

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020, VOLUME 55, NUMBER 3





We are excited to welcome our newest members - Tom, Tanya, Lauren, Olivia, and Hannah Clark and Jennifer, Mary-Gregg, and Maggie Williamson - to our congregation! We feel honored and privileged that these families have chosen First Baptist Church as their family of faith. May we encourage one another as we serve God together in our church and our community. May He continue to bless our ministry and these new beginnings!

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7 ESV

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

MARCH 1, SEASON OF LENT BEGINS

MARCH 2, PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:00 P.M.

MARCH 6–8, YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL BY THE SEA

MARCH 8–9, CAROLYN T. HIGH PREACHING MISSION AT WUMC, 6:30 P.M.

MARCH 9, WMU MEETING, 10:00 A.M.

MARCH 15, COMMUNITY YOUTH MEETING, AT WUMC, 6:00 P.M.

MARCH 16, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

MARCH 17, DEACONS MEETING, 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 21, FAMILY LIFE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, 5:30 P.M.

MARCH 28, COMMUNITY YOUTH MEETING, AT WUMC

COMPLETE MONTHLY CALENDAR ON BACK.

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



PASTOR'S CORNER



Thank you, First Baptist Church of Whiteville, for your very warm and wonderful welcome this past Sunday, February 23, 2020. I also thank Mr. Coburn Powell for his very kind introduction and welcome in the Morning Worship Service, and I appreciate your vote of confidence as a congregation as we began our ministry together. I thank Ms. Dale Duncan, Chairperson, and the other members of the Interim Pastor Search Committee who interviewed me and extended the call on behalf of your entire church for me to come share with you. You are a very gracious and loving congregation, and I truly appreciate and count it a joy, honor, and privilege to serve Jesus Christ with you. THANK YOU for your trust in extending me this call.

It also has been my pleasure to become reacquainted with Dr. Fred Senter and his sweet wife, Martha. Dr. Senter has served very effectively as your Supply Pastor. He and I were in the doctoral program during the same time at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. I appreciate the fine and dedicated work he has done in his service with you here in Whiteville at First Baptist Church and for the Kingdom of God. May God continue to guide and bless Dr. and Mrs. Senter in all they do and as they continue to serve here to be a blessing in this great church they love so much. I am sure you all join with me in expressing our sincere gratitude for their dedication, faithfulness, and service!

I often have heard and have quoted, *The future is as bright as the promises of God!* He has promised to be with us always through His Holy Spirit, and I am excited to see what He is going to lead and allow us to accomplish together. This week it was my privilege and pleasure to meet and work with your wonderful church staff. I was very impressed and thankful to get to meet and know each one of them. I shared in our staff meeting on Monday morning, as Proverbs 3:5-6 instructs us, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

I reminded the staff (and myself) that we all as a staff--and as a congregation--must **trust** each other, work together to **serve** each and every member of the church as we **reach out** in Jesus' Name and love, and always respect the gift of **confidentiality** as we share in ministry together. First Corinthians 3:9 reminds us that as a staff and as a congregation, *We ARE laborers together with God!* May God help us all to celebrate being a part of HIS family, each doing his or her part in building HIS house . . . HIS church . . . and HIS Kingdom as HE leads us together. **THANK YOU** for giving me the privilege of serving **with you** and I truly look forward to our journey **together**!

May God continue to guide and bless all of us as we continue to serve HIM today . . . forever . . . and always—in ALL ways! PLEASE feel free to call on me at anytime and let me know if I can ever be of help to you. You may call the church office (910.642.2139) or, my cell phone, (843.796.0397) whenever you want to arrange a time and a place to meet, ok? Let's "have fun and enjoy the journey"—as God leads us together—trusting and serving Him and giving our very best efforts as He guides us day by day. With God's help, let's pray we truly can "make Christian history together" here at the First Baptist Church of Whiteville, for whatever length of time God allows us to serve Him together, ok? Thank you!

