



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE



We will contact you when we are able to meet together for corporate worship and other group activities.



PASTOR'S CORNER



We are on a journey together at First Baptist Church of Whiteville and I am thankful to you as a loving congregation for giving me the honor and privilege to serve as your Interim Pastor. Who would have ever thought when we met in February that we would get to worship together for a few Sunday and Wednesday services, and then be mandated by our national, state, and local authorities to “keep our protective social distance” from each other as a very wise precaution because of the Coronavirus? I laughingly have said that as a “hugging and hand-holding pastor,” this “distancing” has been a totally different way of getting to relate with each other since we first met! However, aren't we BLESSED and THANKFUL to have the ability to broadcast our Morning Worship Services on our AM and FM Radio Stations and to Live Stream on our church's Facebook? These various forms of media have surely become helpful ways for all of us to communicate during these very challenging days! We definitely are praying to God, in Jesus' Name, for our land and the entire world to be healed from this “plague” that has invaded us all!

During the Lenten Season we looked at “The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross.” On Palm Sunday we emphasized Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as proclaimed by all four (4) of the Gospel writers, and on Resurrection Sunday, we celebrated that Jesus defeated death and rose from the tomb, another triumphant event which also was recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. On Sunday, April 19th, we looked again at passages in all four (4) Gospels and in Acts 1:8 where the writers reported that Jesus commissioned us to “go into all the world” to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the GOOD NEWS--while remembering His promise that He would be with us always!

A minister friend of mine, Dan Griffin, with whom I served at the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and who now lives in Texas, used to say, “There is nothing as over as Christmas!” That seems to be so true after all the gifts are unwrapped, the feasts are shared, and the traveling and festivities are completed. I think that many people often feel that way about Easter. They seem to experience a “let down” after Holy Week and the excitement of the “build up” in celebration of the resurrection! But may I remind us, that it was AFTER His resurrection that Jesus gave us His GREAT COMMISSION! Jesus told His disciples then, and He is telling us now, that their work was--and our work is--to “go forth” with the GOOD NEWS! His WORDS of truth, faith, peace, and love are as alive and well as ever—and HIS MESSAGE OF HOPE is especially needed in these dark days and troubled times, aren't they!?

Several years ago, God inspired me with a very simple “Plan of Salvation” that I would like to share with you. Hopefully, you will find it easy to memorize this and perhaps it will serve as another tool to help as we seek to fulfill Jesus' GREAT COMMISSION to all of us. As we are “commissioned” to share HIS GOOD NEWS with others, I call it “The A, B, C's and D of Salvation!” I shared it from the pulpit on Sunday, April 26th. We also have included it on page 6 in this issue of **THE CONTACT** to help you learn and memorize this approach as God leads you.

Let's ask God to please help us learn our “A, B, C's and D” as we have the joy of sharing the Gospel reaching **UP** to Him . . . reaching **OUT** to others . . . and reaching **IN** to each other in ministry and service. May we all “enjoy the journey” and have fun together with Him . . . and with each other! God bless you! Please call if you **EVER** need me, ok? (843.796.0397)

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' love, *Wayne Brown*



MAY'S SERMONS

May 3, 2020

“The A,B,C's and D of Salvation” Part II
Selected Scriptures

May 10, 2020

Mother's Day

“A Mother After God's Own Heart!”
Proverbs 31:10-31
Luke 2:1-7; 19:41-50
John 19:25-27

May 17, 2020

“How To Have A Happy Home!”
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Ephesians 5:15-33; 6:1-4

May 24, 2020

“How To Have A Happy Home!” Part II
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Ephesians 5:15-33; 6:1-4

May 31, 2020

Memorial Day Weekend
“In Memory Of The Savior's Love!”
Psalm 91:1-16
Romans 8:28-39



MUSIC NOTES



March and April proved to be an interesting time of life adjustment for each of us. Often during this time, I have been reminded of Psalm 46:10:

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.” Our world as

we know it has certainly come to a standstill. May each of us grow closer to God during this unusual time of stillness.

There are several “unsung” heroes who have made our Sunday worship possible via radio, Facebook and our church website. They have spent considerable time working with the technology available to us. They have even purchased equipment out of their own pockets to make sure that we can worship together each Sunday. Thank you Audio-Visual Committee and helpers for sharing your talents: Kirby Sanderson, Eric Kronenwetter, Brice Kronenwetter, and Mitchell Sauls. We greatly appreciate you.

