



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019, VOLUME 55, NUMBER 1



### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- JANUARY 1, HAPPY NEW YEAR! -  
*OFFICE CLOSED*
- JANUARY 5, MUSIC ACTIVITIES RESUME
- JANUARY 6, PROPERTIES COMMITTEE  
MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
- JANUARY 12, BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST,  
8:00 A.M.
- JANUARY 13, WMU MEETING, 10:00 A.M.,  
COUNCIL REPORTS DUE
- JANUARY 19, FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE CHILI/  
GAME NIGHT, 5:30 P.M.
- JANUARY 20, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.
- JANUARY 21, DEACONS MEETING, 7:00 P.M.
- JANUARY 22, COVERED DISH MEAL, 5:45 A.M.,  
QUARTERLY CHURCH  
CONFERENCE, 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

I have truly enjoyed the special celebrations of the Christmas Season this year, and I want to thank all those who have had a part in facilitating these special events in the life of our church. These include the Hanging of the Greens Service, the Progressive Dinner for our youth (14 young people present), the Christmas Musical, the Live Nativity Presentations, and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. In all of these special celebrations we have been reminded that God really did come close to us in the Christmas event so that we could really see what God is like.

As we look toward the new year, because of Christmas, we can truly know that God loves us, cares about us, and grants us strength for living in these days. Moving forward within the scope of God's love and grace, I would like to see us renew our sense of mission and who we are as a church. As I outlined it in the deacons' retreat recently, let us seek to answer the question of what our job is as a church. What is it that we do better than anyone else? What is our "house specialty"? Let us keep it simple and boil it down to three things: (1) WINNING PEOPLE TO CHRIST, (2) MINISTERING IN CHRIST'S NAME, and (3) FOSTERING CHRISTIAN LIVING.

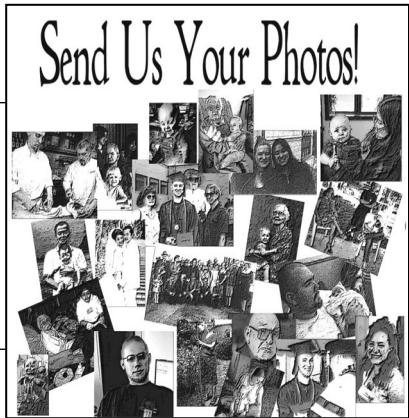
To help us in this process we will be seeking an interim pastor. Let us continue to pray for God's leadership in this matter and resolve to support him with our prayers and our attendance. Let us also remember that giving our offering is giving unto the Lord.

May God's blessings rest upon us and let us make this interim period a rich experience for us as a church family and as individuals as we attempt to fulfill God's calling as His people in this place.

Dr. Fred Senter

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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, will begin meeting again on Sunday, January 5, in the first room on the right, upstairs in the educational building. Janice Young will be facilitating the study. If you are not involved in a Sunday School class, come try out this group and help set the direction for future studies and projects. You do not need to be a church member to attend. We hope to see you soon!

# MUSIC NOTES



***Praise to our God for the great things he has done and continues to do!***

We are so very thankful to the Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Youth and Adult Handbells, percussion, flute, string ensemble, and guest UNCW voice students. ***Come Ye***

***Faithful*** was a true blessing to listeners and presenters. Several of you commented on how meaningful and worshipful the service was to you personally.

Worship has always been a priority here at First Baptist. To paraphrase another church member: Our efforts (in worship and music) really differentiate us from other churches in our area and it will pay off tenfold. As we truly worship God individually and corporately, we find ourselves compelled to excel in the other ministries of

our church. As we share in our various church ministries may God receive all of the glory!

***Happy New Year!***

All of our music groups resume the first full week of January.

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***At a Glance...***  
**Plan now to join us for the**

## **2019-2020 Music Ministry**

**Children's Choir & 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.



*"Come Ye Faithful" participants, December 15, 2019*

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 8**

**Menu** - Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, French Bread, and Desserts

**Brenda Carter, Genie Carter—C**

Kirby & Tricia Sanderson  
 Tina Sauls

### **Nursery**

Mary Alice Stanley  
 Katherine Scott

### **January 15**

**Menu** - Soup and Sandwiches and something good for dessert

**Mary Alice Stanley—C**

Myrtie Sellers  
 David Heath  
 John & Janet Plasky

### **Nursery**

Peggy Norosky

### **January 22**

**Covered Dish Meal & Quarterly Church Conference**  
**Fred & Martha Senter—C**

Betty Jo Prevatte  
 Joe & Mary Hooks  
 Willis & Sue Pinnell

### **Nursery**

Tricia Sanderson  
 Leah Sanderson  
 Carly Sanderson

### **January 29**

**Menu** - Chili Con Carne, Tossed Salad, Crackers, and Assorted Desserts

**Janice Young—C**

Charlotte Collins  
 Merle Worley  
 Sylvia Elkins  
 Sandi Floyd  
 Bridger Warlick

