



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Ages 5+, June 24-26, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon

Events At A Glance

June 1 - Graduate Sunday

June 1 - Birthday celebration for Mary Jean Prince, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Monday evening Book Study, 5:30 p.m.

June 4, 11, 18, 26 - Wednesday Morning Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

June 5 - Ministry Survey Form deadline

June 15 - Father's Day

June 16 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

June 17 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

June 24-26 - Summer JAM, 9:00—12 noon.

Complete monthly calendar on back.

*To add an event to our calendar,
please contact the church office:
(910) 642-2139*



PASTOR'S CORNER



So another Memorial Day has come and passed. And we had a joyous celebration on Sunday in God's house. I sincerely hope that we were all able to spend some quality time with our beloved families.

But as we stood up and acknowledged our heroes in gratitude and faith, something else quickly came to mind. The many freedoms that we enjoy in this beautiful country - land of the free, home of the brave - while rock solid in their declaration and establishment...they can sometimes also appear to be extremely fragile and delicate. So we must be willing to guard these freedoms with everything we've got.

And can't the same be said as it pertains to our walk with Christ? I think that now perhaps more than ever, we need to make sure to walk with the full armor of Christ. In Ephesians 6:10-20, the Apostle Paul teaches us that a vital aspect of having the image of God renewed in us is that we wear the same armor that Jesus wore. Verse 11 tells us *"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."*

Growing up in Baltimore in the 60's, one of my favorite baseball players was shortstop Mark Belanger. Tall, thin, and lanky of build - they used to call number 7, Mark Belanger, *"The Blade"*. To be sure, if a ground ball was hit anywhere in the vicinity of *"The Blade"*, good luck reaching first base safely.

In the Bible, the number seven represents completeness and fullness as well as to signify protection, and it comes up regularly especially throughout the book of Revelation:

- > seven churches (1:4, 11, 20)
- > seven golden lamp stands (1:12-13, 20; 2:1)
- > seven stars (1:16, 20; 2:1; 3:1)
- > seven spirits (1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6)
- > seven lamps (4:5)
- > seven seals (5:1, 5)
- > seven horns (5:6)

These are but a few of the many mentions of seven in Revelation. And sometimes when that number is used in Scripture, it means that something hasn't yet reached its full expression. So from these passages with messages to the seven churches, we can infer that Jesus **WANTS THEM ALL** to be complete, fulfilled, and not lacking in any way.

And this same promise is offered to all of us in our own individual Christ walk. Let it be so! *"If you overcome in these seven areas, you will have overcome completely and perfectly. You will be living out the complete and abundant life I came to supply rather than the life of defeat Satan offers."* (**John 10:9-10**).

Another Memorial Day is behind us and Summer is finally here. Let us rejoice and give thanks for the many blessings that God has placed upon us. The harvest is His, so may we carry on with the good works that He has lovingly given to each of us!

God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Chris" with a stylized flourish underneath.

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

I can never express, my gratitude enough for your ministry to me during my extended illness. I could literally feel the prayers you prayed for me. The food, cards, flowers, and visits strengthened me, spiritually and physically, and no doubt played a big role in my recovery.

I still have a way to go, but I am much better, and I have no doubt this is due in large part to you. Thank you so much, How blessed I am to be a part of this wonderful church family.

Ella Jo Sellers

Dear Members:

Thank you so much for the work you did at our newly opened shelter. I really want the house and grounds to be a place of peace for those who are staying there. The little garden area was a much needed piece of beauty in the back yard. And, it smells heavenly with all the jasmine. You can smell it as soon as you walk out the back door.

We were very excited about opening the shelter and have already housed 2 women and 2 children with others expected to come in the next couple of weeks. It is expected that we will shelter over 200 women and children each year keeping them safe from the violence they have experienced and witnessed.

Thank you again for being such good stewards of God's love for everyone. This will make the people in the shelter know that they are cared about. We appreciate your partnership with this agency for all the years you have supported us. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Vickie Pait

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

The Columbus County Band Spring Concert at First Baptist on Monday evening, May 19, was our first Monday night performance. The response was incredible! We sincerely thank everyone who came out to support the band. The loyal supporters makes the work worth while. We love to see your faces in the crowd.