On a less pleasant note, Jim Council our interim organist, has decided to fully retire for the 2nd time. He has gladly, graciously, and conscientiously served as our organist, squeezing two months into almost three years. We are most grateful for Jim and the music he has shared with us. We will miss him greatly.

Randy Page has gladly offered to play for us during our “stay at home” time. His church records their service on

Saturday. It is really good to work with Randy again.

Imagine our worship service with no organ or piano. Let us all join in prayer together as we seek God’s wisdom and guidance for our future organist.

As we have worshiped together from our homes, we are reminded of how important we are to each other and how much we miss being together sharing in all of our church ministries.

I look forward to things getting back to normal (whatever that may be). I look forward to worshipping, studying and sharing with each of you face to face. Please stay safe and well.

Eddie

Worship will continue by way of radio and internet for hopefully, just a few more Sundays.



Join us on Wednesdays when we start back for Supper (5:45 p.m.), Prayer Meeting and Bible Study (6:30– 7:15 p.m.), Godly Play (6:30-7:30p.m.) Nursery is available after supper.

Wednesday Night Supper



May 6

Brenda Carter & Genie Carter — Chair
Kirby & Trish Sanderson
Tina Sauls

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley
Katherine Scott

May 13

Menu - TBA
Mary Alice Stanley — Chair
Myrtie Sellers
David Heath
John & Janet Plasky

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

May 20

Menu - TBA
Fred & Martha Senter — Chair
Betty Jo Prevatte
Joe & Mary Hooks
Willis & Sue Pinnell

Nursery

Trish Sanderson
Carly Sanderson
Leah Sanderson

May 27

Menu - Covered Dish Meal— (possibly)
Janice Young — Chair
Charlotte Collins
Merle Worley
Sylvia Elkins
Sandi Floyd
Bridger Warlick

Nursery

Brenda Carter or Genie Carter

MAY MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3 Grayanna Young
 10 Gina Morningstar
 17 Tina Sauls
 24 Tricia Sanderson
 31 TBA

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

3 Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson
 10 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson
 17 Sandra Floyd / Haywood Corbett
 24 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince
 31 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte

DVD DISTRIBUTION

3 Peggy Walters
 10 Hilda Butler
 17 Rose Langston
 24 Jolene Lewis
 31 Rose Langston

HOSPICE MEAL

15 Has been canceled by the facility

NURSERY

3 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson
 10 Jim & Erin Warlick
 17 Peggy Norosky / Wendy Hensley
 24 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter
 31 Mary Alice Stanley /

PEW STOCKER

Betty Jo Prevatte

SOUND & VIDEO

3 Mitchell Sauls
 10 Bryce Kronenwetter
 17 Kirby Sanderson
 24 Eric Kronenwetter
 31 Bryce Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

3 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
 10 Genie Carter
 17 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
 24 Bill & Jolene Lewis
 31 Mitchell Sauls / Bridger Warlick

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

24 Apostles / Inquirers/ Youth Classes

USHERS (Chairman: Joe Hooks)

3 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /
 David Heath / Clint Grainger /
 J. C. Hyatt
 10 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell
 Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt
 17 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /
 Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /
 Chris Blackmon
 24 Harry Ward / David Tedder /
 Haywood Corbett / Kevin
 Williamson / Kyle Cook
 31 TBA

