

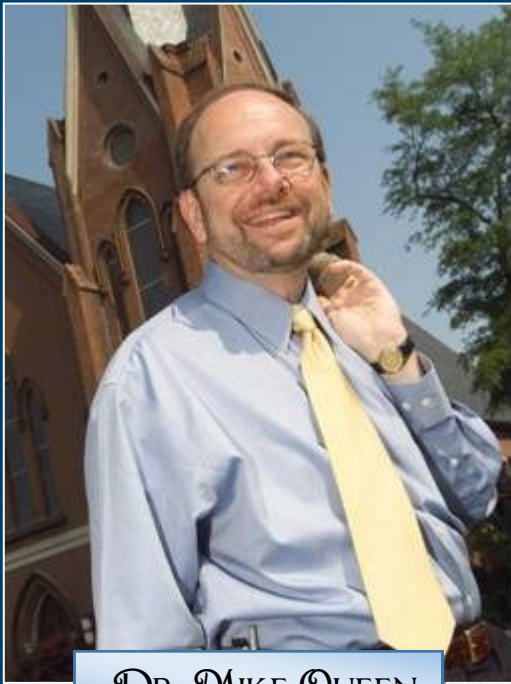


First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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DR. MIKE QUEEN

A native of West Virginia, Dr. Mike Queen, has served churches in North Carolina the last 36 years. Mike recently retired as the pastor at First Baptist Church in Wilmington, NC, where he served for twenty-five years. He currently works with the Center of Healthy Churches and is passionate about working with traditional churches and helping them to find God's way in a changing world. Mike and Bobbie, his wife of 45 years, live in Wilmington and they have continued their ministry by serving as interim pastor in other NC churches.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- NOVEMBER 5,** END DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, 2 A.M.
- NOVEMBER 5,** HOMECOMING HARVEST DAY
GUEST SPEAKER,
DR. MIKE QUEEN
- NOVEMBER 12,** DEACON ORDINATION,
SANDRA FLOYD AND
ELLIS JORDAN
BAPTISM OF HOLLY FAULK
- NOVEMBER 18,** DEACON TRAINING,
9 A.M.-2 P.M.
- NOVEMBER 19,** PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
SERVICE, 6 P.M. AT FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- NOVEMBER 20,** FINANCE MEETING, 9 A.M.
- NOVEMBER 21,** NO DEACONS MEETING FOR
NOVEMBER
- NOVEMBER 23,** THANKSGIVING
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- NOVEMBER 24,** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

TO ADD AN EVENT TO OUR
CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE:

PASTOR'S CORNER:



“Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal. . . Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will

never be thirsty.” – John 6:27, 35

In John 6, Jesus addresses our desire to be “fed”; he addresses our constant yearning to be nourished. Jesus says, *“Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”* Those present thought he was referring to the manna that God had provided to the Israelites while they were in the desert.

The manna from Heaven in the Exodus story tasted like wafers made with honey. And it was the manna that kept them alive while they were in the desert for forty years. But that manna had an expiration date. If God had not provided daily manna for them then they would have perished, because it did have an expiration date. If they had any left over and attempted to save some for the next day, it would breed worms and become foul. So, each morning, other than the Sabbath, they were to go out and gather their daily manna. Despite their complaints, God never failed to provide for them.

But Jesus, while he was using the manna from Heaven as a metaphor, he was talking about something much greater – a bread from heaven that has no expiration

“THANKSGIVING ON OUR LIPS”

date. He was talking about the kind of nourishment that he provides for the body, mind, and soul – and it is much greater than the nourishment that a piece of bread provides for the body. Jesus says, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

In Spanish, the way that folks say that they have had enough to eat and are full is “Estoy Satisfecho,” which literally translated means “I am satisfied.” I think this is much better language to describe what Jesus does for our souls. Jesus speaks in this text of the type of food that nourishes and endures the soul for *eternity*. Typically, during the Thanksgiving season we give thanks for all of the **earthly** abundance that God has provided us. But we ought to also take the time to thank God for the bread from Heaven that will sustain us into eternity. His name is Jesus.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for us to be **intentional** at looking at all of the things that God has done for us, because it is true that we can act at times like the Israelites. We find way too much satisfaction in complaining, belly-aching, and just plain old wishing we had it better than we do. But when we are filled by the bread of life, we won’t need a holiday to remind us of who God is. We will be a people who go to sleep and wake up with thanksgiving on our lips.

