



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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We are excited to celebrate our graduates on Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 10. Read more about the graduates in the Spotlight section on page 5.



VBS this year is for ages 2 and up! We begin on Sunday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m. with an Introduction and Ice Cream Social. Daily sessions run from 2 - 5 p.m., June 25th -28th. On Sunday, July 1st, we will have a Commencement during our morning worship service. We look forward to another exciting VBS! Come out and join us and don't forget to spread the word!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

JUNE 3, CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON, 12 P.M.

JUNE 4, 11, & 18, NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 6 P.M.

JUNE 6 & 20, GODLY PLAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, 6-7:30 P.M.

JUNE 10, GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY AND COMMUNION

JUNE 17, FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 17-23, YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JUNE 18, FINANCE MEETING, 1 P.M.

JUNE 19, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.

JUNE 24, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 4 P.M.

JUNE 24, MINISTRY PROFILE FORMS DUE

JUNE 25-28, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2-5 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: "POTENTIAL"



The first sermon I ever preached was based off of John 2, when Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana. I titled that sermon, "Shows Potential." In that sermon I made the point that if a child came home with a report card that said, "Your child shows

potential" the parent might not be so thrilled hearing that news. (I actually took one of those report cards home as a child.)

That is the way a lot of us think about our potential. If someone tells us we have potential, instead of seeing that as a positive, we focus on what we are **yet** to be.

Nobody would have guessed that water has the potential to become wine. But that's what Jesus has the power to do. We all just have to let go of our pride and understand that without Jesus, the truth is, we are nothing but water.

It's ironic, looking back on the setting in which that sermon was preached. In a church that was only a few blocks away from Virginia Commonwealth

University, right in the heart of downtown Richmond, Virginia, this church was forced, for financial reasons, to close its doors and gift their building to a new church start.

They had the **potential** to become a fine wine – transformed by Christ. If only they could let go of their expectations of what church ought to be, and let Jesus do something in their faith community far beyond anything they could have fathomed. An acorn has the potential to become an oak tree. But sometimes an acorn is happy just being an acorn.

When I think about the individuals that make up our faith community, I see the potential that this local body of Christ has. I think there are some very gifted people that this church is not utilizing very well. The truth is we have much greater potential here than we're using.

If you're reading this, I hope that you know how valuable you are, not only to what we **are**, but what we are to **become**. I invite you to become passionate about helping this church reach its full potential. I also invite you to allow First Baptist Church to help you find the potential that lives inside of you.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

JUNE SERMONS

June 3

The Second Sunday of Pentecost

"Frenzy Among the Established Religious Order"

Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10

The Third Sunday of Pentecost

"Muting God"

Mark 3:20-35

June 17

The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Guest Speaker TBA

June 24

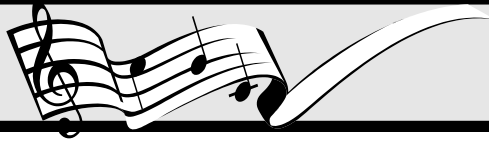
The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Guest Speaker Dr. Fred Senter

"The Word of God and the Words of Men"



Music in Ministry



Thank you Youth and Adult Handbells for blessing us in worship last Sunday. We are grateful for the progress you have made this year and look forward to hearing more from you in the future.

Our Children's Choirs will conclude this choir year by singing in worship on Sunday, June 3. They have been working on a prayer song titled *You Are There*, based on Psalm 46:1 and 119:114.

The Chancel Choir continues to rehearse each Wednesday and provide music in worship each Sunday. I am always appreciative of the quality of singing we experience each and every Sunday. The Chancel Choir needs your help. We desperately need a few more singers. There is no audition. The only requirement is to enjoy singing. You are invited to try us out this Wednesday. You won't regret it.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12



Honor your

father... as the LORD your God

has commanded you.

Deuteronomy 5:16



Wednesday Night Supper, Prayer Meeting, and Bible Study Time will recess during the summer months of June, July, and August.

Choir will meet at 7:15 p.m. during the months of June and August.

