



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Sunday, June 2,
9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join us: We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 2 for our Sunday School Breakfast and combined Sunday School lesson.



Sunday, June 9 is Graduate Recognition Sunday. We have two graduates this year: Hannah Clark and Leah Sanderson. Please join us as we honor these young ladies and celebrate their hard work.

Events At A Glance

- June 2 - Sunday School Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
- June 2 - High School Workshop, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- June 5, 12, 19, 26 - Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.
- June 9 - Graduate Recognition Sunday
- June 16 - Father's Day
- June 17 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- June 18 - Deacons' Meeting, 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



*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." **Isaiah 41:10 NKJV***

So first things first, I want to offer up a hardy, heart-felt congratulations to all the dedicated hard work for our three favorite college graduates: Ms. Hannah Clark, Ms. Leah Sanderson, and Mr. Bridger Warlick. We know of your commitment; and the many long hours that you have devoted to your chosen career paths. And we cannot wait to see what lays ahead for each of you. To be sure, we expect to hear great things for many years to come!

But do let me please just mention this: After the festivities and the celebrations and the usual hoopla that goes along with graduation has finally come to a close, there is one vitally important "next step" that I would strongly encourage each of you to commit to: From here on out - always be sure that Jesus Christ accompanies you **EVERYWHERE THAT YOU GO!**

That's right. Now that you are armed with advanced knowledge and skill-sets in which to enter into the world, please know that with every fiber of your being you will need God to guide your every step. Do not make the mistake of thinking that you have to go it alone. Of course, this "*us against them*" mentality fits perfectly in the world's playbook. The deceiver will quickly want us to believe that - now that we are "officially" in the marketplace - the weight of the world rests solely upon our shoulders. Not so!

The Robert Frost poem says, "*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood. . .and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.*" Comparatively few travel the path of Christ. Choosing this path seems like foolishness to many. It stands diametrically opposed to conventional wisdom. The world says "Carve out your own niche. Get ahead. Get rich." Graduates, as you set out on your journey please know that you will only ever have one true Boss.

Unfortunately, all roads of our own choosing eventually lead to a dead end. But the road of Christ leads to life eternal. Will there be difficulties and struggles along the way? There's no doubt. But Christ promises to always walk with us in the darkest valleys.

Please trust in knowing that it is the God of our Salvation who gave you your "*know how*". After all, it was He who provided us with our most cherished colleagues, friends, and professors. It is He who lovingly gave us our wonderful parents and church family. And it is He who is the One who will open our doors to increased opportunity. And at the same time, it is He who has promised to keep us on the straight and narrow.

As we set out to do His work (and it is, **HIS** work), may we each allow Him to take hold of the reins and lead us on in the direction He calls us to go. Just listen for His voice. Then He has promised to let us know.

So do what you do and be the very best that you can possibly be! God would have nothing less. Please, also just remember to serve Him throughout. The call of Christ isn't some pious, boring life. It's a call to adventure, hope, and trust.

Today we celebrate our 2024 graduates! Let God take it from here.

"It is the Lord your God you must follow, and Him you must revere."

Deuteronomy 13:4 NIV

Pastor Hillman

Until we meet Jesus face to face in Heaven, there is no end to our spiritual growth.

Rick Renner

JUNE MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 2 Tina Sauls
- 9 Jan Hinson
- 16 Tricia Sanderson
- 23 Beverly Pope
- 30 TBA

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 2 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters
- 9 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 16 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson
- 23 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray
- 30 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers

HOSPICE MEALS

Ella Jo Sellers

NURSERY WORKERS

- 2 Kate C. Lee
- 9 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
- 16 Keith & Jamie Beverley
- 23 Brenda Carter / Genie Carter
- 30 Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

SOUND & VIDEO

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



STEWARDSHIP

May 5, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,7550.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$4,000.00
Total Budget This Week	\$8,755.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$605.00
Total Collections This Week	\$9,360.00
Over Budget This Week	\$3,350.05
Budget Need to date	\$172,958.40
Budget Rec'd to date	\$189,802.00
Over Budget to date	\$16,843.60

May 12, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$300.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,474.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$200.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,974.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$335.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,309.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,430.95
Budget Need to date	\$178,363.35
Budget Rec'd to date	\$193,776.00
Over Budget to date	\$15,412.65

May 19, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,662.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$200.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,862.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$1,025.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,887.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,542.95
Budget Need to date	\$183,768.30
Budget Rec'd to date	\$197,638.00
Over Budget to date	\$13,869.70

May 26, 2024

(will appear in next Contact)

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$0.00
Total Budget This Week	\$0.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$0.00
Total Collections This Week	\$0.00
Over Budget This Week	\$0.00
Budget Need to date	\$0.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$0.00
Over Budget to date	\$0.00

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

- May 5, 2024 - 39
- May 12, 2024 - 36
- May 19, 2024 - 43
- May 26, 2024 - 46

Average attendance for May
Sunday School is 41.

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

*In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
for You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell
in safety.*

Psalm 4:8

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GRADUATES


Leah Kay Sanderson graduated Summa Cum Laude from NC State University this past May, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition with a minor in Psychology. Leah maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout her studies. She is currently exploring career opportunities related to her degree as she takes a year off before applying to graduate school to obtain her Master's in Dietetics and Nutrition, with the goal of becoming a Registered Dietitian-Nutritionist. Leah would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to her family and church family members for their unwavering support, through which she received a scholarship every year throughout her academic journey.



