



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

MAY 6, MOVIE NIGHT, 6:00–8:00 P.M.

**MAY 10, NURSERY FUNDRAISER AT
HWY 55, 5:00–9:00 P.M.**

MAY 13, MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 14, FINANCE MEETING, 1 P.M.

MAY 14, WMU MEETING, 9 A.M.

MAY 15, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.

**MAY 19, BOY SCOUT BASKETBALL COURT
EAGLE PROJECT, 8:30 A.M.**

**MAY 26, BOY SCOUT BASKETBALL COURT
EAGLE PROJECT, 8:30 A.M.**

**MAY 28, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR
MEMORIAL DAY**

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

*"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21

PASTOR'S CORNER: "GAINING CLARITY"



Many of you are aware that we are at a very critical point in the life of our congregation. Our congregation is operating with a lot of trust in God, but also in one another. Our potential for ministry is increasing *daily*. For clarity purposes I want to help to illuminate what I

believe would be a healthy process as we begin to take our next few steps.

Prayer and Visioning Team – Our Deacon Body and Church Council are in the process of gaining clarity about the best approach for listening to God's voice. But it is always a good process to spend focused time in prayer listening to the voice of our Lord, the Good Shepherd.

We live in a loud world – and most of it is our fault. We turn on the radio in the car. We turn on the televisions in our homes. We have our computers and loud equipment on at work and our cell phones in our hands all the other times of the day. We fill our lives with lots of noise and busyness. We simply do not **listen** enough.

We would benefit from assembling a team whose function is to spend time – a year, maybe even two, to leave *our agendas* at home and actively listen to the guidance of our Good Shepherd. Through prayer and discernment, the Lord will shape our vision and help us to gain clarity about who we are to become. If we are paying attention to the voice of our Heavenly Father, it **will** transform us. Focused prayer is important!

Jeremiah 42:2-3: *"The prophet Jeremiah said, 'Be good enough to listen to our plea, and pray to the Lord your God for us—for all this remnant. For there are only a few of us left out of many, as your eyes can see. Let the Lord your God show us where we should go and what we should do.'"*

Beyond that, we have no way of knowing the specifics of what God will "say" to our prayer and visioning team. Being the people of God, that ought not to scare us. But there are undoubtedly some people who are uncomfortable with the **uncertainty**. But that does not mean that we cannot bring clarity to what the next steps will be.

The Equipping Church & Spiritual Gifts Studies (Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 12:1, 8-10, 28, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Peter 4:9-10, Exodus 31:3-5, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Psalm 150:3-5) – The conversations we have been having on Wednesday nights will guide our future. Becoming a church that is lay-led where people serve out of their giftedness and passion is based on God's design as it is laid out in the Bible. It is the vision for our future.

How does it make you feel that God has given you spiritual gifts? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Not everyone is as capable as they once were. But that does not mean that they don't have a purpose here. Per our conversations on Wednesday nights, that also means a shift in the way the people understand the pastor's role. If we make the shift to become an equipping church I will spend much more of my time working to **equip** the lay leaders for their roles of service in the church and much less time being the "Doer" of ministry. I encourage all of you to read the book "The Equipping Church" by Sue Mallory from cover to cover if you haven't done so already.

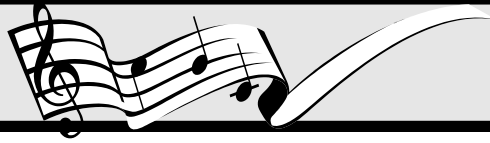
I want to thank each and every member of this church for the faith and courage you continue to show. God is moving and I continue to hear from people who are finding a renewed sense of passion in their ministry in and with First Baptist Church. **Your** leadership in our faith community is paying off and I cannot wait to see where the Lord will take us!

- Rev. Ryan Clore

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Music in Ministry



Occasionally, I am asked why we read as much scripture in worship as we do, which reminds me of my New Testament class in seminary. My New Testament professor spent as much time with us studying the Old Testament as he did studying the New Testament. He would say, "to understand the New Testament, we must also understand the Old Testament. The New Testament is the fulfillment of the Old Testament."

As an example of his instruction, we can look at Pentecost Sunday, which is May 20. The New Testament reading for Pentecost is Acts 2:1-21. Verses 17-21 is a quote from Joel 2:28-32. The Epistle reading for Pentecost is Romans 8:22-27. Verse 22 references Jeremiah 12:11. and verse 26 references Zechariah 12:10. Our Psalm reading for Pentecost Sunday is Psalm 104:24-34. Verse 30 states "When you send forth your spirit they are create; and you renew the face of the ground." The Gospel reading is John 10:26-27 and 16:4b-15. John 16:13 states "However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth..."

