



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Mark your calendars for Operation Inasmuch - **Saturday, May 21, 2022** begins with breakfast from 8:00—9:00 a.m. Please come and join us in serving our community. There will be something for everyone to do.

Events At A Glance

- May 1 - WUMC Crisis Prayer Response service for Ukraine, 6:00 p.m.
- May 4, 11, and 18 - Children's Music Activity, Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.
- May 8 - Mother's Day
- May 4, 11, and 18 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 4:45 p.m.
- May 9 - WMU Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- May 15 - Church Council Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- May 16 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- May 17 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- May 18 - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:45 p.m.
- May 18 - Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- May 21 - Operation Inasmuch, 8:00 a.m.
- May 29 - Observance of the Lord's Supper during the Morning Worship.
- May 30 - 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

PASTOR'S CORNER



One of our friends from North Carolina sent us a quote that I found quite meaningful:

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. And then she wrote: Take the time!

During our sermon series during this year's Lenten Season, we talked about the importance of words, including Jesus' profound "last words"—His final statements and quotes from the Cross of Calvary where He was crucified and died for the sins of the world!

In his book, Inspiration . . . 365 Days a Year, Zig Ziglar, a motivational speaker, writes:

"The right quote can inspire people to change their ways. I love to quote my mother,

*Tell the truth and tell it ever,
Costeth what it will;
For he who hides the wrong he did,
Does the wrong thing still.*

Of course, this quote didn't begin with my mother, but she is the first person who said it to me. Quotes, good quotes, are like that—you remember who said it, what the circumstances were, and that it had an immediate impact on your thinking."

As in the above case where Zig Ziglar remembers profound words from his mother, in March, at the Memorial Service for our beloved, Sylvia Elkins—who left us suddenly and unexpectedly through her death—we shared two memorable writings attributed to Sylvia's loving mother, Mollie Tedder. Mrs. Tedder was a faithful and well-loved member of First Baptist Church of Whiteville. She taught Sunday School, sang in the Church Choir, and was a blessing to all who knew her from all reports I have heard. The following are the memorable "quotes" we used in Sylvia's Memorial Service and I want to share them with you as we celebrate what God DID through "Miss Mollie's" and Sylvia's precious lives . . . HAS DONE in the past . . . IS DOING in the present . . . and WILL DO in the future . . . in our church and in our lives—IF we will allow His Holy Spirit to work in and through us in the works we do in serving Him and others . . . and in the "quotes" for which we will be remembered!

The funeral is over.
The food prepared by loving hands has sustained you,
And flowers that adorned the casket and comfort you will soon die.
But grieve not any longer for me—
For I have had my day in the sun
And it was good!
I experienced joy in the midst of sorrow,
Peace in a world of strife,
Laughter amid the tears,
And much love.
Think of me as one who was privileged to touch your lives for a while,
And has now gone on to a better world:
Learning new truths,
Renewing old acquaintances,
Adventuring with God.

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Mollie's Message

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!"

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.
And He led me toward the hills and the breaking of day . . .

M. Louise Haskins

"HAPPY. . . BLESSED. . . MOTHER'S DAY" to all! May God bless you as He helps you love and change the world for good!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' love,

Wayne Brown



Music Notes



The season of Easter is a season of celebration. Christ is risen! Death is conquered! Let all the people worship the risen Lord!

Many may assume that Easter is just one day. Actually, the church celebrates Easter for fifty days. During this season, it remembers the post-resurrection appearances of Christ, it celebrates Christ's ascension into heaven, the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, and begins to explore the implications of the Resurrection for the future of God's kingdom. Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday are the bookends that anchor the entire season together.

What does this mean for us? Simply, we are **Easter people** precisely because it is in the unitive, historical event of the cross and resurrection that we find the source of our salvation. So, let us as **Easter people** continue to celebrate our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. *Hallelujah!*

(adapted from the *Services of the Christian Year*, Star Song Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 1994)



Spring and Summer schedules change significantly for many of us. As we adjust to the new schedules we also find that we will need to do so with children's church related activities. So, our **Children's Music Activity** will conclude this school year by meeting on Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m. beginning May 4. Invite your neighborhood children age 4 through 2nd grade to participate. All are welcome!

There is room for you to join **The Chancel Choir** which rehearses each Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

Eddie

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

For Me? For Me!

John 3:16; 1:1-14; Galatians 5:13-26

May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mothers Are Like That, Yes! They Are!

Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-4; John 19:25-27;

Proverbs 31:1-31

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Facing the Reality of Death and Grief!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Psalm 23:4;

John 19:30; I Corinthians 15:50-58

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

... Unto One of the Least of These!

Matthew 25:31-46

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

In Memory of the Savior's Love (including sharing the Lord's Supper)

John 15:9-17; I Corinthians 11:23-29

MAY SERMONS

MAY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Tina Sauls
- 8 Gina Morningstar
- 15 Tricia Sanderson
- 22 Grayanna Young
- 29 TBA

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 1 Kate C. Lee / John Sauls
- 8 Janice Young / Brad Johnson
- 15 Tricia Sanderson / Haywood Corbett
- 22 Lauren Cole / Hilda Ray
- 29 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood

HOSPICE SNACKS

Myrtle Corbett

SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Mitchell Sauls
- 8 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Bryce Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 8 Genie Carter
- 15 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
- 22 Bill and Jolene Lewis
- 29 Mitchell Sauls & Bridger Warlick

USHERS (Chairman: Joe Hooks)

- 1 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /
David Heath / Clint Grainger /
J. C. Hyatt
- 8 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt
- 15 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /
Chris Blackmon
- 22 Harry Ward / David Tedder /
Haywood Corbett / Kevin
Williamson / Kyle Cook
- 29 TBA



STEWARDSHIP

April 3, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$300.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,812.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$250.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,362.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$822.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,184.00

Under Budget This Week \$2,232.56

Budget Need to date	\$178,053.12
Budget Rec'd to date	\$164,103.50
Under Budget to date	\$13,949.62

April 10, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$100.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,538.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$250.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,888.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,057.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,945.00

Under Budget This Week \$1,706.56

Budget Need to date	\$184,647.68
Budget Rec'd to date	\$168,991.50
Under Budget to date	\$15,656.18

April 17, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,010.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,979.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,450.00
Total Budget This Week	\$8,265.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$2,826.00
Total Collections This Week	\$8,265.00

Under Budget This Week \$1,155.56

Budget Need to date	\$191,242.24
Budget Rec'd to date	\$174,430.50
Under Budget to date	\$16,811.74

April 24, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$100.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,965.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$250.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,315.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$517.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,832.00

Under Budget This Week \$2,279.56

Budget Need to date	\$197,836.80
Budget Rec'd to date	\$178,745.50
Under Budget to date	\$19,091.30

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sue Pinnell
- 5 Mary-Gregg Williamson
Maggie Williamson
- 6 Janet Plasky
- 8 Betty Jo Prevatte
- 11 Leah Sanderson
- 15 Leigh Cook
- 17 Marty Ezzell
- 20 Glenn Waters
- 24 Lois Batten
- 25 Carly Sanderson
- 26 Hilda Ray
- 27 Myrtie Sellers
- 30 Mary Jean Prince

Special Offering

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Collected</u>
Annie Armstrong	\$500	\$945
Global Missions		\$610
Total		\$1,555

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

April 3, 2022 - 41
April 10, 2022 - 49
April 17, 2022 - 40
April 24, 2022 - 44

Average attendance for April
Sunday School is 44.

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

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

OPERATION INASMUCH

Operation Inasmuch will be **Saturday, May 21, 2022** with breakfast from 8:00—9:00 a.m. There will be a short devotion and prayer at 8:30 a.m. This time frame helps the ramp builders to get an early start, but also gives time for our younger participants to come for breakfast. We have planned a few new projects which we will announce during worship service on May 1. If you know of a project you would like us to work on, please call the church office as soon as possible: 910-642-2139.

It has been two years since we have had a Mission's Day. It is our prayer that you will put this date on your calendar and make every effort to come and participate. Remember the words of Jesus, "When you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me." So let us give a day of our time and our talents unto the Lord. There will be something for everyone to do. Please come!



OPERATION INASMUCH

Please make plans to join us on **Saturday, May 21**, as our church engages in hands-on missions in our own community, serving as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ with Operation Inasmuch.

Our Mission for Operation Inasmuch Day: To invigorate the body of Christ – the church – to live out the Gospel through daily acts of compassion by 1) Serving the un-served, 2) Loving the unloved, 3) Reaching out to the un-churched, and 4) Moving church folk out of the seats and into the streets to minister to those in need.

Please take a moment to fill out the following Volunteer Registration and submit it to the office by **Monday, May 16**.

