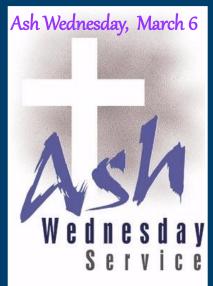
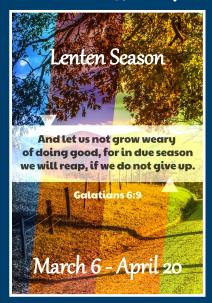


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We begin the month with
Transfiguration Sunday on
March 3rd. Ash Wednesday
service marks the beginning of
the Lenten season - a 40 day
journey to the cross. We look
forward to this service, in the
sanctuary, at 6:30 p.m. on
March 6. Everyone is invited to
be a part of this meaningful
service!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

MARCH 1-3, YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL BY THE SEA - MYRTLE BEACH, SC

MARCH 3, TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

COMMUNION

MARCH 6, ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 6:30 P.M., IN THE SANCTUARY.

MARCH 10. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, WMU MEETING, 10:00 A.M.

MARCH 14, DONAYRE CANCER CARE
CENTER, LUNCHEON, 12 NOON

MARCH 15, SAVING SONS FUNDRAISER, 10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

MARCH 18, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

MARCH 19, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.

MARCH 28-29, ANNUAL CBFNC MEETING IN GREENSBORO, NC

COMPLETE MONTHLY CALENDAR ON BACK.

TO ADD AN EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE: (910) 642-2139

MARCH SERMONS

PASTOR'S CORNER: "TESTING THE SPIRITS"



"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." Matthew 4:1, NRSV

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1, NRSV

This March, we begin the Lenten season. Lent is a time for us to "test the spirits." This is the only way we can know, and recognize, which voice is from God, and which voices are not. There's a reason that Jesus' ministry began by the Holy Spirit driving him out into the wilderness.

Jesus' journey was to be a long one; it was a difficult, intentional journey that led him to walk to his own death (a miserable one, at that). Jesus' time in the wilderness was a preparation for what was to come, but it was also a time for discernment.

"What, God, do you want me to do?"

"Who should join me in the work for which you are calling me?"

"Where do you want me to go?"

"Who do you want me to go to?"

Will you join me, in this season of Lent, to test the spirits, in order to get better at hearing the still, small voice of God? Will you join First Baptist Church in a season in the wilderness, where we are sure to also come face to face with temptation, in order that we might learn true dependency upon our maker?

Our journey will begin at our Ash Wednesday service, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

March 3

Transfiguration Sunday

A New Vision in an Old Religion

Luke 9:28-36

March 6

Ash Wednesday Godly Treasure Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 10

First Sunday in Lent Wild, Wild Wilderness Luke 4:1-13

March 17

Second Sunday in Lent

Courage

Luke 13:2-35

March 24

Third Sunday in Lent Second Chance Luke 13:1-9

March 31

Fourth Sunday in Lent Open Arms Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Do you know the significance of these words associated with the Lenten season?

| colt | denial | kiss | repent |
|-------------|------------|---------|--------|
| confess | donkey | lots | silver |
| cross | forsaken | palms | sins |
| crown | Gethsemane | penance | suffer |
| crucifixion | Golgotha | Pilate | thorns |
| death | hosanna | prayer | vigil |

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y C L E U X B M T H B U C W B N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B N G N L I S N L A I N E D X E W M P R V R D H B N R D F P S O G O L G O T H A B S C D L N R O C O N F E S S I K O T H T C P E K W U O U N D M N S H N P W E D R H F S K U N F O E T K Y C S G F O E H E C R E V L I S W Q E C M H V H N C X S O C C J R L O F Q E S U D S H C A A Y M C C R U C I F I X I O N S R V

"Ask, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall **find**; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." *Matt. 7:7-8*

WORD SEARCH





Note the following dates:

The Children's Choir is planning to sing in March. Date to be announced.

March 1-3, Youth Choir will participate in *Festival by the Sea* at Myrtle Beach.

March 6, Ash Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

March 10, Chancel Choir to combine with other choirs for the Carolyn T. High Mission

Conference, Whiteville United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.

March 11, Men's Ensemble to sing for the Carolyn T. High Mission Conference, 7:00 p.m.

March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, Sundays in the Season of Lent April 14, Palm/Passion Sunday (Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Children's Choir to participate.)

April 18, Maundy Thursday

April 21, Easter Sunday

Plan now to join us for each of these meaningful events and worship experiences.

