



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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We invite you to join us at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast to kick off our day of community missions projects, 8:30 a.m. for the Commissioning Worship, and the projects begin at 9:00 a.m.

Events At A Glance

- May 1 - Southeastern Oratorio Society concert at Frist Presbyterian Whiteville, 7:30 p.m.
- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Bible Study coordinated by Willis & Sue Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn, 6:00 p.m.
- May 3, 10, 17, 26, 31 - Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- May 7 - "The Bride of Christ" with speaker Mrs. Joy Brown and Women's Choir, 11:00 a.m.
- May 14 - Mother's Day, with special music by Men's Choir, 11:00 a.m.
- May 15 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- May 16 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- May 17 - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:45 p.m., guest, Dr. Andy Hale of CBFNC
- May 20 - Operation Inasmuch, 8:00 a.m.
- May 21 - Testimonies from Operation Inasmuch, 11:00 a.m.
- May 21 - Columbus Community Band, 3:00 p.m.
- May 28 - Celebrating the Lord's Supper, 11:00 a.m.
- May 29 - The Church Office will be Closed for Memorial Day

PASTOR'S CORNER



April has been a very beautiful and eventful month! During HOLY WEEK, we celebrated PALM SUNDAY and we really appreciate Bryce Kronenwetter who played the role of Jesus as we waved our palm branches and remembered the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on that Sunday. Through the years, I have often said, *Jesus was greeted with cheers from the crowd as He entered the holy city of Jerusalem and by the end of the week, when He was crucified on Golgotha, the hill we call Mount Calvary, those cheers had turned to jeers and curses. Jesus carried His cross to be crucified on that cross to bear the sins for all of mankind as the Ultimate Sacrifice to please God!* On Wednesday of Holy Week, we were thankful to celebrate with a very large attendance of children and their families and friends including a delicious supper prepared by our faithful volunteers, Prayer Time together, the Gospel shared by our very own Wallyce Todd, and games, an egg hunt, and fun activities. It all was coordinated by Caroline Hensley-Bonner, who lovingly had listened to a request made by one of her Sunday School students, Brantley Russell, and then she literally planned and executed the wonderful and monumental event with many volunteers in less than two (2) weeks! On MAUNDY THURSDAY, I am very grateful that my wife, Joy, was able to be with us to share the very moving presentation of “Christ in the Passover,” as we celebrated the meaning of Passover in the Old Testament and how Jesus truly became the Passover Lamb Who was sacrificed on the cross for our sins. On RESURRECTION SUNDAY, we celebrated through scripture, music, and message the glorious truth that Jesus defeated death and rose from the grave!

On March 20th, I had to have emergency eye surgery for a detached retina, so I now have a special new appreciation for the lyrics of one of our beloved hymns: *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind but now I see!* By and through God’s grace as the GREAT PHYSICIAN and with the amazing knowledge and skills of two dedicated and wonderful doctors, optometrist, Dr. Jerd Poston, and ophthalmologist, Dr. Stephen Phillips, and their competent staff members, I am recovering! So, I truly realize—perhaps as never before—the message of HOPE as we proclaimed on Resurrection Sunday! As if the emergency eye surgery were not enough, I accidentally fell down the steps from the pulpit in the sanctuary and I am recovering from that adventure. I still am able to say as we sing together in the *Doxology, Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!* I thank our physician, Dr. Jose Armonio, and his wife, Helen, and their staff for their competent concern and great care! I also thank all of you for your prayers, texts, phone calls, cards and many expressions of concern as the sweet BODY OF CHRIST during these days! I am very thankful to Joy for being a great nurse, and for her willingness to be—as she says—“Driving Mister Daisy”—while I am not allowed to drive!

Please join us for all of our special Worship Services this coming month. If you will look at our listing for the services in May, I hope you will NOT miss a single opportunity to praise God together with us and to celebrate with your fellow believers in each and every VARIED SERVICE! I also urge you to join us for **OPERATION INASMUCH** on Saturday, May 20th! There will be many areas of ministry on that day for EVERYONE to be included in some type of service together, and you can “read all about it” elsewhere in this issue of THE CONTACT!

I invite you to come eat Family Night Dinner (\$5.00 per person) beginning at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24th. This will be the “last supper” (NO pun intended!) for each month until the dinners resume in the fall. We really hope you can join us for the fellowship and enjoy the delicious meal—as they ALL have been this year and as they always are—but we also want you to be present to help us welcome and hear our guest, Dr. Andy Hale, who will share with us at 6:30 p.m. following the meal. He is representing the COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP and he will allow time for “Q and A” as he tries to answer any questions or concerns you may have. If you cannot come to enjoy the meal, please feel free to come and hear Dr. Hale at 6:30 p.m., as he shares with us that we might gain a better understanding of CBF.

