



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Congratulations to our 90+ year old mothers. We celebrated these ladies on Mother's Day. Pictured right are Mrs. Juanita Stanley and Mrs. Murline Britt (seated). Bottom left to right is Mrs. Marie Sellers, and Mrs. Jo Anne Vereen. What a wonderful heritage for their families!



### Events At A Glance

June 6 & 20, Sunday School in the fellowship hall, 10:00 a.m., with Mr. John Sauls teaching

June 9, Prayer Meeting in the fellowship hall, 6:30 p.m.

June 14, WMU Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

June 15, Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

June 16, Fish Fry Church Supper, 6:00 p.m.

June 20, Father's Day

June 21, Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

June 22, Children's Music Activity, 10:30 a.m.

June 27, Baptism during morning worship, 11:00 a.m.

June 27, Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship and Sing-a-long on the Lawn, 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



It has been so good to see more and more of our people coming back to Sunday School, Prayer Meeting and Morning Worship Services as the “monstrous” COVID PLAGUE has lessened its grip on us! I hope and pray this pattern will continue and that we will have more opportunities to be together . . . even more often. You may have heard me express the phrase, “Shake that love around!” That has become one of my favorite sayings through the years as our pastor’s wife, Marilyn Griffin, in Winston-Salem at First Baptist Church used it and we learned it from her! We would all join hands . . . pray . . . and literally “shake the love around” the circle of people with our hands joined together! I have said, “I am a hugger, a hand-holder, and a hand-shaker, and this season of COVID has been like punishment to me!” Sadly, and in reality, COVID has brought despair, death, and destruction to many individuals and families . . . and it HAS kept people apart, causing us to become the “untouchables!” With that said, and by God’s grace, mercy, and love—and through HIS healing power—may He help us all to say “goodbye and good riddance” to COVID—once and for all!

We truly were blessed in May to celebrate CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH together as a “church family!” We were honored to recognize our mothers on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, with carnations from Michael Memory for all ladies and girls. We also recognized and presented gifts to the special ladies who were “ninety-plus” years of age and who were present in the sanctuary with us in the Morning Worship Service: Murline Britt, Marie Sellers, Juanita Stanley, and Jo Anne Vereen. On that special morning we also celebrated the dedication of our parents and their babies and children including: Holden Cook, Magnolia Cook, Harper Haynes, Kimball Lee, Avery Wayne, and Stetson Wayne. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, it was our joy to recognize and to celebrate with our special graduates: Hannah Clark, Elizabeth Hensley, Bryce Kronenwetter, Mitchell Sauls, and Grace Wheatley! CONGRATULATIONS to all of you for reaching this great accomplishment and milestone in your lives. We love you . . . we are proud of you . . . and we pray that God will continue to guide and bless you all today and always—in ALL ways—as you continue to serve Him and to seek His will in your lives! If ANY of you EVER need ANY of us to help you in ANY way, please remember we at First Baptist Church of Whiteville love you . . . and we ALL want “to be here for you at ANY time,” OK?!?

On Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, God willing, we will celebrate FATHER’S DAY, as we recognize and thank God for our fathers. Perhaps you have heard me mention the poem I wrote, ***I Kiss You with a Prayer!*** As I marveled and thanked God for allowing me to be a father—and to know the blessing of fatherhood—God inspired me to write the poem for our daughters, Meri Beth and Molly, when they were little girls. It has now been published into a fully-illustrated book “in living color!” We truly thank God for our fathers and for His being our HEAVENLY FATHER! If you would like a copy of the book, we will have them available in the church office, or if you will call me at 843.796.0397, I will be honored to inscribe the name(s) you would like in the book(s). Any and all proceeds go to support DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES, the ministry Joy and I share for missions and outreach locally, nationally, and globally! THANK YOU for your interest, love, and prayerful support!

As we look forward to June, we are excited to celebrate the Ordinance of Baptism on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> in the 11:00 am Morning Worship Service. If you would like to be baptized, please call the church office (910.642.2139), or me (843.796.0397), and we will be thrilled to talk and to discuss with you any questions you may have. Also, on that Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have a “Sing-a-long on the Lawn,” outside at 6:30 pm with homemade ice cream. If you have an ice cream churn, will you please bring your favorite flavor of ice cream . . . or cookies, etc., to share on this summer evening of worship, fun, and delicious fellowship together? THANK YOU!

