



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

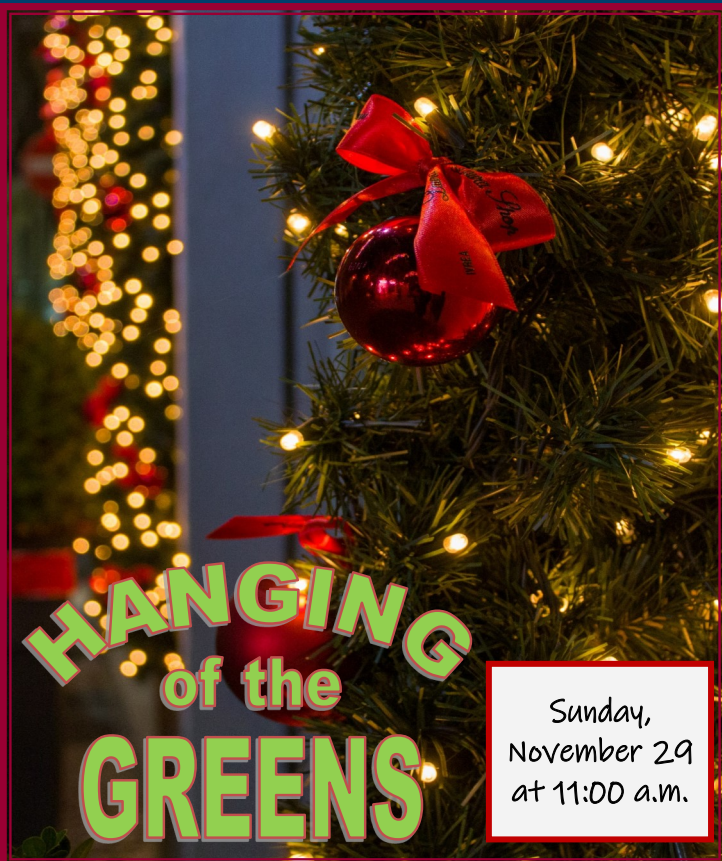
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Thanksgiving

"O give thanks
unto the Lord; for
he is good; for his
mercy endureth
for ever."

I Chronicles 16:34



Sunday,
November 29
at 11:00 a.m.

Events At A Glance

November 1 & 15, Sunday School in the fellowship hall,
10:00 a.m., Teacher: John Sauls.

November 9, WMU Meeting in the fellowship hall,
10:00 a.m.

November 13, Poinsettia/Wreath order deadline

November 16, Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

November 17, Deacons Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

November 18, Drive Through Meal, 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

November 26-27, Church office closed for Thanksgiving

November 29, Hanging of the Greens during the morning
worship, 11:00 a.m.

Complete monthly calendar on back.

To add an event to our calendar,
please contact the church office:

(910) 642-2139



PASTOR'S CORNER



Perhaps we all have heard, “The best laid schemes of mice and men often go awry, and leave us nothing but grief and pain, for promised joy!” (Robert Burns in “To A Mouse”) Often our plans are made today and then tomorrow comes to change their direction altogether. Years ago, when we were on a mission tour with the youth from one of our previous churches, and things were not going exactly the way we thought they should be going, my wife, Joy, famously and memorably said, “On a youth mission tour, the eleventh commandment should be, ‘Thou shalt be flexible!’” Those words have stuck with us through the years and we have used them at various times! We have learned that they apply not just to youth mission tours, but to life in general! Life does **not** always go exactly as we think it would . . . could . . . should . . . or, at least maybe **not** in the direction we had quite planned for it to go! However, the “wouldas . . . couldas . . . and shouldas” in our lives really can be used--IF we allow them to be used--as teachable moments from God, can't they?!?

Such is the case with this past week and weekend. I had been very excited and was eagerly anticipating with great joy a wonderful and busy week at First Baptist Church in Whiteville. I had looked forward to our first regular monthly deacons' meeting of the new church year on Tuesday night. It was going to be the first “official” meeting for our five newly elected deacons along with those who are presently serving with the current group of deacons. For Wednesday evening, we had scheduled another one of the fabulous “drive-through dinners!” While helping with handing out the boxed dinners, I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and greeting those who have been “driving through” to receive their meals. This time the dinner was being sponsored by our Women's Missionary Union, and it featured Brad Johnson's “world famous Chicken Bog!” And . . . I was thrilled to have scheduled and to have helped in the planning of a retreat for our deacons on Saturday, October 24, beginning with breakfast. The morning was to include a video series about deacon responsibilities and duties, time for planning and discussion together, and a session for our deacons and staff to share in vision casting. Then, on Sunday, October 25, we were happily anticipating the blessing of celebrating together, as part of our Morning Worship Service, the ordination of three new deacons elected by the church: Genie Carter, Peggy Underwood, and Ron Walters.