My wife, Joy, and our entire family join me
gratefully and prayerfully in Jesus' Name and amazing love and grace

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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

## MUSIC NOTES





The Season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, Lent is the season for personal and corporate spiritual renewal. It is a time for deep study of God's Word, for meditation, for prayer, and for self-examination. It begins quietly with ashes and builds in intensity as the observance of Christ's death and resurrection grow closer. May we each seek spiritual renewal in God during this Lenten Season.

Sundays in Lent, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Palm Sunday, April 5 Maundy Thursday, April 9 Good Friday, April 10 Easter Sunday, April 12

The Youth Choir will participate in the *Festival by the Sea*, March 6-8. The festival involves over 350 youth singers from churches in the Southeast. The festival concludes with a Sunday morning worship incorporating the music the youth have prepared.

Do you have musical talents presently not being used? All of our choirs invite you to join the Music Ministry here at First Baptist.

At a Glance...
Plan now to join us for the
2019-2020 Music Ministry

**Children's Choir** 

(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.

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

# Puzzle!

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

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Challenge: What do we commonly call this song?

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.; The

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.), Prayer Meeting and Bible Study (6:30–7:15 p.m.), Godly Play (6:30-7:30p.m.)

Nursery is available after supper.

## Wednesday Night Supper



**Menu** - Chicken Casserole, Green Peas, Fruit, Rolls Dessert

Brenda Carter &
Genie Carter—C
Kirby & Trish Sanderson
Tina Sauls

#### <u>Nursery</u>

Mary Alice Stanley Katherine Scott

#### March 11

**Menu** - Meat Loaf, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas Dessert

#### Mary Alice Stanley

Myrtie Sellers
David Heath
John & Janet Plasky

#### **Nursery**

Peggy Norosky

#### March 18

**Menu -** Ham, Roasted Potatoes, Stewed Cabbage, Waldorf Salad, Dessert

#### Fred & Martha Senter—C

Betty Jo Prevatte, Joe & Mary Hooks, Willis & Sue Pinnell

#### Nursery

Tricia Sanderson Leah Sanderson Carly Sanderson

#### March 25

Menu - Covered Dish Meal

Janice Young—C

Charlotte Collins

Merle Worley

Sylvia Elkins

Sandi Floyd

Bridger Warlick

#### Nursery

Brenda Carter or Genie Carter

## MARCH MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Grayanna Young
- 8 Gina Morningstar
- 15 Tina Sauls
- 22 Tricia Sanderson
- 29 TBA

#### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 1 David Carter / Charlie Duncan
- 8 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley
- 15 Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson
- 22 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson
- 29 Sandra Floyd / Haywood Corbett

#### DVD DISTRIBUTION

- 1 Peggy Walters
- 8 Hilda Butler
- 15 Rose Langston
- 22 Jolene Lewis
- 29 Rose Langston

#### HOSPICE MEAL

20 Betty Jo Prevatte

#### NURSERY

- 2 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson
- 9 Jim & Erin Warlick
- 16 Peggy Norosky / Wendy Hensley
- 23 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter
- 29 Mary Alice Stanley / Brenda Carter

#### **PEW STOCKER**

Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

#### SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Mitchell Sauls
- 8 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Mitchell Sauls

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 8 Genie Carter
- 15 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
- 22 Bill & Jolene Lewis
- 29 Mitchell Sauls / Bridger Warlick

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

22 Ruth Believers Class

**USHERS** (Chairman: Joe Hooks)

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

**29 TBA** 

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

**Peggy Walters** 

#### Contact Information

#### Ministerial Staff

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#### **Special Offering Totals**

Lottie Moon \$2,320.94 Global \$3,100.00 Heck-Jones \$2,212.00

Baptist Retirement Homes \$126.00



2	Janice Young	9 Anna E
	Jan Hinson	11 Justin
	<b>Grace Morningstar</b>	12 Rachel
3	Coburn Powell	13 Glenda
	Byron Ward	Nancy
6	Haywood Corbett	Charle
	Nick Griffin	Tanya
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7	Jerry FormyDuval	Terri P
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#### **Our Financial Stewardship** February 2, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$0.00 Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$3,981.00 **Budget Gifts Operational** \$425.00 **Total Budget This Week** \$4,406.00 Designated/Other Funds \$295.50 Total Collections This Week \$4,701.50 **Under Budget This Week** \$2,259.50