It’s important to note that it is hard to be thankful when one is in the midst of a famine. So, as we enter the season of Thanksgiving we should strive to ensure that we are partaking daily of the bread of life. Only then can we truly say “I am satisfied.” Only then can we truly be thankful.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

November 5

Homecoming Harvest Day

Dr. Mike Queen

November 12

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

“Broad Phylacteries & Long Fringes ”

Matthew 23:1-12

November 19

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

“Risk and Reward ”

Matthew 25:14-30

November 26

Christ the King Sunday

“Our Sickly King ”

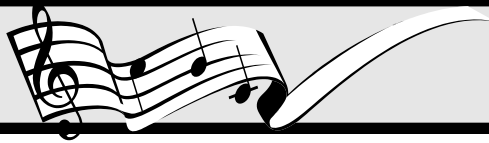
Matthew 25:31-46

Dear Members of First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the love and appreciation you have shown me during Pastor Appreciation Month, especially the kind note in the News Reporter. Your support and prayers for my family and me have meant so much and I could not be more thankful for my ministry here with this congregation in Whiteville. I look forward to seeing how God continues to shape our present and future together.

In Christ,
Rev. Ryan Clore

Music in Ministry



The year 1529 was very difficult for Martin Luther. It was the darkest hour of his crucial movement. Twelve years earlier he had nailed to the cathedral door in Wittenberg, Germany, his 95 Theses (complaints) against the abuses of the Roman Church of that day.

Mixed in depression, Luther turned to two of his most effective antidotes—music and Scripture. He wrote hymns, translated the Scripture into the common language of the people, and restored the practice of congregational singing. He even allowed the women to sing in public, a privilege that had been withheld from them for a thousand years.

In that year of deep depression, Luther turned to Psalm 46. He repeated over and over again the first verse: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Inspired by the strength he derived from that psalm, he gave to Christendom one of his greatest legacies, the majestic hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”

The hymn, inspired by God in Luther’s night season, became the great rallying cry of the Reformation. Through his writings, Bible translations, and hymns, Luther laid the foundations of a movement that forever changed the religious history of the world.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” was sung at his funeral, and the first line of the hymn is engraved on his tomb at Wittenberg.

2017-2018 Music Ministry

There is a choir for you! Join us this year!

Young Musicians (for grades 2-5)
Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.

Children’s Handchimes (for grades 1-5)
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.

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

Melody Makers (for ages 4 years-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.

Sing with Understanding (a devotional hymn study)
Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m.

(copied and adapted from *Songs in the Night*, William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., Grand Rapids, MI, 1996.)

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.) and study of *The Equipping Church* at (6:30-7:00 p.m.)
A nursery is available after supper.

Wednesday Night Supper



November 1

Mary Alice Stanley, Chair
Myrtle Corbett, Chair
Haywood Corbett
Myrtie Sellers
Janet & John Plasky
David Heath

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley
Katherine Scott

November 8

Hilda Ray, Chair
Karen Dawsey, Chair
Brownie & Leigh Cook
Stephen & Donna Prince

Nursery

Tricia, Leah,
& Carly Sanderson

November 15

Fred & Martha Senter
Betty Jo Prevatte
Joe & Mary Hooks
Vivian Brown
Mike & Becky Thompson

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

November 22

No Wednesday Night
Activities

November 29

Janice Young, Chair
Charlotte Collins
Merle Worley
Sylvia Elkins
Sandra Floyd

Nursery

Brenda Carter or
Genie Carter
Kate Carter Lee

Members of First Baptist Church,
Blessings are mutual. Thank you for your acknowledgement of me in the News Reporter. To God be the Glory in all of our endeavors together.

Sincerely,
Rev. Eddie Fort

NOVEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5 Grayanna Young
12 Gina Morningstar
19 Katherine Jordan Scott
26 Tricia Sanderson

DVD DISTRIBUTION

5 Peggy Walters
12 Hilda Butler
19 Rose Langston
26 Frances Price

HOSPICE MEAL

17 Lonnie Williams

NURSERY

5 Peggy Norosky
12 Peggy Norosky
19 Peggy Norosky
26 Peggy Norosky

OFFERING TELLERS

Eric & Peggy Underwood (entire month)

PEW STOCKER

David Heath

SOUND & VIDEO

5 Jason Schoolcraft
12 Wil Ezzell
19 Kirby Sanderson
26 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

5 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
12 Bill & Jolene Lewis
19 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
26 Jerry Wilson & Yvonne Bass

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

26 Ruth Believers Class

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

5 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Mitchell Sauls, & Clint Grainger
12 Jerry Wilson, Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, Charlie Hall, & Mel Ray
19 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Mitchell Sauls, Haywood Corbett & Edgar Tison
26 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, Grayson Ward & Charlie Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Myrtie Sellers

Children & Drama Committee Updates!