And then . . . WHAM! Joy and I both tested positive for COVID-19! After hearing that news, of course, we had to be quarantined! I was thinking, praying and deliberating about how best to proceed with the weekend's events. I was trying to get all the bases covered, when our fine leaders decided it would be wise to postpone all of the events. I must say I appreciate those who stepped in to make that decision and I was relieved, but yet at the same time, I was disappointed that our sickness had delayed the whole process of all the exciting plans we had in motion for that special weekend together. I apologize to the deacons and to all of the church family, but sometimes circumstances and events are out of our human control, aren't they? We will just have to wait . . . pray . . . and see how God will lead for the future as far as allowing us to reschedule, train, worship and celebrate together! I have learned and have often said, “We are to do our very best . . . and then to God leave the rest!”

We are very grateful to Dr. Fred Senter who has agreed to preach this Sunday, November 1, on “All Saints Day!” I also hope and pray all the children will have fun with “Trunk or Treat!” We sincerely appreciate Tina Sauls, the Children's Committee, and all who have helped in any way with that fun event for outreach! Joy and I were at least able to provide some bags of candy we had purchased earlier to “contribute to the cause!” We pray all will go well and that everyone will be SAFE, HAPPY, HEALTHY, and WELL!

Next Tuesday, November 3, 2020, is a very special day for many reasons! It is the birthday of our older daughter, Meri Beth! (November 3, 1971) She, along with her sister, Molly (April 25, 1975), truly bring, and have brought through the years, total joy to our lives. They have always been such a part of our ministries in helping us tremendously wherever we have been blessed to serve. I hope and pray that one day they can meet all of you here at First Baptist Church of Whiteville, and that you can meet them!

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MUSIC NOTES



The Music Ministry continues to move ahead in the best way we can. The Chancel Choir is rehearsing each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

The Youth Music Activities (voice and instrumental) meet on Tuesdays beginning

at 3:15 p.m. We continue to explore times that best suit our other music groups and plan to restart them asap!

The Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday morning, November 29, The Chancel Choir and Youth will present a Christmas program on Sunday morning, December 13.

During the month of November we pause briefly to say *Thank You* to the Lord. Psalm 116:12-19 states:

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Let us be thankful to God, even during this time of challenges and uncertainty. God is good and has blessed each of us immeasurably.

We are also thankful for each other. I in particular am thankful for you. Thank you for the pleasant and meaningful surprise with the rose on Pastor/Minister appreciation Sunday. Thank you also for the many texts and calls during my days of quarantine. Your care and concern are greatly appreciated.

Eddie



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, NEXT DRIVE THROUGH SUPPER, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

The Baptist Men are preparing our next drive through meal on **November 18**. The plate will include Brad Johnson's famous grilled pork chops, sides, and dessert. There is no charge for the meal. Drive through the parking lot and then through the breezeway between the two buildings. If you would like to bring your tithes and offerings, we will take those into the church for you. Thank you.

November 1, 2020

The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
Guest Speaker—Dr. Fred Senter
Do Not Lose Heart
II Corinthians 4:13-18

November 8, 2020

The Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
The Three Dimensions of Forgiveness
Psalm 51:1-19, John 8:1-12

November 15, 2020

The Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength
Nehemiah 8:1-18, Galatians 5:22-26

November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday
Thank You!
Psalm 100:1-5, Luke 17:11-19

November 29, 2020

The First Sunday in Advent
Hanging of the Greens
The Light Shines in the Darkness
Isaiah 9:2; 6-7, John 1:1-5

*November
Sermons*



NOVEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 1 Tricia Sanderson / Haywood Corbett
- 8 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince
- 15 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
- 22 David Carter / Charlie Duncan
- 29 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley

HOSPICE SNACKS

Mary Jean Prince

SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Mitchell Sauls
- 8 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 15 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

Visitors not allowed inside the facility

USHERS (Chairman: Joe Hooks)

- 1 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /
David Heath / Clint Grainger /
J. C. Hyatt
- 8 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt
- 15 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /
Chris Blackmon
- 22 Harry Ward / David Tedder /
Haywood Corbett / Kevin
Williamson / Kyle Cook

