



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2023, VOLUME 58, NUMBER 7



All children are invited to enjoy music, games, and spending time camping with God, Tuesdays (ages PreK-1st grade) and Thursdays (2nd-5th grade) from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. now until August 3rd. More details on page 3. Please, invite your friends!



Baptist Men's Breakfast, Sunday, July 9, 8:00 a.m.

### Events At A Glance

- July 2 - Southeastern Oratorio Society and the Columbus Community Band Patriotic Concert at B&G Homes of NC, Lake Waccamaw, 6:00 p.m.
- July 3, 10, 17, 24 - Bible Study coordinated by Willis & Sue Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn, 6:00 p.m.
- July 4, 11, 18, 25 - Happy Campers Children's Activities ages PreK-1st grade, 6:00 p.m., "Emotional Intelligence" Parenting Class with Kris Clyburn, 6:00 p.m.
- July 5, 12, 19, 26 - Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Missions Kids—ages PreK-12th grade, 6:30 p.m.
- July 6, 13, 20, 27 - Happy Campers Children's Activities ages 2nd grade—5th grade, 6:00 p.m., "Emotional Intelligence" Parenting Class with Kris Clyburn, 6:00 p.m.
- July 9 - Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
- July 10 - WMU July Luncheon and Mission Trip, 10:30 a.m.
- July 15 - Deacons, S&F, Personnel meet with the Candidate to discuss goals and expectations, 1:00 p.m., Ruth Believers Classroom.
- July 16 - Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Christopher T. Hillman, Pastoral Candidate, will preach during the morning worship service with a Called Church Conference/ Vote (secret ballot) following the service.
- July 17 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- July 18 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- July 19—Churchwide "Salad Supper", 6:00 p.m.
- July 23 - Pulpit Guest: Dr. David Baillie
- July 26 - Quarterly Church Conference, 6:30 p.m.

## PASTOR'S CORNER



### Five Things God Wants Us to Remember in Trying Times:

You are never, ever alone.  
Nothing takes Him by surprise.  
When you are weak, He is strong.  
He is the God of new beginnings.  
His love never gives up on us.

*My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever!*

Psalm 73:26

As the First Baptist Church “family,” we have prayed often and sincerely—individually and collectively—for our PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE as they have sought a full-time pastor for this great church. After their dedicated and thorough search, we are very thankful to say that they, as a Committee, are now ready to present to the church—as a whole—the candidate to whom God has led them. Please come prayerfully and expectantly to the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. to hear and to meet

Rev. Dr. Chris Hillman and his family. We all are very appreciative of . . . grateful to . . . and thankful for . . . our Committee and their commitment and patience in fulfilling their task and their responsibilities . . . and we thank God for leading them to the pastor they will introduce and present on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.

Interest has been expressed for us to coordinate a trip to visit THE ARK and the MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE in Kentucky. If YOU have ANY interest at all in going on this proposed trip, PLEASE call the church office, **910-642-2139**, or me, personally, **843-796-0397**. Dates, costs, etc. will be determined and announced, but we need to know WHO IS POSSIBLY INTERESTED. Thank you!

Have you viewed or have you been blessed by the various Bible Studies, seminars, and lectures our church has provided through RIGHT NOW MEDIA? We really need to know HOW MANY are—or are not—participating in what we have offered through this audio/video ministry of First Baptist Church. Will you PLEASE call the church office (**910-642-2139**) to let us know IF you are a participant and are benefiting from this ministry of our church? THANK YOU!

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful . . . rainy . . . hot . . . and unpredictable summer weather! Instead of A Midsummer Night's Dream, as the comedy by William Shakespeare is entitled, let's celebrate and enjoy “A Midsummer Night's Cool Salad Supper” together on Wednesday night, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in our church's Fellowship Hall, ok?!? PLEASE bring your favorite SALAD of ANY type: tossed greens, chicken, tuna, pasta, macaroni, vegetable, fruit, dessert . . . OR YOUR OWN FAVORITE AND SPECIAL “COOL SALAD” OF YOUR CHOICE! Beverages will be provided. As we share this “delicious” time together, it also can be a “cool time” of delightful fellowship and, of course, a time of prayer together before and after “chilling” together!