Hannah Grae Clark graduated from High Point University with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and a minor in Psychology. Driven by a passion for healthcare, Hannah's post-graduation plans include taking a gap year to accumulate patient care hours before pursuing admission to PA school. Additionally, she aims to further her academic journey by enrolling in classes at UNCW, embodying a commitment to continuous learning and personal growth. Hannah would like to thank everyone for their continuous support and prayers throughout this journey.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



High Schoolers
**Learn to
Love
Yourself as
Much as
Your Dog
Loves You**

Self-Awareness
Workshop

June 2nd 2-5pm
Fun & Pizza

Our Speaker
Kris Clyburn, Coach

REGISTER NOW!
First Baptist Church
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910-642-2139

LEARN TO LOVE YOURSELF AS MUCH AS YOUR DOG LOVES YOU WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

As an outreach to the community, we are offering a self-awareness seminar on Sunday, June 2, for high schoolers, in the fellowship hall from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Teenagers are facing real problems with self-esteem, identity, comparison on social media, and bullying, just to name a few. When teenagers can understand the science of how their body, brain, and heart are working in partnership, they will have the knowledge and tools to follow their goals. God loves us, and He created each one of us to be unique. This workshop intends to promote self-love and acceptance. All are welcome!

CHURCH AFTER CHURCH

You are invited to join us each Sunday afternoon as we share lunch together in our mission to move the church into the community. John 13:35 tells us, “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” We want the community to witness the love that Christ has for them through our love for each other. We choose a different local restaurant each week. Meals are Dutch treat, and the fellowship is always good (and so are the pictures.) Sunday, June 2, we will eat at Buttermilks Southern Eatery, 1517, S. J. K. Powell Boulevard.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

WMU

WMU Meeting 10:30 AM
Project: Delivery to CRCI, Shallotte NC
Hospice Meal: Ella Jo Sellers (Contact Karen: 910-642-9051)



The WMU has had a busy and joyful year doing missions!! We have had monthly projects October 2023 – May 2024 including Donayre Cancer Center, Matthew 25 House, Lottie Moon & Global Missions Offerings, January Soup Ministry, WMU Focus Week and Heck-Jones Banquet, Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. (CRCI), Operation In-as-Much, and Snacks for Southeastern Community College students during exams.

Most importantly, we have prayed corporately and individually for our missionaries in America and around the world, including those who are retired. We will continue that practice throughout the year and hope that our church family will join us. The WMU motto for First Baptist Church, Whiteville is **GO AND TELL**. We strive to fulfill that mission through giving, sharing, befriending – wherever God leads us.

On June 10, the WMU group will deliver items that we have collected to the thrift store for Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. (CRCI) in Shallotte, NC. Afterwards, we will enjoy a Dutch lunch at a local restaurant.

The 2022-24 Watchword is: *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, Director

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director

GRADUATE SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 9, we will recognize our recent graduates (featured on the page 4) during the morning worship service.

Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

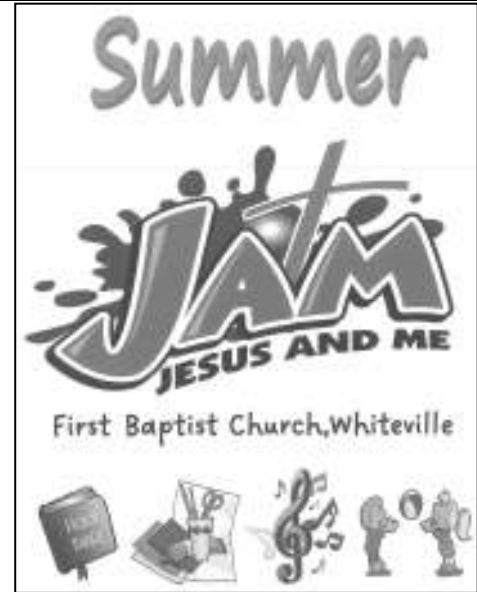
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SETH	JUDAH
NOAH	LEVI
HAM	GAD
SHEM	NAPHTALI
JAPHETH	SIMEON
ELKANAH	ISSACHAR
SAMUEL	ZEBULUN
AARON	BENJAMIN
NADAB	JOSEPH
HUR	MANASSEH
CALEB	EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM	SAUL
ISHMAEL	JONATHAN
ISAAC	DAVID
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ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Get ready for an exciting Summer Jam! Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 9-August 1, from 9 a.m.—12 noon. Please begin working in the community inviting children to come and participate in Bible stories, crafts, music, and games. Mr. Gus Cothorn (some of you may know him from the music program at Edgewood Elementary) will be leading the summer program for our children. We look forward to reaching our community's children and their families through our Children's Summer Program. Please spread the word!



Dear First Baptist Church Family,

We are so grateful to have such a caring church Family! Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, cards, food, and concern during J. C.'s illness. We appreciate each expression of kindness, giving us comfort and support. Please continue to remember him in your prayers, as he continues to heal.



With thanks and appreciation,
 Pat & J. C. Hyatt

Thanks to all who served on the committee of 90+, or was a part of it. It was a special occasion to remember!


With sincere appreciation,
 Pat & J. C. Hyatt

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SAMUEL	ZEBULUN
AARON	BENJAMIN
NADAB	JOSEPH
HUR	MANASSEH
CALEB	EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM	SAUL
ISHMAEL	JONATHAN
ISAAC	DAVID
ESAU	SOLOMON
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July 2024						
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