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Myrtie Sellers

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

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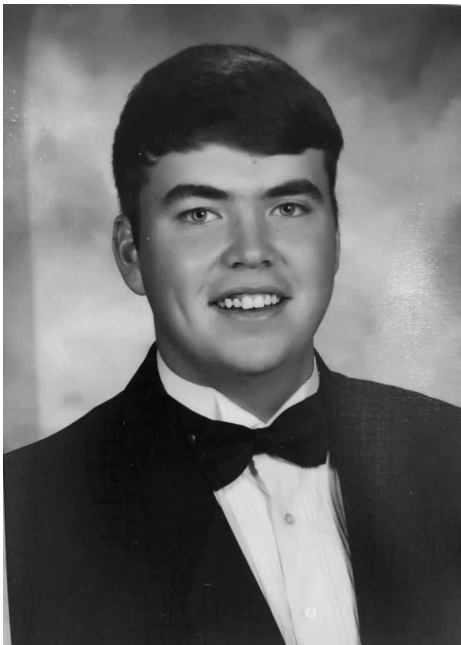
<u>Our Financial Stewardship</u>	
April 5, 2020	
Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$180.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,770.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$0.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,950.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$100.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,050.00
Under Budget This Week	\$2,715.50
Budget Need to date	\$179,968.50
Budget Rec'd to date	\$178,038.75
Under	\$1,929.75
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<b>April 12, 2020</b>	
Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$100.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,770.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$500.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,370.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$192.21
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$3,562.21</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,295.50</b>
Budget Need to date	\$186,634.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$181,408.75
Under	\$5,225.25
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April 19, 2020	
Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,720.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$240.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,960.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$783.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,743.00
Under Budget This Week	\$2,705.50
Budget Need to date	\$193,299.50
Budget Rec'd to date	\$185,368.75
Over	\$7,930.75
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<b>April 26, 2020</b>	
Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,163.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$10,292.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$4,050.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$15,505.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$587.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$16,092.00</b>
<b>Over Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$8,839.50</b>
Budget Need to date	\$199,965.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$200,873.75
Over	\$908.75

<b>March 29, 2020</b>	
Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$110.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,807.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$0.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,917.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$486.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$3,403.00</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,748.50</b>
Budget Need to date	\$173,303.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$174,088.75.00
Over	\$785.75.00

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

THIS MONTH WE SPOTLIGHT OUR GRADUATES

I will graduate from Whiteville High School in May, 2020. I plan on attending Southeastern Community College to obtain my Associate of Science Degree. After graduating from SCC, I will transfer to a four-year college to complete a Bachelor's Degree and continue my education goal of obtaining a Master's Degree. I have always enjoyed helping others and I strive to make a positive difference in people's lives. I also found out during my high school years that I have a love of science. Although I have not narrowed down my major choice of study, I have decided to pursue a career in the public health field. Although I have many fond, church memories, some of my favorites are as follows: Vacation Bible School, Easter egg hunts, Wednesday night suppers, Children In Action, children's sermon on Sunday mornings, progressive dinner at Christmas, and youth/adult handbells. I was baptized in this church and have attended this church since I was only a few weeks old. This church has always been a part of my life. I am thankful for the loving church family I have had all these years. Please pray for me as I begin a new journey in my life.



First Baptist Church has been a big part of my life for as long as I can remember. Sitting in the same pew for many years with my parents and grandparents is something that I will always love, cherish and carry on with my family for the rest of my life. I have been blessed by many people in First Baptist Church through so many ways. I am beyond grateful for everything I have learned and experienced from the people in our congregation. One of the things I have enjoyed most about First Baptist is the music program. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the music ministries that I have been a part of. I thank Mr. Eddie for his hard work and endless hours of dedication that he puts into the music programs here at FBC to make them the best that they can possibly be. I have also enjoyed all of the youth mission trips that I have been on with FBC. I thank Mr. John for taking us on these trips and always being a great youth leader every Sunday night. Next year, I will attend Methodist University where I will also play on the tennis team. I plan to major in

Business Administration with a concentration in Professional Tennis Management. One of the great things about attending a University not too far from home is that I will be able to occasionally come back and enjoy fellowship with the members of FBC. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

May 11, 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer: Mary Alice Stanley

Program: Martha Senter



The WMU will plan to meet on our scheduled date; however, we will make adjustments based on state and national guidelines. This will be a planning meeting and will be our last meeting before the summer recess.

**May Project:** We will continue to collect the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and hope to reach our goal of \$1,000.

**Watchword:** *“My dear friends, stand firm and don’t be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile.” 1 Cor. 15:58*

### Our Mission

... is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

Myrtle Corbett

WMU Director

## SCHOLARSHIPS

We are glad to announce that college scholarships have been awarded to Maggie Hensley, Leah Sanderson, and Bridger Warlick. We enjoy serving with you at First Baptist Church and wish you the best in your educational endeavors.