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If you are—or someone you know from First Baptist Church is—graduating this year from high school, college, technical school, university, or ANY educational program, please contact the Church Office at **910-642-2139**. We plan to honor our graduates on Sunday, June 4th, in the Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.—and we do not want to miss the blessing of recognizing each and every graduate. Congratulations to you all!

And speaking of graduates, three (3) of our young ladies from First Baptist Church are seniors who will be graduating from Whiteville High School: Carly Sanderson, Mary-Gregg Williamson, and Jillian Young. Their senior dance recital will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 3:00 p.m., at West Columbus High School in Cerro Gordo. Benlyn Sauls of our church will be in her dance recital at 10:00 a.m. in the same location. We are happy for and proud of all of you girls!

Let's please continue remembering our Pastor Search Committee prayerfully! They all are praying . . . working . . . and really are seeking God's will in their interviews and efforts! We ALL appreciate their dedication and commitment . . . and as I thank them . . . I also thank YOU—the entire church—very much for praying for them in their BIG responsibilities and tasks! God loves you . . . and so do I!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' love,
Wayne Brown

OUTREACH MINISTRY

With the recommendation of the Children's Committee, Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, and Deacons, the members of First Baptist Church voted in the church conference on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 to employ Mrs. Caroline Hensley-Bonner as the Co-Ordinator for Outreach and Ministry to Children for this summer of 2023. Please pray for Caroline as she assumes this vitally important role in our church. Caroline is the daughter of Bobby and Wendy Hensley and her husband is Jedidiah (Jed) Bonner.



MAY SERMONS

May 7, 2023

Christian Home Week

Ephesians 5:22-33; Revelation 19:7-9

The Bride of Christ

Special Guest Speaker: Mrs. Joy Brown

Special Music: Women's Choir

May 14, 2023

Mother's Day

Genesis 3:20; Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 10:3;

Proverbs 1:8-9, 31:25-38; John 19:26-27

God Give Us Christian Homes!

Special Music: Men's Choir

May 21, 2023

Operation Inasmuch Sunday

Psalm 142:4; Isaiah 61:1-3; Matthew 25:31-46

Are We Really "Inasmuch" Christians?

May 28, 2023

Memorial Day Eve Worship Celebration

The Lord's Supper

John 15:9-17; I Corinthians 11:23-26

In Remembrance

MAY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 7 Tina Sauls
- 14 Gina Morningstar
- 21 Tricia Sanderson
- 28 Grayanna Young

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 7 Janice Young / Mel Ray
- 14 Tricia Sanderson / Ella Jo Sellers
- 21 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray
- 28 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood

HOSPICE MEALS

Martha Watson

SOUND & VIDEO

- 7 Kirby Sanderson
- 14 Eric Kronenwetter
- 21 Kirby Sanderson
- 28 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 7 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 14 Genie Carter
- 21 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
- 28 Jolene Lewis

USHERS (Chairman: Harry Ward)

- 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

April 30, 2023

Report will appear in June Contact



STEWARDSHIP

April 2, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$580.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,868.11
Budget Gifts Operational	\$524.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,972.11

Designated/Other Funds	\$2,124.90
Total Collections This Week	\$8,097.01

Over Budget This Week \$694.47

Budget Need to date	\$153,331.34
Budget Rec'd to date	\$131,009.77
Under Budget to date	\$22,321.57

April 9, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$410.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,632.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$345.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,387.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$2,010.00
Total Collections This Week	\$6,397.00

Under Budget This Week \$2,279.58

Budget Need to date	\$186,664.24
Budget Rec'd to date	\$158,123.10
Under Budget to date	\$28,541.14

April 16, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$600.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,179.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$300.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,179.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$200.50
Total Collections This Week	\$4,379.50

Under Budget This Week \$2,487.58

Budget Need to date	\$193,330.82
Budget Rec'd to date	\$162,302.10
Under Budget to date	\$31,028.72

April 23, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$575.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,433.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$495.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,503.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$415.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,918.00

Under Budget This Week \$2,163.58

Budget Need to date	\$199,997.40
Budget Rec'd to date	\$166,805.10
Under Budget to date	\$33,192.30



- 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
- 25 Carly Sanderson
- 26 Hilda Ray
- 27 Myrtie Sellers
- 30 Mary Jean Prince
- 31 Heath Watson

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

- April 2, 2023 - 57
- April 9, 2023 - 47
- April 16, 2023 - 45
- April 23, 2023 - 41
- April 30, 2023 - ??

Average attendance for April
Sunday School is 48.

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

OFFICE CONTACT INFO

Ministerial Staff

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Ministry Assistant Staff

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.,
Monday—Thursday
Phone: 910-642-2139 Fax: 910-642-5874

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

WMU: Monday, May 15, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer and Program: Ella Jo Sellers

Hospice Meal: Martha Watson (Contact Karen: 910-642-9051)

May Mission Project: Operation Inasmuch



Our **Mission Project for May** is working with the *Operation Inasmuch* team on Saturday, May 20, during the FBC one-day Missions Blitz in our community. The WMU will provide soup, sandwiches and snacks for our homebound members and others in the community. We also will help with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and lunch for those who participate in the event.

