



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2019, VOLUME 54, NUMBER 7



WILLIS AND SUE PINNELL

We are excited to announce our newest members Willis and Sue Pinnell to our congregation! We feel honored and privileged that these two gifted believers have chosen First Baptist Church as their family of faith. May God continue to bless our ministry and these new beginnings!

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY, OFFICE CLOSED
- JULY 15, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.
- JULY 15, WMU LUNCHEON, 11:30 A.M.
- JULY 16, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.
- JULY 21, CHURCH COUNCIL
- JULY 24, COVERED DISH MEAL, 5:45 P.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: “ὁδός (Hodos)”



I can remember taking Biblical Greek in seminary and how much I disliked learning a new language. Taking in new information, such as learning koine Greek, stretched me. It certainly was not an easy process to undergo. While I groaned my way through that semester of seminary, I look back on that time with a great deal of gratitude. How valuable it is to be able to pick up a copy of a Greek New Testament and make (at least a little) sense of it!

But perhaps the greatest lesson I came away with was not simply a familiarity with the Greek language, but a greater understanding of the English language. You see, words often have more than one meaning. When a translator translates a Greek word into an English word, he/she must make a very weighty choice – a *difficult* choice.

When we pick up our New Testaments, we take for granted the hard work that the interpreters have done for us, sometimes even imagining that God has dropped it down from Heaven straight into our Christian bookstores.

One Greek word that continues to occupy my mind as the years go by, is the word ὁδός (Hodos). I can still visualize my note card to this day: “ὁδός (Hodos) – *way, road, path, journey.*” That single Greek word haunts me some days – but maybe not as much as it should. “I am the ὁδός” Jesus tells us.

I continue to wonder, “Am I going the right *way*? Am I on the right *road*? Is this *path* I’m on the *path* of Christ? Is this *journey* I’m on a true Christian one?”

The calling of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is not a part-time calling. It’s not an invitation to simply show up at church twice a week. It is a **daily** commitment to his **way/road/path /journey**. Perhaps that Greek word should haunt us all just a little more often.

-Rev. Ryan Clore

JULY SERMONS

**July 7**

Proper 9

*Peace to this House*

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 14**

Proper 10

*The Interruption of God’s Mission*

Luke 10:25-37

**July 21**

Proper 11

*Missing Out on Front Row Seats!*

Luke 10:38-42

**July 28**

Proper 12

*Knock, Knock, Knocking on*

*Heaven’s Door*

Luke 11:1-13

Dear First Baptist Family,

Thank you for acknowledging me on Sunday, June 9 and for the thoughtful graduation gift. I have enjoyed being a part of the First Baptist Church family all these years.

I owe all my success to the church and the amazing role models it has graced me with. Thank you for your constant love and support; I look forward to continuing to grow in my faith at NC State this fall.

Sincerely,  
Maggie Hensley

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for letting our youth group stay in your church, and for cooking some of our meals. We thank you for opening your church and welcoming us this week. God bless you and your church.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Orr and GUMC



# MUSIC NOTES



The Music Ministry at First Baptist will approach the month of July in a different way this year.

We are blessed to have a number of talented youth instrumentalists. Several of them will play their instruments in July worship:

On Sunday, July 7, Carly Sanderson and Mary-Gregg Williamson will play a flute duet arrangement of *Morning Has Broken*. Bridger Warlick will play a trombone arrangement of *This Is My Father's World*.

Bryce Kronenwetter will play a trumpet arrangement of *Be Thou My Vision* on Sunday, July 21.

The Chancel Choir will take its usual rehearsal break. They will continue to sing in worship during the month. The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals in August.

We had a great Vacation Bible School this year! Much thanks to all who helped make it a huge success.



## ***Looking Ahead...*** **Plan now to join us for the**

### **2019-2020 Music Ministry** (beginning Wednesday, September 4)

**Melody Makers**  
(for preschool ages 4-6)  
**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.

## Wednesday Night Supper



### Wednesday Night Schedule for the Summer

6:30 p.m. – Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

7:15 p.m. – Ice Cream/Dessert

Chancel – No rehearsal throughout July

Wednesday, July 24 is the Covered Dish Meal and Church Conference (5:45 p.m.).

On Wednesday, August 21, The Ruth Believers Sunday School class will provide supper (5:45 p.m.).

Ruth Believers, we thank you for providing a meal so that we can gather around the table for fellowship again in August!

Our normal Wednesday Night Suppers will resume on September 4.