### **Nursery**

Brenda Carter or  
 Genie Carter

# JANUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5 Grayanna Young  
 12 Gina Morningstar  
 19 Tina Sauls  
 26 Tricia Sanderson

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

5 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte  
 12 David Carter / Charlie Duncan  
 19 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley  
 26 Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

5 Peggy Walters  
 12 Hilda Butler  
 19 Rose Langston  
 26 Jolene Lewis

## HOSPICE MEAL

17 Martha Senter

## NURSERY

5 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson  
 12 Jim & Erin Warlick  
 19 Peggy Norosky / Wendy Hensley  
 26 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter

## PEW STOCKER

David Heath

## SOUND & VIDEO

5 Mitchell Sauls  
 12 Bryce Kronenwetter  
 19 Kirby Sanderson  
 26 Eric Kronenwetter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

5 Clint and Carolyn Grainger  
 12 Genie Carter  
 19 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt  
 26 Jolene Lewis

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

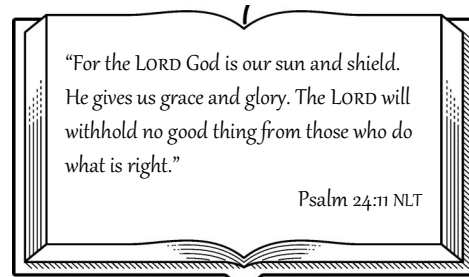
26 Apostles / Inquirers / Youth  
 Classes

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Sandra Floyd



### Contact Information

#### Ministerial Staff

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 Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music  
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 [office@fbcwhiteville.com]  
 Mrs. Dinah Reaves, Financial Ministry Assistant  
 [fbcwhite@fbcwhiteville.com]

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 Monday—Friday  
 Phone: 910-642-2139 Fax: 910-642-5874



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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Dale Duncan    | 20 Kimberly Worley |
| Joseph Hooks     | 21 Sally High      |
| Al Williams      | 22 Jo Anne Vereen  |
| 16 John Paite    | 24 Watha Cook      |
| 18 Martha Senter | 25 David Tedder    |
| 19 Jerry Sellers | 27 Kirby Sanderson |

### Our Financial Stewardship

| December 1, 2019 |                   | YTD                    |                    |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Rec'd     | \$4,026.50        | Budget Needs to Date   | \$59,989.50        |
| Budget Needed    | \$6,665.50        | Budget Received YTD    | \$70,524.97        |
| <b>Under</b>     | <b>\$2,639.00</b> | <b>Budget Over YTD</b> | <b>\$10,535.47</b> |

| December 8, 2019 |                   | YTD                    |                    |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Rec'd     | \$11,431.92       | Budget Needs to Date   | \$66,655.00        |
| Budget Needed    | \$6,665.50        | Budget Received YTD    | \$81,956.89        |
| <b>Over</b>      | <b>\$4,766.42</b> | <b>Budget Over YTD</b> | <b>\$15,301.89</b> |

| December 15, 2019 |                 | YTD                    |                    |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Rec'd      | \$5,728.00      | Budget Needs to Date   | \$73,320.50        |
| Budget Needed     | \$6,665.50      | Budget Received YTD    | \$87,684.89        |
| <b>Under</b>      | <b>\$937.50</b> | <b>Budget Over YTD</b> | <b>\$14,364.39</b> |

| December 22, 2019 |                 | YTD                    |                    |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Rec'd      | \$5,671.50      | Budget Needs to Date   | \$79,986.00        |
| Budget Needed     | \$6,665.50      | Budget Received YTD    | \$93,356.39        |
| <b>Under</b>      | <b>\$994.00</b> | <b>Budget Over YTD</b> | <b>\$13,370.39</b> |

| December 29, 2019 |                   | YTD                    |                    |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Rec'd      | \$8,305.00        | Budget Needs to Date   | \$86,651.50        |
| Budget Needed     | \$6,665.50        | Budget Received YTD    | \$101,661.39       |
| <b>Over</b>       | <b>\$1,639.50</b> | <b>Budget Over YTD</b> | <b>\$15,009.89</b> |

Lottie Moon Received \$1,965  
 Global Missions Received \$1,580

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Spotlight highlights the Youth Committee.



## Youth COMMITTEE UPDATE



The FBC Youth Group has had a busy holiday season! They had a great time at their annual Progressive Dinner which was held on Sunday, December 8th. Hors d'oeuvres were hosted by Mrs. Myrtle and Mr. Haywood Corbett, desserts were hosted by Mrs. Nicole and Mr. Geoff Hopkins and the Youth Committee hosted dinner for the youth. They also went Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 14th and visited with many FBC members along with many residents at Liberty Commons. Our youth have been busy practicing handbells and singing in the choir. They plan on attending their annual musical festival in March.



