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Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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CELEBRATING LIFE & LOVE

Kate Carter & Chad Lee, Katherine & Ethan Scott, Elizabeth Strickland & Chris Blackmon, and Rian Russel & Kevin Cribb.



We also want to Celebrate with Jerry & Josephine Wilson (pictured left) on their wedding this April! Congratulations to all of you!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

MAY 14, MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 15, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, 9 A.M.

MAY 16, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.

MAY 21, YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 29, MEMORIAL DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

Thank you for joining us last Saturday, as we celebrated life and love with these couples! They will soon begin their journeys as newlyweds and for Elizabeth & Ethan Scott, as new parents. We join in celebration with all of you!

PASTOR'S CORNER:

“... AND FELLOWSHIP”

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

As I read this passage this week, the words, “and fellowship” jumped out at me. Sometimes the Bible does that to you. One second you’re reading along and then the next thing you know the words are basically yelling at you. Has that ever happened to you?

As I read these words, I thought about how much I enjoy our fellowship here at First Baptist, and how every time we gather for Wednesday night supper or for worship on Sunday mornings, it seems as if we’re assembling for a party. And as I thought about that, I thought of how appropriate that is. That’s the way it *should* be! No matter what our reason for gathering together, whether it be for breaking bread together around the table, a committee meeting, or a ministry in the community, our attitude ought to resemble that of the earliest Apostles.

Just like the new church that God was gathering together in the book of Acts, something new is happening here – and it’s exciting! Day by day the Lord is going to add to our numbers, and every day will bring with it something unexpected. Let us approach every gathering like a party. Let us be infected with the Holy Spirit so that this Easter season the risen Lord might reveal himself through our fellowship!

- Rev. Ryan Clore

May 7

Fourth Sunday of Easter
“Christianity: Building Something by
Building Others (Up)”
John 10:1-10

May 14

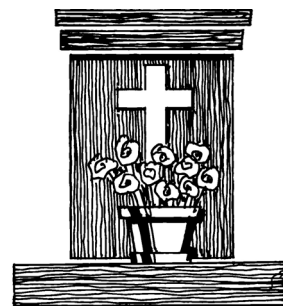
Fifth Sunday of Easter
“Don’t Be Awkward, Just Ask!”
John 14:1-14

May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter
“God Will Not Betray Us”
John 14:15-21, 15:12-13, 17

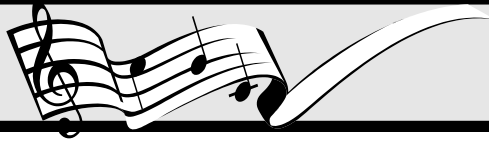
May 28

Ascension Sunday
“Upward Gaze”
Acts 1:6-14



FROM THE
Pulpit

Music in Ministry



Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday were each unique and inspiring worship experiences for us. The congregational palm procession and the Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir selections helped us express the shouts of “Hosanna” on Palm Sunday. The Maundy Thursday communion and Tenebrae service was sincerely moving. With brass instruments, choir and congregational singing, Easter Sunday was truly a time for God’s people to celebrate the risen Lord. Thank you congregation, Chancel Choir, Youth and Adult Handbell Choir, brass instruments and organist, for your musical contribution in each service. God has blessed us greatly. To Him alone may all the glory be given.

Each of our music groups are meeting weekly to prepare music for worship. There is a place for you to join us this week!

Youth and Adult Handbells	Sunday, 4:30 p.m.
Youth Choir	Sunday, 5:15 p.m.
Children’s Music Activity	Wednesday, 5:10 p.m.
Chancel Choir	Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY



In its forty-fifth year, Southeastern Oratorio Society has chosen a fitting tribute to Mickey and Carol Greer by dedicating the May 1 Concert to their memory. The Greers were long-time dedicated members of First Baptist Church and of the Southeastern Oratorio Society. We hope you will join us in honoring Mickey and Carol. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

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- Central Middle School Band Concert, May 22, 7 .p.m. at Whiteville High School.
 - Whiteville High School Band Concert, May 23, 7 p.m. at Whiteville High School.

YOUTH IN MINISTRY

Youth Sunday is May 21 and our youth have already begun preparation for the service. They will participate in worship by offering prayers, reading scriptures, giving the children’s sermon and providing inspiring music. Please be in prayer for our youth as they continue to prepare for Youth Sunday.



Following the youth led service, you are invited to share in a lunch prepared by the youth and their parents. Donations for the meal will help sponsor their June 17-23 mission trip to Cleveland, Ohio. The youth will spend the week studying God’s Word and serving with other youth in whatever capacity needed. In the past they have served in areas of child care, assisted living facilities, yard work, etc.

Thank you in advance for your support for our Youth Ministry!