Thanks to everyone who had a part in the Amazing Grace concert!

2018-2019 Music Ministry At a Glance!

Music Makers (for ages 4 years old and older)

Day and time tba

Young Musicians & Children's Handchimes

(for grades 1-5) Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir (for Adults and Youth) Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

Youth and Adult Handbells Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

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Youth Choir (for grades 6-12) Sunday, 5:20 p.m.

You are invited to find a place to use your musical talents this year. Join us for an exciting new year!

NOTICE

Please

Excuse our appearance
We are housing guests who are
Helping others in our community

Tabor City Baptist Church has been kind enough to loan us their shower trailer while we house work groups who come to our area to help with disaster recovery reconstruction. It is very important to the workers that they be able to clean up after a long day working with residential debris. More groups are already scheduled to be with us. We appreciate your patience and your vision to be a part of spreading the light of Christ in our community.

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.), Prayer Meeting (6:30-6:45 p.m.), Godly Play (6:30 - 7:30p.m.), & Bible Study (6:45-7:15) p.m. Nursery is available after supper.

Wednesday Night Supper



Menu - Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Dessert

> Brenda Carter - C Genie Carter - C

Haywood & Myrtle Corbett Myrtie Sellers Stephen & Heather Bazemore David Heath John & Janet Plasky

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley Katherine Scott

March 13

Menu - Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Bread and Dessert Hilda Ray & Karen Dawsey - C Brownie & Leigh Cook Donna & Stephen Prince

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

March 20

Menu - Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Vegetable and Dessert

Fred & Martha Senter - C

Betty Jo Prevatte Joe & Mary Hooks Mike & Becky Thompson

Nursery

Tricia Sanderson Leah Sanderson Carly Sanderson

March 27

Menu - Chicken Salad and Dessert

> Janice Young - C Charlotte Collins Merle Worley

Sylvia Elkins Sandi Floyd Bridger Warlick

Nursery

Brenda Carter or Genie Carter Kate Carter Lee

MARCH MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 3 Grayanna Young
- 10 Gina Morningstar
- 17 Taylor Jordan
- 24 Tricia Sanderson
- 31 Sherry Waters

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 3 Leigh Cook / Charlie Duncan
- 10 Joe Hooks / Merle Worley
- 17 Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson
- 24 Coburn Powell / Glenn Waters
- 31 Sandra Floyd / Kirby Sanderson

DVD DISTRIBUTION

- 3 Peggy Walters
- 10 Hilda Butler
- 17 Rose Langston
- 24 Frances Price
- 31 Jolene Lewis

HOSPICE MEAL

15 Betty Jo Prevatte

NURSERY

- 3 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson / Leah Sanderson / Carly Sanderson
- 10 Jim & Erin Warlick / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley
- 17 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn / Jennifer Williamson / Peggy Norosky
- 24 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan / Jennifer Armbrecht / Genie Carter
- 31 Mary Alice Stanley / Martha Senter / Jenny Clore

OFFERING TELLERS

Mel & April Ray

PEW STOCKER

Mary Jean Prince

SOUND & VIDEO

- 3 Mitchell Sauls
- 10 Bryce Russell
- 17 Kirby Sanderson
- 24 Eric Kronenwetter
- 31 Mitchell Sauls

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 3 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
- 10 Bill & Jolene Lewis
- 17 Rose Langston & J. C. Hyatt
- 24 Frances Price & Yvonne Bass
- 31 Mitchell Sauls & Bridger Warlick

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

24 Ruth Believers Class

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

- 3 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters / David Heath / Grayson Ward / J. C. Hyatt
- 10 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell Sauls / Clint Grainger / Johnny Britt
- 17 Travis Harrison / John Sauls / Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /Chris Blackmon
- 24 Harry Ward / David Tedder / Haywood Corbett / Kevin Williamson / Kyle Cook
- **31 TBA**

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Peggy Walters

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Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 103 Sunday School Attendance Average: 56

February 3, 2018- Attend 88 YTD

Budget Řec'd \$7,235.25 Budget Needs to Date \$131,161.50 Budget Needed \$7,286.75 **Budget Received YTD** \$121.167.33 \$51.50 **Budget Under YTD** \$9.994.17 Under

February 10, 2019- Attend 97 **YTD**

Budget Rec'd \$3,131.00 **Budget Needs to Date** \$138,448.25 Budget Needed \$7,286.75 **Budget Received YTD** \$124,298.33 Budget Under YTD Under \$4,155.75 \$14,149.92

