



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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March 25



Maundy Thursday, March 29

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- MARCH 2-4**, FESTIVAL BY THE SEA (YOUTH CHOIR), MYRTLE BEACH, SC
- MARCH 3**, OPERATION INASMUCH INFORMATION AND TRAINING SEMINAR, GARLAND, NC
- MARCH 4-11**, WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS
- MARCH 11**, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
- MARCH 15-17**, CBFNC ANNUAL GATHERING, WINSTON-SALEM, NC
- MARCH 21**, MEMBER INFORMATION SHEETS DUE, MONEY FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT BOOK DUE, (\$10)
- MARCH 24**, GLOW-IN-THE DARK EASTER EGG HUNT, 5:00 – 7:30 P.M.
- MARCH 25**, PALM SUNDAY
- MARCH 29**, MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION AND SERVICE OF SHADOWS, 7 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: "GROW"



Let's be clear, the focus for First Baptist Church, must be to *grow*. Our relatively new logo and tag line says it all: *First Baptist Church – Growing Toward Christ*. Growing begins and ends with our relationship to Jesus Christ. If we have a relationship with Christ, we grow; if we don't have one, we don't grow.

In April, many of our church leaders will attend a seminar led by Eddie Hammett, "Reaching People Under 30 while Keeping People over 60." Eddie in his book helps to identify 20 barriers that keep churches from growing. Take a look and see which of the following barriers you feel applies to our congregation:

- Prejudice—against other racial/ethnic groups, old/young, secular adults with secular lifestyle issues, rich/poor and related occupations, anyone "not like us"
- Not knowing *how* to grow
- Wanting things to stay the same/Being comfortable with things as they are
- Fear of success and how to assimilate new members and minister to them
- Lack of a plan
- Lack of member involvement to work the plan
- Inadequate resources
- No clear understanding of need for change
- Satisfaction with the status quo

- Lack of spiritual foundation
- Fear of reaching "needy" people
- Believing change requires too much time, energy, and other resources
- Fear of losing the close family feel and good relationships in church as it is
- Fear of losing some current members because of change
- Lack of agreement about new direction
- Discouragement because of previous, disappointing attempts to change or grow
- Resistance to learning the language and communication preferences of people from other generations
- Lack of clearly defined goals
- No clear mission statement
- Not understanding the postmodern culture

Our purpose is to grow. We *want* to grow closer to Christ. We *want* to grow in spirituality. We *want* to grow healthier as a congregation and gain clarity of our mission. And *we want to grow in number – we want more people to join us!* If we are going to grow we have to work hard to understand these barriers. Knowing what not to do will give us greater direction for what we **should** do. Let's lock our arms and become what we want to become: a vibrant church that is continuously growing into who Christ desires us to be!

- Rev. Ryan Clore

MARCH SERMONS

March 4

Third Sunday in Lent

"My Temple"

John 2:13-22

March 11

Fourth Sunday in Lent

"Live Like You Believe"

John 3:14-21

March 18

Fifth Sunday in Lent

"The Fruit of Death"

John 12:20-26

March 25

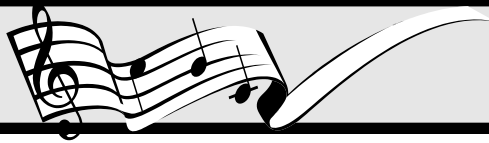
Palm & Passion Sunday

"The Passion"

Mark 14:1-15:47



Music in Ministry



Our Youth Choir will participate in the *Festival by the Sea*, March 2-4. They will combine with over 300 other youth singers from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and other states.

We are now half way through the Lenten Season. Our Tuesday morning *Hymn Sing and Devotion* is March 13.

On Wednesday, March 14 at noon I will sing for the Lenten Service at the Methodist Church.

We conclude the season of Lent on Palm Sunday, March 25.

Maundy Thursday is March 29. The Chancel Choir will present *A Service of Shadows* following communion on that evening. Plan now to attend this most meaningful service.

Our Children's music groups *The Melody Makers* (4 years of age through 1st grade) and *The Young Musicians* (2nd-5th grades) continue to meet each week. We always have room for more children and encourage you to invite your friends.