Each Sunday we read and study God's Holy Word from Genesis to Revelation. The hymn *The Word of God Is Alive* expresses it thusly:

The Word of God is alive,
It lives in the world today;
Correcting, consoling, connecting mankind,
The Word of God is alive.

The Word of God is a fire,
It flames with eternal truth;
Refining, revealing, reclaiming our love,
The Word of God is a fire.

The Word of God is a lamp,
It shines through the darkest night;
Perceiving, perfecting, protecting our walk,
The Word of God is a lamp.

The Word of God is inspired,
It speaks to our deepest needs;
Dividing, directing, declaring His truth,
The Word of God is inspired.

Perhaps God's Spirit is prompting you to join one of our music groups as we share God's Word through music. Join us this week!

2018 Music Ministry

Music Makers (for ages 4 year-grade 1)
Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

Youth and Adult Handbells
Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Choir (for grades 6-12)
Sunday, 5:15 p.m.

Young Musicians & Children's Handchimes
(for grades 1-5)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir (for Adults and Youth)
Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.) and study of *Spiritual Gifts Study* at (6:30-7:00 p.m.)

A nursery is available after supper.

Wednesday Night Supper



Spiritual Gifts Assessments (Session 2)	Spiritual Gifts Assessments (Session 3)	Spiritual Gifts Assessment (Session 4)	Spiritual Gifts Assessments (Session 5)	Spiritual Gifts Assessments (Session 6)
May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Fred & Martha Senter, Chairs	Janice Young, Chair Charlotte Collins Merle Worley Sylvia Elkins Sandi Floyd	Peggy Norosky, Chair Mike & Lauren Cold Jolene Lewis Jenny Clore Jennifer Bowling Carlton & Mary Jean Prince	Carlton & Mary Jean Prince, Chair David & Sue Jordan Kate Carter Lee Jean Patterson	Jackie Jones, Chair Glenn & Sherry Waters Peggy Walters Merle Worley Muriel Hill Charlie Duncan
Betty Jo Prevatte Joe & Mary Hooks Vivian Brown Mike & Becky Thompson	Nursery Tricia, Leah, & Carly Sanderson	Nursery Peggy Norosky	Nursery Brenda Carter or Genie Carter Kate Carter Lee	Nursery Taylor Jordan
Nursery Mary Alice Stanley Kathrine Scott				

MAY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

6 Grayanna Young
 13 Gina Morningstar
 20 Taylor Jordan
 27 Tricia Sanderson

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

6 Eric Underwood / Glenn Waters
 13 Sandra Floyd / Kirby Sanderson
 20 Bobby Hensley / Brenda Carter
 27 Buster Carter / Ellis Jordan

DVD DISTRIBUTION

6 Peggy Walters
 13 Hilda Butler
 20 Rose Langston
 27 Frances Price

HOSPICE MEAL

18 Hilda Ray

NURSERY

6 Jim & Erin Warlick / Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson
 13 Jennifer Armbrrecht / Heather Bazemore / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley
 20 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn/ Jennifer Williamson / Peggy Norosky
 27 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan / Emily Lawson

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

6 Donna Prince
 13 Ella Jo Sellers
 20 Karen Dawsey
 27 David Jordan

OFFERING TELLERS

Charlie Duncan & Dale Duncan
 (entire month)

PEW STOCKER

Janice Young

SOUND & VIDEO

6 Jason Schoolcraft
 13 Wil Ezzell
 20 Kirby Sanderson
 27 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

6 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
 13 Bill & Jolene Lewis
 20 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
 27 Bridger Warlick & Mitchell Sauls

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

27 Apostle / Young Adult's / Youth Classes

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

6 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Emory Worley, Clint Grainger, & Trent Young
 13 Jerry Wilson, Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, Charlie Hall, & Mel Ray
 20 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Emory Worley, Haywood Corbett & Edgar Tison
 27 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, Grayson Ward & Charlie Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Myrtie Sellers

MAY BIRTHDAYS



2 Donna Massengale	17 Marty Ezzell
Courtney Powell	18 Armond Carter
3 Ed Wall	20 Glenn Waters
4 Fuller Royal	24 Lois Batten
Eda Smith	25 Tyler Russell
6 Janet Plasky	Heather Bazemore
Angela Williams	26 Hilda Ray
8 Betty Jo Prevatte	27 Myrtie Sellers
Carmin Rogers	Amy Wall
11 Stan Smith	29 Emory Worley
Leah Sanderson	30 Mary Jean Prince
13 Donald Prevatte	Brian Taylor
15 Leigh Cook	