February 17, 2019- Attend 111 **YTD**

Budget Řec'd **Budget Needs to Date** \$6,616.00 \$145,735.00 Budget Needed \$7,286.75 **Budget Received YTD** \$130,914.33 Under \$670.75 Budget Under YTD \$14,820.67

February 24, 2019- Attend 117 **YTD**

Budget Rec'd \$7,635.72 **Budget Needs to Date** \$153.021.75 Budget Needed \$7,286.75 **Budget Received YTD** \$138,550.05 Over \$348.97 Budget Under YTD \$14,471.70

Heck-Jones Offering \$2,159.00 (goal - \$3,000.00)



- 2 Janice Young **Grace Morningstar** Carson Lynn
- 3 Coburn Powell Byron Ward
- 6 Haywood Corbett Jan Hinson Tricia Sanderson **Peirson Young**
- Jerry FormyDuval **Gary Bass**
- 9 Anna Ezzell
- 11 Justin Faulk
- 12 **Rachel Powell**
- 13 Glenda Turbeville Nancy Smith Charles Lytle

- **Katie Thompson** Terri Powell Melissa Priest
- 15 Jay Hill
- **Brenda Carter** Wil Ezzell Chris Blackmon
- 22 Howard Tew
- Joe Cook 24 Clint Grainger
- Ken Waters Wendy Hensley John Carl Bowling
- 25 Hilda Butler
- 26 Jenny Rooks
- Johnny Britt

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Spotlight highlights Rev. Wallyce Todd and the nonprofit she founded/directs:

The Rev. Wallyce Todd has been connected to First Baptist Church since she was a baby in the cribs in the nursery here. In fact, her family often credits the church secretary of FBC at the time she was born for helping name her. Wallyce is the youngest daughter of the late Lionel Todd Sr. and his wife, Rita— both long-time members of FBC.

It was her oldest sister, Henrietta, 8-years-old when Wallyce was born, who answered the phone when the church secretary asked her "What have they named your new little sister?" (she was going to put it in the Contact or the bulletin, family lore recounts). Henrietta had heard her parents speak about naming the new sibling "Wallace/Wallis," but Henrietta said "Wah-lees," and the name stuck... and was added to the birth certificate that way: Martha Wallyce Todd.



As Wallyce grew up, FBC was an integral part of her childhood and beyond. She accepted Christ and was baptized here at the age of seven. She was in Mission Friends, GA's, Acteens, children's/youth choirs, Girls Ensemble and more. The Muppett Ministry, led by Frances Price and family (as well as Sandra Floyd and others), was foundational in Wallyce's spiritual growth and recognition that ministry could be extremely effective when incorporating the art of music, drama, storytelling and more. She saw how outreach that positively impacted others was at its core: caring and compassionate while staying in alignment with God's Word and telling the truth in love.

Wallyce was commissioned to the mission field by FBC in 2004. She served as a missionary journalist through Trans World Radio in Eastern Europe for two years. She was the first woman ordained by FBC in Whiteville to become a pastor in 2012 after she graduated from seminary in Los Angeles with her Master of Divinity.

Wallyce saw the serious need in our county for people to be matched with resources after Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Our community had definite needs and there were a variety of resources, but there seemed to often be a need to bridge the gap between the two. The Lord laid it on her heart to be that connection and Community CPR, as a 501(c)3, was born. The CCPR office is located in a warehouse named for another long-time member of FBC, her granddaddy, the late "Dan'l Todd." The Daniel Building can be visited by appointment at 210 E. Walter Street here in Whiteville. Since Hurricane Florence, CCPR is also operating in the warehouse beside its office.

CCPR helps our community in many different ways — with donated furniture and appliances, as well as food, clothing, housing needs, school backpack projects, advocating through case management and more. Not only does the organization help with physical needs, but they help individuals through mental and emotional support after trauma. In order to further meet the needs of the community, CCPR collaborates with a long list of other organizations (see below graphics).

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Collaborations within the Community including:

Columbus County Disaster Response Long Term Recovery Group Catholic Charities Lutheran Services **DREAM Center** Jewish Federation Familes First Small Business Center Baptist Men Ramps & Rails Ministry Dept of Social Services Families with Burn Outs Communities of Faith Churches of all Denominatons Social Workers Prayer Groups Community and Civic Organizations Living Hope Pregnancy Center Columbus Regional Healthcare System United Methodist Church Disaster Response Local & State Dept of Emergency Management Wallyce and the CCPR team are committed to building bridges between all kinds of people, organizations, communities of faith and beyond. The are passionate about what they have seen to be the truth: We are #strongertogether.