Youth and Adult Handbell "Come Ye Faithful" rehearsals

### YOUTH COMMITTEE 2019-2020

Chris Blackmon, co-chair  
Katherine Scott, co-chair  
Kate C. Lee  
Gina Morningstar  
Mary Alice Stanley  
Jim Warlick

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

January 13, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

Missions Project: Soup Ministry

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The WMU will resume our regular meeting schedule this month with our first meeting of the new year on January 13. After the Call to Prayer and Devotion, we will prepare soup and sandwiches to deliver to our FBC shut-ins, Madison Hill residents, and others in our community. We need everyone's help – so please join us!!

Global Missions Goal: \$3,000 Collected:\$1,580

Lottie Moon Goal: \$1,500 Collected: \$1,965

**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 19 at 2 p.m.** **Remember that all committee/organizational reports need to be turned in to the church office by Monday, January 13.**

## COVERED DISH MEAL AND QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our next Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for **Wednesday evening, January 22 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Saving Sons fundraiser - February 7.

## BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men of the church are invited to attend. Get connected with other brothers in Christ! Enjoy fellowship over breakfast and discuss future project opportunities.

**Sunday,  
January 12  
8:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

Contact Person  
Dr. Fred Senter - 910-642-4436



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTERIM PASTOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

Thank you for your patience as we continue to search for our interim pastor.

Through our meetings, phone calls, and interviews, we feel that we are making the right choices for First Baptist Church.

Please keep our committee in your prayers.

Dale Duncan, Chair  
Interim Pastor Selection Committee



## DRAMA COMMITTEE

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."*

*1 Peter 4:10*



Dear Donors and Volunteers,

Thank you for your dedication to the Live Nativity this year. Your compassion and kindness toward others is an inspiration to all members of our congregation. Your donations and actions helped to make our community a happier, safer place, and it brings us much joy to share the story of our Savior's birth. I am incredibly grateful for and humbled by your efforts, and I want you to know that your work has not gone unnoticed.

Sincerely,  
Kate Carter Lee, Chair  
Drama Committee

Volunteers, Participants, Helpers, and Donors:

Wendy Hensley  
Mary Alice Stanley  
Charlie Duncan  
Fred Senter  
Baptist Men's Group  
Emory Worley  
Betty Jo Prevatte  
Eric Kronenwetter  
Bryce Kronenwetter  
Kirby Sanderson  
Tanya Clark  
Tom Clark  
Genie Carter  
Brenda Carter  
Pat Davis  
Merle Worley

April Ray  
Martha Senter  
Carolyn Grainger  
Nicole Hopkins  
Jennifer Hall  
Jenny Clore  
Teresa Malpass  
Dinah Reaves  
Katherine Jordan Scott  
Chris Blackmon  
Haywood Corbett  
Nick Griffin  
Geoff Hopkins  
Stephen Prince  
David Carter  
Bobby Hensley

Isabella Hopkins  
Olivia Clark  
Hannah Clark  
Lauren Clark  
Maggie Hensley  
Elizabeth Hensley  
Janice Young  
Hanging of the Greens Committee  
The Social Committee  
Ruth Believers Sunday School Class  
Koinonia Sunday School Class  
John the Baptist Sunday Class  
Gleaners Sunday School Class  
Columbus County Parks & Recreation  
Duke Energy  
City of Whiteville

*Please forgive me if I have inadvertently omitted anyone from the list.*

| January 2019                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                               |                         |                                                                                                                                                                      |     |                                      |     |
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| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon                                                                           | Tue                     | Wed                                                                                                                                                                  | Thu | Fri                                  | Sat |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                               |                         | 1<br><i>No Wednesday Night Activities</i><br><br>Office Closed<br><br><i>Happy New Year!</i>                                                                         | 2   | 3                                    | 4   |
| 5<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                                                   | 6<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br><br>6:00 Properties CMTE Mtg.                     | 7                       | 8<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   | 9   | 10                                   | 11  |
| 12<br>8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast<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                  | 13<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>10:00 WMU Mtg.<br><br><b>Council Reports Due</b> | 14                      | 15<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  | 16  | 17<br><br>12:00 Hospice Meals Served | 18  |
| 19<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br>2:00 Church Council<br>3:50 Youth Bible Study— Fellowship Hall<br>4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells<br>5:30 Family Life CMTE Chili/ Game Night    | 20<br>9:30 Finance Mtg.<br><br>10:00 Staff Meeting                            | 21<br>7:00 Deacons Mtg. | 22<br>5:00 Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)<br>5:45 Covered Dish Meal<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Church Conference, Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir | 23  | 24                                   | 25  |
| 26<br>9:45 Sunday School At Liberty - Apostles/Inquirers/Youth 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 | 27<br>10:00 Staff Meeting                                                     | 28                      | 29<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  | 30  | 31                                   |     |

| February 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 16            | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23            | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

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