### The A, B, C’s and D of Salvation”

(Ten Steps for Growth as a Christian and How to Share Your Faith)

A = Romans 3:23 and 6:23

B = John 3:16; Acts 16:31

C = I John 1:9

D = Revelation 3:20

B = Acts 2:38

C = Hebrews 10:24-25a

P = I Thessalonians 5:17

B = II Timothy 2:15

G = Matthew 28:19-20

D = James 1:22

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The ten (10) steps can be demonstrated with our hands as we try to  
“fly like an eagle” in sharing our faith:

Isaiah 40:31

*But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COMING EVENTS

Please note, due to our shelter at home situation, the below mentioned dates will remain tentative until we know more about the duration of social restrictions. As changes to our restrictions unfold, we will contact everyone on our mass communication list (phone call, email, or text). If you are not currently receiving mass communications from the church office, please let us know.

While we continue to operate under gathering restrictions, we want you to know that the Sunday morning video messages will be broadcast live via Facebook, and the audio messages can still be heard on radio station FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, and online at [www.wtxy1540.com](http://www.wtxy1540.com). (Scroll to the "Church Services" box and select the "Click to Listen Live" link.)



You will be able to give contributions online on our [www.fbcwhiteville.com](http://www.fbcwhiteville.com) web site under the "Giving" tab near the top of the page, or you can mail contributions to the church.

Thank you for your patience as we work through staying safe. We miss meeting together and look forward to seeing you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you need any help.

## UPDATES

**AMAZING GRACE CONCERT:** The concert is postponed to a later date. As soon as possible, we will announce another date.

**MISSIONS: OPERATION INASMUCH IS POSTPONED.** We will reschedule this event as soon as possible. However, if you know of needs in our community, let us know. We want to be available to help when possible.

**BAPTIST MEN:** We hope we will be able to meet in July.

**SUNSHINE SENIOR ADULT GROUP:** Covered Dish at the Lake. Details to be announced.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** Our Sunday School kickoff at FBC to promote our Sunday school classes is postponed to a later date. In the meantime you might consider our needs and opportunities for service. We need more teachers for our children's classes. Right now we have a nursery class, 3, 4 and 5 year old class, 1st and 2nd grade class and 3rd, 4th and 5th grade class. Our adult classes currently have teachers. If anyone is willing to assist in helping with any of our children's classes, please contact Kirby Sanderson at (910)840-1856. Keep checking back for our new kickoff date. We look forward to seeing everyone very soon. Thank you.

# THANK YOU


Dear First Baptist Family,

Four years ago, the name of my brother Dickie Long was placed on our weekly prayer calendar. On Palm Sunday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m. Dickie entered into the New Jerusalem and the presence of our Risen Lord. Thank you for your prayers during his declining health due to ALS and for the many offerings of love and compassion during our time of grief. We appreciate every act of kindness on behalf of Dickie's family. To God be the glory!

Myrtle and Haywood Corbett

## CHICKEN BOG WEDNESDAY NIGHT DRIVE UP MEAL SUCCESS!

A huge "Thank You!" goes out to our deacons for their efforts in ministering to our church family with the drive up chicken bog meal. We gave out 174 plates and were able to take 25 plates to Madison Hills. Our church family and many others were greatly blessed by this act of kindness. A tip of the hat to Brad Johnson and his helpers for a job well done.

	May 2020					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 11:00 Morning Worship audio on FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, online at <a href="http://www.wtxy1540.com">www.wtxy1540.com</a> , and video on the First Baptist Whiteville FaceBook page Live Stream	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10 Mother's Day</b> 11:00 Morning Worship audio on FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, online at <a href="http://www.wtxy1540.com">www.wtxy1540.com</a> , and video on the First Baptist Whiteville FaceBook page Live Stream	11 10:00 Tentative WMU meeting	12	13 TBA	14	15	16
<b>17</b> 11:00 Morning Worship audio on FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, online at <a href="http://www.wtxy1540.com">www.wtxy1540.com</a> , and video on the First Baptist Whiteville FaceBook page Live Stream	18	19	20 TBA	21	22	23
<b>24</b> 11:00 Morning Worship audio on FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, online at <a href="http://www.wtxy1540.com">www.wtxy1540.com</a> , and video on the First Baptist Whiteville FaceBook page Live Stream	25 Memorial Day Office Closed 	26	27 TBA	28	29	30
<b>31</b> 11:00 Morning Worship audio on FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, online at <a href="http://www.wtxy1540.com">www.wtxy1540.com</a> , and video on the First Baptist Whiteville FaceBook page Live Stream						

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