



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019, VOLUME 54, NUMBER 1

The year is new



And so are His mercies

Shining God's light in 2019



### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- JANUARY 1, OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY
- JANUARY 13, BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST, 8:00 A.M.
- JANUARY 14, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.
- JANUARY 14, WMU MEETING, 10:00 A.M.
- JANUARY 14, COUNCIL REPORTS DUE
- JANUARY 15, DEACONS MEETING, 7:00 P.M.
- JANUARY 20, CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, 2 P.M.
- JANUARY 23, COVERED DISH MEAL, 5:45 P.M. AND QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE, 6:30 P.M.

COMPLETE MONTHLY CALENDAR ON BACK.

TO ADD AN EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE:  
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# PASTOR'S CORNER: "IT SETS MY MIND ON FIRE"



Robert Barron, a Bishop in the American Catholic church, as a fourteen-year-old, began to describe what the introduction of Thomas Aquinas' writings did for him. "It set my mind on fire!" he said. Up until that point he thought he was going to play shortstop for the Cubs. But after his introduction to Thomas Aquinas his zeal for understanding the heart and mind of God would lead him to a quest for God.

You know, it's interesting the things that drive our passions. What 'sets your mind on fire' might not necessarily be the thing that 'sets my mind on fire.' As we begin a new year, it is helpful for us to look deep within our souls and find our passion for the quest for God.

If I want to know about someone in today's world, I can look them up on Google, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. and I can learn a lot **about** that person, but it doesn't mean that I **know** that person. After I meet that person, my understanding of them begins to evolve. After years of a close relationship with that person I can certainly say that I know intimate things about that person's character and heart.

That is what a relationship with God is like. We can read **about** God, we can study what others say about God, but it is much greater that we personally have an intimate relationship with God, so much that we can say we **know** Him! May 2019 be a year for our minds to be set on fire by a true relationship with God!

- Rev. Ryan Clore

## JANUARY SERMONS

### January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord  
*The 'Star'*  
Matthew 2:1-12

### January 13

Baptism of the Lord  
*Jesus: Our Only Measuring Stick*  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### January 20

Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
*Shows Potential*  
John 2:1-11

### January 27

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
*When Jesus Reads Scripture . . .*  
Luke 4:14-21



## AMAZING GRACE CONCERT

Mark your calendar, the Sunshine Group is sponsoring a concert event for the church and the community highlighting the hymn, Amazing Grace, on **February 17, 2019 at 3 p.m.**

## BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Baptist Men will have their quarterly meeting on **January 13 at 8:00 a.m.** We will have breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and get an update on the activities of last quarter and discuss projects for the upcoming quarter. We would like to encourage **all men** of the church to come out for breakfast and to have part in the projects undertaken by the Baptist Men as we band together to serve our community.



A huge thank you goes out to everyone who provided music during the Advent & Christmas seasons. You blessed and inspired us greatly. To God be the glory!

2019 starts us off running. On Sunday, February 17, at 3:00 p.m. we will have a musical program featuring the well known hymn *Amazing Grace*. At this time we know that there will be bagpipers, other instrumentalists and singers. Plan now to share in this experience.

The Youth Choir will participate in *Festival by the Sea* on March 1-3 in Myrtle Beach. The youth have already begun work on the music they will sing with around 350 other youth from churches in the Southeast.

## 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



### January 2

Menu - Soups and Sandwiches, Assorted

Desserts

Hilda Ray - C

Karen Dawsey - C

Brownie & Leigh Cook

Stephen & Donna Prince

### Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley

Katherine Scott

### January 9

Menu - Chili Con Carne, Tossed Salad, Assorted Desserts

Janice Young - C

Charlotte Collins

Merle Worley

Sylvia Elkins

Sandi Floyd

Bridger Warlick

### Nursery

Peggy Norosky

### January 16

Menu - Grits, Sausage, Scrambled eggs, Baked Apples, Bread & Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