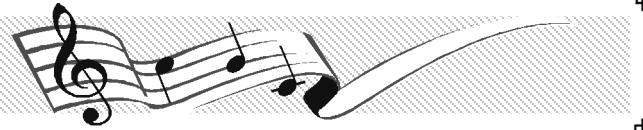
Dan Griffin, the pastor with whom I worked in Winston-Salem, and who now lives in Arlington, Texas, often signed his pastor’s column with these words: *God loves you just like you are . . . and so do I!* Dan’s sentiments are mine precisely for YOU as well! I am thankful for the blessing and privilege of serving as YOUR Interim Pastor! I also will appreciate it if you will continue please—with me—to pray for our recently appointed PASTOR SELECTION COMMITTEE: Betty Jo Prevatte (Chairperson), Brad Johnson, Stephen Prince, Tricia Sanderson, and John Sauls as they pray and work together in seeking God’s guidance!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ love,

*Wayne Brown*



# Music Notes



Fortunately, we are slowly and surely resuming church ministries and activities. Wearing masks at church activities is now voluntary. Beginning in June, with minor adjustments, we will present our offerings in worship. Below are several music activities in which you are welcomed to participate.

**Calling all preschoolers (age 3 and up) through 2nd graders!** We will begin a Music Activity for this age group beginning in June. The music time will take place each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and will start on Tuesday, June 22, in the preschool Sunday School room. Older children may volunteer as helpers. Please see Eddie if interested.

During the month of June the **Chancel Choir**, a **Men's Ensemble**, and **soloists** will provide music for our worship services. Plan to join us in worship each Sunday in June.

Speaking of the **Chancel Choir**. There is always room for more singers. The choir rehearses each Wednesday at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Also, calling all deacons!** Active and inactive deacons are invited to participate in a Deacons' Choir for our worship service on Sunday, July 18. The music will be simple, requiring one practice before worship the same morning. Maybe we should name the group something...

**Handbells** will resume as soon as school begins for the Fall. Date, day and time will be announced later in the summer.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

(Colossians 3:16)

I'm looking forward to seeing you more this month and throughout the summer!

*Eddie*

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- 1.) **American Red Cross Blood-Drive**—First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall—**Thursday, July 29, 2021**—Additional details to follow.
- 2.) **Operation Inasmuch—Saturday, October 2, 2021**. Please be considering projects in which you would like for us to participate. Check with your committees, Sunday School classes, WMU, Baptist Men, Choir, Youth, and Children's groups for ideas. Try to think outside of the box and see if we can meet some of the needs in our community. Call the office or any member of the Missions Committee with your ideas. Lauren Cole, Mary Hooks, Bobby Hensley, Haywood Corbett, Geoff Hopkins, or Martha Senter.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP - PLEASE SEND PICS

We are getting more active as a church family and creating more opportunities for those "Kodak moments." Please take pictures of your activities so we can "brag" about our church family on our website and our Facebook page. Keep checking our online presence to see what is going on as we share the pics you are sending to us. Thank you!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER FOR JUNE

The deacons are sponsoring a Fish Fry Supper Social for the church family on Wednesday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. They will have tables set up outside as well as in the fellowship hall. We are looking forward to gathering again to fellowship together. There is no charge for the meal, and we hope to see you there.

### June 6, 2021

The Second Sunday After Pentecost  
*Life Is Too Important to Be Taken Too Seriously!*  
*So, Don't Worry! Be Happy!*  
 Nehemiah 8:9-12; Proverbs 17:22; John 15:1-11

### June 13, 2021

The Third Sunday After Pentecost  
*The Three Dimensions of Forgiveness*  
 Matthew 6:14-15; John 8:1-11; I John 1:8-10

## JUNE SERMONS

### June 20, 2021

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
*The Father Loves You!*  
 Luke 15:11-32; John 16:23-33

### June 27, 2021

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
*What Is the Purpose of Baptism?*  
 Matthew 3:1-17; 28:16-20; Acts 2:37-47

## JUNE MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

6 David Carter / Charlie Duncan  
13 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley  
20 Chris Blackmon / John Sauls  
27 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson

### HOSPICE SNACKS

Jolene Lewis

### SOUND & VIDEO

6 Mitchell Sauls  
13 Bryce Kronenwetter  
20 Kirby Sanderson  
27 Eric Kronenwetter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

6 Clint and Carolyn Grainger  
20 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt

### SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

Visitors not allowed inside the facility

### USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

6 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /  
David Heath / Clint Grainger /  
J. C. Hyatt  
13 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell  
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt  
20 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /  
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /  
Chris Blackmon  
27 Harry Ward / David Tedder /  
Haywood Corbett / Kevin  
Williamson / Kyle Cook



*"God has given each of you a gift  
from his great variety of spiritual  
gifts. Use them well to serve one  
another."*

