



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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This year we are excited to have Fred Senter as our guest speaker for Homecoming on November 6. Fred is currently the interim pastor at Lennon's Crossroads Baptist Church, in Evergreen, North Carolina. But he and his wife, Martha, hold their membership

here, at First Baptist Church. Fred began his ministry as the Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church from 1963-1966. Since then he has served as a Chaplain in the US Army and has served as Senior Pastor of three other congregations in Pittsboro, High Point, and Wadesboro, NC.

Having Fred in our pulpit for this special occasion will certainly make this event feel like a "Coming home" for all of us. Fred and Martha are key contributors to our congregation, even as they faithfully serve "down the road" in Evergreen. Please join us for Homecoming to hear a wonderful sermon from Acts 27 titled "A Positive Outlook in a Negative Looking World." Please join us for a covered dish luncheon after the service. And don't forget to invite your family and friends!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER 5

SOCIAL COMMITTEE
COVERED DISH LUNCH

NOVEMBER 6

HOMECOMING

NOVEMBER 8

HYMN SING

NOVEMBER 15

DEACON MEETING

NOVEMBER 20

COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

NOVEMBER 21

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING

NOVEMBER 24 & 25

OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 27

HANGING OF THE
GREENS

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

"MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE?"

*"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."* Psalm 46:10

If you think about it, having a healthy spiritual life is all about what you give your attention to. Church life can sometimes follow the trends of the fast paced culture that we live in. We pack our days with event after event. We're in a hurry! And then we get home and we turn on our television sets to watch the news and learn of all of the dreadful things that have happened in one day.

The Lord is a refreshment that we need. Yet how often is it we allow God to be the center of our focus? If you're like me, you're overwhelmed with all of the things that demand your attention from minute to minute.

There's a great deal of irony regarding the Thanksgiving and Advent season. The theme of both holidays asks us to slow down and reflect upon the good things that God provides for us. The next few months we are called upon to focus on thankfulness, peace, stillness, and new life. Yet the busyness of our lives suggests the opposite.

Before it all begins, take a moment to contemplate what kind of activities will demand your attention in the months to come. What will take priority in your life? While the world may be in turmoil and unrest, may we, as a body of Christ, turn our attention upon the God of hope, love, and peace. May we allow God to be a refreshment that we all need.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

SUNDAY SERMONS

November 6:

Guest Preacher, Fred Senter
Homecoming

"A Positive Outlook in a Negative Looking World"
Acts 27:21-26, 44b

November 13:

"Christlike Endurance"
Luke 12:5-19

November 20:

"Letting Down our Lord"
Luke 18:1-8

November 27:

"An Unexpected Guest"
Matthew 24:36-44

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Monthly Worship Attendance Average: 107

Sunday School Attendance Average: 66

October Financial Update:

2: \$ 6,138.00

9: \$ 0.00 Due to Hurricane

16: \$ 7,727.00

23: \$ 4,846.00

30: TBA in December

Amount Received for October: \$ 18,711.00

Amount Needed to make Monthly budget: \$ 41,016.85

Under Budget for the Month: \$ 14,102.48

Budget Needs as of 10/23/16: \$ 32,813.48

Budget Received YTD: \$ 18,711.00

Budget Under YTD: \$ 14,102.48

MUSIC NOTES

Music Ministry Opportunities

November-December

The Music Ministry is working diligently each week to prepare for a number of important events in the life of our church. Please see below for activities you can attend and be involved in.

November 6 Homecoming (Morning Worship at 11:00)

(Dr. Fred Senter is our guest preacher)

November 20 Community Thanksgiving Service

(4:00 p.m. at The Whiteville United Methodist Church) There will be a combined church choir and Rev. Ryan Clore will preach the Thanksgiving message.

November 27 Hanging of the Greens

The service is a highlight of our church year and will include our music groups as well as many participants in our congregation.

December 18 God Is With Us (Morning Worship at 11:00)

Presented by the youth and Chancel Choirs with guests String and Woodwind Ensemble

December 24 Christmas Eve Communion

5:00 p.m.

Music Ministry 2016-2017

At a Glance!

Children's Music Activity (for grades 1-6)

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir (for Adults and Youth)

Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

Preschool Music Activity

Each Sunday during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m.

