

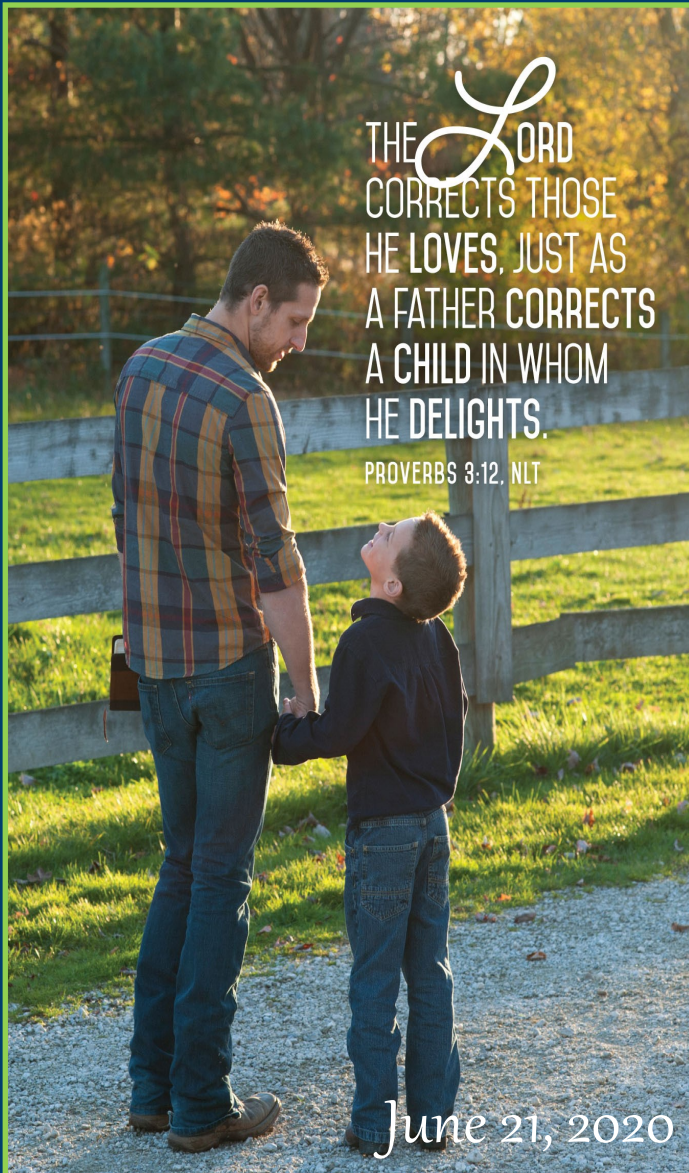


First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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THE *L*ORD
CORRECTS THOSE
HE LOVES, JUST AS
A FATHER CORRECTS
A CHILD IN WHOM
HE DELIGHTS.

PROVERBS 3:12, NLT

June 21, 2020

EVENTS AT A GLANCE



We will contact you when we are able to meet together for corporate worship and other group activities.

**COVID-19
UPDATES**

"The Board of Deacons is working to determine when and how to begin the process of safely returning to "normal" worship services," - see full article on page 3.

PASTOR'S CORNER



On Sunday, May 17th, we at First Baptist Church honored **Leah Sanderson** and **Bridger Warlick** in celebration of their graduation from High School. We certainly congratulate these two wonderful young people of our church, along with their loving families, as well as the thousands of other graduates around our nation and throughout the world, and **Grace Morningstar**, who graduated from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The graduates this year found themselves in very “different” circumstances with the Coronavirus affecting the “normal” graduation procedures. God bless you, graduates and your loved ones, today and always—in ALL ways—as you seek His will in your lives. We are proud **OF** you . . . and as your church family . . . we certainly assure you of our prayers **FOR** you! Please let us know if we can **EVER** be of help to you—in **ANY** way at **ANY** time, ok?

Dr. Art Jordan and his wife, **Marilyn**, who live in Seneca, South Carolina, are friends of ours and they attended church with us when we served as pastor at the First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach. They were very faithful in their attendance and support and were extremely helpful with our annual GRAND STRAND PASSION PLAY as we tried to share the Gospel Story of Jesus through music and drama. Recently, I was blessed when Art, who has been going through some personal battles with cancer himself, sent me some quotations in a text message. When I asked him the source of these poignant and meaningful sayings, he informed me the author was **Andy Rooney**. I enjoyed these wise and touching quotations so much, I felt led to share them with you. I thank **Art Jordan** . . . and I thank **Andy Rooney!** I hope and pray you will be blessed—as I was and still am—just to read the wisdom contained in these profound words!