Fred & Martha Senter - C

Betty Jo Prevatte

Joe & Mary Hooks

Mike & Becky Thompson

### Nursery

Tricia Sanderson

Leah Sanderson

Carly Sanderson

### January 23

Peggy Norosky - C

Covered Dish Meal

Quarterly Church Conference

### Nursery

Brenda Carter or

Genie Carter

Kate Carter Lee

# JANUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

6 Grayanna Young  
13 Gina Morningstar  
20 Taylor Jordan  
27 Tricia Sanderson

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

6 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte  
13 Leigh Cook / Charlie Duncan  
20 Joe Hooks / Merle Worley  
27 Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

6 Peggy Walters  
13 Hilda Butler  
20 Rose Langston  
27 Frances Price

## HOSPICE MEAL

18 Martha Senter

## NURSERY

6 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson /  
Leah Sanderson / Carly Sanderson  
13 Jim & Erin Warlick / Katherine  
Scott / Wendy Hensley  
20 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn /  
Jennifer Williamson / Peggy  
Norosky  
27 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan / Jennifer  
Armbrecht / Genie Carter

## OFFERING TELLERS

### PEW STOCKER

Betty Jo Prevatte

### SOUND & VIDEO

6 Mitchell Sauls  
13 Bryce Russell  
20 Kirby Sanderson  
27 Eric Kronenwetter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

6 Clint & Carolyn Grainger  
13 Bill & Jolene Lewis  
20 Rose Langston & J. C. Hyatt  
27 Frances Price & Yvonne Bass

### SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

27 Apostles/Inquirers/  
Youth Classes

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Sandi Floyd

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Monday—Friday

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

## JANUARY

1 Dale Duncan	22 Jo Anne Vereen
Al Williams	24 Vivian Brown
Joseph Hooks	Watha Cook
3 Linda Ward	25 David Tedder
4 Paige Ballance	27 Frances Yow
9 Shannon Ray Dadush	Kirby Sanderson
Everlee Batten	Julie Fowler
16 John Paite	Chase Love
18 Martha Senter	29 Linda Heath
19 Jerry Sellers	31 Alice Schott
20 Kimberly Worley	
Tyler Worley	
21 Sally High	
Kay Huggins	

### Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 109  
Sunday School Attendance Average: 50

#### December 2, 2018- Attend 114 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$9,298.81	Budget Needs to Date	\$65,580.75
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$59,623.35
<b>Over</b>	\$2,012.06	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	\$5,957.40

#### December 9, 2018- Attend 90 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$4,354.75	Budget Needs to Date	\$72,867.50
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$63,978.10
<b>Under</b>	\$2,932.00	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	\$8,889.40

#### December 16, 2018- Attend 140 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$7,391.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$80,154.25
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$70,494.10
<b>Over</b>	\$104.25	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	\$9,660.15

#### December 23, 2018- Attend 82 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$3,612.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$87,441.00
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$74,981.10
<b>Under</b>	\$3,674.75	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	\$12,459.90

#### December 30, 2018- Attend 119 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$14,116.23	Budget Needs to Date	\$94,727.75
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$89,097.33
<b>Over</b>	\$6,829.48	<b>Budget Under YTD</b>	\$5,630.42

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Spotlight highlights Clint and Carolyn Grainger.*

Clint and Carolyn Grainger have been members of First Baptist Church since 1983. They were married in 1975 and remained at Clint's home church, Forest Lawn Baptist, until their daughter and son were ages 3 and 4 years old and they wanted a hometown church in Whiteville. First Baptist was recommended for their outstanding children's program, and The Graingers found that to be true.

Jessica, their daughter (38), who now lives in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and their son, Jody (39) who lives in Rhode Island, received an excellent spiritual background at First Baptist Church that they have carried into their adult lives (for which Clint and Carolyn are very proud.)

Clint is self-employed in real estate—Grainger Enterprises in downtown Whiteville. His hobbies include a love of music (he plays guitar for local events), fishing, hunting, and being the best grandfather ever to Gabrielle (7) and twin boys, Tristan and Battle (5). They lovingly refer to him as "Pea Poddy," a name given to him by Gabrielle when she was 2.

Carolyn, a registered nurse, works at CRHS, a job she has had for 43 years and enjoys very much. Her hobbies are singing with Clint, sewing, crafts, and making bulletin boards at church.

