



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023, VOLUME 58, NUMBER 1



Baptist Men's Breakfast, Sunday, January 8, 8:00 a.m.
Our guest speaker will be Mr. Burnette Coleman,
Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Matthew 25
House.

Events At A Glance

January 2 - Church office closed for New Year's Day

January 4, 11, 18, 25 - Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

January 5, 12, 19, 26 - Bible Study

January 8 - Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.,
Guest Speaker, Mr. Burnette Coleman.

January 9, 16, 23, 30 - Children's Music Activity,
4:00 p.m.

January 14 - "Unconditional Love" Event, 4:00 p.m.-
7:30 p.m., led by Kris Clyburn.

January 16 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

January 17 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

January 18 - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:45 p.m.

January 25 - Quarterly Church Conference, 6:30 p.m.

January 29 - Baptist Men's Sunday during morning
Worship, 11:00 a.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 hope and pray you had a very Merry Christmas wherever you celebrated it this year! One of our most special and traditional Christmas celebrations at First Baptist Church of Whiteville is the CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE. It is always a well-attended service, and it certainly is a beautiful way for us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. The lights of the Chrismon Tree and the lights of the candles remind us truly that Jesus IS the LIGHT of the world! This year at the service, before we partook of the Lord's Supper with the bread and the cup, I read a poem written by my wife, Joy, which emphasizes, as Luke 2:19 tells us, *Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart*. I pray you will find the poem meaningful as we remember Christ Jesus was born--and He died--for all of us!

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

*The shadow of the cross was upon the manger there,
As Mary held her baby close, and wonder filled the air.
A night of joy, a night of peace, now gone were all her fears;
But did she know, as she held Him close, her joys would turn to tears?*

*Shepherds gazing, angels singing, gold, frankincense and myrrh;
All of these must have been very strange to her.
How could she know as she pondered them and kept them in her heart,
That each one would, at the end of His life, come to play a part?*

*Shepherds watching over sheep – He would be God's own Lamb.
Costly gifts of burial spices accompanied Him to His tomb.
Angels singing, "He's not here, He's risen from the dead!"
Could she have known that all of these were as the prophets said?*

*Gentle Mary meek and mild – chosen for joy and for sorrow.
Enjoy tonight – hold memories tight – don't worry about tomorrow.
Just hold your Baby close to you; tonight you gave birth to the Christ.
But the shadow of the cross is there, and will be all His life.*

Joy Brown, Christmas, 1993, "Thank You, Jesus!"

We will have the privilege of celebrating Communion again together in our Morning Worship Service at 11:00 am on Sunday, January 1, 2023, the very FIRST day of the NEW YEAR! What a special way to begin the new year as we look for opportunities to serve Jesus . . . as He so freely laid down His life for us! Christina Rossetti expressed it so beautifully in her work, *In the Bleak Midwinter: What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what can I give Him: give Him my heart*. And dear friends . . . may this also be our prayer for the New Year—and always and forever! HAPPY (BLESSED) NEW YEAR to you . . . and to your loved ones . . . and to all the world! Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' love, *Wayne Brown*

January 1, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26;
Luke 22:13-23; John 13:20-30;
I Corinthians 11:23-29; Philippians 3:10-14
A New Commandment I Give You!

January 8, 2023

Second Sunday After the Epiphany
Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-23
What Can I Give Him?

January 15, 2023

Third Sunday After the Epiphany
Luke 2:19-52
Are We Growing as Jesus Grew?

January 22, 2023

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
Matthew 3:1-17
What is the Significance and Importance of Baptism?

January 29, 2023

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
Baptist Men's Sunday

JANUARY
SERMONS



Music Notes



We thank the choir for all their work on Christmas music this year. What a blessing! There is room for you to join The Chancel Choir which rehearses each Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.



