



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018, VOLUME 53, NUMBER 11



### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- NOVEMBER 4, HOMECOMING HARVEST DAY
- NOVEMBER 12, WMU MEETING, 10:00 A.M.
- NOVEMBER 17, DEACON TRAINING, 9 A.M.
- NOVEMBER 18, PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION
- NOVEMBER 18, COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, 6 P.M.
- NOVEMBER 19, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.
- NOVEMBER 19, SUNSHINE GROUP FRUIT BASKET ASSEMBLY, 9:30 A.M.
- NOVEMBER 19, POINSETTIA FORMS DEADLINE
- NOVEMBER 22, THANKSGIVING DAY, OFFICE CLOSED
- NOVEMBER 23, OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
- NOVEMBER 25, DEACON ORDINATION FOR LEIGH COOK

COMPLETE MONTHLY  
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

# PASTOR'S CORNER: "IRON SHARPENS IRON"



"Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another."  
Proverbs 27:17

Take a moment and think about what iron sharpening iron looks like. Imagine how red the iron rod is that has just exited the blazing fire as it is laid against

the anvil. Imagine the clang of the hammer as the rod is molded to resemble a sword. Imagine the buzz of the grinding whetstone as it sharpens the iron into a weapon.

For iron to be altered, it must go through a very aggressive process, and must come face to face with iron. Yet this process is necessary if the iron is to become what it is intended to be.

This is the image that we must put in our heads when we imagine the way we, Christ followers, are to sharpen one another. The process of refinement is a difficult process to go through. When we allow ourselves to engage in a sharpening process, it puts pressure on us, it strains us, and as a result, literally alters who we are.

To all who are seeking to be like our Lord, no matter what stage of life you find yourself in – find a mentor – someone who shows evidence they have been through a refinement process, join a Sunday School class or discipleship group. And let iron sharpen iron.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Missions Committee has received a gift of \$5,000 from CBFNC and \$5,000 from CBF Global to be used for disaster relief in our county. CBF Global has hired Todd Padgett as part-time coordinator for disaster relief in Columbus County. He will be organizing teams to come in to our area to assist with disaster relief.

## NOVEMBER SERMONS

**November 4**

**Homecoming Harvest Day**

**Special Guest Speaker Reverend Seth Hix**

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Luke 15:11-32

**November 11**

The Twenty-five Sunday after Pentecost

"Finances and a Cheerful Heart"

Mark 12:38-44

**November 18**

The Twenty-six Sunday after Pentecost

"Jesus: Not a Fortune Teller"

Mark 13:1-8

**November 25**

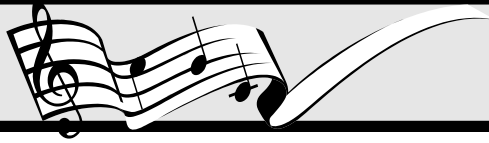
Christ the King Sunday

"The Kingdom of Truth"

John 18:33-37



# Music in Ministry



As we approach this year's Homecoming Harvest Day, I am reminded of one of the hymns we will sing in worship that day. The poetic words of *We Are God's People* expresses who we are as brothers and sisters in Christ. May we strive to

exemplify them and everyway.

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand:  
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart  
and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:  
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that  
pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall His work on  
earth be done.

We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:  
Yet, joined in one, the flame burns on to give warmth and  
light, and to inspire.

## 2018-2019 Music Ministry At a Glance!

**Melody Makers** (for ages 4 years old and older)  
Day and time tba

**Young Musicians & Children's Handchimes**  
(for grades 1-5)  
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

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

**Youth and Adult Handbells**  
Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Choir** (for grades 6-12)  
Sunday, 5:20 p.m.

