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Growing Toward Christ

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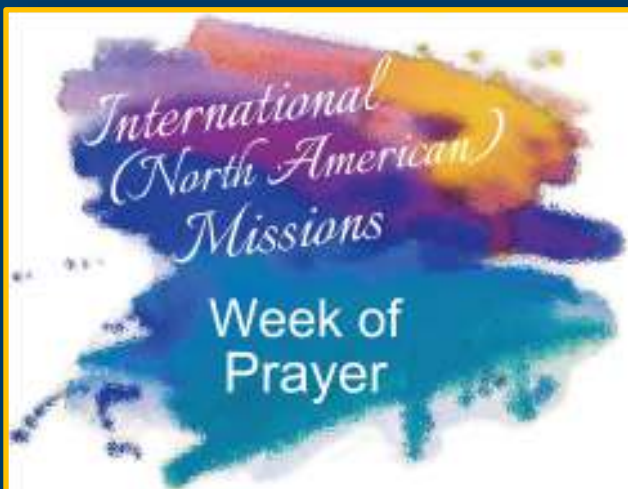
*Please join us
Wednesday,
March 2nd,
for Ash
Wednesday
Service at
6:30 p.m.*



Events At A Glance

- March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Sunshine Group Yoga Class, 10:00 a.m.
- March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.
- March 2, 9, 16, 23 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.
- March 6 - Beginning of Lenten Season
- March 6 - Program for Week of Prayer for International (North American) Missions during morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
- March 7, 14, 21, 28 - Children's Music Activity, 5:15 p.m.
- March 9—April 13 - Community Lenten Services at WUMC, Wednesdays at 12:00 noon.
- March 13 - Daylight Saving Time Begins (spring forward)
- March 14 - WMU Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- March 15 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- March 16 - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:45 p.m.
- March 16 - Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- March 21 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Complete monthly calendar on back.



March 6-12 is the Week of Prayer for International (North American) Missions, and we will have a special program Sunday, March 6 with vocalist, Mrs. Carol Caldwell, and pianist, Mr. James Marley. More details in the WMU article on page 6 of this Contact.

PASTOR'S CORNER



February at First Baptist Church in Whiteville was a very significant month! On Sunday, February 13th, we celebrated “Love Your Church Sunday,” which included the prayerful exchanging of our “hearts” with one another at the conclusion of the Morning Worship Service. We are very grateful to Genie Carter and our Social Committee for their preparation and distribution of the “hearts.” Any offerings received on that special Sunday, which also was the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Missions, were given by the donors—as they were led by God to give to any designated ministries of the church—in addition to our regular tithes and offerings. Thanks to Mary Alice Stanley and our Family Life Committee, a beautiful, delicious, fun and well-attended church-wide Valentine’s Banquet was held on Sunday, February 13th, which also featured the adorable children of our church’s Children’s Music Activity, Rev. Eddie Fort’s “musical games,” and Fred Senter’s inspiration and comedy. Joy and I enjoyed sharing a medley of “love songs.” It truly was a festive and joyful occasion!

We also were blessed with a wonderful Missions Banquet on Wednesday, February 16th, thanks to our Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU). The banquet provided another delicious and meaningful time for the entire church as we heard the delightful and inspirational Reverend Caroline Jones . . . and her character/alter ego known as “Symphony Rose.” It was a fantastic and blessed evening including a very humorous, yet very challenging message by Reverend Jones. The evening also was a significant time for the “in-gathering” of our Heck-Jones Missions Offering during the Week of Prayer for Missions. Our church’s goal is \$3000, and we praise God and thank all who have helped us reach the goal. If you have not yet given your offering, please do . . . so we can EXCEED our goal even more. We thank Myrtle Corbett, our WMU Director, and all of the WMU who helped in any way to provide such a beautiful evening!

I am thankful to welcome Mrs. Carol Caldwell, vocalist and Mr. James Marley, pianist on March 6 for a special program for the Week of Prayer for International (North American) Missions during our morning worship.

Wherever we have served on a church staff and in whatever position we may have served, Joy and I and our daughters, Meri Beth and Molly, have always been thankful to host and/or be involved with ecumenical events in our community. I love the fact that in our various denominations, we all may have different **methods** and church policies, but our **message** is always the same: we **all** worship and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, God’s Son, the Savior of the world! In fact, in Myrtle Beach, one fellow minister from another denomination announced one evening in a community service hosted at our church, “I think Wayne Brown is an ecu-maniac!” I responded by thanking the minister and I said that I thought that was one of the nicest compliments I had ever received!