“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.”
Ephesians 5:19

JANUARY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Tina Sauls
- 8 Gina Morningstar
- 15 Tricia Sanderson
- 22 Grayanna Young
- 29 Grayanna Young

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 1 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
- 8 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters
- 15 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 22 Kate C. Lee / Ron Walters
- 29 Janice Young / Mel Ray

HOSPICE MEALS

Martha Senter

SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Mitchell Sauls
- 8 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Mitchell Sauls

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 8 Genie Carter
- 15 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
- 22 Jolene Lewis
- 29 Jolene Lewis

USHERS (Chairman:)

- 1 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /
David Heath / Clint Grainger /
J. C. Hyatt
- 8 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt
- 15 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /
Chris Blackmon
- 22 Harry Ward / David Tedder /
Haywood Corbett / Kevin
Williamson / Kyle Cook
- 29 TBA



STEWARDSHIP

December 4, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$6,527.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$200.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,727.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$745.00
Total Collections This Week	\$7,472.00

Over Budget This Week \$60.42

Budget Need to date	\$66,665.80
Budget Rec'd to date	\$55,137.47
Under Budget to date	\$11,528.33

December 11, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$360.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,729.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$700.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,789.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$3,265.99
Total Collections This Week	\$10,054.99

Over Budget This Week \$122.42

Budget Need to date	\$73,332.38
Budget Rec'd to date	\$61,926.47
Under Budget to date	\$11,405.91

December 18, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,581.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$10.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,591.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$3,521.33
Total Collections This Week	\$8,112.33

Under Budget This Week \$2,075.58

Budget Need to date	\$79,998.96
Budget Rec'd to date	\$66,517.47
Under Budget to date	\$13,481.49

December 25, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,305.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,900.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,205.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$2,218.64
Total Collections This Week	\$7,423.64

Under Budget This Week \$1,461.58

Budget Need to date	\$86,665.54
Budget Rec'd to date	\$71,722.47
Under Budget to date	\$14,943.07



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

- December 4, 2022 - 54
- December 11, 2022 - 49
- December 18, 2022 - 45
- December 25, 2022 - no SS

Average attendance for December
Sunday School is 49.

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

OFFICE CONTACT INFO

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OFFICE HOURS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WHITEVILLE
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH 4 - 7:30PM
 LIGHT SUPPER & FUN DISCUSSION



LEARN
 FROM HIS
 PARABLE

THE PRODIGAL SON,
 THE FATHER AND
 THE BROTHER

We will step into the sandals of all 3 men - why did they make their choices? What were they thinking & feeling?

Presented by Kris Clyburn, Coach
 FREE & Bring a Friend!
 Register at [email office@fbcwhiteville.com](mailto:office@fbcwhiteville.com)
 910-642-2139
 412 N Madison Street, Whiteville

“UNCONDITIONAL LOVE” EVENT

You are invited to share in a discussion event about the parable of the prodigal son and his family on January 14 from 4:00—7:30 p.m. presented by Kris Clyburn. There will be a chance to discuss the parable (Luke 15:11-32), share in a light supper, and fellowship together over God’s Word. Please invite a friend. There is no charge for the event.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

If you have not registered for the opportunity our church is offering for you to receive access to the Christian programs and Bible Study videos from **RightNow Media**, and you wish to receive access, please contact the church office, 910-642-2139, for instructions. We have a limited trial with this ministry, so if you find it useful and a blessing, please let us know by Thursday, January 19, so we can continue. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

We resumed our monthly Wednesday Night Supper on the third Wednesday of the month in September. We will continue through May 17th, 2023 with the following Cooking Group schedule. We invite you to join us for the meal at 5:45 p.m. and Prayer Meeting and Bible Study beginning at 6:30 p.m.

January 18, 2023	Group 5	Mary Alice Stanley, Chair
February 8, 2023	WMU	Meal and Program/Heck-Jones Offering Emphasis Guest Speaker—Mrs. Caroline Jones
March 15, 2023	Group 6	Fred and Martha Senter, Co-Chairs
April 19, 2023	Group 7	Peggy Norosky, Chair
May 17, 2023	Group 3	Myrtle and Haywood Corbett, Co-Chairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU



WMU Meeting: January 9, 2023 9:00 A.M.
Call to Prayer: Martha Senter (No Program)
Mission Project: Soup Ministry
Hospice Meal: Martha Senter (Contact Karen: 910-642-9051)

Happy New Year! 2022 was a busy, productive year as the WMU led the church in monthly mission projects. We begin 2023 with the annual soup ministry to our home-bound members, residents of Madison Hill, and others in the community. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. to prepare the soup and sandwiches for delivery by noon. We invite anyone who wishes to participate in this project to join us.

