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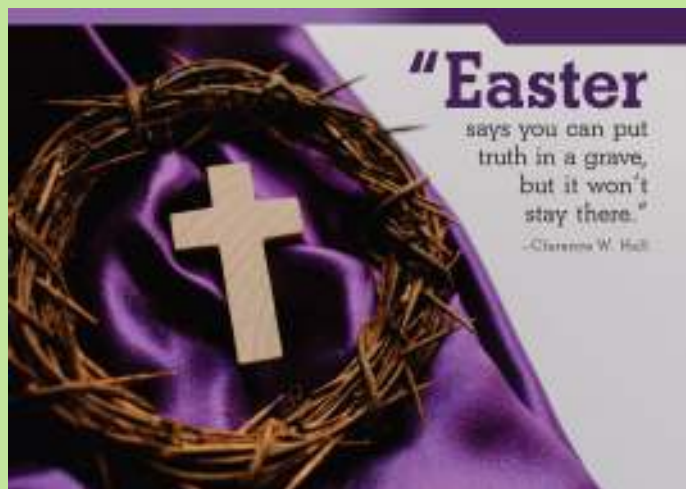
Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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You are invited to celebrate Communion with us on
Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.



Come celebrate the resurrection of our Savior with us
this Easter, March 31 at 11:00 a.m.

Events At A Glance

- March 1 - Community CPR Chicken Bog Plate Sale,
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., FBC Fellowship Hall.
- March 5 - Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- March 5, 12, 19, 26 - Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- March 6, 13, 20, 27 - Community Lenten Services at
WUMC, 12:00 noon with lunch to follow.
- March 6, 13, 20, 27 - Wednesday Night Prayer Service,
6:30 p.m.
- March 7, 14 - "Growing Young" Open Forum, 6:30 p.m.
- March 10 - Daylight Saving Time Begins, 2:00 a.m.
- March 11 - WMU Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- March 18 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- March 19 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- March 20 - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:45 p.m.
- March 23 - Children's Easter Activity, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m.
- March 29 - Family Movie Night, 6:30 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



"Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you." **Isaiah 60:1**

Easter is definitely among my favorite times of the year! The fresh and vibrant new growth of spring is quickly awakening to brand new life at this exciting time. The flowers are once again in colorful bloom, the grass, the trees; are all showing off their "designer" green coats again. And the birds have seemingly awakened from a long slumber and are joyously announcing the upcoming celebration with their beautiful spring songs.

We just can't wait, can we? I'm excited about God's promise of a brand new life that lies just ahead. And what is this brand new life, you might ask? We're not just talking about plants and trees here! We can see it all around us. We can see it in **all of His creation!** We see it in His house of worship at First Baptist Whiteville. And we can also see it on the faces of His beautiful children. *"Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy."*

Trust me when I say to you that God is on the move at First Baptist! I bring it with great anticipation and jubilation as I ask the question: "So where do we begin?" It's with His infinite blessings that we will soon be basking in the fragrant aroma as brought about by the bringing down of the Kingdom of heaven - right down here into Whiteville!

As blues musician Tom Waite once said, *"Let's put a new coat of paint on this lonesome old town."* Let us please stay tuned to some of the new initiatives that are soon to be introduced - and prayerfully put into place. As one church body, may we continue to gather together. Both in, and out of God's House, may we pray, sing, laugh, and always discuss how best to be of service to Him.

May God bless you all. **HAPPY EASTER!!**

Pastor Hillman

CHURCH AFTER CHURCH

Lets be the gospel that others see outside of church walls. We would like to do this by moving out into the community together for lunch each Sunday after morning worship service. As we fellowship together over lunch, our love for one another will prove to the world that we are His disciples.



Thank you, First Baptist Family, for allowing Community CPR to host their first official Chicken Bog fundraiser in the FBC fellowship hall on Friday, March 1. What a blessing!

Wallyce Todd
Executive Director CCPR

THANK YOU

THINK ON THESE THINGS

That irritating neighbor and the disagreeable coworker have been put in to your life so you can reach them with the message of the gospel! The primary way God has chosen to reach people is through other people. — Matthew 28:19a NLT- *Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations.*

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we have absolute truth available to us every day? That's a debatable subject for a lot of the world today. As Christians, it should be straight forward to us. Did you know that when you pick up God's word that you hold absolute truth in your hands. *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* Hebrews 13:8 KJV. God has never changed, what he said thousands of years ago still stands true today. In Hebrews 4:14-16 NLT, the writer tells us, *Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

The point of this particular discourse is the fact that God wants to have a relationship with us. We can still trust Him in His word, and we can still depend on the fact that He understands our weaknesses and the trials that we face. He will be with us, Isaiah 41:10 NLT—*Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.* He will intercede for us, Romans 8:26 KJV—*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

We appreciate everyone who participates in preparing the meals, as well as those who come to enjoy them. We plan to continue to provide the fellowship meal at least once a month. We hope you will join us on **Wednesday, March 20 at 5:45 p.m.**