As we begin July, I am challenging us to let's “catch up the church budget” as God helps us! I will place the model church at the front of the sanctuary as a reminder this month and let's please give as much as we can . . . as often as we can . . . to meet this challenge together. With God's help we can do it. Thank You!

We are very grateful for Caroline Hensley-Bonner, our gifted coordinator, and her valuable assistant and volunteer, Mitchell Sauls, for their work with our “HAPPY CAMPERS” Summer Children's Ministries. Please look elsewhere in this issue of THE CONTACT and see the unique schedule of their weekly events . . . PLUS their announcement of an exciting FIELD TRIP, which is open to the entire church, is on page 6 of the newsletter. THANK YOU, Caroline and Mitchell, for your ministries!

On Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, we as Americans will be blessed to celebrate another birthday of our beloved America! This will be “her” 247<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY! This weekend as we worship together in our Morning Worship Service at 11:00 am on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will give honor and thanksgiving to God for His guidance and protection of AMERICA . . . our wonderful “land of the free and the home of the brave!” Please plan to join us as we worship and celebrate together!

The following reflections are some thoughts that God gave me at this special time as we joyfully celebrate the “birthday” of our great nation! (Please see page 5).

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ love,  
*Wayne Brown*

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## WEDNESDAY MISSIONS

### Wednesday Missions for Children:

Join us every Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. for fun, fellowship and mission work! Children will have the opportunity to learn what mission work is and the effect it can have on their families, friends, church and local community.

We are asking our church congregation to donate pantry items for the homeless in Columbus County. A list of items can be found at our donation box in the fellowship hall.

**When:** June 14—August 2

**Wednesdays:** PreK-12th grade

**Time:** 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Please message us on Facebook or call/text Caroline Bonner at 910-918-5986 to register your child.

## HAPPY CAMPERS

**Happy Campers Summer Program** for Children and their Guardians:

First Baptist Church is excited to present a Happy Campers children’s program for elementary students and a coinciding Emotional Intelligence and Happy Parenting class for interested parents/guardians.

Children can join us on Tuesday and Thursday nights for music, games, and spending a little time camping with God!

Parents/Guardians, drop in for some tips on emotions, thoughts and feelings and how to help children thrive. Emotional Intelligence experts will be giving out tools!

**When:** June 13-August 3

**Tuesdays:** PreK - 1st Grade

**Thursdays:** 2nd - 5th Grade

**Time:** 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Please message us on Facebook or call/text Caroline Bonner at 910-918-5986 to register your child.

## CHURCHWIDE INVITATION & VOTE

At the Called Church Conference on June 28, 2023, the church voted to bring the candidate recommended by the Pastor Selection Committee to preach a trial sermon on **July 16, 2023, 11:00 a.m.** An election by secret ballot vote will be held following the sermon. On **Saturday, July 15 at 1:00 p.m.**, the Deacon Body, Stewardship & Finance, and Personnel Committees will meet in the Ruth Believers Sunday School Classroom to discuss goals and expectations. The church family will be invited at **2:30 p.m.** for a “Meet & Greet” reception for the candidate and family of Rev. Dr. Christopher T. Hillman.

### JULY SERMONS

**July 2, 2023**

Psalm 33:12, 86:8-10; Proverbs 14:34; John 8:25-36  
*Is Freedom Really Free?*

**July 9, 2023**

Acts 2:14-47  
*What Kind of Church Does God Want Us to Be?*

**July 16, 2023**

*Pulpit Guest Pastoral Candidate presented by our  
Pastor Search Committee:  
Rev. Dr. Christopher T. Hillman*

**July 23, 2023**

Pulpit Guest: Dr. David A Baillie  
Guest Musician: David Jackson Baillie  
2 Kings 5:8-14; John 9:1-11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11  
*The Greatest Shower Ever!*

**July 30, 2023**

Proverbs 3:5-6; Ecclesiastes 12:1,12-14; John 3:16;  
Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Timothy 4:12-16  
*TRUST . . . And You Will Never Walk Alone!*

## JULY 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 Tricia Sanderson / Ella Jo Sellers
- 9 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray
- 16 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
- 23 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters
- 30 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte

### HOSPICE MEALS

Ella Jo Sellers

### SOUND & VIDEO

- 2 Kirby Sanderson
- 9 Eric Kronenwetter
- 16 Kirby Sanderson
- 23 Eric Kronenwetter
- 30 Eric Kronenwetter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 2 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 9 Genie Carter
- 16 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
- 23 Jolene Lewis
- 30 TBA

### USHERS (Chairman: Harry Ward)

- 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

June 4, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$300.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,749.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$200.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,249.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$100.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$3,349.00</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,417.58</b>
Budget Need to date	\$239,996.88
Budget Rec'd to date	\$198,158.27
Under Budget to date	\$41,838.61

June 11, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$125.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,849.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$580.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$5,554.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$198.85
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$5,752.85</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$1,112.58</b>
Budget Need to date	\$246,663.46
Budget Rec'd to date	\$203,712.27
Under Budget to date	\$42,951.19

June 18, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,570.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$515.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,085.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$767.12
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$3,852.12</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,581.58</b>
Budget Need to date	\$253,330.04
Budget Rec'd to date	\$206,797.27
Under Budget to date	\$46,532.77

June 25, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$860.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,202.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$517.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$5,579.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$0.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$5,579.00</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$1,07.58</b>
Budget Need to date	\$258,996.62
Budget Rec'd to date	\$212,376.27
Under Budget to date	\$47,620.35



- 6 Jamie Beverly
- 7 J. C. Hyatt
- 8 Doris Davis
- 9 Jason Schoolcraft
- 15 Donna Prince
- 20 Delores Harrison  
Grace Mishoe
- 24 Jim Warlick
- 31 Catherine Cook

## JUNE

- June 4, 2023 - 41
- June 11, 2023 - 41
- June 18, 2023 - 35
- June 25, 2023 - 47

Average attendance for June  
Sunday School is 41.

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

## OFFICE CONTACT INFO

### Ministerial Staff

Dr. Wayne Brown, Interim Pastor  
843-796-0397, interimpastor@fbcwhiteville.com

Dr. Patricia Slomanski, Organist

### Ministry Assistant Staff

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

Until recently, I never had heard of Annette Wynne, nor had I read any of her writings, but she definitely is someone who loves her homeland: America! As we celebrate the birthday of our beloved and great nation on July 4, 2023, it will be America's 247<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Can you believe that we are alive at this time to reflect on what God **has** done . . . **is** doing . . . and **will** continue to do for us as a nation . . . *IF we will humble ourselves and pray . . . seek His face . . . and turn from our wicked ways, He has **promised** that He will hear from heaven . . . forgive our sin . . . and heal our land!* (II Chronicles 7:14) Please ponder with a THANKFUL heart—along with me—as we celebrate with this poet her beautiful expressions as we consider and thank God for all of our blessings.

**THERE'S NO LAND LIKE OUR LAND**

*There's no land like our land  
Underneath the sky,  
There's no flag like our flag—  
Keep it clean and high;  
We must serve no other land,  
Serve but ours with heart and hand,  
Flag and land we pledge to you  
Loyal service all life through.*

**Song of Our Land**

*Mountainland, fountainland, shoreland and sea,  
God's land thou art surely—His gift to the free;  
How blest are thy children wherever they roam,  
To claim thee their country, their hope, and their home.*

I think we also can echo, endorse and agree with the sentiments of Amos Russel Wells as he expresses in his poignant writing, **Country of Freedom**:

*Country of freedom, be free in thy heart;  
Free from the shackles of prisoning pride,  
Free from the liar's contemptible art,  
Free from allurements that tempt thee aside,  
Free from the crafty and treacherous guide,  
Free from the ravening greed of the mart,  
Free from the snares that in opulence hide—  
Country of freedom be free in thy heart!*

Jesus said, *I am the way and the truth and the life! No one comes to the Father except through Me!* (John 14:6) He also reminds us, *If you hold to My teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!* (John 8:31-32) No country or nation will ever be FREE until we find our FREEDOM in Christ Jesus, Who gave His all: His life on the cross for our salvation! Let's remember in HIM we find the TRUTH which will truly SET US FREE as we accept Jesus as the Lord and Savior of our lives and come into a complete and right relationship with God, our Creator, through His only begotten Son, Jesus . . . our "Freedom Giver" . . . through His Holy Spirit!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We all are familiar with our National Anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, but I want to call your attention at this time to the second stanza of the hymn, as we emphasized in our Morning Worship Service on Memorial Day weekend in May of this year. Please pay special attention to these lyrics as we remember our great nation . . . our freedom . . . and our blessings!

