

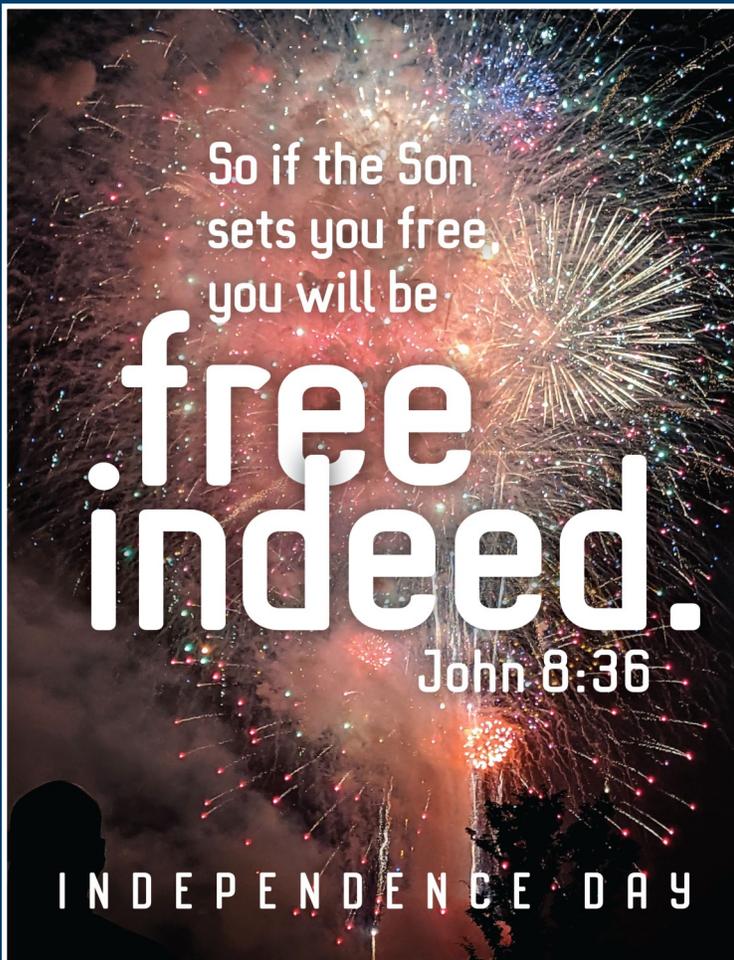


First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2020, VOLUME 55, NUMBER 7



FRIDAY  JULY 3
CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- JULY 1, 8, 15, 29 - RE-OPEN THE CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 6:00 P.M.
- JULY 12 - BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST, 8:00 A.M.
- JULY 13 - WMU SALAD/DESSERT LUNCHEON, 12 NOON.
- JULY 20 - FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.
- JULY 21 - DEACON MEETING, 7:00 P.M.
- JULY 22 - DRIVE THROUGH SALAD SUPPER, 5:30-6:30 P.M., COMMUNION PACKETS DISTRIBUTED FOR JULY 26



Please take our "Re-opening the Church" survey on page 5. Your opinion matters. Thank you.

PASTOR'S CORNER THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY: THE HOLY SPIRIT



Can you believe it is July 2020? It seems our “land of the free and the home of the brave” - America . . . needs help from God as never before with all the disease, riots, protests, unrest, and the seeming lack of peace.

On May 31, 2020, we celebrated PENTECOST SUNDAY, in recognition that God not only is alive and well through the power of His Holy Spirit, the Third Person of His Holy Trinity, but we need to be reminded once again how important the Holy Spirit is for all of us in our daily lives. As one minister of the Gospel has expressed it, “When life in the church is drab, when our need to reach out to others with the comfort of God’s Word is lackluster, when telling others about Jesus loses its urgency, or when our own lives face hardship, we need to be reminded that God has sent us His Holy Spirit, and that He has provided us the help we need to be channels of His love and grace to a violent, self-absorbed, pleasure-seeking, and materialistic culture.”

The Holy Spirit has been described in many ways:

He is like a breath that blows away the dust and makes everything clean.

He is like refreshing cool water to a parched throat.

He is like a cleansing bush fire that burns away all the thick undergrowth so that something new can rise out of the ashes.

He is like a potter who starts with an odd-shaped lump and molds and shapes it into something beautiful.

He is like a renovator who uses what is already there and strengthens, refreshes and revitalizes it.

He is like a loving spouse whispering reassurances of love and support into an ear.

He is like a parent guiding and helping a confused child.

He is like a tour guide who points us in the right direction to see things that we would otherwise have missed.