March 20, 2024

Group 6
Fred & Martha Senter,
Co-chairs

April 24, 2024

Group 7
Peggy Norosky, Chair
Conference Set up for
Covered-dish

May 15, 2024

Group 3
Myrtle & Haywood Corbett,
Co-chairs

MARCH MESSAGES

March 3, 2024

Our Great God Will Provide
Philippians 4:19

March 10, 2024

Who Are Your Gentiles?
Ephesians 3:8

March 17, 2024

Tomorrow Just As Today
John 9:4

March 24, 2024

Same Product, Different Label
Matthew 6:33

March 31, 2024

He Is Risen
John 15:13

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICES

March 6, 2024

Strolling Through Galatians

March 13, 2024

Strolling Through Galatians

March 20, 2024

Strolling Through Galatians

March 27, 2024

Strolling Through Galatians



MARCH MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 3 Tina Sauls
- 10 Jan Hinson
- 17 Tricia Sanderson
- 24 Beverly Pope
- 31 TBD

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 3 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 10 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson
- 17 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray
- 24 Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 31 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray

HOSPICE MEALS

Betty Jo Prevatte

NURSERY WORKERS

- 3 Brad & Anna Johnson
- 10 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
- 17 Keith & Jamie Beverley
- 24 Brenda Carter / Genie Carter
- 31 Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

SOUND & VIDEO

- 3 Kirby Sanderson
- 10 Eric Kronenwetter
- 17 Kirby Sanderson
- 24 Eric Kronenwetter
- 31 Kirby Sanderson



FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

February 4, 2024 - 54
February 11, 2024 - 42
February 18, 2024 - 44
February 25, 2024 - 46

Average attendance for February
Sunday School is 47.

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

STEWARDSHIP

February 4, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$50.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,037.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,415.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,502.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$410.00
Total Collections This Week	\$6,912.00
Over Budget This Week	\$1,097.05
Budget Need to date	\$102,694.05
Budget Rec'd to date	\$112,749.00
Over Budget to date	\$10,054.95

February 11, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,110.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,868.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$250.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,228.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$435.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,663.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,176.95
Budget Need to date	\$108,099.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$116,977.00
Over Budget to date	\$8,878.00

February 18, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$7,840.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$200.00
Total Budget This Week	\$8,040.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$635.00
Total Collections This Week	\$8,675.00
Over Budget This Week	\$2,635.05
Budget Need to date	\$113,503.95
Budget Rec'd to date	\$125,017.00
Over Budget to date	\$11,513.05

February 25, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$200.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,918.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$200.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,318.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$675.00
Total Collections This Week	\$3,993.00
Under Budget This Week	\$2,086.95
Budget Need to date	\$118,908.90
Budget Rec'd to date	\$128,335.00
Over Budget to date	\$9,426.10

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Grace Morningstar
- Jan Hinson
- Janice Young
- 3 Coburn Powell
- Byron Ward
- 4 Pastor Hillman
- Brian Hogeboom
- Jason Wheatley
- 6 Haywood Corbett
- Peirson young
- 7 Gary Bass
- 9 Anna Ezzell
- 11 Justin Faulk
- 12 Rachel Powell
- 13 Tonya Clark
- Charles Lytle
- Glenda Turbeville
- 14 Terri Powell
- Melissa Priest
- 17 Brenda Carter
- Will Ezzell
- 18 Chris Blackmon
- 22 Joe Cook
- Howard Tew
- Lois Willetts
- 24 Clint Grainger
- Wendy Hensley
- Ken waters
- 25 Hilda Butler
- 26 Jenny Rooks
- 27 Johnny Britt

Special Offerings

Heck Jones Offering \$2,692
Baptist Homes \$150

OFFICE CONTACT INFO

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OFFICE HOURS

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

WMU

WMU Meeting: Monday, March 11, 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer and Program: Betty Jo Prevatte

Mission Project: CRCI

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



March is the month of new beginnings with the arrival of Spring! I am reminded of the beautiful scripture from Solomon 2:11-12: *For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.*

We have two mission projects for March: The **Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer and Offering (Goal \$750)**, and collecting items for **Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. (CRCI) Thrift Store** in Shallotte, NC. Clothing, household items, furniture, etc. in GOOD condition are accepted and appreciated. Thank you for participating!

What a delightful, spiritual evening we enjoyed on February 21 at the Heck-Jones Banquet. **Dr. Wayne and Mrs. Joy Brown** presented a program of personal interesting mission experiences, and their daughter, **Molly Brown Howard** ended the program singing **Amazing Grace** as beautifully and stirringly as I have ever heard it sung! We collected **\$2,257.00** for the Heck-Jones offering (**Goal: \$3,000.**) Thank you for your attendance and contributions! A special thank-you to our servers: **Anna Johnson, Grayanna and Jillian Young, Julie Hillman, Kate Lee, Donna Prince, Tricia Sanderson.** Thanks to **Rose Langston** for the beautiful pre-dinner piano music.