Offerings for Lottie Moon (Goal \$2,000) and Global Missions (Goal \$6,000) are still being accepted. We have collected \$1055.00 for Lottie Moon and \$4,605.00 for Global Missions.

2022-24 Watchword: *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 Betty Jo Prevatte
WMU Director Co-Director

BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

January 8, 2023 We invite all the men of the church to join us for breakfast and fellowship at 8:00 a.m. and to hear our guest speaker, Mr. Burnette Coleman, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Matthew 25 House.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for the love you have shown me as a shut-in! The delicious soup and corn bread from the Wednesday Night Supper crew, the fruit basket from the WMU, my Sunday School Class (The Gleaners) for bringing literature and especially the calls from Dr. Brown and others are all "extra special!"

Again, thank you so much.

My love to all,
Juanita Stanley

P.S. I enjoyed the Christmas float coming by our neighborhood as well.



RESOURCES ONLINE

Please remember that you can find our weekly bulletins, weekly worship services, monthly newsletters, and special worship services on our First Baptist Church Whiteville Facebook Page, and our website at www.fbcwhiteville.com. If you want to view a service again or look over a past bulletin or newsletter, they are located under the "Media and Resources" page on our website. The bulletins post on our Facebook page on the Sunday morning of their respective dates. Worship services are live streamed and saved on our Facebook page and post on the FBC website Monday morning after the service took place. If you cannot find a service or publication you would like to see, please call the church office (910-642-2139), and we will help.

MORE CHRISTMAS PHOTOS



Thank you for your participation this Christmas season with singing, decorating, attending services, and inviting others to worship with us. Our prayer would be that we bring glory and honor to our Savior on a daily basis, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14 NASB



JUST FOR FUN

Puzzle!

Match each numbered description with the correct biblical dreamer. Use the passages as hints, if needed.

- ___ 1. His brothers were irritated when he told them of his dreams. (*Genesis 37:5-8*)
- ___ 2. He saw angels going up and down a ladder. (*Genesis 28:10-12*)
- ___ 3. This ruler dreamed about some skinny cows eating fat cows. (*Genesis 41:17-21*)
- ___ 4. She had an unpleasant dream and told her husband to have nothing to do with Jesus. (*Matthew 27:17-19*)
- ___ 5. He saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone. (*Daniel 2:24-34*)
- ___ 6. He was warned to take his family to Egypt. (*Matthew 2:13*)
- ___ 7. He saw a vine produce grapes, and he squeezed their juice into a cup. (*Genesis 40:9-11*)
- ___ 8. They were warned in a dream about Herod's evil plan. (*Matthew 2:12*)

- A. Pharaoh
- B. The magi
- C. Jacob
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer
- E. Joseph (Mary's husband)
- F. Joseph (Jacob's son)
- G. Pilate's wife
- H. The king of Babylon

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B

2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship with Communion	2 Church Office Closed for New Year's Day	3	4 6:30 Prayer Meeting	5 6:00 Bible Study	6	7
8 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker: Mr. Burnette Coleman 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Chancel Choir	9 1:30 Staff Meeting 4:00 Children's Music Activity	10	11 6:30 Prayer Meeting	12 6:00 Bible Study	13	14 4:00-7:30 "Unconditional Love Event" led by Kris Clyburn
15 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Chancel Choir	16 9:30 Finance Meeting 1:30 Staff Meeting 4:00 Children's Music Activity	17 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	18 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper-Cooking Group 5 6:30 Prayer Meeting	19 6:00 Bible Study RightNow Media deadline to contact the church office	20	21
22 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Chancel Choir	23 1:30 Staff Meeting 4:00 Children's Music Activity	24	25 6:30 Quarterly Church Conference	26 6:00 Bible Study	27	28
29 Baptist Men's Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship led by our Baptist Men 3:00 Chancel Choir	30 1:30 Staff Meeting 4:00 Children's Music Activity	31				

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