The band has one Disney concert and two patriotic concerts left for this season. Summer session is just five weeks long, so we encourage anyone who might be interested in playing with the band and not sure about long term commitment to give summer session a try. We will practice at First Baptist Church Whiteville on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. through June 30, and we will have a place for you. Check out our Facebook page, *Columbus Community Band* for more details.

Band performances dates:

Sunday, June 1 - Calvary Baptist Church (Pleasant Plains Church Road), 6:00 p.m. (Disney)

Monday, June 29 - Boys and Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw, Patriotic Concert with the Southeastern Oratorio Society, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 5 - Veterans Memorial Park, 6354 James B. White Hwy South, 10:00 a.m. (Patriotic)

We would like to thank First Baptist Church again for allowing us the opportunity to practice in the church fellowship hall.

MAY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Tina Sauls
- 8 Jan Hinson
- 15 Beverly Pope
- 22 TBD
- 29 TBD

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 1 Willis Pinnell / Mary Alice Stanley
- 8 Donna Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 15 Gina Morningstar / Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Leigh Cook / Mel Ray
- 29 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers

HOSPICE MEALS

Betty Jo Prevatte / Myrtie Sellers

NURSERY WORKERS

- 1 Josh Williamson
- 8 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
- 15 Keith & Jamie Beverley
- 22 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter
- 29 TBD

SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Kirby Sanderson
- 8 Eric Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Eric Kronenwetter

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

June, July, August—No meal

*But the wisdom from above
is first of all pure. It is also
peace loving, gentle at all
times, and willing to yield
to others. It is full of mercy
and the fruit of good deeds.
It shows no favoritism and
is always sincere.*

James 3:17 NLT

STEWARDSHIP

May 4, 2025

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1 | \$0.00 |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2 | \$3,414.00 |
| Budget Gifts Operational | \$791.00 |
| Total Budget This Week | \$3,905.00 |

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| Designated/Other Funds | \$880.00 |
| Total Collections This Week | \$4,785.00 |

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| Under Budget This Week | \$1,518.08 |
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| Budget Need to date | \$168,115.48 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$148,823.50 |
| Under Budget to date | \$19,291.98 |

May 11, 2025

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1 | \$300.00 |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2 | \$3,791.00 |
| Budget Gifts Operational | \$1,252.00 |
| Total Budget This Week | \$5,343.00 |

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| Designated/Other Funds | \$124.00 |
| Total Collections This Week | \$5,467.00 |

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| Under Budget This Week | \$80.08 |
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| Budget Need to date | \$173,538.56 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$154,166.50 |
| Under Budget to date | \$19,372.06 |

May 18, 2025

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1 | \$310.00 |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2 | \$2,578.00 |
| Budget Gifts Operational | \$450.00 |
| Total Budget This Week | \$3,338.00 |

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| Designated/Other Funds | \$0.00 |
| Total Collections This Week | \$3,338.00 |

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| Under Budget This Week | \$2,085.08 |
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| Budget Need to date | \$178,961.64 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$157,504.50 |
| Under Budget to date | \$21,457.14 |

May 25, 2025

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1 | \$100.00 |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2 | \$2,483.00 |
| Budget Gifts Operational | \$552.00 |
| Total Budget This Week | \$3,135.00 |

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| Designated/Other Funds | \$2,071.38 |
| Total Collections This Week | \$5,205.81 |

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| Under Budget This Week | \$2,288.08 |
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| Budget Need to date | \$184,384.72 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$160,639.50 |
| Under Budget to date | \$23,745.22 |

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Travis Harrison
Andrea Lewis
- 2 Deborah Tew
- 3 Tom Clark
- 5 Betty Batten
- 9 Elizabeth Hensley
- 10 Linda Taylor
Beth Yates
- 14 Eric Underwood
- 17 Murline Britt
Resa Hillman
- 25 Jolene Lewis
- 29 Holly Faulk
- 30 William Smith

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

May 4, 2025 - 59
May 11, 2025 - 42
May 18, 2025 - 52
May 25, 2025 - 49

Average attendance for May
Sunday School is 51.