Godly Play Children's Program will be twice monthly during June and July, from 6:00—7:30 p.m. with a meal provided.

Meals will continue to be provided for our homebound members by the ladies listed below.

June 6

Betty Jo Prevatte

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Godly Play Children's  
Program, 6:00—7:30 p.m.  
(meal provided)

June 13

Mary Jean Prince

June 20

Rose Langston

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Godly Play Children's
Program, 6:00—7:30 p.m.
(meal provided)

June 27

Martha Senter

JUNE MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3 Grayanna Young
 10 Gina Morningstar
 17 Taylor Jordan
 24 Tricia Sanderson

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

3 Mel Ray / David Jordan
 10 John Sauls / Merle Worley
 17 Kate C. Lee / Barbara Whitson
 24 Eric Underwood / Glenn Waters

DVD DISTRIBUTION

3 Peggy Walters
 10 Hilda Butler
 17 Rose Langston
 24 Frances Price

HOSPICE MEAL

15 Rose Langston

NURSERY

3 Jim & Erin Warlick / Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson
 10 Jennifer Armbrrecht / Heather Bazemore / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley
 17 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn / Jennifer Williamson / Peggy Norosky
 24 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan / Emily Lawson / Genie Carter

OFFERING TELLERS

Brenda Carter / Genie Carter
 (entire month)

PEW STOCKER

Janet Plasky

SOUND & VIDEO

3 Jason Schoolcraft
 10 Wil Ezzell
 17 Kirby Sanderson
 24 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

3 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
 10 Bill & Jolene Lewis
 17 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
 24 Bridger Warlick & Mitchell Sauls

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

24 Koinonia / John the Baptist Classes

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

3 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Mitchell Sauls, & Clint Grainger
 10 Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, & Mel Ray
 17 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Mitchell Sauls, Haywood Corbett & Edgar Tison
 24 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, & Grayson Ward

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Peggy FormyDuval

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We are still looking for helpers in the Nursery on the 5th Sundays of July, September, and December. If you would like to join us, please let Jenny Clore know by calling or texting 540-760-7253.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1 Travis Harrison	17 Murline Britt
Amy FormyDuval	Rick Kimball
Andrea Lewis	18 River Scott
2 Deborah Tew	19 David Waters
Elizabeth Prince	20 Shannon Clore
5 Betty Batten	22 Ryan Clore
9 Elizabeth Hensley	25 Jolene Fowler
10 Beth Yates	26 Joshua Butler
Linda Taylor	30 William Smith, Jr.
11 Laura McCain	
12 Jane Salyer	
14 Eric Underwood	
Lynda Johnson	
Karen Mooney	

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 101
 Sunday School Attendance Average: 49

May 6, 2018 - Attend 104 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$6,000.75	Budget Needs to Date	\$233,231.04
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$237,229.03
Under	\$1,287.72	Budget Over YTD	\$3,997.99

May 13, 2018 - Attend 102 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$5,076.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$240,519.51
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$242,305.03
Under	\$2,212.47	Budget Over YTD	\$1,785.52

May 20, 2018 - Attend 104 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$5,245.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$247,807.98
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$247,550.53
Under	\$2,042.97	Budget Under YTD	\$257.45

May 27, 2018 - Attend 94 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$6,467.20	Budget Needs to Date	\$255,096.45
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$254,017.73
Under	\$821.27	Budget Under YTD	\$1,078.72

Mother's Day/Baptist Hospital Offering - \$690.00

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights Our Graduates.

Caroline Hensley graduated in December 2017 from University of North Carolina at Pembroke earning a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication with a focus on media production. She is currently employed with The News Reporter in Whiteville and is working toward her Master's Degree in Strategic Communication from Liberty University.

Caroline is the Daughter of Bobby and Wendy Hensley and the granddaughter of Charlotte Collins.



Megan Allison Lynn earned her Pharmacy Technician Certification from Southeastern Community College and plans to join the pharmacy workforce immediately. Megan is the daughter of Jan Lynn and granddaughter of Murline Britt.



