



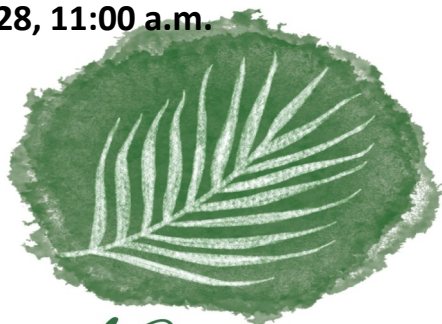
First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021, VOLUME 56, NUMBER 3

March 28, 11:00 a.m.



Palm
SUNDAY

We want to invite you to observe these two special services with us—Palm Sunday, March 28 at 11:00 a.m. and Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

April 1, 7:00 p.m.



**Maundy
Thursday**

Events At A Glance

- March 7, Baby Dedication of Amelia Powell Matthews, during the morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
- March 7 & 21, Sunday School in the fellowship hall, 10:00 a.m., with Mr. Willis Pinnell teaching.
- March 10, Prayer Meeting in the fellowship hall, 6:30 p.m.
- March 15, WMU Meeting in the fellowship hall, 10:00 a.m.
- March 15, Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- March 16, Deacons Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- March 17, Drive-Through Meal, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- March 28, Palm Sunday, "Christ in the Passover" presented by Joy Brown, 11:00 a.m.
- April 1, Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service, 7:00 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



We began our new year of 2021 celebrating the beautiful gift of PRAYER! The disciples did not ask Jesus to teach them to fish, perform miracles, or to preach, but they asked Him, *Lord, teach us to pray!* (Luke 11:1) Throughout the month of January, we focused on *THE LORD'S PRAYER*, the model prayer Jesus taught His disciples and which we as His disciples continue to be blessed to pray personally and corporately! During the first month of our new year, we prayed the prayer in corporate worship . . . we heard different arrangements of the prayer in musical settings . . . we dramatized it with Betty Jo Prevatte . . . and we sang in unison as a congregation Albert Hay Malotte's well known version of the prayer. Also, during January we emphasized **ASK: Ask, Seek, Knock!** We learned a simple pattern of prayer is the **ACTS** model, building a "Prayer Tower to God" through the various levels of **A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, and **S**upplication . . . praying always "in Jesus' name!"

In February, we focused on **LOVE**: where, what, who, and that the greatest gift of all is God's unconditional . . . self-denying . . . selfless . . . indescribable love shown through Jesus Christ, His Son, dying on the cross for our sins and the sins of the entire world! On Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th, we were blessed to hear a wonderful message from our talented organist, Reverend Patricia Slomanski, as she shared, "My Heart--Christ's Home" based on the book with that same title by Robert Boyd Munger. I told Patricia following the Morning Worship Service, *Well done, thou good and faithful servant!* She presented a meaningful and heart-felt message! As a gift from the church, we gave a copy of the book to each household present in worship on that special day. We also gave with each book, a beautiful Valentine Patricia had personally made and decorated as a gift for the congregation, on which was an original poem she had written, *Jesus Is My Valentine*. In case you did not receive a copy of the valentine, I want to share Patricia's poem with you here:

JESUS IS MY VALENTINE

Patricia Slomanski

*Jesus is my Valentine. I talk to Him each day.
He never, never leaves me and always listens when I pray.
Yes, He is my Valentine. There is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is! For Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies; never hurts or breaks.
He has always forgiven me for all my past mistakes.*

*If you only knew my Valentine, you would love Him, too.
For His love is always perfect. His love is always true.
So, if your heart is longing for a love that never ends,
for someone Who is faithful, on Him you can depend.
Call upon my Valentine. He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine, and your dearest, dearest Friend.*

Myrtle Corbett taught our Sunday School Classes in February very capably, as have all those who have taught and have helped us learn through Bible Study during our modified schedule at the church during the COVID PLAGUE! On Sunday, February 21st, Myrtle shared and reminded all of us in the class of God's covenant with His people as told throughout scripture and which He continues in covenant with us as His children today! If we as a church—the Body of Jesus Christ—will just remember always that we **ARE** in the "family of God,"—in covenant with Him . . . and with each other . . . it definitely will make quite a difference in our attitudes . . . our actions . . . our behavior . . . our ministries . . . our service . . . and our opportunities to show faithfulness to **GOD** and to **EACH OTHER** within the church . . . and in outreach to the world! Myrtle shared with us a portion from a copy of a church covenant she had found in her mother's Bible. A copy of our church covenant is found on page 5 of this issue of **The Contact**. Please read it. It is profound—and **IF** we follow its precepts, we will be blessed individually and as a church family—and we will be a blessing!

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MUSIC NOTES



During the month of March we continue our journey to the cross.

The Lenten Season began with Ash Wednesday. Lent is 40 days in length (representing Christ's 40 days in the wilderness) excluding Sundays. During these 40 days

we are challenged to prepare our hearts for that which is to come, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and finally Resurrection Sunday. Our organist, Patricia Slomanski, has prepared a Lenten booklet that she wishes to share with us. Those will be given out as soon as they are finalized and printed.

