focus on the real meaning of Christmas.

Steve Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

2023 FBC Live Nativity



It was absolutely a SUCCESS this year! I am honored to work with such remarkable people eager to share the story of our Lord and Savior to our community. I may have spearheaded this event but without my committee and countless volunteers, it would not have taken place, THANK YOU. Also, the show has numerous expenses: the live animals, cookies for spectators, hot cocoa, food for the cast, various items for the angel's safety and more. We are grateful for ALL the donations that allowed us to proceed with this timeless production.

Drama Committee Members: Kate C. Lee(C), Wendy Hensley & Trisha Sanderson... Thank the following...

Baptist Men's Group
Social Committee
Hanging of the Greens Committee
John the Baptist Sunday School Class
Ruth Believers Sunday School Class
Columbus Co. Parks & Rec.
Pizza Village
The Kings Petting Zoo
Teresa Malpass
Donna Prince
Jeff Mahanes
Gina Morningstar
Mary Alice Stanley
Genie Carter
Brownie & Leigh Cook

Anthony Nealy (DE)
Fred Senter
Chris Blackman
Eric Kronenwetter
Kirby Sanderson
Stephen Prince
Willis Pinnell
Olivia Crawmer
Brad Johnson
Bobby Hensley
Jillian Young
Carly Sanderson
Maggie Williamson
Mary-Gregg Williamson

Tanya & Tom Clark
Hannah Clark
Lauren Clark
Olivia Clark
Pierson Young
Alston Prince
Mitchell Sauls
Charlie Duncan
Dinah Reaves
City of Whiteville

CBFNC

Connect with friends in your region at a Regional Fellowship Lunch! These lunches are open to pastors, staff ministers, divinity students, chaplains, lay leaders and anyone interested in networking with CBFNC friends and colleagues.

Join CBFNC coordinators on **Thursday, February 8, 2024 at Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington** for a time of fellowship, updates from CBFNC and connecting with Cooperative Baptist friends in your region. The church is located at 4700 Wrightsville Ave in Wilmington, NC. Lunch will begin at 11:45 a.m. and conclude by 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. **Register online by February 5** - <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/cbfeve/event/regionalfellowshiplunch-wilmington/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. We will mark this meaningful worship with Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**. Please make plans to join us as we prepare our minds to focus on the sacrifice Christ made for us at Calvary when He paid the ultimate price for our sins.

Lenten services will be held at Whiteville United Methodist Church, **Wednesdays at noon**, beginning **February 21**, and will run through Holy Week Wednesday, **March 27**. After the service, lunch will be served in the WUMC fellowship hall. Services are open to the public and will feature speakers from churches/ministries in our area.



REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS

What could this look like? How about seeking opportunities to pray for people outside of the church? Or looking for creating conversation partners? Our neighbors in need are everywhere around us. There's no set profile or category in which they fall. Some wear business suits and designer clothes. Others have faded blue jeans with an over-sized hoodie. But what's THE ONE THING that they all have in common? They are children of God and HE LOVES THEM VERY MUCH! So on **Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.**, let us come together and explore ways of "Reaching Out to Our Neighbors!" We will learn to engage them. . . love them. . . and invite them.

MOVIE NIGHT

Please invite a friend and join us for a family movie night in the fellowship hall **Friday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.** Enjoy some hot, buttered popcorn as we watch this month's feature film C.S. Lewis' award-winning "Narnia". We hope you will come out and fellowship with us.



Growing Young Seminar

GROWING YOUNG SEMINAR

Over the course of three lively sessions (all on **Thursdays - February 29, March 7, and March 14**), we will discuss many of the highlights that were uncovered during our "Growing Young" seminar. For example, young folks would much rather "see" our sermons played out right in front of them, than "hear" the pastor preaching from the pulpit. In other words, our youth are first looking for the evidence of Christ in our lives *before* making decisions about anything else. Our young people are savvy consumers today. They are hungry for Jesus. So let us explore ways in which to begin opening up new dialogues with them. Together, we will learn to love, understand, and value our youth. After all, they are God's next generation of disciples who go and make other disciples!

| February 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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