You can find CCPR online at www.commcpr.org. Contact information is: emailcommunitycpr.org, follow them out on Facebook at "Community CPR" or on Instagram @cprcommunity. You can call the CCPR office at 910-207-6929, and the CCPR cell at 910-625-7221.

COMMUNITY CPR

Connecting People & Resources

Our mission is to engage community members in volunteerism and in "neighbors helping neighbors" while connecting people in need with resources that will help them in mind, body, and spirit.

Ways to Help:

Donate Furniture, Household Items & Toiletries
Contribute Financially
Volunteer
Serve as an Advocate
Help Create Connections

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

March 11, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer and Program: Hilda Ray

Missions Emphasis: Saving Sons Fundraiser, Friday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

What a busy, fast winter this has been! By the time we meet on March 11, Spring will be just a few days away. Already new life is here! Spring is a time of rebirth – a characteristic that Christians should experience every day. As we strive to be witnesses for Christ, let us be renewed in faith and spirit with each new dawn, always looking for a means to share the gospel through both word and deed.

This month we have the opportunity of working with **Saving Sons in a fundraising event** to be held in our fellowship hall on **Friday, March 15**. Tickets are \$7.00 each and several WMU ladies have tickets to sell. We also need volunteers to help serve plates, make deliveries, etc. If you can help with this project, please let me know. Colton Reaves and others from the home frequently attend our Wednesday night services. You may also speak to Colton about the fundraiser.

Heck-Jones Offering Goal: \$3,000.00 Collected: \$2,159.00

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

DISASTER WORK GROUPS









Several families in our church have helped feed work groups when they were staying in our church. These are photos from the Kentucky group that was in the church most recently and some of the food and fellowship that they enjoyed while they worked in our community.



IN THE COMMUNITY

WORK TEAMS

Mark your calendars - we will be hosting disaster relief groups during the month of March. Praying Pelicans will be bringing teams the weeks of **March 3, March 10** and **March 24.** CBF of TN will be bringing a group the week of **March 17.** We appreciate your patience and your vision to be a part of spreading the light of Christ in our community.



AN INVITATION





You are invited to attend a presentation on **March 14** by the Donayre Care Cancer Center (DCCC). Kelsey Lynn, BSN, RN, Oncology Nurse Navigator, Lisa Thomas, Director, MSN, RN, OCN and a nutritionist will be on hand to prepare sample healthy menus. The presentation is sponsored by the Greater Columbus Women's Civic League and will be held in the First Baptist church Fellowship Hall and begins at **12 noon.** Lunch will be provided. Please mark your calendars, invite a friend and learn more about health opportunities available through the DCCC. Call Lauren Cole at 910-840-3785 for further information.

FUNDRAISER

Saving Sons, Inc. is a nonprofit organization based out of Whiteville, NC. They are committed to making a difference by actively combatting substance abuse. They offer help to any man struggling with addiction by admission into their Christian, faith-based recovery program.



On March 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saving Sons, Inc. will be holding a chicken bog fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church. The plates will be \$7 each. They need volunteers to sign up to help make plates. Please come out and show your support for this organization. You can sign up to help in the church office. For more information contact Colton Reaves, 910-770-2221.



OPERATION INASMUCH 2019

Mark you calendar for our **2019 Operation Inasmuch** — **April 27.** We look forward to seeing you there. There will be more details in the April newsletter.

RADIO BROADCAST

Remember, if for some reason you cannot make it to the Sunday morning worship service, you have three ways you can listen to the live worship broadcast every Sunday morning: 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.)



| | | | March 2019 | | | |
|---|--|------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | 1 Youth Choir Festival by the Sea - Myrtle Beach, SC | 2 Youth Choir Festival by the Sea - Myrtle Beach, SC |
| 3 Transfiguration Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship Youth Choir Festival by the Sea - Myrtle Beach, SC | 4 10:00 Staff Meeting | 5 | 6 Ash Wednesday 5:00 Young Musicians (Grades 1-5) 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Service in the Sanctuary, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Lent Begins 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 3:30 Youth Bible Study 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:20 Youth Choir | 11 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 WMU | 12 | 13 5:00 Young Musicians (Grades 1-5) 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir | 1412:00 Donayre Cancer Center Luncheon3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry) | 1510:00-2:00 Saving Sons Chicken Bog Fundraiser12:00 Hospice Meals Served | 16 |
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