



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 16, 8:00 a.m.** for Baptist Men's Breakfast. We have pushed the date back one week. Guest Speaker, Cary Fleming will be with us.

All the men of the church are invited to join us! We hope to see you there.



BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

Baptist Men's Day is **Sunday, January 30**. We have Guest Speaker Greg Rowles, former Master of Ceremonies with the Alabama Theatre. We will also have a Men's Choir during the morning worship. Please join us!

Events At A Glance

- January 3 - Office Closed for New Year's Day
- January 5, 12, 19, 26 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.
- January 10, 17, 24, 31 - Children's Music Activity, 5:15 p.m.
- January 12 - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:45 pm.
- January 12 - Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- January 16 - Baptist Men's Breakfast with Guest Speaker Cary Fleming, 8:00 a.m.
- January 17 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- January 18 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- January 26 - Quarterly Church Conference, 6:30 p.m.
- January 30 - Baptist Men's Day with Guest Speaker, Greg Rowles

Complete monthly calendar on back.

To add an event to our calendar, please contact the church office:

(910) 642-2139



PASTOR'S CORNER



As we thank God for a memorable Christmas season at First Baptist Church in Whiteville, I truly thank all who made it so special! We especially thank **Kate Lee** and all who blessed us with our entries into the Pecan Festival Parade, the Christmas Parade and the very inspirational **LIVE NATIVITY!** What a beautiful and heart-touching evening we shared together! I thank Eddie, Patricia, and the Choir and all participants, including our own **Bridger Warlick** and his friends from Methodist University who helped us in providing our beautiful Christmas music, ***Were You There on That Christmas Night?*** by Lloyd Larson. May we not forget our Social Committee and others who provided the delicious food for the cast and the participants, and hot chocolate and cookies for all of the guests who attended the delightful and meaningful **LIVE NATIVITY**. And . . . we truly thank everyone who donated wreaths and poinsettias and those who labored to decorate the sanctuary so beautifully this Christmas season. THANK YOU—ONE AND ALL!!!

I especially thank **ALL** who helped us honor the requests we received from the Columbus County Sheriff's Office, disAbility Resource Center, and Community CPR as we as a church were "blessed to be a blessing" in responding by helping them in their "**ADOPT A FAMILY**" program for Christmas. All you donors anonymously blessed those who were the recipients of your beautifully wrapped gifts—including all of the love, prayers, and thoughtfulness that went into your shopping and the abundance you provided to the children and their families!

This beautiful Christmas of 2021 is now history . . . and it seems it vanished as quickly as it came! But, may the joys of the season we experienced truly help us face 2022 with the same excitement of faith, hope, and love, and the merriment of greeting one another . . . forgiving one another . . . and letting our lives—and lights—shine as brightly for Jesus in this New Year of possibilities as were the candles glowing on Christmas Eve in our Candlelight Communion Service. This Christmas season, during our worship services, we celebrated the **prophecy** of the coming Savior . . . the **place** (Bethlehem Ephrathah) where He was born . . . the **shepherds** (His first visitors) . . . and the **angels** who sang at His birth, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!* (Luke 2:14)

As we face the New Year of 2022, I ask that each of us will sincerely try to build better and stronger relationships with each other and make it our goal to reach out in touching lives in our community and to the ends of the earth in following Jesus' Great Commission to "Go ye therefore!" (Matthew 28:19-20)

Several years ago, my wife, Joy, wrote a story which has a very profound message for all of us as we face the New Year! I read the story in our Worship Service this past Sunday, the last Sunday in December of 2021, as we emphasized the message of the angels. The story, "Christmas is For-giving!" will be available as a hand-out if you would like a copy. Will you please take time to read it . . . reflect on it . . . and respond to "the message of the angels," as God helps you to be a peace-maker filled with forgiveness in 2022? May this New Year be our best year yet . . . as we look for opportunities to serve Jesus and others—as He leads us! God bless you! Happy (Blessed) New Year!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' love,

Wayne Brown

*"I love the LORD, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications.
Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him
as long as I live."*

Psalms 116:1-2



Music Notes

The Chancel Choir and friends who presented *Were You There on That Christmas Night?* sang splendidly!