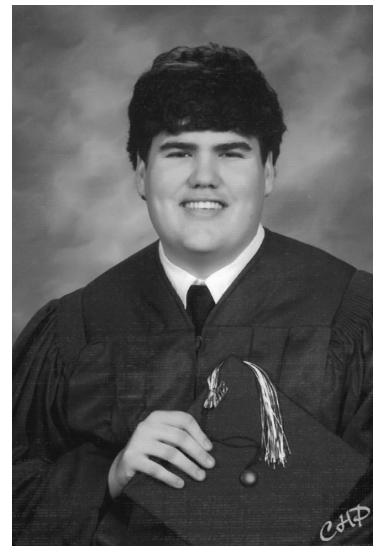
Jordan Thompson graduated from Whiteville High School. She is attending SCC in the fall and transferring to North Carolina State University in the spring. She plans to study Human Biology and later go into Radiology specializing in OB/GYN. Jordan is the daughter of Mike and Becky Thompson.

Lauren Ashley Lynn graduated from Meredith College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health with a concentration in Social Science and a minor in Exercise and Sports Science. She plans to attend UNC Pembroke to earn her Master's Degree in Social Work. Lauren is the daughter of Jan Lynn and granddaughter of Murline Britt.



Jesse Pridgen graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration concentrating in Finance. Jesse has accepted a position at a firm in Raleigh, NC where he will be working with corporate sponsored retirement plan administration. Jesse is the grandson of Glenda Turbeville.

Pierson Young graduated from Whiteville High School. He is going to SCC to pursue an Associate's Degree in electrical engineering. After SCC, he will further his education by obtaining his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering at a 4 year college. Pierson is the son of Trent and Grayanna Young and grandson of Hilda Ray.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU HIGHLIGHTS

Salad Luncheon: July 9, 2018, 12:00 Noon
Program: Nicole Mercer Hopkins

The WMU will have its annual summer luncheon on July 9 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. **ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED!** Mark your calendar, bring a salad or dessert, and join us for this worshipful time of food and fellowship.

Nicole Hopkins, Christian Professional Counselor, will present a program of music and information about her profession and ministry at *The Pasture at Mercer Farms*. Nicole is one of our own, and we can expect to be inspired and uplifted by her presentation.

For more information, you may call Myrtle at 642-5213 or 840-5299

Myrtle Corbett, WMU Director

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

The outpouring of love and support that has been shown to me has been overwhelming. As I face each day with this cancer diagnosis I am reminded by your cards, calls, food and visits that I am not alone. They have sustained John and me through this experience and will continue to do so as we travel down this road together.

Though I have been an absentee member for years the church and church family have always remained in my heart. I grew up in the church, came to know Christ in the church as well as through the example set by my parents and I was baptized at First Baptist. The foundation on which I now stand was established through the teachings, the fellowship, the joys and the hardships that have been shared as Christ's family.

As I continue to fight this battle I ask that you will continue to remember me and my family in your prayers.

In Christ,
Tricia Whitley Lennon

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Phil. 4:13

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First Baptist Church Children's Group,

Your kindness is truly appreciated! We would like to thank you for the garden planter boxes. The residents have already begun to plant things and are so excited.

Thank you,  
Residents & Staff of Shoreland Health Care

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will be meeting Mondays at 6 p.m., on a weekly basis starting June 4, as they prepare for the upcoming church year. Committee members will be notified by committee chairs of any cancelations or changes.

## MINISTRY PROFILE FORMS

Please come by the church office to fill out a copy of the Ministry Profile Form. The Nominating Committee will be using the information on these forms to fit people to ministries as they prepare for the new church year. You can also find forms on our website in the *Media and Resources* section, and in the bulletin. **Forms due by Sunday, June 24.**

# CHILDREN'S SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

A Spaghetti Luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, June 3**, immediately following the morning worship. Donations will be accepted at the door and all proceeds will go to support our growing Children's Programs. The Children's Committee has big ideas for our little ones and we would love to have your support! There will be great food and fellowship! We hope to see you there!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Please note that there will be no Wednesday evening meal, Prayer Meeting, or Discipleship training during the summer months. We will kick off our Wednesday night activities on the first Wednesday night of September.