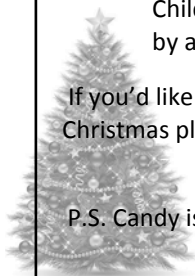
Pecan Festival Float! We would love to have a full, fun float on November 4 at 10am! All ages are welcome to join us!

Christmas Float! Join us on our Christmas Float which will be a Nativity theme, on December 3 at 3pm.

Christmas Play! Mark your calendars for a Youth and Children's Christmas Play on December 17 followed by a Spaghetti Dinner!

If you'd like to participate in either parade or help with the Christmas play, please contact Jenny Clore, Wendy Hensley, or Kate C. Lee.

P.S. Candy is always welcomed as a donation for the floats.



1 John Bowling	16 Robin Fort
2 Janet Austin	19 Fred Senter
4 Thomas Willis	21 Bryanna Ray
Brianna Johnston	Mitchell Sauls
Tanner Morningstar	22 Otis McNeil
6 Keith Wilson	Jan Lynn
9 Robert Tedder	23 Lindsey Johnson
Yvonne Bass	Erica Turner
Cynthia Lytle	24 Brack Williams
10 Eddie Fort	27 Doris Norris
Peggy Norosky	28 Merle Worley
Brownie Cook	Tonya Schoolcraft
13 Genie Carter	
Eric Kronenwetter	

NOVEMBER

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 96
Sunday School Attendance Average: 58

Oct. 1, 2017- Attend 87		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$9,282.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$7,288.47
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$9,282.00
Over	\$1,993.53	Budget Over YTD	\$1,993.53

Oct. 8, 2017- Attend 91		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$4,781.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$14,576.94
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$14,063.00
Under	\$2,507.47	Budget Under YTD	\$513.94

Oct. 15, 2017- Attend 102		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,959.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$21,865.41
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$21,022.00
Under	\$329.47	Budget Under YTD	\$843.41

Oct. 22, 2017- Attend 98		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,825.07	Budget Needs to Date	\$29,153.88
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$27,847.07
Under	\$463.40	Budget Under YTD	\$1,306.81

Oct. 29, 2017- Attend 100		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,969.80	Budget Needs to Date	\$36,442.35
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$34,816.87
Under	\$318.67	Budget Under YTD	\$1,625.48

NC Baptist Men Disaster Relief
\$6,337.00

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights Carlton and Mary Jean Prince.

Carlton and Mary Jean Prince have been actively involved in First Baptist Church for about fifty years and cherish a loyal caring attitude for Christian service and worship in our beautiful sanctuary and are grateful for the congregation. Both have served in many roles and on numerous committees. A high priority is the Grief Committee which gives them the opportunity to share and express their love, concern, care, and service in time of death and serious illness. They are sensitive to all ages and feel a special bond with the older members. Carlton is happy to have been a part of the History Committee and the legacy of First Baptist. Mary Jean is happy to serve anywhere. Both have a servant heart.



Their family includes two married daughters and one son: Ashley and Danny Jackson of Tampa, Florida; Megan and Andy Jarrell of Cary, North Carolina; and Adam Prince of Wilmington, North Carolina. Their five grandchildren are Luke 17, Joshua 15, and Justin Jackson 13; Brooks 10 and Anna Claire Jarrell 7. The family dog, Dixie, is a popular golden Labrador Retriever.

Carlton and Mary Jean are retired educators who worked with the Whiteville City Schools. Carlton was a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and currently serves on the board of education. Mary Jean was a teacher and a counselor. They were active in a number of professional organizations. They are active in the community: arts council activities, woman's club, bridge, and garden club. Carlton enjoys visiting and assisting the sick, homebound and those with personal needs. Others first is a driving force with him. He is a nature lover, likes to work in his yard, walk and ride his bicycle. He is a patriotic United States Army veteran. Mary Jean is a skilled record keeper who keeps records filed in easy to use order and graciously shares this talent with a number of groups. She enjoys reading, bridge, television, exercising, volunteering, her role as a mother and grandmother (Mimi), her many friends, and wearing hats to church.