*1 Peter 4:10 NLT*

## STEWARDSHIP

**May 2, 2021**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$7.50            |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$6,337.50        |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$150.00          |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$6,495.00</b> |

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$2,667.00        |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$9,162.00</b> |
| <b>Over Budget This Week</b>       | <b>\$60.98</b>    |

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Budget Need to date  | \$199,454.62 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$203,306.57 |
| Over Budget to date  | \$3,851.95   |

**May 9, 2021**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$120.00          |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$4,160.00        |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$2,525.00        |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$6,805.00</b> |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$1,714.92        |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$8,159.92</b> |
| <b>Over Budget This Week</b>       | <b>\$370.98</b>   |

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Budget Need to date  | \$205,888.64 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$210,111.57 |
| Over Budget to date  | \$4,222.93   |

**May 16, 2021**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$0.00            |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$3,125.00        |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$2,150.00        |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$5,275.00</b> |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$1,410.00        |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$6,685.00</b> |
| <b>Under Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$1,159.02</b> |

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Budget Need to date  | \$212,322.66 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$215,386.57 |
| Over Budget to date  | \$3,063.91   |

**May 23, 2021**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$110.00          |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$4,146.00        |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$250.00          |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$4,506.00</b> |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$2,315.00        |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$6,821.00</b> |
| <b>Under Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$1,928.02</b> |

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Budget Need to date  | \$218,756.68 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$219,892.57 |
| Over Budget to date  | \$1,135.89   |

**May 30, 2021**

**will appear in the July Contact.**

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Travis Harrison  
Amy FormyDuval  
Andrea Lewis
- 2 Deborah Tew
- 3 Tom 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.

*"Those who live in the shelter of the  
Most High will find rest in the shadow of  
the Almighty."*

*Psalm 91:1 NLT*



## CONTACT INFO

### Ministerial Staff

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## OFFICE HOURS

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# QUESTIONNAIRE

## Pastor Selection Committee Church Membership Questionnaire

*One Form Per Family Please  
To be taken by church members only  
(Please return to Church Office by June 14, 2021.)*

Please circle your role in the family: Husband    Wife    Single    Son    Daughter  
Please answer with check marks or numbers as appropriate.

### 1. Family Composition by Gender

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Number of Males

\_\_\_\_\_ b.) Number of Females

### 2. Family Composition

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Black

\_\_\_\_\_ d.) White

\_\_\_\_\_ b.) Hispanic

\_\_\_\_\_ e.) Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ c.) Native American

### 3. Age (Give number for all appropriate age brackets.)

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Birth – 5 years

\_\_\_\_\_ e.) 30 – 44 years

\_\_\_\_\_ b.) 6 – 11 years

\_\_\_\_\_ f.) 45 – 59 years

\_\_\_\_\_ c.) 12 – 17 years

\_\_\_\_\_ g.) 60 – 64 years

\_\_\_\_\_ d.) 18 – 29 years

\_\_\_\_\_ h.) 65 and over

### 4. Occupation (Place the number of persons in each category as appropriate.)

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Clerical (bank teller, bookkeeper, cashier, postal clerk, secretary, typist, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ b.) Craftsman (baker, carpenter, foreman, machinist, mechanic, repairman, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ c.) Farm Worker

\_\_\_\_\_ d.) Housewife/Homemaker

\_\_\_\_\_ e.) Laborer (construction worker, freight handler, warehouseman)

\_\_\_\_\_ f.) Manager (administrator, bank officer, business director, self-employed, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ g.) Operative or transport (assembler, bus driver, inspector, packer, butcher, garage worker, truck driver, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ h.) Part-time employment

\_\_\_\_\_ i.) Preschooler(s) at home

\_\_\_\_\_ j.) Professional (accountant, artist, medical professional, engineer, lawyer, minister, scientist, teacher, technician, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ k.) Retired

\_\_\_\_\_ l.) Sales (advertiser, clerk, insurance agent, sales worker, underwriter, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ m.) Service worker (barber, child care, food service, health worker, policeman, private household cleaning, teacher's aide, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ n.) Student

\_\_\_\_\_ o.) Unemployed

\_\_\_\_\_ p.) Other \_\_\_\_\_

# QUESTIONNAIRE (CONT'D)

**5. Number of family members in home by marital status**

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Married                      \_\_\_\_\_ b.) Single                      \_\_\_\_\_ c.) Widowed

**6. Place a number by the highest education level of each adult family member**

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) High School                      \_\_\_\_\_ d.) Senior College  
\_\_\_\_\_ b.) Trade or Technical School                      \_\_\_\_\_ e.) Post-Graduate work  
\_\_\_\_\_ c.) Junior College                      \_\_\_\_\_ f.) Other \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Length of time each family member has been a Christian**