We are thankful for the hard work of the Chancel Choir, our guest singers from Methodist University and for Lyla Bullard and Bryce Kronenwetter for narrating. The message of Christmas was clearly and inspirationally proclaimed through music. *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

We also thank Bridger Warlick for enhancing our Advent and Christmas worship through his inspiring solos.

The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 5 at 4:30 p.m. You are invited to join as we begin a new calendar year.

Our **Children’s Music Activity** also sang marvelously in worship during the Advent season. We will hear

more from them in the future. The group will resume on Monday, January 10, 5:15-6:00. Invite your neighborhood children age 4 through 2nd grade to participate. All are welcome!

It has been a delight for First Baptist to host **The Community Band** rehearsals. The Christmas program was enjoyed by all who attended. Dust off your instrument and join us on Monday, January 17, 2022, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Calling all Men!! On Sunday, January 30 we plan to fill the choir loft with men for **Baptist Men’s Sunday**. A one time rehearsal will take place before worship (10:20 a.m.) in the sanctuary choir loft on January 30. Plan now to join us!

Happy New Year! May God bless you richly!

Eddie



NO REGRETS!

If you’ve ever regretted a big purchase and wondered if you could return it, you’re familiar with the nagging feeling of buyer’s remorse. Thankfully, our Redeemer never experienced that. As a church sign proclaims, “When Jesus bought you, he never had buyer’s remorse. And he never will!” To Jesus, the payment of suffering and death was well worth the payoff. “. . .Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.” (Hebrews 12:2 NLT)

January 2, 2022

Epiphany
Wise Men Still Seek Him
(including The Lord’s Supper)
Matthew 2:1-23; John 3:16

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord
What Shall I Give Him?
Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:14-22; Matthew 25:31-46

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday After the Epiphany
What Does the Lord Require of You?
Micah 6:6-8

January 23, 2022

Third Sunday After the Epiphany
Are You Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit?
Galatians 5:16-26

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
Pulpit Guest—Greg Rowles, Former Master of Ceremonies at the Alabama Theatre

JANUARY SERMONS

JANUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 2 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
- 9 David Carter / Glenn Waters
- 16 Stephen Prince / Mary Alice Stanley
- 23 Kate C. Lee / Ron Walters
- 30 Janice Young / Brad Johnson

HOSPICE SNACKS

Martha Senter

SOUND & VIDEO

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 2 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 9 Genie Carter
- 16 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
- 23 Bill and Jolene Lewis
- 30 Mitchell Sauls / Bridger Warlick

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
- 30 TBA



STEWARDSHIP

December 5, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,192.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$150.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,342.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$2,069.24
Total Collections This Week	\$5,411.24

Under Budget This Week \$3,252.56

Budget Need to date	\$65,945.60
Budget Rec'd to date	\$65,267.66
Under Budget to date	\$677.94

December 12, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,728.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$0.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,728.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$4,660.51
Total Collections This Week	\$10,388.51

Under Budget This Week \$866.56

Budget Need to date	\$72,540.16
Budget Rec'd to date	\$70,995.66
Over Budget to date	\$1,544.50

December 19, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$2,210.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,327.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$20.00
Total Budget This Week	\$7,557.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$120.00
Total Collections This Week	\$7,677.00

Over Budget This Week \$962.44

Budget Need to date	\$79,134.72
Budget Rec'd to date	\$78,552.66
Under Budget to date	\$582.06

December 26, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$400.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,267.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$2,855.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,522.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$3,497.75.00
Total Collections This Week	\$9,019.75

Under Budget This Week \$1,072.56

Budget Need to date	\$85,729.28.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$84,074.66
Under Budget to date	\$1,654.62

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dale Duncan
Al Williams
- 18 Martha Senter
- 20 Kimberly Worley
- 22 JoAnne Vereen
- 25 David Tedder
- 27 Kirby Sanderson
- 29 Charlie Priest



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

- December 5, 2021 - 42
- December 12, 2021 - 46
- December 19, 2021 - 39
- December 26, 2021 - 25

Average attendance for December
Sunday School is 38.