29 TBA



Please be in prayer for **Harvest Day Offering**. It will take place in November. The goal this year is \$3,770 and will be distributed as follows:

Repairs and Maintenance—60%
Local Missions Needs—40%
(schools, benevolence, Harvest
Table, OperationInAsMuch)

STEWARDSHIP

October 4, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,466.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,550.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,016.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$386.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,402.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,418.02

Budget Need to date	\$6,434.02
Budget Rec'd to date	\$5,016.00
Under Budget to date	\$1,418.02

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### October 11, 2020

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$100.00          |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$3,205.00        |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$150.00          |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$3,455.00</b> |

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| Designated/Other Funds             | \$358.00          |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$3,813.00</b> |
| <b>Under Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$2,979.02</b> |

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| Budget Need to date  | \$12,868.04 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$8,471.00  |
| Under Budget to date | \$4,397.04  |

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October 18, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,320.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,215.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$420.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,955.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$515.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,470.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,479.02

Budget Need to date	\$19,302.06
Budget Rec'd to date	\$13,426.00
Under Budget to date	\$5,876.06

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### October 25, 2020

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$710.00          |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$1,100.00        |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$2,858.00        |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$4,668.00</b> |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$260.00          |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$4,928.00</b> |
| <b>Under Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$1,766.02</b> |

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Budget Need to date  | \$25,736.08 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$18,094.00 |
| Under Budget to date | \$7,642.08  |



*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."*

*I Peter 4:10 NLT*

- 1 John Bowling
- 2 Janet Austin
- 4 Tanner Morningstar
- 6 Keith Wilson
- 9 Yvonne Bass
- Cynthia Lytle
- 10 Eddie Fort
- Peggy Norosky
- Brownie Cook
- 13 Genie Carter
- Eric Kronenwetter
- 16 Robin Fort
- Melissa Williamson
- 19 Fred Senter
- 20 Carl E. Butler, Jr.
- 21 Mitchell Sauls
- 22 Jan Lynn
- 25 Yvonne Gold
- 28 Merle Worley
- Tonya Schoolcraft



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## OFFICE HOURS

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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MERI BETH . . . AND MANY MORE!"

Next Tuesday, November 3, also is **ELECTION DAY!** PLEASE exercise your right and your blessed privilege to **VOTE**--as God leads you--for the candidates of your choice! We have heard so much information and misinformation . . . truth and non-truth . . . and fact versus fiction . . . that I pray we **all** will truly seek God and His guidance as we **VOTE** this year! The verse that we looked at recently from God's Word, is recorded in II Chronicles 7:14. I call it "A Prescription for Revival," and I honestly believe its truth is the only way of hope for America and the entire world. When some cry out to remove God from our schools . . . from our coins . . . and from our pledge to our nation's flag, I cry out that He **is** our only hope for the future! Please remember this verse and its true clarion call:

***If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.***

II Chronicles 7:14

What else do we need to do . . . or, what better can we do . . . or, what is more important for us to do . . . than to ask God to help us not only as we **VOTE**, but also as we try to live each day to the fullest? **IF** we will heed this one verse . . . obey these instructions . . . and receive these promises from God's Word . . . then we truly **will be blessed** and we **can be a blessing!** This one verse helps us realize **WHOSE** we are as His people, and **IF** we will humble ourselves . . . pray . . . seek God . . . and repent, **THEN** He will hear . . . forgive . . . and heal!

Irving Berlin said it well in his beloved song which truly is a prayer for our land, "God Bless America!"

***God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home! God bless America, my home sweet home!***

And . . . to the scripture as well as to the lyrics of the song . . . we all, as God's people, can say, "**Amen . . . and Amen!**"

I have been in touch with some of the other ministers of Whiteville and there **ARE** tentative discussions and plans for a possible **COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE** this year. Those plans have **not** been confirmed yet, but when and if a service is scheduled, we definitely will announce it and share the news with you, ok?!? And, speaking of **THANKSGIVING** . . . Joy and I and our family sincerely thank God for you all at First Baptist Church of Whiteville! We do love and appreciate you . . . and we really thank you for your love, texts, calls, concern, thoughts, and prayers during this special "season" in our lives . . . and for the privilege of ministering together **with you** in Jesus' Name!