What Wondrous Love Is This

This American Folk hymn has always been associated with the southern Appalachian area. Like most spirituals, it has been passed down through the generations and exists in several different versions.

Stanza 1 begins the meditation expressing Christ's wonderful love and atonement for each of us personally. In stanza 2 the poet states that this wondrous love that God gives us is through his only son, Jesus Christ. In stanzas 3 and 4 each of us along with "millions" respond to this love with eternal praise.

We will sing this meaningful and personal hymn on Palm Sunday.

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb
I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing!

(copied and/or adapted from *The One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House Pub. Inc. and *The Worshiping Church*, Leaders' edition, Hope Pub. Co.)

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

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.) and study of *The Equipping Church* at (6:30-7:00 p.m.)

A nursery is available after supper.

Wednesday Night Supper



Equipping Church,
Ch. 9, pp. (149-157)

March 7

Carlton & Mary Jean Prince, Chairs
David & Sue Jordan
Kate Carter Lee
Jean Patterson

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley
Katherine Scott

Equipping Church,
Ch. 9, pp. (157-167)

March 14

Jackie Jones, Chair
Glenn & Sherry Waters
Peggy Walters
Merle Worley
Muriel Hill
Charlie Duncan

Nursery

Tricia, Leah,
& Carly Sanderson

Equipping Church,
Ch. 10

March 21

Melvin Ezzell, Chair
Marty Ezzell
Eric & Peggy Underwood
Grayanna Young
Rose Langston
Yvonne Bass

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

Equipping Church,
Ch. 11

March 28

Haywood & Myrtle Corbett, Chairs
Sylvia Walker
Brad & Anna Johnson
Dale Duncan
Mel & April Ray
Ella Jo Sellers

Nursery

Brenda Carter or Genie Carter
Kate Carter Lee

MARCH MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

4 Grayanna Young
11 Gina Morningstar
18 Taylor Jordan
25 Tricia Sanderson

DVD DISTRIBUTION

4 Peggy Walters
11 Hilda Butler
18 Rose Langston
25 Frances Price

HOSPICE MEAL

16 Betty Jo Prevatte

NURSERY

4 Jim & Erin Warlick / Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson
11 Jennifer Armbrrecht / Heather Bazemore / Katherine Scott
18 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn Jennifer Williamson
25 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan Emily Lawson

OFFERING TELLERS

Kirby & Trish Sanderson

PEW STOCKER

Mary Jean Prince

SOUND & VIDEO

4 Jason Schoolcraft
11 Wil Ezzell
18 Kirby Sanderson
25 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

4 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
11 Bill & Jolene Lewis
18 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
25 Bridger Warlick & Mitchell Sauls

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

25 Ruth Believers Class

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

4 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Mitchell Sauls, & Clint Grainger
11 Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, & Mel Ray
18 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Mitchell Sauls, Haywood Corbett & Edgar Tison
25 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, & Grayson Ward

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Merle Worley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



2 Janice Young	15 Jay Hill
Jan Hinson	17 Brenda Carter
Grace Morningstar	Chris Jayroe
3 Doris Hughes	Wil Ezzell
Coburn Powell	18 Chris Blackmon
Byron Ward	22 Lois Willets
6 Haywood Corbett	Howard Tew
Jan Hinson	Joe Cook
Trish Sanderson	24 Clint Grainger
Pierson Young	Ken Waters
7 Jerry FormyDuval	Wendy Hensley
Gary Bass	25 Hilda Butler
9 Anna Ezzell	Kate McNeil
11 Martha Ann Prevatte	Ashley Memory
Justin Faulk	26 Jenny Rooks
12 Leigh Fowler	27 Johnny Britt
Stephen Underwood	29 Jeanette Rogers
Rachel Virginia Powell	31 Josh Austin
13 Glenda Turbeville	Sarah Todd
Nancy Smith	
Charles Lytle	
14 Katie Thompson	
Terri Powell	
Melissa Priest	

MARCH

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 98
Sunday School Attendance Average: 55