*O thus be it ever, when free men shall stand  
between their loved homes and the war's desolation;  
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land  
praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

"Happy Birthday, America!" May God continue to guide, bless and heal us so that we can continue to be a blessing to this hurting world! May we always remember that we truly are the land of the free . . . because of the brave . . . those who gave their lives for our freedom! And may we never forget that we have a Holy God . . . Who sets us FREE through His mercy . . . love . . . and grace!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' love,  
*Wayne Brown*

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## HAPPY CAMPERS FIELD TRIP

We are excited to announce there will be a field trip for the Happy Campers Summer Program. The date is **Saturday, August 5**. We will leave church at **10 a.m. and return by 5 p.m.**

All volunteers and children can attend the aquarium for FREE through the program budget. However, this trip is open to ALL congregation members. The cost is \$12.95 for adults, \$11.95 seniors 62+. Payment will need to be made before the deadline.

DEADLINE to sign up will be **Thursday, July 20th**. I will have a sign up sheet for each Sunday Morning between now and then and permission slips for children attending. The Aquarium requires a 2 week notice to book group trips.

We will need to carpool as Enterprise does not have any available passenger vans in our area (unless you know of somewhere else we can rent from?) We need at least \*5\* volunteers who are physically able to wrangle children and drive to Fort Fisher (about an hour drive from Whiteville).

Children will need \$10-20 for lunch. This will be included on the permission slip.

Anyone can reach out to Caroline Bonner at **910-918-5985** if they have questions.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU



**WMU: July Luncheon and Mission Trip: July 10**  
**Hospice Meal: Ella Jo Sellers (Contact Karen: 910-642-9051)**  
**July Mission Project: CRCI Thrift Store, Shallotte NC**

The WMU will celebrate our annual July Luncheon on July 10. We will meet at the church at 10:30 to drive to Shallotte, have lunch at The Purple Onion, and deliver collected items to the Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. Thrift Store. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the mission table in the fellowship hall. All items should be clean and usable. Thank you for supporting the work of the WMU and its projects.

**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, WMU Director  
Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director



## QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

We will have our Quarterly Church Conference on **Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. If you are a committee chair, please have your report in by **Wednesday, July 19**, so that it can be included in the conference packet to be passed out at our meeting.

## BAPTIST MEN

Our meeting will be at **8:00 a.m.** on **Sunday morning, July 9**, with breakfast. All men of the church are invited to attend.

If you know of needs the men of our church can meet, please let us know.



## LOST AND FOUND

Has anyone seen a small wooden plaque with the words from Psalm 100 - "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord?" It was on the door of the Minister of Music office. If found, please return to the church office. Thank you. Eddie Fort

## BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to be a part of our 6:00 p.m. Monday evening Bible study coordinated by Willis and Sue Pinnell and Robert and Kris Clyburn. The group meets in the conference room. All are welcome!



July 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Patriotic Concert B&G Homes, Lake Waccamaw	3	4 <i>Office Closed for Independence Day</i> 6:00 Happy Campers, Ages PreK-1st grade	5 6:30 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Children's Missions Night PreK-12th grade	6 6:00 Happy Campers, Ages 2nd-5th grade	7	8
9 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	10 10:30 Departure for WMU Luncheon & CRCI Ministry	11 6:00 Happy Campers, Ages PreK-1st grade	12 6:30 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Children's Missions Night PreK-12th grade	13 6:00 Happy Campers, Ages 2nd-5th grade	14	15 1:00 Candidate Meets with Deacon Body, Personnel, and Finance 2:30 Churchwide Meet and Greet with
16 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship, with Pastoral Candidate, Rev. Dr. Christopher Hillman, and Called Church Conference/Vote	17 9:30 Finance Meeting	18 6:30 Deacons' Meeting 6:00 Happy Campers, Ages 3yo-1st grade	19 6:00 Churchwide "Cool Salad Supper" with Prayer Meeting 6:30 Children's Missions Night PreK-12th grade	20 6:00 Happy Campers, Ages 2nd-5th grade	21	22
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30 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	31					

August 2023						
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