Youth and Adult Handbells

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Choir (for grades 6-12)

Sunday, 5:15 p.m.

Sing With Understanding (A hymn study for all ages)

The second Tuesday of each month, 11:00 a.m.

Future Music Opportunities

January 27-28, 2017	Adult Choir Festival (FBC Charleston, SC)
March 3-5, 2017	Youth Choir Festival (Myrtle Beach, SC)
April 9, 2017	Raleigh Ringers Concert (Lumberton Civic Center) Tickets: \$25 adult, \$10 student

Make a *Joyful* noise unto the Lord
Psalm 98:4

NOVEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

6 Grayanna Young
13 Gina Morningstar
20 Katherine Jordan Scott
27 Tricia Sanderson

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Delores Harrison

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

6 Glenn Waters & Sylvia Walker
13 John Sauls & Kirby Sanderson
20 Brownie Cook & Bobby Hensley
27 Emory Worley & Merle Worley

NURSERY

6 John & Peggy Norosky
13 John & Peggy Norosky
20 John & Peggy Norosky
27 John & Peggy Norosky

SOUND & VIDEO

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

OFFERING TELLERS

Charlie Duncan

PEW STOCKER

Carlton Prince

DVD DISTRIBUTION

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

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

6 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
13 Bill & Jolene Lewis
20 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
27 Jerry Wilson & Yvonne Bass

HOSPICE MEAL FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Juanita Stanley

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Janet Austin	10	Peggy Norosky	21	Mitchell Sauls
4	Thomas Willis	10	Brownie Cook	22	Otis McNeil
4	Brianna Johnston	12	Andrew Sauls	22	Jan Lynn
4	Tanner Morningstar	13	Genie Carter	23	Lindsey Johnson
6	Keith Wilson	13	Eric Kronenwetter	23	Erica Turner
9	Robert Tedder	16	Robin Fort	25	Yvonne Gold
9	Yvonne Bass	18	Nancy Collier	27	Doris Norris
9	Cynthia Lytle	19	Fred Senter	28	Merle Worley
10	Eddie Fort	21	Bryanna Ray	28	Tonya Schoolcraft

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

November 2: Chairpersons—Carlton & Mary Jean Prince Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad & Rolls; Dessert: Something Delicious

November 9 : Chairperson—Muriel Hill Menu: Something Delicious; Dessert: Something Delicious

November 16: Chairperson—Melvin Ezzell Menu: Chicken, Rice & Green Beans; Dessert: Assorted

November 30: Chairpersons—Haywood & Myrtle Corbett Menu: Spaghetti, Tossed Salad & Rolls; Dessert: Something Delicious

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.) and Prayer Meeting (6:30-7:00 p.m.)!

A nursery is available after supper.

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight is written by our new Ministry Assistant, Teresa Malpass.

Greetings members of FBC! Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome I have received since I have been in the church office. You have made me feel completely at home.

Let me tell you a little about myself. The Lord brought my husband, Kenneth, and I together 22 years ago through a match-making pastor's wife. (Thank the Lord for Christian friends!) My husband was born and raised in the Delco area and I am an eastern Tennessee native. We have 3 children—Malachi, Mariah and Carrie—two college students and a high school junior.

I came to know the Lord as my personal Savior when I was 7 years old and can attest to His longsuffering and kindness to His children. God is faithful. Our family is

active at Faith Baptist Church in Delco, where we enjoy being a part of choir, singing groups and instrumental groups.

We are grateful to the Lord for His answer to our prayers in your calling me to come and work with your church. God's timing is always right! We are evidence that God is still faithful to His children. You have already been a blessing to me with your warm reception. I look forward to working with you.



Proverbs 3:5-6

HOMEcoming

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Fred Senter will be our special guest speaker.

Join us in celebrating 182 years of ministry to this community and around the world.

SHARE IN GIVING TO THE ANNUAL HARVEST DAY OFFERING:

GOAL \$5,000.00

This year's offering will be divided equally between Repairs & Contingency and Local Mission Needs (schools, benevolence, Harvest Table, Operation In As Much).

You are invited to join us for a covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship.

Please invite your family and friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016-2017 DEACON NOMINATIONS

We would like to congratulate the five nominees that we elected on Sunday, September 25, 2016 to serve as deacons for a three year term began October 01, 2016. We have also included the names of the other ten deacons currently serving, as well as the newly elected Deacon Officers for 2016-2017. Please continue to lift up our deacons and deacon officers in your prayers as they seek to follow God's direction in the coming church year.