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



OFFICE CONTACT INFO

Ministerial Staff

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

No Meeting in June

Mission Project: Graduates 2025

Hospice Meal: Betty Jo Prevatte, Myrtie Sellers (Contact: Karen: 910-642-9051)



WMU honors our history and traditions. The best way we can show this is by taking the necessary steps forward so that Missions can live on. We need to invite people into our lives and activities so they can see our faith and actions. We need to share Jesus with others when we have the opportunity.

WMU Emphasis for 2024-2026: *What Joy!*

2024-26 Watchword: *Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. – 1 Thessalonians 2:8*

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett, Co-Director

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director



WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Please remember on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.**, (in addition to our Evening Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m.), we are having Wednesday Morning Prayer Services. We have had a good response to this prayer service, and want to continue meeting this need for our congregation. Everyone is welcome—it is open to the community. We usually have coffee and snacks. Please come and join us.

BOOK STUDY

Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m., June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 we have our small-group book study of Charles Stanley's *"How to Let God Solve Your Problems."* We hope you will join us as we seek a closer walk with the Lord through the study of His work in the lives of Christians who have served Him before us.

SUMMER JAM COMING SOON

Summer JAM (Jesus and Me) is **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 24—26, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon**. There will be activities for ages 5 and older. Come learn about Jesus' birth, ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection. You can use the flyer on the next page to invite your friends and family. This event is open to the public.

MINISTRY SURVEY SHEET

Please remember to fill out the Ministry Survey form on page 7 for the Nominating Committee. It's that time of year when they really begin to get busy filling in the open positions on the church committees. The survey helps them match people with service areas. You can bring it by or mail it in to the office. If you would like, you can come by the office to fill out a survey. There will be extra copies in the narthex Sunday, June 1st. Thank you for your service at First Baptist Church.

You are invited to:

Community Summer



Community Summer JAM
His Story—Our Journey

Come learn about Jesus' birth, ministry,
crucifixion, and resurrection.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
June 24—26, 9:00 a.m.—12 noon
Ages 5 and up

First Baptist Church, 412 N. Madison Street

Open to the public

BRAIN EXERCISE



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Ministry Interest Survey 2025-2026

This Ministry Interest Survey will help the Nominating Committee recommend people for committees and leadership positions based on their interests and the church's needs. Please be aware that completion of this survey does not automatically place you on any committee or commit you to any area of service. Please complete these surveys by June 5, 2025. Thank you for your willingness to serve at First Baptist Church.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Are you willing to serve on a committee? Yes _____ No _____

COMMITTEES & MINISTRY TEAMS

Our church uses the following committees to carry out its ministries. You need to be a member of First Baptist church to serve on most of these committees. Descriptions of each committee's tasks are available in the church office.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Video | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds/Properties | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism/Lord's Supper | <input type="checkbox"/> History/Long Range Facility Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws | <input type="checkbox"/> Homecoming | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship/Finance/Endowment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's/Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen/Wednesday Night Supper | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama/Flower/Hanging of the Greens/Christmas Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grief | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer to Assist with Committee or Activity |

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

You do not have to be a member of First Baptist Church to indicate your desire for service.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Night Meal Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist in Church Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> WMU |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptist Men | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Sermon | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible School | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Current teachers & workers, please use this opportunity to indicate your desire to teach for the 2025-2026 year. This is also for those who are not currently teaching to indicate a desire to be involved.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Morning Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Morning Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Adults |

| | June 2025 | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1 Graduate Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship with 2:00-4:00 Mary Jean Prince Birthday Party | 2 5:30 Book Study | 3 | 4 10:00 Morning Prayer Service 6:30 Evening Prayer Service | 5 10:00 Marie Sellers Visitation at McKenzie 11:00 Marie Sellers Funeral at McKenzie Ministry Survey Form Deadline | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship | 9 5:30 Book Study | 10 | 11 10:00 Morning Prayer Service 6:30 Evening Prayer Service | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Happy Father's Day 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship | 16 9:30 Finance Meeting 5:30 Book Study | 17 6:30 Deacons' Meeting | 18 10:00 Morning Prayer Service 6:30 Evening Prayer Service | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship | 23 5:30 Book Study | 24 9:00 Summer JAM | 25 9:00 Summer JAM 6:30 Evening Prayer Service | 26 9:00 Summer JAM | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship | 30 5:30 Book Study | | | | | |

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