He is that gentle tap on the shoulder that makes us realize, “Hey, that’s me who needs a new beginning and a new direction.”

He is that fierce shaking that wakes us up; reminds us that there is more to life than earning money, relentlessly pushing ourselves until we are tired, stressed and depressed.

That is what the Holy Spirit does. He revitalizes . . . renews . . . refreshes . . . empowers . . . creates . . . reminds . . . guides . . . comforts the church, those in the church, and those whom He touches outside the church.

Jesus ascended into heaven. While He was here on earth, He was bound by time and space. He was limited to being in one place at any one time. When He re-entered heaven and took up all power and authority again, He sent the Holy Spirit. This Spirit would be the Helper of those whom He left behind to carry on His work. The Spirit of God would promote the good news about Jesus and give His followers the courage to do things that otherwise they never would have dared to do.

So . . . what about you and me? Do we truly, really, and genuinely realize how blessed we are to have the Holy Spirit . . . the Comforter . . . available and wanting to help us? Are we fully allowing Him, the Spirit of the Living God, as the song says, to “break us, melt us, mold us, and fill us and to fall fresh on us?” If so, we actually CAN--and definitely WILL--make a BIG difference in the world for His glory as He leads us in America . . . and to the ends of the earth with the glorious truth of the Good News of Jesus and His love for all the World! God bless you! In Jesus’ love . . . hopefully and prayerfully.

Wayne Brown



July 5, 2020

“Happy Birthday, America . . . The Land of the Free . . . Really?”

Psalm 33:12, John 8:31-38,
2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Galatians 5:13-15

July 12, 2020

*“The Works of the Flesh vs.
The Fruit of the Spirit”*

Galatians 5:16-26

July 19, 2020

*“Is Our Church Bearing the
Fruit of the Spirit?”*

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-10

July 26, 2020

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
“The Bread and the Cup”

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

MUSIC NOTES



Press On!

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Step by step we as a church continue to “press on.” Our COVID Committee meets weekly to seek God’s understanding in when, and how we will resume church activities. Pray with us for God’s guidance as together we “press on.”

In light of where we are as a church, the Music Committee will sensitively seek God’s will for our future organist. For now, Mrs. Patricia Slomanski from Burgaw has agreed to play for our worship services during this time of uncertainty.

Music for our worship services will continue through instrumental and vocal offerings of praise. We are thankful for those who have unselfishly given of their time and talents.

Let us pray that God will continue to bless First Baptist Church as we “press on” together for what lies ahead!

Eddie

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND NEXT DRIVE THROUGH SUPPER, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

A refreshing “Salad Supper” is planned for our next drive through meal. The plate will include chicken salad, pasta salad, congealed salad, and dessert. There is no charge for the meal. We will bring your plates to your vehicle. If you would like to bring your tithes and offerings, we will take those in to the church for you. Also, you may obtain your prepackaged communion elements (cup and wafer) so you can participate in the Lord’s Supper online as we celebrate together on the following Sunday, July 26 during our 11:00 a.m. service.

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” I Thessalonians 5:11

If you are looking for an opportunity to minister, we have a couple of people who have been in our church that could use an encouraging card or note. If you need any other addresses, just please call the church office.

Mr. William Smith
NHRMC Rehab
South Hall, Room 6
Wilmington, NC 28401

Dr. John Hall
1096 martin Gourd Road
Clarkton, NC 28433

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.” Proverbs 17:22

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, “Johnny what is the matter?” Little Johnny responded, “I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.”

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A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was a leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages years earlier.

“Momma, look what I found,” the boy called out.

“What have you got there, dear?” his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: “I think it's Adam's suit!”

# JULY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 5 Sandra Floyd / Haywood Corbett
- 12 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince
- 19 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 26 David Carter / Charlie Duncan

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

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

## HOSPICE MEAL

- 17 Has been canceled by the facility

## 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 Bill & Jolene Lewis

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

- 26 Visitors not allowed inside the facility

## USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

- 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

# STEWARDSHIP

## June 7, 2020

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$300.00          |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$4,785.00        |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$400.00          |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$5,485.00</b> |

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$458.93          |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$5,943.93</b> |

**Under Budget This Week \$1,180.50**

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Budget Need to date  | \$239,958.00 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$233,958.75 |
| Over Budget to date  | \$5,999.25   |

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June 14, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,020.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$500.00
Total Budget This Week	\$2,520.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$230.00
Total Collections This Week	\$2,750.00