**You are invited to find a place to use your musical talents this year. Join us for an exciting new year!**

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

## Wednesday Night Supper



### November 7

Jackie Jones - C  
Glenn & Sherry Waters  
Peggy Walters  
Merle Worley  
Muriel Hill  
Charlie Duncan

### Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley  
Kathrine Scott

### November 14

Melvin Ezzell - C  
Eric & Peggy Underwood  
Grayanna Young  
Rose Langston  
Yvonne Bass

### Nursery

Tricia Sanderson  
Leah Sanderson  
Carly Sanderson

### November 21

No Wednesday Night  
Activities

### November 28

Haywood & Myrtle Corbett—C  
Sylvia Walker  
Brad & Anna Johnson  
Dale Duncan  
Mel & April Ray  
Ella Jo Sellers

### Nursery

Brenda Carter or  
Genie Carter  
Kate C. Lee

# NOVEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 4 Grayanna Young
- 11 Gina Morningstar
- 18 Taylor Jordan
- 15 Tricia Sanderson

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 4 Sandra Floyd / Kirby Sanderson
- 11 Bobby Hensley / Stephen Bazemore
- 18 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 25 Leigh Cook / Charlie Duncan

## DVD DISTRIBUTION

- 4 Peggy Walters
- 11 Hilda Butler
- 18 Rose Langston
- 25 Frances Price

## HOSPICE MEAL

- 21 Lonnie Williams

## NURSERY

- 4 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson / Leah Sanderson / Carly Sanderson
- 11 Jim & Erin Warlick / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley
- 18 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn / Jennifer Williamson / Peggy Norosky
- 25 Mary Alice Stanley / Martha Senter / Jenny Clore

## OFFERING TELLERS

- Dale Duncan & Charlie Duncan

## PEW STOCKER

- David Heath

## SOUND & VIDEO

- 4 Jason Schoolcraft
- 11 Wil Ezzell
- 18 Kirby Sanderson
- 25 Eric Kronenwetter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 4 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
- 11 Bill & Jolene Lewis
- 18 Rose Langston & J. C. Hyatt
- 25 Frances Price & Yvonne Bass

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

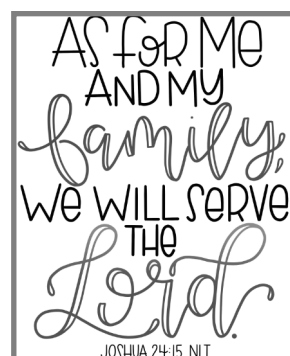
- 25 Ruth Believers Class

## USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

- 4 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters / David Heath / Grayson Ward / J. C. Hyatt
- 11 Ellis Jordan / David Carter / Mitchell Sauls / Clint Grainger / Johnny Britt
- 18 Travis Harrison / John Sauls / Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal / Chris Blackmon
- 25 Harry Ward / David Tedder / Haywood Corbett / Kevin Williamson

## WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

- Myrtie Sellers



1 John Bowling	16 Robin Fort
4 Tanner Morningstar	19 Fred Senter
6 Keith Wilson	20 Erica Johnson Turner
9 Yvonne Bass	21 Bryanna Ray
Cynthia Lytle	Mitchell Sauls
10 Eddie Fort	22 Jan Lynn
Peggy Norosky	23 Lindsey Johnson Quick
Brownie Cook	27 Doris Norris
13 Genie Carter	28 Merle Worley
Eric Kronenwetter	Tonya Schoolcraft

<b>Our Financial Stewardship</b>			
Worship Attendance Average: 94			
Sunday School Attendance Average: 51			
<b>October 7, 2018- Attend 113</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,544.99	Budget Needs to Date	\$7,286.75
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$6,544.99
<b>Under</b>	\$741.76	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	\$741.76
<b>October 14, 2018- Attend 97</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,082.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$14,573.50
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$12,626.99
<b>Under</b>	\$1,204.75	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	\$1,946.51
<b>October 21, 2018- Attend 86</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd	\$3,552.17	Budget Needs to Date	\$21,860.25
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$16,179.16
<b>Under</b>	\$3,734.58	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	\$5,681.09
<b>October 28, 2018- Attend 80</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
Budget Rec'd	\$5,694.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$29,147.00
Budget Needed	\$7,286.75	Budget Received YTD	\$21,873.16
<b>Under</b>	\$1,592.75	Budget <b>Under</b> YTD	\$7,273.84
<b>NC State Missions</b>			
Goal—\$500			
Collected—\$703			

# FBC SPOTLIGHT

*This month's Spotlight highlights our Homecoming Speaker, Reverend Seth Hix.*



Seth began as CBFNC Church Engagement Coordinator on June 1, 2017. The responsibilities of this new part-time position include leadership of the Ministerial Transitions Team, Reference and Referral program, and a focus on strengthening relationships with local congregations.