## GODLY PLAY

The Godly Play Leaders are excited to announce that Godly Play will continue throughout the summer! We will meet on the following dates: **June 6, June 20, July 11, & July 25**. Godly Play will be held from **6:00 -7:30pm** with a meal included. Special activities are planned for each date, so be sure to mark your calendars!

## VBS 2018

Whiteville First Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School beginning on **Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** VBS will begin with registration, a short introduction, and an ice cream social. Our daily sessions will be **Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 until 5 p.m.** VBS will conclude this year on **Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** with a short commencement during the morning worship service followed by a church picnic lunch. A new addition this year is the inclusion of our adult population. Dr. Fred Senter will be leading a Bible Study for all adults. VBS will have opportunities this year for ages 2 and up. Please make plans to join us for the fun!

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. J.C. and Mrs. Lizzie Lennon established an endowment fund in First Baptist Church of Whiteville for the purpose of financially assisting college students through two scholarships.

The first scholarship is the **J.C. and Lizzie Lennon Christian Ministries Scholarship**, and it has been established to assist a student interested in preparing for the Christian Ministry. The second scholarship is the **J.C. and Lizzie Lennon General Studies Scholarship**, and it has been established to assist a student in pursuing an education in one of the North Carolina colleges or universities.

The qualifications are that the student must be an active member or regular participant in the activities of First Baptist Church and be accepted to attend or attending an accredited college or university. The awarding of scholarships will be based on financial need, scholastic achievements, and references.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennon's goal was to help young followers of Christ achieve success in their lives.

Funds are also available through the **Holt Youth Endowment Fund** for individuals interested in mission activities such as trips, camps, and other church related activities that have a cost associated with them.

Applications and guidelines will be available after June 15 in the church office and on our website.

Deadline to submit applications to the church office is July 15, 2018.

## EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES

There are some changes coming to the church office. Three of us have new email addresses. You can begin using these immediately. Please make a note of our new addresses:

**Eddie Fort** - [efort@fbcwhiteville.com](mailto:efort@fbcwhiteville.com)

**Teresa Malpass** - [office@fbcwhiteville.com](mailto:office@fbcwhiteville.com)

**Dinah Reaves** - [fbcwhite@fbcwhiteville.com](mailto:fbcwhite@fbcwhiteville.com)

| June 2018                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                      |                               |                                                                         |                            |                                         |           |
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| <b>3 Children's CMTE Spaghetti Luncheon</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship                                                         | <b>4</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)<br>6:00 Nominating CMTE Meeting         | <b>5</b>                      | <b>6</b><br>6:00 Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir | <b>7</b>                   | <b>8</b>                                | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>10 Graduate Sunday &amp; Communion</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship                                                           | <b>11</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)<br>6:00 Nominating CMTE Meeting        | <b>12</b>                     | <b>13</b><br>7:15 Chancel Choir                                         | <b>14</b>                  | <b>15</b><br>12:00 Hospice Meals Served | <b>16</b> |
| <b>17 Father's Day</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br><br><u>Youth Mission Trip 6/17-23</u>                                     | <b>18</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>1:00 Finance Mtg<br>3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)<br>6:00 Nominating | <b>19</b><br>7:00 Deacons Mtg | <b>20</b><br>6:00 Godly Play Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir   | <b>21</b>                  | <b>22</b>                               | <b>23</b> |
| <b>24 Ministry Forms Due</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>Koinonia & John the Baptist at Liberty<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br>4:00 VBS Ice Cream Social | <b>25</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>2:00—5:00 VBS<br>3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)                       | <b>26</b><br>2:00—5:00 VBS    | <b>27</b><br>2:00—5:00 VBS<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                        | <b>28</b><br>2:00—5:00 VBS | <b>29</b>                               | <b>30</b> |

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Sunday Morning Worship [www.wtxy1540.com](http://www.wtxy1540.com), Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 a.m.  
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