Under Budget This Week \$4,145.50

Budget Need to date	\$246,623.50
Budget Rec'd to date	\$236,478.75
Under Budget to date	\$10,144.75

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## June 21, 2020

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$1,000.00         |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$8,700.99         |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$2,270.00         |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$11,970.99</b> |

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$183.08           |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$12,154.07</b> |

**Over Budget This Week \$5,305.49**

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Budget Need to date  | \$253,289.00 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$248,449.74 |
| Under Budget to date | \$4,839.26   |

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June 28, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$605.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,380.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$615.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,600.00

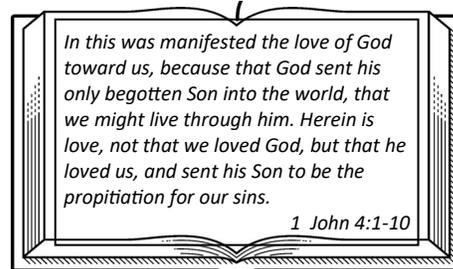
Designated/Other Funds	\$873.00
Total Collections This Week	\$6,473.00

Under Budget This Week \$1,065.50

Budget Need to date	\$259,954.50
Budget Rec'd to date	\$254,049.74
Under Budget to date	\$5,904.76

OUR SYMPATHY

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Tom Boozer in the event of his passing. Mr. Boozer's wife is Glenda Boozer and he was the brother-in-law of Carlton Prince.



JULY

Birthdays

- 2 Joanne Wall
- 4 Juanita Tedder
- 7 J. C. Hyatt
- 8 Doris Davis
- 9 Jason Schoolcraft
- 12 Gayle Powell
- 15 Myrtle Cartrette
Donna Prince
- 20 Delores Harrison
Grace Mishoe
- 24 Jim Warlick
- 31 Catherine Cook

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RE-OPENING THE CHURCH SURVEY

Please take a minute to fill out our survey and return it to the church office. You can also fill out the form on our website, www.fbcwhiteville.com.

1. Do you consider yourself or someone in your home to be in one of the “high-risk” categories for COVID-19 (e.g., older adults and those with underlying health conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, or heart disease)?
 - Yes
 - No

2. To the best of your knowledge, have you been infected with COVID-19?
 - No, I have not had any symptoms and/or tested positive
 - I had a “suspected” case, which was not confirmed
 - Yes, I have tested positive for COVID
 - Other, please specify _____

3. What is your age? Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 65-74 75+

4. How strictly have you complied with the “Stay-at-Home” orders?
 - Strictly (leaving home only when absolutely necessary)
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - Not at all (traveling freely)

5. If you have worshipped online or listened in on the radio services in the past eight weeks, what has been your experience?
 - Exceeded your expectations
 - Met expectations
 - Below expectations
 - I have not worshipped online or listened to the radio

6. After this time of social distancing and online/radio worship, what do you think will be the change to your pattern of worship?
 - In the future, I will worship online more than I did previously
 - In the future, I will worship in person more than I did previously
 - No change, I will return to my former pattern of worship
 - Other (please specify) _____

7. Given your current understanding of the spread of the coronavirus, which of the following is necessary for you to attend an in-person worship? (check all that apply)
 - Stay at home orders have been lifted
 - Other public gatherings have resumed
 - When a vaccine or treatment for COVID -19 is widely available
 - I am already comfortable attending
 - I don't know if I will ever feel comfortable attending a public gathering

8. If worship services were offered in late July or early August, how comfortable do you think will you feel attending?
- Eager
 - Comfortable
 - Somewhat cautious
 - Very uncomfortable
9. If we offer a limited number of worship services during an interim period, would you be willing to attend a service at a time that is different than your usual service?
- Yes
 - No
10. Beyond online/radio worship services, which of the following will help you feel connected to First Baptist Church during a stay-at-home order? (check all that apply)
- Small group meetings (Adult Sunday School classes during a weekday in the fellowship hall)
 - Facebook posts
 - YouTube videos
 - Facebook devotions
 - Contact with church staff
 - Pastoral care/counseling
 - A phone call from a church member
 - A postcard from the church
 - Drive-in services (Wednesday night supper/and Sunday School)
 - Distribution of communion items during a drive through Wednesday night supper to be used during Sunday worship
11. Is there anything you would like to share about the church's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic?