After a 13-year career in church music, the pursuit of a new ministerial calling led Seth and his family to North Carolina, where he enrolled at Wake Forest School of Divinity. While at Wake Forest, Seth was a CBFNC Lolly Scholar and earned certifications in Mental Health First Aid and Faith-based Nonprofit Leadership.

Seth has been happily married to Genelle, a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator, since 2004. They have two young children, Caleb and Madilyn. Seth enjoys traveling with his family and cheering for the Atlanta Braves, Alabama Crimson Tide (football) and the University of Kentucky (basketball).

## HOME COMING

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH**

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Join us in celebrating 184 years of ministry to this community and around the world.

**SHARE IN GIVING TO THE ANNUAL HARVEST DAY OFFERING:**

**GOAL \$3,850.00.00**

This year's offering will be divided equally 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!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU



**November Meeting: November 12, 2018, 10:00 A.M. - Fellowship Hall**

**Call to Prayer: Juanita Stanley**

**Program: Martha Senter**

Our missions project for November is for **Families First**. Many of the items in their store, **Families Values**, were destroyed during the flooding from Hurricane Florence. They are accepting donations of clothing including shoes, household items, decorative items, cookware – almost anything will be welcome. The store is located on Madison Street next door to Collier’s Jewelers, and deliveries should be made at the rear entrance.

In addition, the WMU will continue to partner with the Missions Committee in providing meals and other supplies as we participate in the Hurricane Florence recovery efforts in our area.

**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

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year, our Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will take place on **November 18 at 6:00 p.m.** at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**, 302 N. Lee Street. 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. Light refreshments will follow the service. Attend with your family and friends!

### **Christmas Poinsettias/Wreaths**

Please keep separate from regular offerings and return **all forms to the church office** no later than **Monday, November 19, 2018.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## SUNSHINE GROUP

Sunshine Group will meet on **November 19th at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall to prepare fruit baskets for our homebound. You are invited to bring items for the baskets.

## ORDINATION

Please mark your calendars - deacon ordination for Leigh Cook will be **November 25, 2018.**

## FUNDRAISER

Mary Barnette will be holding a Chicken Bog/Silent Auction fundraiser to help Madeline Long, daughter of Janice and Michael Memory, on **Friday, November 30, 2018.** Plates will be available from **11 a.m.—7 p.m.** for \$6 each. Large orders can be delivered. For tickets or questions call Mary Barnette at 910-918-6085.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**December 2, 2018** - Missions Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

**December 2, 2018** - Hanging of the Greens, 6:00 p.m.

**December 16, 2018** - Chancel Choir - An Early American Lesson in Carols

## THANK YOU

First Baptist Church family,

Thank you for your generous donation of school supplies. We are so appreciative of your kindness. Please continue to pray for our school family.

Kim Ward

Principal, Whiteville Primary School

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Dear WMU—First Baptist Church,

On behalf of Whiteville High School staff and Administration, I would like to thank each of you for the generous supplies given for staff and students. We are extremely grateful for any assistance received.

It is wonderful to be able to give a student a small bottle of hand sanitizer and a pack of tissue when they come in with significant congestion. It may seem small, but they are so grateful!

Thank you for making it possible!

The community support is certainly felt and appreciated. Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

JoAnne Biser, RN

Whiteville Middle School

## RADIO BROADCAST

Remember, if for some reason you cannot make it to the Sunday morning worship service, you have three ways you can listen to the live worship broadcast every Sunday morning: 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).



November 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>REMEMBER TO <b>FALL BACKWARDS!</b></p> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday November 4.</p>				1 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	2	3
<b>4 Homecoming Harvest Day</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 6:00 Youth Bible Study	5 10:00 Staff Meeting	6	7 5:00 Young Musicians (Grades 1-5) 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	8 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	9	10
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<b>18 Parent/Child Dedication</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 6:00 Community Thanksgiving Service - Sacred Heart Catholic Church	19 9:30 Finance Mtg 9:30 Sunshine Group Assemble Fruit Baskets 10:00 Staff Meeting  <b>Poinsettia Form Deadline</b>	20	21 <b>No Wednesday Activities</b>	23 <b>Office Closed</b> 	24 <b>Office Closed</b>	24
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