MAY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

7 Grayanna Young
 14 Gina Morningstar
 21 Katherine Jordan Scott
 28 Tricia Sanderson

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Delores Harrison

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7 Rose Langston / Cate Carter
 14 Jerry Wilson / Jim Warlick
 21 Glenn Waters / Sylvia Walker
 28 John Sauls / Kirby Sanderson

NURSERY

John & Peggy Norosky
 (entire month)

SOUND & VIDEO

7 Jason Schoolcraft
 14 Wil Ezzell
 21 Kirby Sanderson
 28 Eric Kronenwetter

OFFERING TELLERS

Charlie Duncan & Emory Worley

PEW STOCKER

Janice Young

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

7 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Emory Worley, Clint Grainger, Trent Young & John Norosky
 14 Jerry Wilson, Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, Charlie Hall, & Mel Ray
 21 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Emory Worley, Haywood Corbett & Edgar Tison
 28 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, Grayson Ward & Charlie Hall

HOSPICE MEAL

19 Hilda Ray

DVD DISTRIBUTION

7 Peggy Walters
 14 Hilda Butler
 21 Rose Langston
 28 Frances Price

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

7 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
 14 Bill & Jolene Lewis
 21 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
 28 Jerry Wilson & Yvonne Bass

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

28 Apostle/Seekers,
 Young Adults/Youth Classes



**Thanks
 for Your
 Support!**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Transportation Committee is looking for members who may be interested in plugging into a rotation for picking up folks in our community who do not have transportation to church on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact our church office. Thank you in advance for your consideration of plugging in with this ministry!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Donna Massengale	15 Leigh Cook
Courtney Powell	17 Marty Ezzell
3 Edmond Wall	18 Armond Carter
4 Ida Smith	20 Glenn Waters
6 Janet Plasky	24 Lois Batten
Angel Williams	25 Tyler Russell
8 Paul Hardee	26 Hilda Ray
Betty Jo Prevatte	27 Myrtie Sellers
Betty Jo Spivey	Amy Wall
Carmin Rogers	Steven Bright
11 Stan Smith	29 Emory Worley
Leah Sanderson	30 Mary Jean Prince
13 Donald Prevatte	Brian Taylor

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 128
 Sunday School Attendance Average: 61

Mar 26, 2017- Attend 110		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,500.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$213,287.62
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$154,764.04
Under	\$1,703.37	Budget Under YTD	\$58,523.58

April 2, 2017- Attend 115		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$7,757.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$221,490.99
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$162,521.04
Under	\$446.37	Budget Under YTD	\$58,969.95

April 9 2017- Attend 127		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$4,619.02	Budget Needs to Date	\$229,694.36
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$167,140.06
Under	\$3,584.35	Budget Under YTD	\$54,986.98

April 16, 2017- Attend 192		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$8,730.02	Budget Needs to Date	\$237,897.73
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$175,870.08
Over	\$526.35	Budget Under YTD	\$62,027.65

April 23, 2017- Attend 98		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$3,548.40	Budget Needs to Date	\$246,101.10
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$179,418.48
Under	\$4,654.97	Budget Under YTD	\$66,682.62

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights members, David & Amy Carter.

Amy is the daughter of Sarah Baldwin Kaukola and the late Carlton Baldwin of Whiteville. David is the son of Armond and Brenda Carter. Together they have four children, Landon, 18 yrs old, Addie, 12 yrs old, Alexis, 21 yrs old, and Ashley 19 yrs old. Alexis is a junior at UNC-W, Ashley is a sophomore at Cape Fear Community College, Landon is a senior at Whiteville High and will attend Appalachian State University this fall, and Addie is a 6th grader at Central Middle School.

Amy is a real estate broker and in 2008 she purchased Century 21 Pro Realty. David also is a real estate broker and upon his retirement with North Carolina Department of Public Safety in 2011, he joined her business. Together they call themselves The Golden Team. Listing and selling both residential and commercial properties as well as managing over 100 rental properties.

They have a Great Dane and a Golden Retriever and even though David may act like he doesn't care much for pets, he has a hidden and special bond with Zayn, the Great Dane.

David, Amy, Landon and Addie have been attending FBC for several years and joined about a year ago. They are really enjoying getting to know everyone at First Baptist and have felt



very welcomed by everyone. It has really been a blessing seeing how much Landon and Addie enjoy hearing the messages Pastor Ryan delivers, they both have really connected to him and look forward to his next message.

David and Amy and their crew enjoy spending time together, going to the beach, playing in the backyard, and yes they even enjoy listening to the four kids fuss and over talk each other. David enjoys hunting and fishing and Amy also enjoys just some simple quiet time.

We are honored to be a part of FBC and look forward to becoming more active within the church.

FBC Yard Sale! August 5 at 6:30am-2pm



First Baptist Church will be hosting a Yard Sale on August 5, to raise money for our growing Children's Ministry!

Two ways you can help!

1.) Donate Items! Go through your house and donate lightly used items for us to sell. Items can be dropped off at the church until Tuesday, August 1. Please see Teresa in the Church Office before unloading your items. She'll help direct you to where they will be kept.