I researched and discovered that **Andrew Aitken Rooney** (January 14, 1919 – November 4, 2011) was an American radio and television writer who was best known for his weekly broadcast, “A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney,” a part of the CBS News program *60 Minutes* from 1978 to 2011. His final regular appearance on *60 Minutes* aired on October 2, 2011. He died a month later at the age of 92.

As we celebrate with our graduates and rejoice with them in all they have **learned** thus far in their young lives, please take some time to enjoy . . . savor . . . and be blessed with **I’ve Learned** . . . written by **Andy Rooney**, a man who has, as it has been said . . . “the gift of saying so much with so little words”:

I’ve Learned . . .

I’ve learned . . . that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I’ve learned . . . that when you are in love, it shows.

I’ve learned . . . that just one person saying to me, “You’ve made my day!” makes my day.

I’ve learned . . . that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I’ve learned . . . that being kind is more important than being right.

I’ve learned . . . that you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I’ve learned . . . that I can always pray for someone when I don’t have the strength to help him in some other way.

I’ve learned . . . that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I’ve learned . . . that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I’ve learned . . . that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I’ve learned . . . that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I’ve learned . . . that we should be glad God doesn’t give us everything we ask for. I’ve learned . . . that money doesn’t buy class.

I’ve learned . . . that it’s those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I’ve learned . . . that under everyone’s hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I’ve learned . . . that the Lord didn’t do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I’ve learned . . . that to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I’ve learned . . . that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I’ve learned . . . that love, not time, heals all wounds.

I’ve learned . . . that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I’ve learned . . . that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I’ve learned . . . that there’s nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

I’ve learned . . . that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I’ve learned . . . that life is tough, but I’m tougher.

I’ve learned . . . that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I’ve learned . . . that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I’ve learned . . . that I wish I could have told my dad that I love him one more time before he passed away.

I’ve learned . . . that one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I’ve learned . . . that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

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MUSIC NOTES



What Now? What Next?

Hopefully in the next few weeks First Baptist will begin a return to our normal church activities. This will be an interesting and challenging time requiring our patience and much prayer.

Our Music Committee has begun this conversation and will continue to seek God’s will to determine how our music ministry will look and sound.

The Music Committee is also working with the Personnel Committee to find an organist for our church as soon as possible.

For now, pray for God to show and help us continue the vibrant Music Ministry First Baptist is known for.

Worship will continue by way of radio and internet hopefully for just a few more Sundays.

I look forward to things getting back to normal (whatever that may be). I look forward to worshipping, studying and sharing with each of you face to face.

Eddie



FROM THE DEACONS

The Board of Deacons is working to determine when and how to begin the process of safely returning to “normal” worship services, Sunday school classes and Wednesday night activities. On Tuesday May 19, the Board voted to form a committee to work out the details of this process. The committee is comprised of the following persons: Lauren Cole (chair), Mary Jean Prince, Kirby Sanderson, Mary Hooks, Eddie Fort and Charlie Duncan. This committee will decide, among other things, a schedule for returning to worship services; what, if any, protective gear will be required for entrance to worship; how will seating be arranged; how will the choir and Sunday school classes handle social distancing requirements; and what changes will be necessary for Wednesday night meals. Feel free to give any member of this committee your thoughts on how to proceed forward. Share with them your thoughts and concerns. We all want to worship. We all want to worship collectively and we all want to worship safely. Please keep this committee and their work in your prayers as they seek to return our church to a place of joyous fellowship and worship.

Thank you,

Coburn Powell

Chairman of the Board of Deacons

Wednesday Night Supper



Wednesday Night Supper, Godly Play, and Children’s Choir will resume in September.
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study (6:30– 7:15 p.m.) will resume as soon as possible.



June 7, 2020

“The Good Shepherd”

Psalm 23:1-6, John 10:1-30

June 14, 2020

“In What or Whom Are You Trusting?”

Proverbs 3:1-35

June 21, 2020

Father’s Day

“A Really Happy Father’s Day!”