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Not a Christian                      \_\_\_\_\_ d.) 3 – 5 years  
\_\_\_\_\_ b.) Less than one year                      \_\_\_\_\_ e.) 6 – 9 years  
\_\_\_\_\_ c.) 1 – 2 years                      \_\_\_\_\_ f.) 10 or more years

**8. Length of time each family member has been a member of this church**

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Not a member                      \_\_\_\_\_ e.) 6 - 9 years  
\_\_\_\_\_ b.) Less than a year                      \_\_\_\_\_ f.) 10 – 19 years  
\_\_\_\_\_ c.) 1 – 2 years                      \_\_\_\_\_ g.) 20 – 29 years  
\_\_\_\_\_ d.) 3 – 5 years                      \_\_\_\_\_ h.) 30 or more years

**9. In a typical four-Sunday month, how often does someone from your family attend the following activities? (If 4 times, enter a 4; if never, enter 0.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Sunday School                      \_\_\_\_\_ d.) Missions organizations  
\_\_\_\_\_ b.) Morning Worship                      \_\_\_\_\_ e.) Age-group activities (i.e. Sunshine,  
\_\_\_\_\_ c.) Prayer meeting/Wed. night Service                      Youth, Children, Choirs, etc.)

**10. Length of time your family has lived at present address**

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Less than 2 years                      \_\_\_\_\_ d.) 10 – 19 years  
\_\_\_\_\_ b.) 2 – 5 years                      \_\_\_\_\_ e.) 20 – 29 years  
\_\_\_\_\_ c.) 6 – 9 years                      \_\_\_\_\_ f.) 30 or more years

**11. Approximate distance you live from the church building**

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Less than 1 mile                      \_\_\_\_\_ d.) 6 – 9 miles  
\_\_\_\_\_ b.) 1 – 3 miles                      \_\_\_\_\_ e.) 10 – 19 miles  
\_\_\_\_\_ c.) 4 – 5 miles                      \_\_\_\_\_ f.) 20 or more miles

**12. Length of time your family has lived in -**

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Whiteville                      \_\_\_\_\_ c.) Outside of North Carolina  
\_\_\_\_\_ b.) North Carolina

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

**June:** June 14, 10:00 A.M. FBC Fellowship Hall

**Call to Prayer:** Martha Senter

**Program:** Missions Extravaganza Virtual Meeting

**Hospice Snacks for June:** Jolene Lewis



Our May project of providing snacks for students at Southeastern Community College during their year-end exams was very successful. Thanks to Betty Jo Prevatte, Hilda Ray and Mary Jean Prince who packed and delivered three boxes of snacks and one box of fruit drinks to SCC on Tuesday, May 4, so students would have them during their exam period of May 5-10. Thanks to Teresa Malpass who made beautiful cards to be distributed with the snacks. Thanks to everyone who contributed snack items.



**2020-21 Watchword:** *But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.* Hebrews 10:39

### Our Mission

... is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

Myrtle Corbett  
WMU Director



## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!

We have another graduate profile to share with you this month. Congratulations, Grace!

Grace Wheatley graduated from West Brunswick High School. In the fall she plans to attend UNCW and major in biology, after which she plans to go to dental school.

|                                                                                                           | June 2021                                        |                                          |                                                |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Sun                                                                                                       | Mon                                              | Tue                                      | Wed                                            | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|                                                                                                           |                                                  | 1                                        | 2<br>4:30 Chancel Choir                        | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6<br>10:00 Combined Sunday School<br>in the fellowship hall<br>11:00 Morning Worship                      | 7<br>1:30 Staff Meeting                          | 8                                        | 9<br>4:30 Chancel Choir<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 13<br>11:00 Morning Worship                                                                               | 14<br>10:00 WMU Meeting<br>1:30 Staff Meeting    | 15<br>6:30 Deacons' Meeting              | 16<br>6:00 Fish Fry Supper                     | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 20 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b><br>10:00 Combined Sunday School<br>in the fellowship hall<br>11:00 Morning Worship | 21<br>1:30 Staff Meeting<br>9:30 Finance Meeting | 22<br>10:30 Children's Music<br>Activity | 23<br>4:30 Chancel Choir                       | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27 <b>Baptism</b><br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>6:30 Sing-a-long on the Lawn<br>with Homemade Ice Cream     | 28<br>1:30 Staff Meeting                         | 29<br>10:30 Children's Music<br>Activity | 30<br>4:30 Chancel Choir                       |     |     |     |

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