Our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was \$1,000, and we have collected \$625. We collected \$1,405 for the Global Missions Easter Offering. Thank you for your contributions to both of these offerings.

2022-24 Watchword: *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, WMU Director

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Please Note: Effective in April 2023, the cost for the Wednesday Night Supper increased to \$5.00. This increase is needed to cover the rising costs of food and paper supplies. We hope to be able to continue to provide the fellowship meal at least once a month. The May supper is the last for this season, and we will resume on a monthly basis in the fall. We appreciate everyone who participates in preparing the meals, as well as those who come to enjoy them. Thank you for your understanding.

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, May 17 for the meal at 5:45 p.m. and to hear our special guest, Dr. Andy Hale, at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Hale is the Associate Executive Co-Ordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC.

Cooking Group 3 with Myrtle and Haywood Corbett as Co-Chairs, will be preparing supper. The menu is: *grilled pork chops, brown rice, Italian cut green beans, baked fruit casserole, rolls, and assorted desserts with tea/coffee/water for beverages.*



"The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my Savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety."

Psalms 18:2 NLT

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OPERATION INASMUCH

Operation Inasmuch is Saturday, May 20, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast, commissioning at 8:30 a.m. and projects beginning at 9:00 a.m. We need volunteers to make this event a success in our community. This is one of our opportunities to be the light of Christ in our area. Below is a list of opportunities to serve. If you have not chosen a project, please call a member of the Missions Committee or the church office. You can bring this completed form to the church office by Thursday, May 11 or bring it to church for a member of the Missions Committee by Sunday, May 14. We look forward to serving with you.

Operation Inasmuch Volunteer Registration

Please complete and turn in to the church office by **Sunday, May 14th.**
(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

Please sign me up to participate in the following projects:

*If you are interested in multiple projects, check all that apply.
We will assign you to the project with the greatest need.*

- _____ Card Ministry
- _____ Child Care Ministry (thru age 3) 9:00 a.m.—12 noon
- _____ Children's Ministry
- _____ Fidget Blankets (for Alzheimer's Patients)
- _____ Financial Support Ministry
- _____ Laundromat Ministry
- _____ Photography Ministry
- _____ Prayer Ministry
- _____ Ramp Build
- _____ Rose House Ministry
- _____ Sock Puppets
- _____ Soup Kitchen Ministry
- _____ Others as needed

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THANK YOU

Dear First Baptist Church,

I want to thank you and Dr. Brown for your cards, prayers, and thoughts during our time of sadness and grief. Your gestures of love and support are immeasurable to all of us. Please continue to pray for us.

Love all,

Carolyn Thompson and family



Dear FBC Family,

I would like to thank everyone for all the food, calls, prayers, and visits during my recovery. Your kindness has meant so much to me. I miss my church family and hope to be going home soon.

Mrs. Marie Sellers

Dear Pastor Wayne,

Thank you so much for your participation in our mom's celebration of life service. We appreciated your support, ministry and encouragement during this time.

Our mom (and dad) both loved being a part of First Baptist Whiteville and served faithfully for many years. Every Sunday, mom had us to log her into the Facebook page for service. Some of the ladies there kept her abreast of all the activities. So much appreciated.

Warmest regards,

Juanita Tedder's children

Debbie, Gail, & Ken

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Any student interested in applying for an FBC Educational Scholarship, please stop by the church office to pick up a form, or contact Donna Prince, 910-840-6673. Deadline for these applications is Thursday, May 11, 2023.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 29**, in observance of Memorial Day. Have a great holiday!

BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Bible study coordinated by Willis & Sue Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn has moved to **Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.** in the conference room. Everyone is welcome—please, invite a friend!



	May 2023					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 Bible Study 7:30 Southeastern Oratorio Society Performance at First Presbyterian Church of Whiteville	2	3 6:30 Prayer Meeting	4	5	6
7 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship Speaker: Mrs. Joy Brown Special Music: Women's Choir	8 6:00 Bible Study	9	10 6:30 Prayer Meeting	11	12	13 10:00 & 3:00 FBC girls dance recitals. WCHS
14 Mother's Day 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship Special Music: Men's Choir	15 9:30 Finance Meeting 10:00 WMU Meeting 6:00 Bible Study	16 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	17 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper (\$5.00) 6:30 Prayer Meeting with Special Guest Dr. Andy Hale from CBFNC, Q&A session open to all	18	19	20 8:00 OIM Breakfast 8:30 Commissioning Worship 9:00 Operation Inasmuch
21 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Columbus Community Band Concert in the sanctuary	22 6:00 Bible Study	23	24 6:30 Prayer Meeting	25	26	27
28 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper	29 6:00 Bible Study Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30	31 6:30 Prayer Meeting			

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