# JULY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

7 Grayanna Young  
 14 Gina Morningstar  
 21 Taylor Jordan  
 28 Tricia Sanderson

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7 Sandra Floyd / Kirby Sanderson  
 14 Bobby Hensley / Stephen Bazemore  
 21 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte  
 28 Leigh Cook / Charlie Duncan

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

7 Peggy Walters  
 14 Hilda Butler  
 21 Rose Langston  
 28 Frances Price

## HOSPICE MEAL

19 Merle Worley

## NURSERY

7 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson / Leah Sanderson / Carly Sanderson  
 14 Jim & Erin Warlick / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley  
 21 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn / Jennifer Williamson / Peggy Norosky  
 28 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan / Jennifer Armbrecht / Genie Carter

## OFFERING TELLERS

Peggy Underwood & Sylvia Walker

Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.  
 Monday—Friday  
 Phone: 910-642-2139 Fax: 910-642-5874

## PEW STOCKER

Sandi Floyd

## SOUND & VIDEO

7 Mitchell Sauls  
 14 Bryce Kronenwetter  
 21 Kirby Sanderson  
 28 Eric Kronenwetter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

7 Clint & Carolyn Grainger  
 14 Frances Price  
 21 Rose Langston & J. C. Hyatt  
 28 Bill & Jolene Lewis

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

28 Ruth Believers Class

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Sandra Floyd

### Contact Information

#### Ministerial Staff

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Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Ministry Assistant  
 [office@fbcwhiteville.com]  
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2 Joanne Wall	19 Penny Orbrecht
4 Juanita Tedder	20 Delores Harrison
7 J. C. Hyatt	Grace Mishoe
8 Doris Davis	24 Jim Warlick
9 Jason Schoolcraft	27 David Fulp
12 Gayle Powell	31 Catherine Cook
15 Myrtle Cartrette	
Donna Prince	



### Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 110  
 Sunday School Attendance Average:

<b>June 2, 2018- Attend 95 YTD</b>			
Budget Rec'd	\$3,896.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$255,036.25
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$219,311.65
<b>Under</b>	\$3,390.25	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	\$35,724.60
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<b>June 9, 2019- Attend 123 YTD</b>			
Budget Rec'd	\$4,426.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$262,323.00
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$223,737.65
<b>Under</b>	\$2,860.75	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	\$38,585.35
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<b>June 16, 2019- Attend 116 YTD</b>			
Budget Rec'd	\$4,330.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$269,609.75
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$228,067.65
<b>Under</b>	\$2,956.75	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	\$41,542.10
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<b>June 23, 2019- Attend 104 YTD</b>			
Budget Rec'd	\$5,285.45	Budget Needs to Date	\$276,896.50
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$233,353.10
<b>Under</b>	\$2,001.30	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	\$43,543.40
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<b>June 30, 2019 information will appear in the next Contact.</b>			
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	Goal	Offering	
Mother's Day— Baptist Hospital	\$700	\$144	

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Spotlight highlights the Nominating Committee.*

Isn't time flying?! The **Nominating Committee** has been meeting for a month, now. With such a big task ahead, they would really appreciate your prayers. This is a good opportunity to introduce you to the committee members and let you know who you are praying for.

The committee is co-chaired by Chris Blackmon and Betty Jo Prevatte. The remaining members are David Heath, Janet Plasky, Carlton Prince, and Katherine Scott.

**Chris Blackmon** grew up attending First Baptist where his grandparents and parents were also members. He moved away for college and to start a career before moving back home to Whiteville almost four years ago. Chris is an Agriculture Technician at the Border Belt Tobacco Research Station in Whiteville. He is married to Elizabeth Strickland Blackmon, who grew up in the Cherry Grove Community and is a member of Cherry Grove Baptist Church. This summer, Elizabeth truly enjoyed the opportunity to help teach Vacation Bible School and getting to know the children. Chris and Elizabeth love attending First Baptist Church when at home, but also continue to visit her home church when able.

In November 1971, my family (**Betty Jo Prevatte**) joined FBCW. My favorite church organization is Sunday School. It has been so meaningful to me to experience working in Sunday School as well as being the recipient of many well prepared lessons. Training Union was the organization where I learned all about our Baptist heritage. I joined WMU in 1960 and missions came alive for me and my family. I want to thank the church for giving me and my family many opportunities to be of service to our church. I love the Lord and consider each member to have gifts and as a member of the Nominating Committee, I thank each one of you for working to help our church to Grow In Christ.

My grandmother was Flora Heath, and my parents were Robert & Frances Heath. I am **David Heath**, a member of First Baptist Church. R. C. Foster was my first pastor, and I grew up in the church. Billy Memory was my Youth Sunday School teacher. When I was 12 years old, I was baptized. In 1971, after college, I came back home to work in my father's business. Later, I was married in FBC to Linda Formyduval and we have a daughter, Casey Heath Necci. I have enjoyed being a member of the church and a member of the Koinonia Sunday School Class. Being a member of the Nominating Committee has helped me to get to know the members of FBC.