Anything not sold, will be donated to local charities.

2.) Spread the word! The yard sale will be indoor/outdoor, in the church Fellowship Hall and on the side lawn facing Madison Street, from 6:30am – 2pm on Saturday, August 5. Children's clothes & toys, furniture, baked goods, and more! Come see us and spread the word!

If you have questions, please call Jenny Clore (540) 760-7253.

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

Wednesday Night Supper



Conclusion of Matthew

May 3

Melvin Ezzell

Luke 1-2

May 10

Myrtle & Haywood Corbett

Luke 3-4

May 17

Brenda Carter

Luke 5-6

May 24

Mary Alice Stanley

Luke 7-8

May 31

Hilda Ray

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley
Kathrine Scott

Nursery

Tricia Sanderson
Leah Sanderson
Carly Sanderson

Nursery

Peggy & John Norosky

Nursery

Brenda Carter or
Genie Carter & Kate Carter

Nursery

Taylor Jordan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Godly Play, a new Wednesday night children's program, started on **April 5th!** This program is designed for children ages 3 - 8.

You may be asking, "What is Godly Play?" Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through early, middle, and late childhood and beyond.

Join us, Wednesday nights, from 6:30pm-7:15pm! Families are welcome to join us for dinner at 5:45 followed by adult Bible study, while the children attend Godly Play.

If you have questions, please contact Jenny Clore (540-760-7253) or Taylor Jordan (910-648-2818).

WMU HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

WMU Highlights

Monthly Meeting May 15: WMU meeting, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Call to Prayer: Rose Langston

Program: Martha Senter

The WMU will not have regular meetings during the summer months, but we **will meet in July** for a salad luncheon. We will announce the date in the Contact when we have the details finalized. The church staff and all ladies of the church are invited!

We are still collecting linens for Marc and Kim Wyatt in their ministry to internationals in the North Carolina greater triad area. New or good used linens of all sizes are needed and may be placed on the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall.

All meetings and projects are open to the congregation. Contact Myrtle Corbett, WMU Director, or any WMU member for more information on any project.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible school will start this year on June 11, with an ice cream social from 4-5 p.m. June 12-14 VBS will meet from 1:00-4:30 p.m., daily with the final program on Wednesday, June 14 at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Thank you Sunday School teachers for all the work you put in to preparing for Sunday School each week! We appreciate what you do!

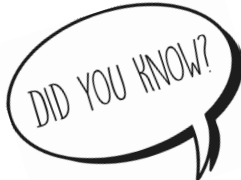
May 7 is the beginning of our summer quarter and we have classes for all ages. We would like to invite you to be a part of our Sunday School program. Sunday School provides an opportunity for us to study the Bible in small groups and for us to fellowship around His Word in a more intimate setting. Several classes will be studying in I Peter, and the Inquirer's class is discussing a book called Equipping Church by Sue Mallory. We have something for everyone. Once a month classes go to Liberty Commons to minister to the residents. Join us this week at 9:45 a.m. and see what's happening in Sunday School.



OPERATION INASMUCH

A huge “Thank you” goes out to everyone who volunteered for Operation InAsMuch last Saturday. We had folks organizing before the event, supervising activities, cooking breakfast and soup (for soup ministry), laboring to get the projects completed, and cleaning up after activities. Much was accomplished this year! Check our Facebook page for photos of the all activities that we were involved in.

DID YOU KNOW?



Do you know why we use responsive readings during worship? Throughout the history of Christianity responsive readings have been used as a form of worship, but they really became popularized during the Reformation and were prescribed by Martin Luther and John Calvin.

One of the most important reasons responsive readings are an imperative part of our worship is because they are **participatory**. It can be easy for us to monotonously read aloud the words printed in our bulletins during the responsive reading time. But we must remember that worship is not an event for us to **observe**, it is an act for us to **participate** in. Worship is something that we all do – together. Therefore, in our responsive readings, the laity (the people of God) are responsible for allowing the spoken words to infect the heart, mind, and soul.

Next time you’re reading responsively, take a moment to reflect upon the words that are said. What are you saying? Is there truth in the words? Do the statements speak to your heart? If so, say them loud and proud! While our worship is communal, and we have our family and peers by our side, our worship is for God, and God alone!

If you have a topic you would like us to discuss in the “Did You Know” section, we encourage you to contact the church office.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Harold's family wants to thank you for the love, support, and prayers during his illness and following his death. The generosity that you have shown by providing food, cards, flowers, and words of encouragement have been a blessing to us. We appreciate each of you!

Harold loved his church and his church family. We will cherish our precious memories of him until we all meet again.

Much love,
The Hughes Family

Dear Church family,

We are ever so thankful for the love that our congregation continues to show us! The flowers given in our honor were beautiful and we are blessed to be able to serve alongside each and every one of you.

With love and gratitude,
The Clore Family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards and calls while I was sick.

It’s great to have a church family like First Baptist Church.

Jerry FormyDuval

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