The 2022-24 Watchword is: *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

--Romans 12:12

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett, Director

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director



CCPR FUNDRAISER

~Support Community CPR & Enjoy Chicken Bog

~**Friday, March 1, 11 am-3pm**

~First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

~Delivery available with prior confirmations

~\$10 per plate

~Look forward to seeing y'all!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Please note: all committees are to record and maintain minutes for committee meetings that consist of—date, time and place of meeting, who attended/was absent, items discussed, and action(s) taken. Each committee will retain copies of their minutes.

Thank you,

Betty Jo Prevatte, Bylaws Committee Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)



Growing Young Seminar

GROWING YOUNG SEMINAR

There are two more sessions remaining if you would like to be involved—**Thursday - March 7, and March 14 at 6:30 p.m.** Over the course of these lively sessions, we will discuss many of the highlights that were uncovered during our “Growing Young” seminar. For example, young folks would much rather “see” our sermons played out right in front of them, than “hear” the pastor preaching from the pulpit. In other words, our youth are first looking for the evidence of Christ in our lives *before* making decisions about anything else. Our young people are savvy consumers today. They are hungry for Jesus.

So let us explore ways in which to begin opening up new dialogues with them. Together, we will learn to love, understand, and value our youth. After all, they are God’s next generation of disciples who will go and make other disciples!



WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES

Please remember Whiteville United Methodist Church is having Lenten Services each Wednesday at noon through Holy Week with a different area pastor for each service. After the service they will serve lunch. The scheduled speakers are:

**March 6—Rev. Jeremy Simmons; March 13—Rev. Andy Anderson;
March 20—Rev. Joe Washburn; March 27—TBD.**

CHILDREN’S EASTER ACTIVITY

The Children’s Committee is having a Children’s Easter Activity on **Saturday, March 23 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Please invite a friend to join you when you come to enjoy crafts, games, an egg hunt, and a cookie bake.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday holds a crucial place in Holy Week, which starts with Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday. It is a day that commemorates Jesus Christ's Last Supper with his disciples and reminds us of the importance of humility, selflessness, and service to others. At First Baptist Church, we commemorate this day of Holy Week by observing Communion. Our service will be held on **Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us as we focus our hearts on the sacrifice of Christ, who paid the price for our sin, and His resurrection, which proved He was the Son of God.

MOVIE NIGHT

What a great time we had last month for Family Movie Night. We had 21 people come out and fellowship with us. Please invite a friend and join us this month as we enjoy some hot, buttered popcorn in the fellowship hall **Friday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.** and focus on the resurrection of our Savior with the movie, “Risen.” We hope you will come out and fellowship with us.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV.

Monday Evening Bible Study has moved to **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** There is still room for you to join us if you have not tried our weekly Bible Study. We are delving into God's word with a study in the book of Matthew. There is room for all—we hope to see you there.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 KJV—"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

During our Wednesday Night Prayer Service we do just what Paul directs (under the direction of the Holy Spirit) in this Thessalonians passage—we take the opportunity to praise the Lord for answered prayer and pray for specific needs of the church and community as we review and update our Ministry of Encouragement prayer concern sheet. After we have a time of prayer, we spend some time in scripture together. This month we will be studying the book of Galatians. What an encouragement to come together mid-week in a small group setting to share our prayer concerns and be refreshed by God's word. You are invited to fellowship over God's Word with us each **Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.** for Wednesday Night Prayer Service.



MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

Please mark your calendar for **April 27** for Operation Inasmuch. The Missions Committee asks you to "think outside the box" and come up with new projects for this year.

Mina, the missionary to Ukraine has called me with some requests. Please consider donating some of the following items: dark socks all sizes, tooth brushes and toothpaste, underwear all sizes for children and adults, and lip gloss. She also requested multivitamins, and Mary Hooks will order these. There will be a basket in the foyer or you can place them on the Mission table in the fellowship hall.




We continue to send backpacks to Whiteville Challenge Academy. We need volunteers to provide breakfast food for the staff of 15 for March, April, May, and June.

If you know of needs in our community, please contact a member of the committee: Bobby Hensley, Haywood Corbett, Genie Carter, Martha Watson, Donna Prince, or Martha Senter.

BAPTIST MEN

Baptist Men's Breakfast will be **April 14 at 8:00 a.m.** All men of the church are welcome!

	March 2024					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11:00 –3:00 CCPR Chicken Bog Fundraiser	2
3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	4	5 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Nominating Committee Meeting	6 12 Noon Lenten Service at WUMC with lunch 6:30 Prayer Service	7 6:30 Growing Young 2 of 3	8	9 
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24 Palm Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	25	26 6:30 Bible Study	27 12 Noon Lenten Service at WUMC with lunch 6:30 Prayer Service	28 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service in the sanctuary	29 6:30 Family Movie Night	30
31 Easter Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship						

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