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

Monday, January 10, 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hall

Hospice Snacks for January: Martha Senter

December Mission Project Update: Christmas Missions Offerings



The WMU will continue its traditional January Soup Ministry. WMU members will provide soup, sandwiches, and cakes/cookies for approximately fifty people. We will deliver lunch bags to our FBC shut-in members, Madison Hill residents, and others in the community. We invite and welcome any members of our congregation to join us to help pack and distribute the lunches.

2021-22 Watchword: *But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.* Hebrews 10:39

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett
WMU Director

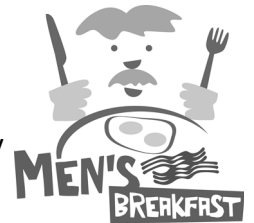
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



The Wednesday Night Supper Cooking Groups will begin preparing for the once-a-month Prayer Meeting. The first of these is **Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.** for the meal and **6:30 p.m.** for Prayer Meeting. Groups 7 and 8 will be preparing the meal which will be for those attending Prayer Meeting and our Shut-In List. Food, of course, will be eaten in the Fellowship Hall. The cost will be the usual price of \$4.00 per plate. Menu will be determined later.

BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

This quarter we have pushed back the Baptist Men's Breakfast until **Sunday, January 16 at 8:00 a.m.** All men of the church are invited to join us for fellowship and breakfast. Cary Fleming will be our quest speaker for our program.



QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

January 26 is our next quarterly church conference. We won't have a meal like we have had in the past. We will meet in the **sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.** instead of the fellowship hall, and if committee chairs have committee **reports** to turn in for their committees, please have those in by **Thursday, January 20.** Thank you.

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THANK YOU

FBC STAFF NOTE

The office staff would like to say how much we appreciate your thinking of us during the Christmas season with all your gifts, cards, and visits. Your kindness means so much! We ALL thank you!



LIVE NATIVITY VIDEO

The video can be viewed in its entirety on our website, www.fbcwhiteville.com, under the "Media and Resources" tab.

Dear First Baptist family,

What a tremendous blessing it was for individuals and families in our church to partner with us in the 2021 Adopt-a-Family project. The Community CPR, disAbility Resource Center, and the Columbus County Sheriffs Office Christmas Collaborative could not have met the needs of our families without you. We want to extend a sincerely felt thanks to Dr. Wayne Brown for his helping to coordinate all the participants from our church. Growing up in FBC, I always knew that we reached out and helped the community. This year it was a beautiful experience to see how our missional outlook and our willingness to be neighbors helping neighbors made such a positive impact in our community. As the executive director of a boots-on-the-ground non-profit, I am daily aware that we are #strongertogether. I look forward to continued outreach projects together in the years to come as God leads.

Please call or text us at 910-625-7221 if you would like to take a tour of CCPR, volunteer, or donate.

Happy New Year!

Grace and peace,
Rev. Wallyce Todd, CCPR
www.commcpr.org



2021 FBC Live Nativity



!!! AMAZING !!!

Even though this all came together in just about two months; it was absolutely one of the best in years! 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 steer-headed this event but without my committee and countless volunteers, it wouldn't 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 angels 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 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
Josh McPherson
AZoo2You
Mary & Joe Hooks
Jeff Mahanes
Gina Morningstar
Mary Alice Stanley
Brenda Carter
Merle Worley

Quinn Allen
Fred Senter
Robert & Kris Clyburn
Eric Kronenwetter
Kirby Sanderson
Steven Prince
Willis Pinnell
Jim Warlick
Ryder Warlick
Bobby Hensley
Caroline Bonner
Maggie Hensley
Elizabeth Hensley
Mary-Gregg Williamson

Tanya & Tom Clark
Hannah Clark
Lauren Clark
Olivia Clark
Pierson Young
Jillian Young
Laiken Edwards
Carly Sanderson
Charlie Duncan
Glenn Waters
City of Whiteville
Teresa Malpass
Dr. Wayne Brown
Dinah Reaves

January 2022						
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February 2022						
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