Budget Need to date \$126,644.50 Budget Rec'd to date \$136,084.99 Over \$9,440.49

#### February 9, 2020

**Budget Gifts Plan** \$0.00 **Budget Gifts Plan** \$5,212.00 **Budget Gifts Operational** \$0.00 **Total Budget This Week** \$5,212.00 Designated/Other Funds \$620.00 Total Collections This Week \$5,832.00 **Under Budget This Week** \$1,453.50 Budget Need to date \$99,982.50 Budget Rec'd to date \$114,498.89 Over \$14,516.39

#### February 16, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$445.00 Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$6,375.50 \$2,030.00 **Budget Gifts Operational Total Budget This Week** \$8,850.50 Designated/Other Funds \$511.00 Total Collections This Week \$9,361.50 **Over Budget This Week** \$2,185.00

Budget Need to date \$133,310.00 Budget Rec'd to date \$144,785.49 Over \$11,475.49

February 23, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$0.00 Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$5,157.50 **Budget Gifts Operational** \$700.00 **Total Budget This Week** \$5,857.50 Designated/Other Funds \$395.00 Total Collections This Week \$6,252.50 **Under Budget This Week** \$808.00 Budget Need to date \$113,313.50 Budget Rec'd to date \$123,353.89 Over \$10,040.39

## FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Spotlight highlights our new Interim Pastor and his wife, Dr. Wayne and Mrs. Joy Brown.

Milton Wayne Brown is a native South Carolinian. He was born in Spartanburg, but "grew up" in his hometown of Blacksburg, where he made his profession of faith, was baptized, married, and was ordained into the ministry (1970) at First Baptist Church of Blacksburg.

Wayne graduated from Blacksburg High School in 1963. He graduated from Limestone College in Gaffney with a BA in Sociology and Psychology (1967). He received the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry degrees (1970 and 1973 respectively) from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina and attended the School of Pastoral Care at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem (1969).

While serving as a Student Summer Missionary with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Mexico and Arizona in 1965, Wayne says God confirmed His call to him for the ministry. He served as Minister of Music at the Providence Baptist Church in Gaffney, South Carolina from 1965-1967, while a student at Limestone College, and was licensed into the ministry by that church in 1965. During his first year of seminary he served as Student Chaplain and Minister of Music at the Murdoch School in Butner, North Carolina.



In the spring of 1969, Wayne served as Minister of Youth at the Rock Spring Baptist Church in Bunn/Louisburg, North Carolina and in the same position during the summer of 1969 at the Converse Baptist Church in Converse, South Carolina.

Wayne is married (August 16, 1969) to the former Joyce Ann (Joy) Clary, and they are blessed with two precious daughters, Meri Beth and Molly and their wonderful families. Meri Beth and her husband, Thomas Howard, live in Kings Mountain, North Carolina with their son, Ty, (11). Molly and her husband, Christman Howard, live in Myrtle Beach with their children, Mazi Grace (11) and Bronson (10). (Their daughters married first cousins.)

The Browns have served in ministry together in churches including: Millbrook Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina (1969-1975) as Associate Pastor and Minister of Music, Education and Youth; First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina (1975-1977) as Associate Pastor and Minister of Youth and College Ministries.

The Browns have pastored the following churches: West End Baptist Church, Gaffney, South Carolina (1977-1984); West Monmouth Baptist Church, Freehold, New Jersey (1984-1988); First Baptist Church, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (1988-2003) and First Baptist Church, Boone, North Carolina (2003-2008).

The Browns have served in Interim Pastorates at the following churches: Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church, Loris South Carolina (2013-2014); Olyphic Baptist Church, Olyphic, North Carolina (2014-2015); First Baptist Church, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (2015-2017); First Baptist Church, Florence, South Carolina (2018); and Pleasant View Baptist Church, Nichols, South Carolina (2019).