COVID Poem

*When this is over,
 may we never again
 take for granted
 A handshake with a stranger
 Full shelves at the store
 Conversations with neighbors
 A crowded theatre
 Friday night out
 The taste of communion
 A routine checkup
 The school rush each morning
 Coffee with a friend
 The stadium roaring
 Each deep breath
 A boring Tuesday
 Life itself.*

*When this ends,
 may we find
 that we have become
 more like the people
 we wanted to be
 we were called to be
 we hoped to be
 and may we stay
 that way--better
 for each other
 because of the worst.*

- Laura Kelley Fanucci

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

Salad/Dessert Luncheon: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:00 Noon
Program: Mrs. Joy Brown
Mission Emphasis: July, August Harvest Table



The WMU will enjoy our annual salad and dessert luncheon on Monday, July 13 at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. We are excited that Mrs. Joy Brown, wife of our interim pastor, will be the speaker. ALL LADIES of the church are invited! We will wear masks as we arrive, serve our plates from the buffet, and until we are seated two people per table. This will give us an opportunity to fellowship and enjoy a meal together even as we practice safe distancing. So, ladies, bring a salad or dessert and join us for this special occasion.

Remember that through the summer months we are collecting funds for Harvest Table as a church-wide project. Make your check payable to First Baptist Church and designate it WMU/Harvest Table. A donation of \$10.00 per member is suggested, but please give as generously as you can.

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

BAPTIST MEN’S BREAKFAST

We would like to invite all men of First Baptist Church to a Baptist Men’s Breakfast on Sunday, July 12, at 8:00 AM in the church fellowship hall. We ask that EVERYONE wear a mask before and after the meal during the time of fellowship. We will practice social distancing by sitting TWO TO A TABLE AND ATTEMPT TO ABIDE BY THE SIX FOOT RULE. The main purpose of this meeting is for fellowship. We will also have a brief devotion and discuss possible projects. Our meetings are usually over by 9:00 o’clock. We hope to see you there.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

When we finalize plans for re-opening the church, we will contact everyone via our mass communication list (phone call, email, or text). If you are not currently receiving mass communications from the church office, please let us know so that you can be added to our list.

The Sunday morning video service will be broadcast on YouTube Live (a link to the video is posted on our FBC Facebook page), and the audio can be heard on radio station FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, and online at www.kool1039radio.com—“Listen Live”. The recorded video is added to our website every Monday, so if you miss the Sunday service, or would like to see previous messages, they can be found at www.fbcwhiteville.com under “Media and Resources”.

You will be able to give contributions online on our www.fbcwhiteville.com web site under the “Giving” tab near the top of the page, or you can mail contributions to the church.

Thank you for your patience as we work through staying safe. We miss meeting together and look forward to seeing you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you need any help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Thank you so much to the deacons who ministered to us with Wednesday Night Supper on June 24. We want you to know that we realize the work involved and the many hands it takes to accomplish this feat. What an encouragement to our church family that so many volunteers are all willing to work to minister to the needs of others. We appreciate your service to your people and to the Lord!

July 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Re-open the Church Committee Meeting	2	3 <i>Office Closed for Independence Day</i>	4
5 11:00 Morning Worship audio on radio stations FM 103.9, AM 1540, online at www.kool1039radio.com— "Listen Live" and video on the First Baptist Whiteville Facebook page Live Stream (click link to YouTube Live video)	6 10:00 Staff Mtg	7	8 6:00 Re-open the Church Committee Meeting	9	10	11
12 8:00 <u>Baptist Men's Breakfast</u> 11:00 Morning Worship audio on radio stations FM 103.9, AM 1540, online at www.kool1039radio.com— "Listen Live" and video on the First Baptist Whiteville Facebook page Live Stream (click link to YouTube Live video)	13 10:00 Staff Mtg 12:00 WMU Salad/ Dessert Luncheon	14	15 6:00 Re-open the Church Committee Meeting	16	17	18
19 11:00 Morning Worship audio on radio stations FM 103.9, AM 1540, online at www.kool1039radio.com— "Listen Live" and video on the First Baptist Whiteville Facebook page Live Stream (click link to YouTube Live video)	20 9:30 Finance Mtg 10:00 Staff Mtg	21 7:00 Deacons Mtg	22 5:30–6:30 Drive through Salad Supper Communion Packets distributed	23	24	25
26 <u>Communion</u> 11:00 Morning Worship audio on radio stations FM 103.9, AM 1540, online at www.kool1039radio.com— "Listen Live" and video on the First Baptist Whiteville Facebook page Live Stream (click link to YouTube Live video)	27 10:00 Staff Mtg	28	29 6:00 Re-open the Church Committee Meeting	30	31	

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 Sunday Morning Worship Live on FM 103.9, AM 1540, and www.wtxy1540.com (Scroll to the
 "Church Services", "Click to Listen Live" link)

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