Luke 15:1-32

June 28, 2020

“To Seek and to Save the Lost”

Luke 19:1-10

JUNE MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

7 Grayanna Young
14 Gina Morningstar
21 Tina Sauls
28 Tricia Sanderson

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7 David Carter / Charlie Duncan
14 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley
21 Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson
28 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson

DVD DISTRIBUTION

7 Peggy Walters
14 Hilda Butler
21 Rose Langston
28 Jolene Lewis

HOSPICE MEAL

19 Has been canceled by the facility

NURSERY

7 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson
14 Jim & Erin Warlick
21 Peggy Norosky / Wendy Hensley
28 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter

PEW STOCKER

Dale Duncan

SOUND & VIDEO

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

7 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
14 Genie Carter
21 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
28 Bill & Jolene Lewis

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

28 Koinonia / John the Baptist Classes

USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

7 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /
David Heath / Clint Grainger /
J. C. Hyatt
14 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / 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

Peggy FormyDuval

STEWARDSHIP

May 3, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$320.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,560.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$0.00
Total Budget This Week	\$2,880.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$520.00
Total Collections This Week	\$3,400.00

Under Budget This Week \$3,785.50

Budget Need to date	\$206,630.50
Budget Rec'd to date	\$203,753.75
Over Budget to date	\$2,876.75

May 10, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$200.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,800.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$0.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,000.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,238.50
Total Collections This Week	\$5,238.50

Under Budget This Week \$2,665.50

Budget Need to date	\$213,296.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$207,753.75
Under Budget to date	\$5,542.25

May 17, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,285.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$3,300.00
Total Budget This Week	\$7,585.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,289.33
Total Collections This Week	\$8,874.33

Over Budget This Week \$919.50

Budget Need to date	\$219,961.50
Budget Rec'd to date	\$215,338.75
Under Budget to date	\$4,622.75

May 24, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$3,710.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$6,975.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$600.00
Total Budget This Week	\$11,285.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$3,119.00
Total Collections This Week	\$14,404.00

Over Budget This Week \$4,619.50

Budget Need to date	\$226,627.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$226,623.75
Under Budget to date	\$3.25

May 31, 2020

Will be reported in the next Contact.

Global Missions	\$645.00
Annie Armstrong (5/17/2020)	\$405

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Travis Harrison
- 2 Deborah Tew
- 3 Thomas Clark
- 4 Isabella Hopkins
- 5 Betty Batten
- 7 Lillie Royal
- 9 Elizabeth Hensley
- 10 Beth Yates
Linda Taylor
- 14 Eric Underwood
- 17 Murline Britt
Rick Kimball
- 25 Jolene Lewis
- 29 Holly Faulk
- 30 William D. Smith, Jr.

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“THE A, B, C’S AND D OF SALVATION”

I shared recently “The A, B, C’s and D of Salvation,” in a two-part sermon series. We also printed it in the May newsletter as a guide to give you another possible way to help you explain the plan of salvation in sharing your faith in Jesus Christ with others. How are you doing with trying to memorize “The A,B,C’s and D of Salvation?” Did the example of an “eagle” soaring help you visualize and memorize the various steps? I have often heard we remember about **10 percent** of what we **HEAR**; **50 percent** of what we **SEE**; and about **90 percent** of what we **DO**, so that is why I like to use the visual of an “eagle” soaring!

I offer once again the following list of scriptures as an encouragement to help you. PLEASE try to memorize these scriptures and allow them to become a part of your everyday walk with Christ. As you have an opportunity, I hope and pray this can and will be another “tool” to help you as you relate with others wherever you may go in sharing the GOOD NEWS of the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST. PLEASE let me know if I can **ever** be of help to you with this endeavor, or in any other way, and PLEASE feel free to call on me at anytime, ok?!? (843.796.0397) God bless you in your “journey of faith” today and always—in ALL ways!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ Name . . . and His amazing love and grace, *Wayne Brown*

**“The A, B, C’s and D of Salvation”
(Ten Steps for Growth as a Christian and How to Share Your Faith)**

yourselves. (James 1:22)

A = Admit

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

(Romans 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

B = Believe

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” (Acts 16:31)

C = Confess

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

D = Door

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and dine with him, and he with Me. (Revelation 3:20)

B = Baptize

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)

C = Church Membership

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. (Hebrews 10:24-25a)

P = Pray

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

B = Bible Study

Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

G = Go

Go ye therefore, and teach all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

D = Do

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving

“The A, B, C’s and D of Salvation”

(Ten Steps for Growth as a Christian and How to Share Your Faith)

A = Romans 3:23 and 6:23

B = John 3:16; Acts 16:31

C = I John 1:9

D = Revelation 3:20

B = Acts 2:38

C = Hebrews 10:24-25a

P = I Thessalonians 5:17

B = II Timothy 2:15

G = Matthew 28:19-20

D = James 1:22

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The ten (10) steps can be demonstrated with our hands as we try to “fly like an eagle” in sharing our faith:

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

MISSION EMPHASIS – JUNE, JULY, AUGUST: HARVEST TABLE

It seems like a long time since we were able to meet as a group, and now we begin our summer recess from WMU meetings. As our Watchword emphasizes, our mission opportunities never cease. Hunger is a major side effect of COVID-19 and during the summer months we will collect 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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

When we finalize plans for gathering together again, 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.