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average:
 Sunday School Attendance Average:

April 1, 2018 - Attend 190 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$8,572.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$196,788.69
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$208,465.29
Over	\$1,283.53	Budget Over YTD	\$11,676.60
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April 8, 2018 - Attend 121 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$5,766.15	Budget Needs to Date	\$204,077.16
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$214,231.44
Under	\$1,522.32	Budget Over YTD	\$10,154.28
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April 15, 2018 - Attend 128 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$5,729.39	Budget Needs to Date	\$211,365.63
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$219,960.83
Under	\$1,559.08	Budget Over YTD	\$8,595.20
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April 22, 2018 - Attend 98 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$3,992.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$218,654.10
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$223,952.83
Under	\$3,296.47	Budget Over YTD	\$5,298.73
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April 29, 2018 - Attend YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$7,275.45	Budget Needs to Date	\$225,942.57
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$231,228.28
Under	\$13.02	Budget Over YTD	\$5,285.71

Annie Armstrong Offering \$1,790, our goal was \$1,000
 Operation Inasmuch \$1,575

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights Karen Dawsey.

Karen Dawsey was born in Knoxville, Tennessee but has lived for forty-three years in Columbus County. She has been a member of FBC since October 1993 and has taught the Ruth-Believers Sunday School class for almost twenty-five years. Karen graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Early Childhood Education and is a retired educator who enjoys substitute teaching. Karen taught school in Horry County, Columbus County, at Southeastern Community College and retired from Whiteville City Schools in 2014.

Since Karen's retirement she has become involved in our community. She is proud to be on the Columbus County Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Adult Care Homes/Assisted Living Facilities and serves as Chairman. Karen is a member and officer of several community organizations and clubs. Just this year she became a member of the DAR (Daughters of the Revolution.)

Karen is a "preachers kid" and is thankful for her parents who still live in Sevierville, Tennessee. She would tell you that she has done everything but be a deacon in her years of church work. Karen, as a young girl, lived for ten years in Kentucky while her father attended Southern Seminary in Louisville. He later worked for Kentucky Baptist Missions starting churches in the Appalachian Mountains. In 1964, Karen's family moved to Pigeon Forge to serve at the First Baptist Church there. This is where she calls home. Ministry, service, and love were her foundations in life.

Karen has one daughter, Allison, who was baptized at FBC. They both sang in the choir and rang handbells together. Allison, a graduate of WHS and Wingate University, works for the Charlotte Mecklenburg DA and has two children, Ava and Mason, who enjoy attending VBS each summer at FBC.

Karen enjoys cooking, entertaining, music, and writing historical journal article for the Smoky Mountain Historical Society, but her daily passion is genealogy and finding more branches on her family tree.



THANK YOU

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the prayers and concern you showed my family and me during my recent illness.

Mike, Becky & Jordan Thompson

MAY SERMONS

May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter
"I Love You, But. . ."
John 15:9-17

May 13

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
"Groaning & Hoping"
Romans 8:22-27

May 20

Pentecost Sunday
"Trust the Spirit"
John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

May 27

Trinity Sunday
"A Baby's Eyes"
John 3:1-17



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU HIGHLIGHTS

May Meeting: May 14, 2018, 10:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall

Call to Prayer: Rose Langston

Program: Mrs. Brenda Jolly



This will be our last regular meeting for this church year. We have had a busy but rewarding year with great participation from WMU members and the entire congregation in many projects, including supporting offerings for missions throughout the year. Thank you!!

May 6-13 is the Week of Prayer for the annual Mother's Day Offering. This offering helps pay for medical services provided by Wake Forest Baptist Health to patients who have a significant financial need. Our church does not set a goal for this offering, but we encourage you to give as you feel led.

The WMU will have its annual luncheon for members and church staff in July. The date and time will be announced later.

Have a safe, wonderful summer and keep witnessing through doing missions!

Myrtle Corbett, WMU Director



Wake Forest Baptist Health
Mother's Day Offering
 Week of Prayer ~ May 6-13

100% of gifts are a witness to Christ's love, helping patients with special needs pay their hospital bills. www.mothersdayoffering.org

NURSERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Our nursery continues to grow and it is a joy to serve our families each Sunday! We are excited to host a fundraiser to help us update our toys and supplies for our little ones. The fundraiser will take place at the **Highway 55 in front of Wal-Mart on May 10, from 5pm - 9pm**. 10% - 15% of all proceeds will be donated to FBC's nursery! So be sure to join us that evening at Highway 55 for some delicious food and ice cream!