Feb. 4, 2018- Attend 102	YTD		
Budget Rec'd	\$15,028.15	Budget Needs to Date	\$102,038.58
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$123,779.08
Over	\$7,739.68	Budget Over YTD	\$21,740.50

Feb. 11, 2018- Attend 91	YTD		
Budget Rec'd	\$5,642.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$145,769.40
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$161,693.69
Under	\$1,646.47	Budget Over YTD	\$15,924.29

Feb. 18, 2018- Attend 100	YTD		
Budget Rec'd	\$4,405.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$153,057.87
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$166,098.69
Under	\$2,883.47	Budget Over YTD	\$13,040.82

Feb. 25, 2018- Attend 99	YTD		
Budget Rec'd	\$10,668.60	Budget Needs to Date	\$160,346.34
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$176,767.29
Over	\$3,380.13	Budget Over YTD	\$16,420.95

Missions Offerings

Heck-Jones - \$2,843.00, our goal was \$3000
Children's Home - \$600, our goal was \$1000
Lottie Moon - \$1,550, our goal was \$1,500
Global Missions - \$4,705, our goal was \$4,000

Our goal for **Annie Armstrong** offering in **March** is \$1000.

FBC SPOTLIGHT

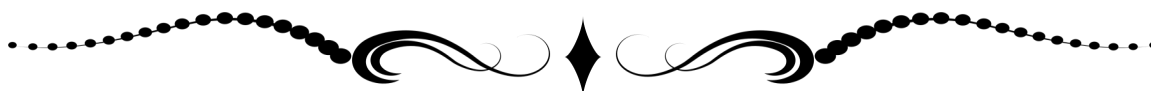
This month's Member Spotlight highlights Peggy and John Norosky.

Peggy (Huggins) Norosky and her family were members of First Baptist Church all of her growing up years. She was baptized by Dr. Robert Foster when she was 13 years old. She graduated from Whiteville High School, and after college, she moved to Washington D.C. where she worked in accounting. It was during this time that she met John Julian Norosky, who grew up in West Virginia. They met through an acquaintance of hers from Whiteville. John joined the Navy right out of high school and earned many degrees throughout his career.

John and Peggy were married here in her home church by Dr. Robert Foster in 1961. They were married for 56 until his passing in June of 2017. Their lives together took them all over the globe; Maryland, Virginia, Connecticut, Florida, California, Washington D.C., Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, England, and Japan. After they married, Peggy stayed home with the boys, Frank the eldest and twin sons, Glenn and Walter, while John made a career out of the Navy. When John retired from the Navy, he decided to go back to school (again) and become a teacher. After some consideration, he decided to teach Math, and did so at West Columbus High School for 17 years.

When they moved back to Whiteville in 1986, Peggy started working in FBC again – active on Grief Committee from the onset, Nursery Committee, and in other areas of service. Sometime later John became active in the church as well – serving on committees, cooking teams and even teaching the John the Baptist Sunday School class. Outside of their church activities, they were both active for many years in civic minded organizations – Masons, Shriners, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Eastern Star. Peggy continues to serve the community through these organization and serves FBC through committees and cooking teams.

Today there are 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Surprisingly enough, their extended family is also spread across the country from California, to Ohio, Connecticut and many places in between.



“THANK YOU!”

It is so wonderful to be part of a loving church family & community of church families that have so generously responded to our needs and beyond our needs.

Thanks from the bottoms of our hearts to those who have sent gifts, cards, food, clothes, & most of all prayers to help us in our ongoing recovery process to rebuild our home & lives.

You have made the experience bearable and we are eternally grateful.

Brownie & Leigh Cook & Family

**CBFNC 2018 Annual Gathering
Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
March 15-17, 2018**

*Fit Church
Nurturing Healthy Congregations*

Leadership Institute | March 15
Tunes & Tales | March 15
Annual Gathering | March 16
“All Are Called” Forum | March 17

Join us for three days of fellowship, learning, and growth!
Anyone who is interested in the annual CBFNC meeting is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

You can check out all of these events on their web site using the link - <http://www.cbfnc.org/events/fitchurch>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Below is a Member Contact Information Form. We are asking that you fill this out and turn it in to the church office by **Wednesday, March 21**. We are collecting contact information in order to communicate quickly with folks regarding funerals, weather closings, and any announcements that are time sensitive. ***If you do not turn in this form we are assuming that you are opting out of this service.***

Member Contact Information

Full Name:

Last

First

M.I.