Palm Sunday is March 28.

Maundy Thursday is April 1.

Good Friday is April 2

Resurrection Sunday is April 4.

The Chancel Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists continue to prepare music for these important worship services.

I pray that this Lenten season we will personally and corporately draw closer to our Lord. Likewise, I

pray that each of us will renew and reignite our relationship with each other as Jesus proclaims in Matthew 22:37-40:

37 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know that I

Be still and know that

Be still and know

Be still and

Be still

Be

I look forward to observing Lent and Holy week with you.

Eddie

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, DRIVE-THROUGH SUPPER, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

March Drive-through meal on **Wednesday, March 17**, will be prepared by Cooking Team 7, chaired by Janice Young and Cooking Team 8, chaired by Peggy Norosky. The plate will include grilled pork tenderloin, baked apples, brown rice, and dessert. There is no charge for the meal. You may drive through the parking lot, around the office building, and then through the breezeway between the two buildings. If you would like to bring your tithes and offerings, please do so, and we will take those into the church for you. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

Why the Cross?

Ex. 20:1-17; Jn. 2:13-22; I Cor. 1:18-25

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sir, We Would Like to See Jesus!

Jer. 31:31-34; Jn. 12:20-33; Heb. 5:5-10

April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

Celebration of the Lord's Supper and
Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up!

Num. 21:4-9; Jn. 3:14-21; Eph. 2:1-10

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Christ in the Passover

Presented by Joy Brown

Ex. 12:1-14; Jn. 1:1-29; I Cor. 11:23-26

April 4, 2021

Resurrection Sunday

Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!

Hope Is Alive!

Acts 10:34-43; I Cor. 15:1-11;

Jn. 20:1-18

MARCH SERMONS

MARCH MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley
14 Chris Blackmon / John Sauls
21 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson
28 Ron Walters / Haywood Corbett

HOSPICE SNACKS

Betty Jo Prevatte

SOUND & VIDEO

7 Mitchell Sauls
14 Bryce Kronenwetter
21 Kirby Sanderson
28 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

7 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
21 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

Visitors not allowed inside the facility

USHERS (Chairman: Joe Hooks)

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



*"God has given each of you a gift
from his great variety of spiritual
gifts. Use them well to serve one
another."*

I Peter 4:10 NLT

Missions Giving Totals

Heck-Jones \$3,020 of \$3,000 goal

STEWARDSHIP

January 31, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$110.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,580.30
Budget Gifts Operational	\$252.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,215.30

Designated/Other Funds	\$2,085.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,300.30
Under Budget This Week	\$3,218.72

Budget Need to date	\$115,812.36
Budget Rec'd to date	\$127,872.05
Over Budget to date	\$12,059.69

February 7, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,153.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$2,210.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,363.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$556.79
Total Collections This Week	\$4,919.79
Under Budget This Week	\$2,071.02

Budget Need to date	\$122,246.38
Budget Rec'd to date	\$132,235.05
Over Budget to date	\$9,988.67

February 14, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,587.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$0.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,587.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$415.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,002.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,847.02

Budget Need to date	\$128,680.40
Budget Rec'd to date	\$136,822.05
Over Budget to date	\$8,141.65

February 21, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$110.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,280.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,125.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,515.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$3,685.00
Total Collections This Week	\$10,200.00
Over Budget This Week	\$80.98

Budget Need to date	\$135,114.42
Budget Rec'd to date	\$143,337.05
Over Budget to date	\$8,222.63

February 28, 2021

Will be listed in April's **Contact**.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

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The first Sunday of March, signifies our first anniversary as “Interim Pastor and People” together! This has been a very unique year to say the least with the MONSTROUS COVID PLAGUE, but I truly thank God for allowing me the privilege to serve with you! Please call on me at anytime if I can **ever** be of help to you in **any way**, ok?!? (843.796.0397)

We have some very exciting and special opportunities that are up-coming for all of us to celebrate! We are blessed and thankful as a church family to be invited to share in the dedication of a new baby on Sunday, March 7th. Anne and Shawn Matthews have requested the dedication of their baby daughter, **Amelia Powell Matthews (Millie)**, born on December 5, 2020, in New Jersey. We look forward to celebrating with these proud and grateful parents—as well as all of Millie’s family. Anne is the daughter of Coburn and Terri Powell here at First Baptist Church, so the Powells are the gratefully proud grandparents of Millie.

I want to express special gratitude to all who have helped us with our morning worship services in February as we have emphasized our Heck-Jones offering for missions. If you have given, thank you very much! If you have not, please do so as God leads you as we continue to share the “Good News” which is the gospel of Jesus Christ!