Below is our current nursery schedule for each month. We are still looking for helpers on the 5th Sunday's of the month (July, September and December). So if you'd like to join us, please let Jenny Clore know by calling or texting 540.760.7253.

1 st Sunday	Jim Warlick	Erin Warlick	Jennifer Hall	Trish Sanderson
2 nd Sunday	Jennifer Armbrrecht	Heather Bazemore	Katherine Scott	Wendy Hensley
3 rd Sunday	Holly Faulk	Lauren Lynn	Jennifer Williamson	Peggy Norosky
4 th Sunday	Jenny Clore	Dale Duncan	Emily Lawson	Genie Carter
5 th Sunday				

We will be planning a meeting soon for all our nursery volunteers to go through new processes that will help us serve our families more efficiently as we continue to grow!

OPERATION INASMUCH

Operation Inasmuch: from ages 4 to 94, approximately 110 volunteers, met on Saturday morning and after having met for breakfast and prayer, scattered out across Columbus County to work. What a great spiritual event! The atmosphere in the Fellowship Hall was filled with the spirit of God as men and women gathered to do different tasks. The Missions Committee thanks all who participated. The financial support was wonderful and came without any begging. When members cannot be present to work but want to be a part of the mission call and say, "I want to pay for the soup kitchen ministry", and one says, "I want to pay to build a ramp" and others just give to support the entire project, you feel that the spirit is really working in our church. We had a total of 18 groups working. You will get to see some of the work as a video is being prepared. Thanks for a wonderful missions day! May each of you who participated be blessed because you gave of your time and talents to be a blessing to many in our community.



Martha Senter, Missions Committee Chair

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Everyone is invited to join us for Movie Night, **May 6, from 6:00—8:00 p.m.** This will be an evening of family fun and fellowship for all ages. We will serve sandwiches and chips. Please come out and join us for the fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE

Southeastern Oratorio Society presents beloved opera choruses and arias, plus favorites by Rodgers and Hammerstein, **Monday, May 7, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, 511 N. Thompson Street, Whiteville



BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT

Bryce Russell will be working on the FBC Basketball court for a Boy Scout Eagle Project. Workdays will be **May 19** and **May 26 at 8:30 a.m.** Anyone that would like to help with this project can call Bryce on his cell, at 910-918-9112. Donations can be made to First Baptist Church for Bryce Russell's Eagle Project.

CHILDREN'S SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

A Spaghetti Luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, June 3**, immediately following the morning worship. Donations will be accepted at the door and all proceeds will go to support our growing Children's Programs. The Children's Committee has big ideas for our little ones and we would love to have your support! There will be great food and fellowship! We hope to see you there!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, June 10**, we will be celebrating our graduates. If you know of anyone who is graduating this term, please contact the church office so that we can celebrate their accomplishments.

VBS 2018

"Pool Party, Make a Splash with Jesus!" Vacation Bible School will be held in the afternoon **June 24-28**. We will have a 5 day school this year beginning on Sunday and ending on Thursday. If you are interested in helping in any manner, please contact Donna Prince at **910-646-1265 or 910-840-6673**. We look forward to another great time at VBS this year so come join in the fun!

GODLY PLAY

The leaders of Godly Play are excited to share the enthusiasm and growth being observed weekly in Godly Play. Godly Play is an imaginative approach that incorporates a lesson taught through storytelling, spiritual free play, and a "feast." Attendance ranges between 10-15 kids weekly. Godly Play currently meets each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. And will continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis throughout the summer. If you know a child between the ages of 3-10 that may be interested in attending, please feel free to invite them or notify a Godly Play leader.

May 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:00 Young Musicians Choir Children's Handchimes 5:45 Wed. Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Spiritual Gifts Assessment Study - Session 2, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	3	4	5
6 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:00 Melody Makers 5:00 Youth/Adult Handbells 6:00-8:00 <i>Movie Night</i>	7 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	8	9 5:00 Young Musicians Choir Children's Handchimes 5:45 Wed. Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Spiritual Gifts Assessment Study - Session 3, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	10 10:00 Peer Learning Group for Pastor 5:00-9:00 Nursery Fundraiser at Hwy 55	11	12
13 Mother's Day 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:00 Melody Makers 6:00 Youth Bible Study	14 9:00 Finance CMTE Mtg 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 WMU 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	15 7:00 Deacons Mtg	16 5:00 Young Musicians Choir Children's Handchimes 5:45 Wed. Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Spiritual Gifts Assessment Study - Session 4, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	17	18 12:00 Hospice Meals Served	19 8:30 Boy Scout Eagle Project Workday
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