Mailing Address:

Street Address

Apt/Unit #

City

State

ZIP Code

Physical Address:

Street Address

Apt/Unit #

City

State

ZIP Code

Cellular Phone:

Home Phone:

Email:

Best method
of contacting
me is:

Are you interested in receiving an e-newsletter through e-mail? (please check one)

- Yes, I would like to save the church money. Please, no longer send the hard copy in the mail.
 Yes, but I would also like to continue receiving a hard copy in the mail.
 No, I am happy receiving a hard copy in the mail.

Do you text: **Yes** **No** (please circle one)

We are updating contact information so that we can better communicate with our members. This information will be used for mass e-mailing, texting, and phone calling. Contacting individuals via e-mail, text message, or recorded audio messages saves time and money and gives everyone a copy that they can refer to later.

*We will not share any contact information with third parties or individuals outside of our congregation.

WMU NEWS

March Meeting: **March 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**
Call to Prayer: Peggy Underwood
Program: Martha Senter



Thank You for your gifts to the Heck-Jones Offering. We have collected **\$2,843.00** toward our goal of \$3,000.00. We need only \$157.00 to reach that goal. The offering is still open and contributions are very much appreciated.

We have a **church-wide missions opportunity** for March. The WMU will sponsor a collection of household supplies for “**Saving Sons, Inc.**”, Columbus County’s Christian resource for its drug addiction problem. The program works with a wide range of support systems to find the appropriate treatment center for the young men, while fostering them during a two-week stay in a local facility. Supplies needed include: **Trash Bags, Cleaning Supplies, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Light Bulbs, Air Freshener, Hand Soap, Toilet Bowl Cleaner.** Items may be placed on the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall or in the collection box in the church vestibule.

VBS MEETING

It is time again to start planning for Vacation Bible School!

There will be a meeting at **4 p.m.** on **March 14** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year, please plan to attend.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT STUDY

If we stay on schedule with our Wednesday night study, we will be able to begin our *Spiritual Gifts Assessment* study on **April 11**. There is still time to order the book, *Network Participant’s Guide, Revised: The Right People, in the Right Places, for the Right Reasons, at the Right Time*, by Bruce Bugbee and Don Cousins. The cost is \$10 and money is due by Wednesday **March 21**.



Easter Egg Hunt

Grab your baskets and let’s have some fun! Join us for a Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **March 24** from **5:00-7:30 p.m.** We will have games to play, food to eat, and smiles to share!



“REACHING PEOPLE” SEMINAR

Online registration is open again for the “Reaching People Under 30 While Keeping People over 60” seminar with Eddie Hammett. The new date for the seminar is **April 7** and deadline for registration will be **April 2**. You can also come by the office to register. Cost is \$20.

March 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Festival By the Sea (Youth Choir) March 2-4	3 Festival By the Sea (Youth Choir) March 2-4 ~~~~ Operation Inasmuch Info & Training in Garland, NC
4 <u>Week of Prayer for Home Missions - March 4-11</u> <i>Festival by the Sea Youth Chr</i> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship TBA Youth/Adult Handbells	5 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	6	7 5:00 Young Musicians Choir/ Children's Handchimes 5:45 Wed. Night Supper, 6:30 Prayer Meeting, "Equipping Church" (Ch 9 pp. 149-157), Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	8 10:00 Peer Learning Group for Pastor	9	10
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25 Palm Sunday 9:45 Sunday School <i>Ruth Believers Class at Liberty</i> 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:00 Melody Makers 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	26 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	27	28 5:00 Young Musicians Choir/ Children's Handchimes 5:45 Wed. Night Supper, 6:30 Prayer Meeting, "Equipping Church" (Ch. 11), Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	29 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion and Service of Shadows	30	31

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Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com, Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 a.m.
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