Carlton and Mary Jean look forward to what God has planned for First Baptist Church's future and are committed to God's will in their lives as participants in that future.

MISSIONS BREAKFAST

The Missions Committee is excited to host Rev. Doug Reedy, Minister of Youth and Missions at First Baptist Church Lumberton for our Missions Breakfast this year. We invite you to join us December 3 at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following breakfast the Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes will meet for Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall as Rev. Reedy and some of the youth from his church share details about their experience with missions.

Dear Pastor and FBC family,

Pat and I thank you for your kind invitation to the 183rd Anniversary and Homecoming. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend due to other commitments.

We will always cherish our memories of the almost 2 years we served in an interim capacity. The wonderful people of the church received us with open arms and made us feel so at home in their midst.

Keep us in your prayers as we face the challenges of becoming less young. Our prayers and thoughts are with you as you celebrate 183 great years and as you enter God's good future for Whiteville First Baptist Church.

Our Love,
Frank and Pat Hawkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a Called Business Meeting on **November 1 at 6:30 p.m.** to vote on the committees and officers nominated by the Nominating Committee.

FRUIT BASKETS

November 13, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall - Fruit Baskets for Shut-ins and Nursery Home. All are welcome to participate in this ministry.

WMU HIGHLIGHTS

November Meeting: November 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Call to Prayer: Mary Alice Stanley

Program: Martha Senter

Church-wide Missions Project: Shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**



Shoeboxes are available on the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall to be picked up, filled, and returned to the church office by **November 10**.

The WMU will join the Missions Committee in hosting the Missions Breakfast on Sunday, December 3. Please reserve that date on your calendar!

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Did you know our deacon training session on **November the 18th** is for any ordained deacon whether you are currently serving or not? If you would like to attend, we need your \$15 fee for the book, *Exemplars Deacons as Servants and Spiritual Leaders*, in the church office as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to Stephen Prince. The training will be held at McNeill's cabin, 600 Canal Cove Road, at Lake Waccamaw on Saturday the 18th of November from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. We want all deacons to feel welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year, our Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will take place on **November 19 at 6:00 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church. This is a time for us to come together as a community and give thanks for all the blessings God has given us. First Presbyterian pastor Dr. Joseph Washburn will be delivering the sermon for the service. Please come join us!

Christmas Poinsettias/Wreaths

Please return **all forms to the church office** no later than
Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Person Placing Order _____ Given By _____

_____ Poinsettias @ \$7.00 each _____ Wreaths @ \$45.00 each Tree (any amount) \$ _____

Total Check Amount : \$ _____ Check Number : _____

In Memory/Honor (circle one)

of: _____

First Baptist Church,

Mom and I want to thank you for your continuous prayers, cards, gifts, visits and the outpouring of love shared so openly. She misses the Wednesday Night Suppers and Prayer Meetings, her Sunday School Class, The Gleaners, who enriched her life and Sunday Morning church services where God's love is felt and visible in the members lives. The hugs, smiles and kind words shared will never be forgotten. We love you all and pray for the ministry of FBC as you continue to touch the lives of those around you.

Thank you for sharing God's love!

Frances and Teresa Yow

Whiteville First Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of school supplies. We appreciate your gratitude.

Kim Ward, Principal
Whiteville Primary School

Dear Baptist Men,

Words cannot express how EXCITED and THANKFUL we are for our new shelves in the Godly Play room! These shelves will hold all of our Bible stories at a level where each child will be able to access and learn from each story. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for hearing our need and fulfilling it so quickly.

We are grateful for all of you and your passion to serve!

The Godly Play Team (Jenny Clore, Holly Faulk, Taylor Jordan)

John the Baptist Sunday School Class,

Thank you for cleaning and striping the parking lot. It looks wonderful, and we have received so much positive feedback. We appreciate your Sunday school class serving the Lord by serving our church.

The Grounds Committee



HOME COMING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Mike Queen will be our special guest speaker.

Join us in celebrating 183 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 between Repairs & Contingency (60%) and Local Mission Needs (40%) (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!

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

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