As the Lenten Season begins, we will offer a Worship Service here at First Baptist Church in our sanctuary at 6:30 pm on ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2nd. We also have the great opportunity to join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from many various denominations to worship together in a series of Lenten Services to be hosted at the Whiteville United Methodist Church. The series will be held at 12 o’clock noon each Wednesday, March 9 – April 13, with lunch provided following the worship service each week. The speakers and the churches they represent are listed below. The services will be live streamed if you cannot attend in person: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9bB7RVAnwK5COMk-Okn1A>. We also are invited to WUMC on Sunday, March 13 at 6 p.m. for their Carolyn T. High Preaching Service.

Let’s please try to support these ecumenical services—as we cross denominational lines—with a wonderful attendance from First Baptist Church as we *forsake not the assembling of ourselves together* (Hebrews 10:25) and as we worship God together with our friends and co-laborers in the Kingdom of God . . . through Christ Jesus . . . and in the power of His Holy Spirit. . . thus fulfilling Psalm 133:1, *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity.*

God bless you today and always—in ALL ways! May you have a wonderful and meaningful Lenten Season in worship, praise, sacrifice, and service!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ love,

Wayne Brown

Lenten Services at WUMC speakers:

3/09—Rev. Joe Washburn

3/16—Rev. Andy Anderson

3/23—Rev. Mary Nixon

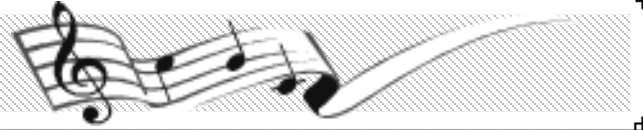
3/30—Dr. Judy Curtis

4/06—Rev. Wayne Brown

4/13—Rev. Marty Sellers



Music Notes



Our journey through the **Lenten Season** begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2.

The season of **Lent** is forty days in length excluding Sundays. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries.

The number *forty* carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness.

Realizing that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, we journey through Lent in preparation for Good Friday and Easter (two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year.)

Thus, Lent is a season of preparation and repentance. During the Lenten Season we are challenged to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith on Easter Sunday. As Christians we are called to deepen our devotion and commitment to God.

(copied and /or adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2004.)

The Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. You are invited to join us!

Our **Children's Music Activity** meets each Monday at 5:15 p.m. We continue our theme **All Creation Sings**. Please, invite your neighborhood children age 4 through 2nd grade to participate. All are welcome! Thank you children for singing for our Valentine Banquet.

May God inspire us to a deeper devotion and service this Lenten Season as we journey to Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday.

Eddie



OUR NEWEST MEMBER

We welcome our newest member, Benlyn Sauls, to the First Baptist Church Family. Most of you already know Benlyn. She, her parents, and her brother have been a part of FBC for years. Benlyn came forward on Sunday, February 20, to join our membership by baptism on her profession of faith. We praise the Lord and we pray for Benlyn in her walk with the Lord. "The LORD bless you, and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace." Number 6:24-26

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

The Wednesday Night Supper Cooking Groups have begun preparing meals for our once-a-month, third Wednesday evening prayer meetings. We will have meals through the month of May. This month the meal will be on Wednesday, March 16 at 5:45 p.m. prior to Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m., prepared by Groups 1 and 2.

April 20 - Groups 3 and 4

May 18 - Groups 5 and 6



MARCH MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

6 Tina Sauls
13 Gina Morningstar
20 Tricia Sanderson
27 Grayanna Young

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

6 Stephen Prince / Mary Alice Stanley
13 Kate C. Lee / Ron Walters
20 Janice Young / Brad Johnson
27 Ron Walters / Haywood Corbett

HOSPICE SNACKS

Betty Jo Prevatte

SOUND & VIDEO

6 Mitchell Sauls
13 Bryce Kronenwetter
20 Kirby Sanderson
27 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

6 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
13 Genie Carter
20 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
27 Bill and Jolene Lewis

USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

February 6, 2022 - 40
February 13, 2022 - 38
February 20, 2022 - 44
February 27, 2022 - 32

Average attendance for February
Sunday School is 38.