Newly Elected Deacon Officers

Term Expires 2017

Kate Carter— Deacon Secretary
Stephen Prince— Deacon Vice Chairman
Melvin Ezzell— Deacon Chairman

Newly Elected Deacons

Term Expires 2019

Bobby Hensley
David Jordan
Glenn Waters
Kirby Sanderson
Merle Worley

Current Deacons

Term Expires 2018

Kate Carter
Stephen Prince
John Sauls
Jim Warlick
Jerry Wilson

Current Deacons

Term Expires 2017

Brownie Cook
Melvin Ezzell
Rose Langston
Sylvia Walker
Emory Worley

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



It's time again for **Operation Christmas Child**. If you are building a box, please have it to the church by Sunday, November 13. If you are not building a box but would like to help with postage, make your check out to

the church and mark it "Operation Christmas Child".

Postage is \$7/box and we have about 100 boxes to mail.

PECAN FESTIVAL

First Baptist Church is excited to have our very own float participating in the Pecan Harvest Festival. We hope you will join us at the festival for the parade at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year, our Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will take place November 20 at 4:00 p.m. at Whiteville United Methodist Church. This is a time for us to come together as a community and give thanks for all the blessings God has given us. Our pastor will be delivering the sermon for the service. Please come join us!

BEING THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Our community was recently devastated by the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. Even though most of our immediate needs have been remedied (i.e. water, power, etc.), many in our community are still struggling to recover from the impact of the storm. Let us continue to be the presence of Christ and continue to be aware of and reach out to those still in need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & LETTERS OF GRATITUDE



WMU ANNOUNCEMENT

WMU will meet Monday November 14, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Program: Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Mission Emphasis this month: NC Baptist Children's Homes **FBC Goal:** \$1,500

Thank You, Myrtle Corbett



FLOOD RESPONSE UPDATE

The missions committee voted to spend local missions money for items needed to help with flood relief. If you would like to donate to help with this fund, make your check payable to the church and mark the envelope "Flood Relief". Long term needs will be for cleaning supplies and for volunteers to help with home improvements.

A NOTE FROM CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY

Dear Friends of Campbell University:

Happy fall from Buies Creek! We are in the midst of the fall semester at Campbell, which means an active and thriving campus. Students are engaged in meaningful discussion in their classrooms, enjoying sporting events and conducting exciting research projects. At every turn is a busy campus scene and an increased demand for the programs and purpose of Campbell University.

Thank you for your gift of \$250.00 to Campbell's Divinity School Annual Fund.

Your gift is greatly needed and much appreciated as we continue to raise young men and women to become successful leaders, engaged public servants, and strong critical thinkers. Campbell students continue to benefit from the contributions of those who believe in the mission statement of the University—Campbell exists "to graduate students with exemplary academic and professional skills who are prepared for purposeful lives and meaningful service."

God bless you for contributing to the mission of Campbell University and the personal, professional, and spiritual development of every Campbell student. Your support makes us Campbell proud!

Sincerely,

Britt J. Davis
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
Campbell University

	November 2016					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:00 Missions Committee Meeting 5:00 Children's Music Activity grades 1-5 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:15 Chancel Choir	3	4	5
6 Homecoming 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 12:00 Covered Dish Lunch	7 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	8 11:00 Hymn Sing	9 5:00 Children's Music Activity grades 1-5 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:15 Chancel Choir	10 10:00 Peer Learning Group for Pastor— Bladenboro	11	12
13 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	14 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	15 7:00 Deacons Meeting	16 5:00 Children's Music Activity grades 1-5 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:15 Chancel Choir	17	18 12:00 Hospice Meals to be Served	19
20 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	21 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 Finance Committee Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	22	23 No Wednesday Night Activities	24 Office Closed	25 Office closed	26
27 9:45 Sunday School Ruth Believers Class to visit Liberty Commons 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 12:15 Dress rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens 5:15 All Music Group Warm-up 6:00 Hanging of the Greens	28 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	29	30 5:00 Children's Music Activity grades 1-5 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:15 Chancel Choir			

Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com, Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 a.m.

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