While we continue to operate under gathering restrictions, we want you to know that the Sunday morning video messages will be broadcast Live Stream on Facebook, and the audio messages can still be heard on radio station FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, and online at www.wtxy1540.com. (Scroll to the “Church Services” box and select the “Click to Listen Live” link.) Messages are 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.

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I’ve learned . . . that I can’t choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

I’ve learned . . . that when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you’re hooked for life.

I’ve learned . . . that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you’re climbing it.

I’ve learned . . . that it is best to give advice in only two circumstances: when it is requested and when it is a life threatening situation.

I’ve learned . . . that the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

(Courtesy of Mike Snyder)

As we journey through life, I hope and pray we all can and will **live** and **learn** as God teaches us along the way! I also hope you enjoyed the “lessons” by **Andy Rooney** as much as I have enjoyed sharing them with you! God bless you! I love you!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ Name . . . and His amazing love and grace . . . *Wayne Brown*

THANK YOU

Dear First Baptist Family,

I would like to thank you all for your continuous support over the years. I recently received a scholarship from the Endowment Committee here at First Baptist Church, which will go toward my tuition at NC State University this fall. It is a blessing to have a such a kind, generous church family. I am eternally grateful for all the love you have shown me and lessons you have taught me.

Thank you and stay safe!

Sincerely,
Maggie Hensley

Dear First Baptist Family,

Thank you all so very much for all the kind graduation cards, gifts and a wonderful senior service. I have thoroughly enjoyed all my years at FBC Whiteville. I certainly have missed you all over the past two months. The many memories and friendships I have made over the years will be something that I will always cherish. I look forward to coming home and visiting with you all!

Sincerely,
Bridger Warlick

Dear First Baptist Family,

We express our heartfelt gratitude for the immense love and support shown to us by our First Baptist family in recent weeks. Your notes and cards, calls, meals, gifts and kind acts have helped us keep marching forward on this difficult journey. Thank you for being here for us as we move toward acceptance and adjust to life without our beloved Megan, who was to each of us a special daughter, mother, sister, granddaughter, aunt, niece, and cousin. We are grateful to have each of you in our lives.

Family of Megan Allison Lynn

To the Church Family,

The family of Charles Donald Prevatte would like to thank our church family for the many remembrances during Donald's illness and death. We have experienced true love through each of you. You have all been so faithful. We know your prayers went to God our Father, because we felt God guiding and leading us each and every day.

With heart felt gratitude ,

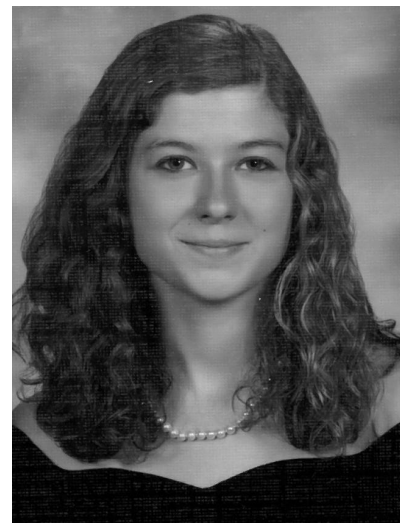
Betty Jo Prevatte, Paige, Leigh, Adam, Brandon, Marty, and Rick.

FBC SPOTLIGHT

WE CONGRATULATE GRACE MORNINGSTAR ON HER GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE.



Grace Morningstar graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a minor in Neuroscience.



	June 2020					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 11:00 Morning Worship audio on FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, online at www.wtxy1540.com, and video on the First Baptist Whiteville FaceBook page Live Stream	8	9	10 TBA	11	12	13
14 11:00 Morning Worship audio on FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, online at www.wtxy1540.com, and video on the First Baptist Whiteville FaceBook page Live Stream	15 9:30 Finance Mtg	16 7:00 Deacons Mtg	17 TBA	18	19	20
21 Father's Day 11:00 Morning Worship audio on FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, online at www.wtxy1540.com, and video on the First Baptist Whiteville FaceBook page Live Stream	22	23	24 TBA	25	26	27
28 11:00 Morning Worship audio on FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, online at www.wtxy1540.com, and video on the First Baptist Whiteville FaceBook page Live Stream	29	30				

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