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

STEWARDSHIP

February 6, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$6,460.00
Budget Gifts Operational \$20.00
Total Budget This Week \$6,480.00

Designated/Other Funds \$375.00
Total Collections This Week \$6,855.00

Under Budget This Week \$114.56

Budget Need to date \$125,296.64
Budget Rec'd to date \$119,742.50
Under Budget to date \$5,554.14

February 13, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$310.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$4,595.00
Budget Gifts Operational \$350.00
Total Budget This Week \$5,255.00

Designated/Other Funds \$515.00
Total Collections This Week \$5,770.00

Under Budget This Week \$1,339.56.00

Budget Need to date \$131,891.20
Budget Rec'd to date \$124,997.50
Over Budget to date \$6,893.70

February 20, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$180.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$5,167.00
Budget Gifts Operational \$210.00
Total Budget This Week \$5,557.00

Designated/Other Funds \$1,010.00
Total Collections This Week \$6,567.00

Under Budget This Week \$1,037.56

Budget Need to date \$138,485.76
Budget Rec'd to date \$130,554.50
Under Budget to date \$7,931.26

February 27, 2022

(Figures 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

Under Budget This Week \$0.00

Budget Need to date \$0.00
Budget Rec'd to date \$0.00
Under Budget to date \$0.00

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Janice Young
Janis Hinson
Grace Morningstar
3 Coburn Powell
Byron Ward
4 Jason Wheatley
6 Haywood Corbett
Patricia Sanderson
Pierson Young
7 Gary Bass
9 Anna Ezzell
11 Justin Faulk
12 Rachel Powell
13 Glenda Turbeville
Nancy Smith
Charles Lytle
Tanya Clark
14 Terri Powell
Melissa Priest
17 Brenda Carter
Wil Ezzell
18 Chris Blackmon
22 Lois Willetts
Howard Tew
Joe Cook
24 Clint Grainger
Ken Waters
Wendy Hensley
25 Hilda Butler
26 Jenny Rooks
27 Johnny Britt

Heck-Jones Offering

Goal \$3,000

Received—Banquet \$2,145.00
Other \$1,180.00
Total \$3,325.00

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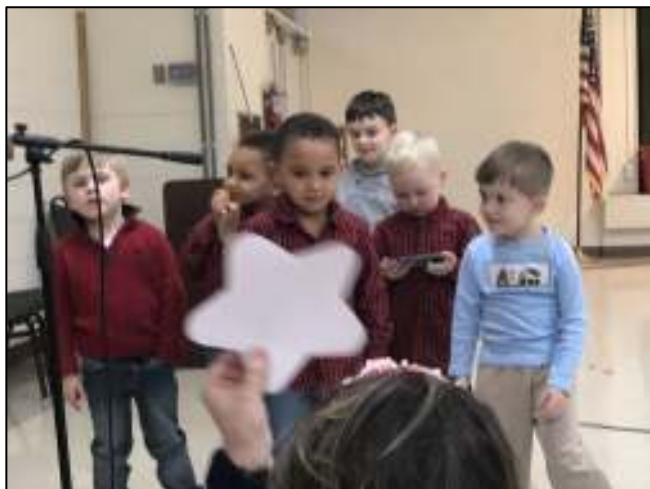
OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.,
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VALENTINE'S DINNER GALLERY

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Thank you for joining us! We had a wonderful time of family, fun, and fellowship around a delicious meal prepared by the Family Life Committee. Thank you for all the work that went in to the evening.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU



WMU Meeting: March 14, 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer and Program: Betty Jo Prevatte

Week of Prayer for International Missions: March 6 – 13, 2022

Heck-Jones Offering Collected: \$3,325.00 Goal: \$3,000

Hospice Snacks for March: Betty Jo Prevatte

What a wonderful experience to celebrate WMU Focus Week with our excellent speaker Rev. Caroline Jones (aka Symphony Rose) and her husband, Rev. Archie Jones. We were challenged, informed, inspired and entertained. Thank you to the WMU ladies who prepared a delicious meal and to our young ladies who so graciously served tables: Hannah, Olivia, Carly, Mary Gregg and Jillian.

The Week of Prayer for International (North American) Missions is March 6 – 12. A special program is planned for Sunday, March 6, during the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. Mrs. Carol Caldwell, vocalist, and Mr. James Marley, pianist, will participate in the service. We hope you will make a special effort to attend this service. The Annie Armstrong Offering goal for First Baptist is \$500.00. You may also designate your offering to Global Missions.

2020-21 Watchword: *But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.* Hebrews 10:39

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett

WMU Director



YOGA CLASS

The Sunshine Group is sponsoring an 11 week Yoga Class instructed by Pat Woodward. The class runs until Tuesday, April 19, and meets at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This session is already full, but if you would be interested in being involved in a future class, please contact Mary Alice Stanley (910-640-7503) or the church office (910-642-2139).

March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

*Ruminate, Ponder, Consider, Meditate. . . And Think
on These Things!*

Philippians 4:4-9

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

*Father, Forgive Them, For They Know Not
What They Do.*

Luke 23:34

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

*Verily, I Say Unto You, Today You Shall Be With Me
In Paradise.*

Luke 23:43

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Woman, Behold Your Son! Behold Your Mother!

John 19:26-27

MARCH SERMONS

HECK-JONES BANQUET



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WITH SYMPHONY
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