Joy and Wayne founded **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES**, their faith-based organization based in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and entered that fulltime in 2008 as an outreach ministry for missions, evangelism, encouragement, and the production of Christian literature locally, nationally, and globally. They use diverse methods . . . to reach diverse people . . . who have diverse needs as a **BRIDGE** for **Building Relationships Individually Domestically Globally Evangelistically!** 

Joy is a published author and is a motivational speaker for retreats and conferences. She also interprets in sign language for the deaf.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **WMU**

March 9, 2020 10:00 A.M.

Missions Project: Annie Armstrong Offering Goal: \$1,000

**Devotion and Call to Prayer: Mary Alice Stanley** 



Thank you, First Baptist Church, for helping make WMU Focus Week informative, enjoyable, and successful. Our Heck-Jones offering goal was \$1,000.00, and we surpassed that amount with offerings of \$1,671.00 given at the Wednesday night meal on February 12. We have collected \$2,237.00 to date. These funds are used entirely for missions work in North Carolina.

We will observe the <u>North American Mission Emphasis & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 1 - 8.</u> The theme for this year's emphasis is "**It's all about the gospel**". The offering goal is \$1,000.00. Please join the WMU in praying for, and giving to, missions.

**Watchword:** "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. <u>Always keep busy working for the Lord.</u> 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

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Baptist Men's Breakfast, Sunday, April 19**—The men of the church are invited to breakfast and to connect with brothers in Christ to discuss future project opportunities.

Churchwide Birthday Celebration hosted by Family Life Committee, Saturday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.—
Come and join us as we celebrate all our birthdays from January through December on one day. There will be a table decorated for each month of the year. Please contact Mary Alice Stanley or the church office to reserve a spot at your birthday month table. The spaghetti dinner will be provided by the Family Life Committee. Make your reservations now.

**Operation Inasmuch, Saturday, May 2**—if you know of any project that you would like the church to be involved in, please call the church office.

### SUNSHINE SENIOR ADULT GROUP

**Amazing Grace II**, **Sunday**, **April 19**, **3:00 p.m.**— Sponsored by the Sunshine Group. Details forthcoming.

**Covered Dish, Sunday, May 31, 5:00 p.m.—at the Lake.** Details forthcoming.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COMMUNITY MEETING

Community youth meetings will be at Whiteville United Methodist Church for the month of March. The first meeting is **March 15 at 6:00 p.m.** The youth will meet at WUMC, go out for pizza, and return to WUMC for the balance of the meeting. The second meeting this month will be on **March 28**. Watch for details. We hope to see you there.





## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Our First Baptist Church College Scholarships for the fall semester are now available in the church office. They need to be completed and returned to the office by **April 1st**. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Prince (910-840-6673).

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Beginning **April 5th** we will begin a spring kickoff at FBC to promote our Sunday school classes. We need more teachers for our children's classes. Right now we have nursery, 3, 4 and 5 year old class, 1st and 2nd grade class and 3rd, 4th and 5th grade class. Our adult classes currently have teachers. If anyone is willing to assist in helping with any of our children's classes, please contact me at (910)840-1856. Please invite anyone you might know to Sunday school. I look forward to seeing everyone. Thank you.



## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. A community meal packaging evetn at WUMC Fellowship Hall will take place on **Saturday, April 25 from 9:00a.m. –12:00 p.m.** If you would like to make monetary donations, you can write your check to First Baptist Church and mark it "Rise Against Hunger". If you have any questions about volunteering or donating, please call the church office.





Congratulations to Jody and Brittney Grainger on the birth of their baby girl, Gemma Juelene Grainger, February 3, 2020, 7 lbs and 11 oz. Congratulations to dad and mom, Chad and Kate C. Lee and big brother, Major, on the birth of their daughter and sister, Kimball Shields Lee, on February 6, 2020, 7 lbs and 11 oz.



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