Operation Inasmuch Volunteer Registration

(Saturday breakfast will be prepared by the WMU)

Name(s) 1) _____ 2) _____

Phone No.(s) _____

Child Care Reservation (thru age 3):

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Will you attend breakfast? _____ Yes _____ No

If you are interested in multiple projects, check all that apply.

We will assign you to the project with the greatest need.

_____ Matthew 25 House Food Collection

_____ Prayer Ministry (Prayer for OI projects)

_____ Infant Kits

_____ Children's Ministry - through grade 5

_____ Child Care Ministry (through age 3—9:00—12 noon)

_____ Welcome House—Fayetteville (Supplies)

_____ Financial Support Ministry

_____ Soup Kitchen Ministry

_____ Photography Ministry

_____ Ramp Build

_____ Card Ministry

_____ Fidget Blankets (for Alzheimer's patients)

_____ Laundry Mat Ministry (taking quarters to laundromat patrons as a witnessing tool)

_____ Foster Childcare Project

_____ Others as needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

WMU



May 9, 10:00 A.M. - Fellowship Hall

Leader: Betty Jo Prevatte

Call to Prayer and Program: Peggy Underwood

Hospice Snacks for May: Myrtle Corbett

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Collected - \$945.00

Global Missions Easter Offering Collected - \$610.00

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Missions Offerings. We surpassed our goal of \$500.00 by \$1,555.00!

We have several opportunities to participate in missions during the month of May: 1. **Operation Inasmuch** is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. The WMU will provide a soup Lunch for Madison Hill residents, FBC shut-in members, and others in the community. 2. **Living Hope Pregnancy Support Services / Blessings in a Bottle** – Living Hope is an agency whose purpose is to counsel clients on alternative choices to abortion. During the first quarter of 2022, counselors saw 33 new clients and had 76 return visits. Seven clients graduated from the Earn While You Learn program. Most importantly, the gospel was presented 10 times; **7 clients made first-time professions of faith and 1 client rededicated her life.** We will circulate a large baby bottle to all Sunday School classes and hope to fill it with “blessings” by the end of May. Checks should be made payable to “Living Hope”.

2021-22 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

CRISIS PRAYER RESPONSE

Sunday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. we are invited to participate in a CPR = Crisis Prayer Response service at Whiteville United Methodist Church to share about our ministry to the Ukraine from First Baptist Church of Whiteville and to join with them in prayer for the Ukraine. Dr. Judy Curtis, who serves as the Congregational Care Pastor at the WUMC, is coordinating this service and invited us to participate. Please help us “spread the word” for this important effort in our community as we PRAY for RELIEF and HEALING for the UKRANIANS! Thank you for caring, attending, and praying!

BIBLE STUDY

Willis Pinnell will be leading a church-wide Bible Study on **Wednesday** evenings beginning **May 25th** at 6:30 p.m. Please come join us as we explore God’s Word together.

COMMUNION

We will observe Communion on **Sunday, May 29th** during Morning Worship.

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, May 30, the office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

Coming Soon...



Community Kids Day – June 4th 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Located at First Baptist Church with some help from a couple other local churches

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ Contact Kate C. Lee @ (910) 234 0261 (text or call)

Games ~ Music ~ Food ~ Bouncy Houses/Slides ~ & More!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

The Wednesday Night Supper Cooking Groups are 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, May 18 at 5:45 p.m.** prior to **Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**, prepared by Groups 5 and 6.

Wednesday Night Supper will take a break for the summer and start up again in September. The “A, B, C” Dinners will be held this summer. They are covered-dish meals and details will be announced from the pulpit and in the Contact.

WELCOME

We welcome our newest church members to the First Baptist family! We are so glad to have you as a part of our fellowship!

Janie Briggs
Hadi Ipekyun
Ruth Kuykendall
Benlyn Sauls
Martha Watson
Sam Wheatley



	May 2021					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Coffee & Donuts in Bunn-Keystone SS room 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship with 6:00 Community Prayer for Ukraine at WUMC	2	3	4 3:45 Children's Music Activity 4:45 Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	9 10:00 WMU	10	11 3:45 Children's Music Activity 4:45 Chancel Choir	12	13	14
15 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Church Council Meeting	16 9:30 Finance Meeting	17 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	18 3:45 Children's Music Activity 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:45 Wednesday Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting	19	20	21 8:00 Operation Inasmuch
26 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	23	24	25 No Children's Music Activity No Chancel Choir 6:30 Church-wide Bible Study	26	27	28
29 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	30 Office Closed for Memorial Day	31				

June 2022						
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