Joy and all our family join me . . . gratefully and prayerfully . . .  
in Jesus' amazing love and grace,

*Wayne Brown*

*Christ prayed for us as He prayed for His disciples in John 17 verses 20 & 23b as He says to His Father: "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**November 1st and 15th** we will be gathering in the fellowship hall for Sunday School at **10:00 a.m.** with Mr. John Sauls as our teacher. In **December**, Sunday School will be held on the **6th** and the **20th**, and Mrs. Peggy Underwood will be our teacher.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Nominating Committee is looking for someone to lead Vacation Bible School. If you would be interested in helping with this project, please get in touch with the Nominating Committee chairperson, Brownie Cook (910-234-5551). Dates and times will be determined.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

It's time to start planning for Hanging of the Greens. The observation will be a little different this year. It will be held during the morning worship service on **Sunday, November 29**, and we won't have participants, we will have readers. The form to order poinsettias and wreaths is included below, but you can also find one on our website, or pick one up in the office anytime if you would like to start ordering. The poinsettias are \$8 and the wreaths are \$28. We won't need to purchase a tree this year. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (910)642-2139.



### Christmas Poinsettias/Wreaths

Please keep separate from regular offerings and  
return **all** forms to the church office no later than  
**Friday, November 13, 2020.**

Person Placing Order \_\_\_\_\_ Given By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias @ \$8.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Wreaths @ \$28.00 each

Total Check Amount : \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number : \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor (circle one)

of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

**November Meeting:** Nov.9, 2020 10:00 A.M.

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Program and Call to Prayer:** Hilda Ray

**Missions Project:** Families First

**Hospice Snacks:** Mary Jean Prince



Halloween is past and the frost will soon be on the pumpkin!! It's time to begin preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our November Missions Project is *"Families First,"* and we may want to keep the holidays in mind as we purchase items for donation. The facility always needs cleaning supplies, including paper towels and other paper goods, as well as non-perishable food items such as individually wrapped snack cakes and crackers, Vienna sausage, etc. Safe gift items for children such as stuffed animals, dolls, coloring books and crayons would be thoughtful as Christmas approaches. You may bring your items to the Missions Table in the fellowship hall or place them in the basket located in the church vestibule. Thank you for joining the WMU in this church-wide project!

***Happy Thanksgiving!***

**Watchword:** *"But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved".* Hebrews 10:39

### **Our Mission**

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

Myrtle Corbett

WMU Director

## THANKSGIVING

*What a mighty God we serve!*

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens." 1 Chronicles 16:23-26

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

"I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among the throngs I will praise you." Psalm 35:18

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

## DECEMBER 6

There will be a missions emphasis in the morning service. We will not have a Missions Breakfast this year.



|                                                                                                                                                               | November 2020                                   |                                                   |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                   |           |
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| Sun                                                                                                                                                           | Mon                                             | Tue                                               | Wed                                                                                          | Thu                                                                                                                                       | Fri                                                                                               | Sat       |
| <b>1</b><br>10:00 Combined Sunday School<br>in the fellowship hall<br>11:00 Morning Worship (masks<br>and social distancing req'd)<br>reservations not req'd  | <b>2</b><br>1:30 Staff Mtg                      | <b>3</b><br>3:15 Youth Music                      | <b>4</b><br>11:00 Chancel Choir                                                              | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>6</b>                                                                                          | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>11:00 Morning Worship (masks<br>and social distancing req'd)<br>reservations not req'd                                                            | <b>9</b><br>10:00 WMU Mtg<br>1:30 Staff Mtg     | <b>10</b><br>3:15 Youth Music                     | <b>11</b><br>11:00 Chancel Choir                                                             | <b>12</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>13</b>                                                                                         | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>10:00 Combined Sunday School<br>in the fellowship hall<br>11:00 Morning Worship (masks<br>and social distancing req'd)<br>reservations not req'd | <b>16</b><br>9:30 Finance Mtg<br>1:30 Staff Mtg | <b>17</b><br>3:15 Youth Music<br>7:00 Deacons Mtg | <b>18</b><br>11:00 Chancel Choir<br>5:30-6:30 Drive through<br>Supper—Prepared by<br>the WMU | <b>19</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>20</b>                                                                                         | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>11:00 Morning Worship (masks<br>and social distancing req'd)<br>reservations not req'd                                                           | <b>23</b><br>1:30 Staff Mtg                     | <b>24</b><br>3:15 Youth Music                     | <b>25</b><br>11:00 Chancel Choir                                                             | <b>26</b><br>Office Closed<br><br>Happy Thanksgiving! | <b>27</b><br> | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b> Hanging of the Greens<br>11:00 Morning Worship (masks<br>and social distancing req'd)<br>reservations not req'd                                     | <b>30</b><br>1:30 Staff Mtg                     |                                                   |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                   |           |

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