They are proud of First Baptist Church and appreciate the church family and their pastor.

They wish you all a Happy New Year in 2019. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbor, and let each year find you a better man."

Peace and love—The Graingers



## GLEANERS CLASS LUNCHEON

What a wonderful time of fellowship we had with the ladies of the Gleaners Sunday School Class at the annual luncheon. There were twenty-four guests in all including the church staff and Clint Grainger (who entertained the group with guitar and song.) Everyone joined in singing Christmas Carols and old favorites. Thank you ladies for all of the hard work involved in putting together such and enjoyable event.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

JANUARY 14, 2019 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer: Betty Jo Prevatte

Program: Betty Jo Prevatte

Missions Emphasis: Families First



**Happy New Year!** A New Year has begun. We have celebrated the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Risen Lord! Now our mission is to carry the Good News to the world: our families, friends, neighbors, across America and into the World.

At our Missions Breakfast on December 2, Amy Sessions told an inspiring and challenging story of her missions work in Rotifunk, a village in Sierra Leone, Africa. Many of you attended the breakfast and made donations and/or purchased note cards or one of the tote bags made by a woman in Rotifunk. The WMU purchased five bags to be filled with toiletries, etc. to be given to Families First. Please bring your items to the January meeting.

**Global Missions Offering Goal: \$4,000.00 Collected: \$2,200.00**

**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

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Committee Chairs**, please mark your calendars for our next church council meeting on **January 20 at 2 p.m.** **Remember that all committee/organizational reports need to be turned in to the church office by Monday, January 14.**

## COVERED DISH MEAL AND QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our next Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for **Wednesday evening, January 23, at 6:30 p.m.** For Conference, we meet after Wednesday Night Supper, which is a covered dish meal, to discuss the changes/activities during the last quarter. If you are looking for service opportunities, this will be the perfect time to get the full overview of church activity. Please join us to get a better view of how our church is ministering to its members and to the community.



Covered Dish Meal  
and Quarterly Church Conference

## THANK YOU

Thanks so much for having me share my mission experience with your church. It was a wonderful breakfast and a great group! Also thanks for the contribution to Mission of Hope. It was very much appreciated. I could tell, with my little time there, your church has a big heart for Missions!

Bless everyone,  
Amy Sessions



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## SAVING SONS, INC. (NEWSLETTER EXCERPT)

### Message from the Director, Colton Reaves

The Saving Sons Inc. non-profit organization would not be where it is today without God's blessing and all of the generosity of our supporters. This year we are sending you a newsletter to update you on our ministry's progress and inform you of our future plans.

As you may know, we began operating January 31<sup>st</sup> of this year and have helped 17 guys by furnishing them a place of refuge from addiction. We regularly attend church, Celebrate Recovery meetings, and participate in community service. Saving Sons strives to be a benefit to both our residents and community we serve. All of our residents are instructed in the Bible as well as many other proven methods to overcome addiction. Please keep this ministry and our guys in your thoughts and prayers as we approach a new year. May God bless you always and thanks again for your support.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Josh's Testimony

Graduating Saving Sons and returning home was an interesting adjustment, but with God's provision everything has gone great! He provided me with a well-paying full-time job as a Field Rep for a cabinet business. He has provided me with the ability to finish high school online from home and graduating in March of 2019. God has filled me with a strong desire to help others. I do my own tree/shrub/lawn services when I have the opportunity. God has brought my family together more than ever before. Best of all, He saved me from falling to the pit of hell, and He's never going to let me go. I thank Colton immensely and every person who has given their time, prayers, love, and support to Saving Sons.



## MLK DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

MLK Day of Service is a federal holiday dedicated to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in honor of his legacy and passion for serving others. Legislation signed in 1983 marked the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a federal holiday. In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort. Each year, on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is observed as a "day on, not a day off." MLK Day of Service is intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community." We have the opportunity, in our community, to honor his memory and his vision at **Columbus Regional Hospital** on **Monday, January 21, 2019 at noon** for their MLK Community Service. We encourage you to take an active part in building "community" and to join together at Columbus Regional for a celebration of the life and vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## 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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