**Carlton Prince**, also a member of the Nominating Committee, has been a member of First Baptist Church Whiteville for more than fifty (50) years. During these years, he has taught Sunday School, served on many committees as a member and chairman many times. These include Deacon, Personnel, Properties, Family Life, By-laws, Sunday School Director, Pulpit Supply and Interim Pastor Committee. He and Mary Jean chaired the committee which chose Dr. Frank Hawkins. He and Mary Jean are charter members of the Grief Committee and feel this is a gift from God they enjoy sharing. Carlton has also chaired the History Committee and is grateful for the history and legacy of First Baptist Church since the date the church was constituted, August 17, 1834.

**(Janet Plasky)** I was very blessed to have been raised in a Christian home. My parents were Charles and Thelma Lytle. From an early age, First Baptist Church was an important part of our lives. I have one sister, Nancy Lytle Stapp, and one brother, Charlie Lytle. After high school, I went off to college and graduated. My teaching career began in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1967, I married John Plasky. John began working for Lockheed Marietta and I continued to teach. When my Daddy died suddenly from a heart attack, we moved back to Whiteville. John managed Lytle Oil Company and I started to teach third grade at Edgewood Elementary School. We have two sons. John who is married to Keli and Chris who is married to Leslie. Chris and Leslie have a son and a daughter, Christopher and Libby. God has truly blessed us and we are most grateful. We are very thankful for First Baptist Church, Ryan, Jenny, Luke, Shannon and all of our church family.

**Kathrine Scott** grew up in FBC and is married to Ethan - they have a son, River Langdon who is two years old. Kathrine attended Peace College and double majored in Special Education and Elementary Education and has been teaching for eight years—two years in special education and six years as a kindergarten teacher. She is the daughter of David and Sue Jordan.

Please continue to pray for these committee members as they are working diligently to fill positions on our church's committees for the 2019-2020 church year.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

The annual **WMU Salad & Dessert Luncheon will be held on July 15 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to participate and bring a guest. We have invited the Hallsboro WMU to join us. The program will include music by our administrative assistant Teresa Malpass. Please join us for this time of fellowship, food, and blessing.



**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 you calendars for our next church council meeting on **July 21 at 2 p.m.** **Remember that all committee/organizational reports need to be turned in to the church office by Monday, January 15.**

## COVERED DISH MEAL AND QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our next Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for **Wednesday evening, July 24, 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.

## CONTINUE TO PRAY

**Congratulations** to Chad and Sarah (Greer) Hester on the birth of Donna Carol Hester! Carol was born at 24 weeks and has a long road ahead of her. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Praises** from the parents of baby Carol:

1. Mom and Dad have had several chances to hold her.
2. Fabulous doctors and nurses in the NICU.
3. Mom gets to decrease her blood pressure meds.
4. Dad can change a diaper like a pro through the holes in the side of the incubator.
5. She has gained several ounces since birth.
6. Mom and Dad sing to her, especially hymns and praise songs.

**Prayer requests** for baby Carol:

1. Pray for her lungs to improve and strengthen.
2. Please pray that X-ray shows a healthy digestive system; no infection and no indication of a hole.
3. Please pray that the PDA in heart closes on its own.
4. Please pray for Mom and Dad to have a day with no bumps.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

Every 3 years Columbus Regional Healthcare System is required by the Affordable Care Act to complete a Health Assessment Survey. This is our opportunity to have an active roll in the healthcare of Columbus County. There are two ways to participate in the survey:


1. Type the following address directly into your address bar - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VWVZVKB> or
2. Go to [www.crhealthcare.org](http://www.crhealthcare.org), then click the "Survey" link at the very top of the page next to the Columbus Regional logo.

Please take a few minutes and help our hospital help our community. Our participation makes a difference.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Check out these photos from VBS last week. We had a great time! We are thankful for a wonderful VBS this year. It requires a lot of behind the scenes involvement to make VBS a reality. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making Vacation Bible School possible!



July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study 7:15 Ice Cream/Dessert	4  Let Freedom Ring! Office Closed	5	6
7 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship	8 10:00 Staff Meeting	9	10 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study 7:15 Ice Cream/Dessert	11	12	13
14 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship	15 9:30 Finance Mtg. 10:00 Staff Meeting <b>11:30 WMU Luncheon</b>	16	17 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study 7:15 Ice Cream/Dessert	18 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	19	20
21 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 2:00 Church Council Meeting	22 10:00 Staff Meeting	23 7:00 Deacons Mtg.	24 5:45 Covered Dish Meal 6:30 Prayer Meeting, <b>Quarterly Church Conference</b>	25	26 12:00 Hospice Meals Served	27
28 9:45 Sunday School At Liberty - Ruth Believers Class 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship	29 10:00 Staff Meeting	30	31 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study 7:15 Ice Cream/Dessert			

August 2019						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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