I especially want to invite you to hear Joy’s presentation of ***Christ in the Passover*** on **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, March 28th**, during our Morning Worship Service in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. This is a very moving and inspirational service which shows the revelation of Jesus throughout the Passover Celebration. I am very grateful that Joy will be able to share with us this profound story of God’s grace for all of humanity and it will be an excellent beginning for our Holy Week—2021! We also want to encourage you to join us on **MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1st, at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary for the *Celebration of the Lord’s Supper and Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows*. Please help us promote these and all events of our church as you invite others to join you as we worship together. Thank you!

May God bless you during this Lenten Season and always—in ALL ways—as we celebrate the glorious news of God’s love for all of us in sending Jesus, the Savior for the entire world!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ name . . . love . . . mercy . . . grace . . . and forgiveness—

Wayne Brown

Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to study the Holy Bible, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and fellowship; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; and to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and private devotions; to educate our children in Christian principles; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to be temperate in conduct and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; and to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU



March Meeting: March 15, 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer and Program: Betty Jo Prevatte

Missions Emphasis: Christian Recovery Centers, Inc.

Hospice Snacks: Betty Jo Prevatte

March is a month of celebrations and new beginnings: March 14, Daylight Savings Time begins; March 17, St. Patrick's Day; March 20, First Day of Spring; March 28, Palm Sunday. March is a month of preparation in our everyday life but, most importantly, it is a time of preparation of spiritual growth and renewal. Celebrate Spring!!

Special thanks to WMU members Betty Jo Prevatte, Hilda Ray, Martha Senter, and Mary Alice Stanley for sharing information in our February worship services about the history and work of WMU. Our purpose is to create a greater awareness of WMU activities in First Baptist Church and to thank you for participating in our ministry.

The church-wide mission emphasis for March is the **Christian Recovery Centers, Inc.** ministry based in Brunswick County. The Saving Sons program in Whiteville, led by Colton Reaves, is now part of that group. Some items needed are Men's and Women's Toiletries, Cleaning and Laundry supplies, Composition Books, Pens, etc. A complete "Wish List" is posted above the Missions Table in the church Fellowship Hall. We have collected \$3,020 of our church goal of \$3,000 for the Heck-Jones offering. Thank you for supporting this WMU offering that reaches out to so many avenues of ministry and missions in North Carolina.

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

WORDS FOR LENT

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Words from Pope Francis

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite you to join us on **March 7th** and **21st** for Sunday School in the fellowship hall at **10:00 a.m.** with **Mr. Willis Pinnell** as our teacher. In **April**, Sunday School will be held on the **4th** and the **18th** with **Mrs. Peggy Underwood** as our teacher. We look forward to seeing you there.



THANK YOU

Dear Members of First Baptist,

My family and I have been humbled and overwhelmed by your thoughtful acts of kindness and support surrounding his illness and passing.

Please never think that even a small gesture isn't important. It is.

Your acts of love whether it was a call, text, prayer, visit, food, flowers, or gift in his memory sustained us over the long journey.

Thank you for honoring Bob's memory and our family with so many kindnesses. You truly showed us the love of God.

In His love,
Janice & family

Dear First Baptist Church friends,

I want you to know how wonderful it was for me to be able to be at my mother's side during her first days in ICU. It was a blessing from the Lord to get to stay with her day and night in the hospital when so many family members are unable to visit with their loved ones when they are hospitalized. The Lord's hand was apparent to me (and still is) in every step of this journey that my family and I have had to navigate. It can only be described as "peace." If you have ever felt the peace that comes from the Lord you can understand what I'm talking about.

If you helped in the office in my absence—I am grateful. If you called to check on our family—thank you! If you prayed for my mother and our family—thank you for bringing us before the Lord, because He is the Great Physician.

She is taking baby steps on the road of recovery and we are encouraged. Thank you for the part you played in helping me be at her side.

If you have never experienced the peace that only the Lord can give, I encourage you to call the office and let's talk it over.

In His service,
Teresa Malpass

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:7

	March 2021					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:30 Staff Mtg	2	3 11:00 Chancel Choir	4	5	6
7 10:00 Combined Sunday School in the fellowship hall 11:00 Morning Worship (masks and social distancing req'd) <i>Baby Dedication of Amelia Powell Matthews</i>	8 1:30 Staff Mtg	9	10 11:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Prayer Meeting	11	12	13
14 11:00 Morning Worship (masks and social distancing req'd)	15 9:30 Finance Meeting 10:00 WMU Meeting 1:30 Staff Meeting	16 6:30 Deacons Meeting	17 11:00 Chancel Choir 5:30-6:30 Drive through Supper—Prepared by Cooking Teams 7 & 8	18	19	20
21 10:00 Combined Sunday School in the fellowship hall 11:00 Morning Worship (masks and social distancing req'd) After morning worship - Community Band Concert	22 1:30 Staff Meeting	23	24 11:00 Chancel Choir	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 11:00 Morning Worship featuring "Christ in the Passover" (masks and social distancing req'd)	29 1:30 Staff Meeting	30	31 11:00 Chancel Choir	1 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service		

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