



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

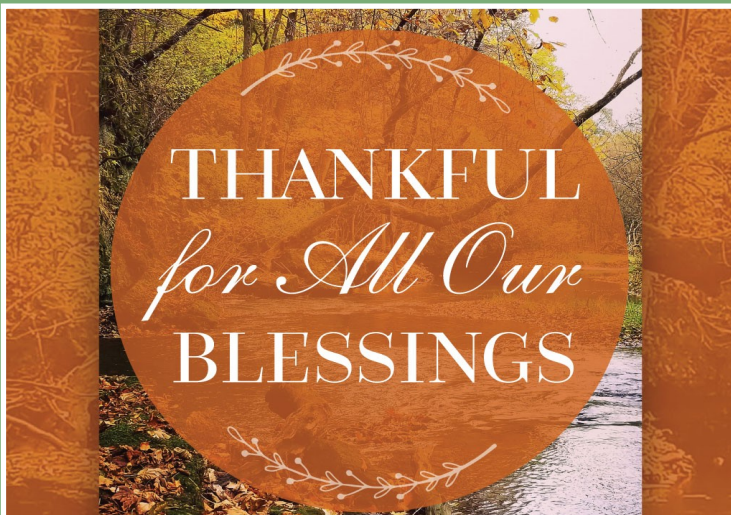
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All Saints' Day

November 7, 2021



Happy Thanksgiving!

Events At A Glance

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Children's Music Activity,
5:15 p.m.

November 3, 10, 17, 24 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
4:30 p.m.

November 6 - FBC Float in Pecan Festival, meet at
FBC at 9:00 a.m.

November 7 - All Saints' Day

November 7 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 10 - Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November 15 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

November 15 - Sunshine Group - Fruit Basket
Assembly, 9:30 a.m.

November 15 - WMU, 10:00 a.m.

November 16 - Deacons' meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November 21, Community Thanksgiving Service at
Whiteville United Methodist Church, 6:00 P.M.

November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

November 25-26 - Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 28, Hanging of the Greens during morning
worship, 11:00 a.m.

November 30, Sunshine Group - "Christmas with the
Embers" at SCC, 7:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S CORNER



CONGRATULATIONS to our own **Mrs. Gayle Wells Powell** who was named DEACON EMERITUS at First Baptist Church of Whiteville! On Sunday, October 17, 2021, it was a pure joy to celebrate and to honor Mrs. Powell and to have her family in attendance as we worshiped God together as her “church family!” What a servant’s heart Mrs. Powell has! She is the epitome of what a deacon (servant) should be! May God bless you today and always—in ALL ways, as you continue to serve Him, young lady!

As we look forward to celebrating the holiday of Thanksgiving in a few weeks, may I remind all of us that everyday should be a day of “giving thanks!” We should daily thank God for His blessings, but we also should be grateful for and thank those He has placed in our lives as our family . . . our friends . . . our fellow church members . . . and the world at large. This month, as we count our blessings, I would like for us truly to

“Celebrate Our Differences!” Why? Because we are ALL different from each other, but we ALL are created by the same Creator: God! In the Body of Christ—His Church—we ALL are called and blessed to serve Jesus Christ together as ONE in HIM!

And speaking of “differences,” I have had numerous comments and requests for the poem written by our younger daughter, Molly Brown Howard, when she was a senior at Myrtle Beach High School in 1993. I read Molly’s poem recently in one of our worship services when I spoke on “Being Me!” It truly speaks of the freedom we have to be the best self for God that we possibly can be. I THANK God for YOU . . . and I celebrate the YOU God created YOU to be! I hope and pray we ALL can be—and will become—the BEST ME God has created and called us to be in serving His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Please come ride on our FBC float in the Pecan Festival Parade 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6. We will leave our parking lot between 9:00 and 9:15 a.m. Thank you.

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ love,

Wayne Brown

Free to Be Me

Molly Brown Howard - 1993

*Is it not sad that how we see ourselves depends
upon how we are viewed by others?*

*When will we break free from our insecurities
and emerge from beneath our covers?*

*I may feel happy inside, yet my emotions are
sure to change,*

*If you decide for one instant my feelings to
rearrange!*

*My heart is overwhelmed with love, but in my
heart this love will stay,*

*Because I feel I am not loved by you
and unworthy of this love to give away.*

*Why can not you be you—and simply allow me
to be me?*

*I long to look in my mental mirror and see the
smiling face that there ought to be!*

*As I sense the impact your opinions have on me,
it creates in me a strong believer,*

*That we are our brother’s maker, and not only
our brother’s keeper!*

*I must learn that life is what I make it—even
a life full of imperfection;*

*And my self-concept is the central key
to all of my life’s perception.*

*So how I feel is up to me to change whether
it be unjust or fair,*

*And I need not look for greener grass,
for I am already there.*

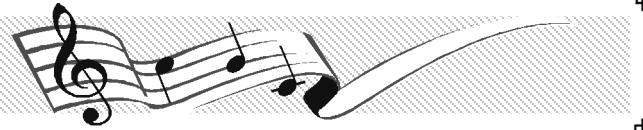
*I now know that indeed, “Through Christ all
things done . . . I can!” **

*And that I am worth much more than just
what I think you think I am!*

**Personal revision of Philippians 4:13*



Music Notes



November begins our journey to Christmas. *'Tis the Season!'* for many events and activities for all of us.

On Sunday, November 7, 11:00 a.m. we will celebrate **All Saints' Day**. This is the Sunday that we normally celebrate our church's anniversary with Homecoming. This year we will incorporate portions of our Homecoming service as we also celebrate our 187th anniversary. All Saints' Day is actually on November 1 or the first Sunday in November. "In the early church it became customary to remember the martyrs of the church in worship. When the list of martyrs became too great, a special day was set aside to remember their commitment to Christ, a commitment that led to their suffering and death for the sake of the gospel." Today we recognize that we are all saints of God and for this reason we acknowledge All Saints' Day.

(copied from *The Services of the Christian Year*, Star Song Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 1994.)

The Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday morning, November 28, during the worship service.

The Chancel Choir will present ***Were You There on Christmas Night?*** on Sunday morning, December 19, 11:00 a.m. It is not too late to be a part of the presentation. The Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. The choir is open to a different rehearsal time to make it possible for those who work. Please talk with Eddie if you are interested.

Last, but not least, our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion** will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Our **Children's Music Activity** is progressing very well. We have had a consistent number (7) of girls and boys each Monday, 5:15-6:00 p.m. The group is for age 4 through 2nd grade. The theme for the year is *All Creation Sings*. Please feel free to invite your community friends.

Youth and Adult Handbells will resume this month! Check your text messages for details.

The Music Ministry continues to offer music activities and events in which you are invited to participate. There is definitely a place for you! Join us today!

Eddie



November 7, 2021

All Saints' Day
Sainthood!

Ephesians 1:1-2; Philippians 1:1-2;
Colossians 1:1-2; Revelation 14:12-13

November 14, 2021

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrate Your Differences!
Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 139:1-18

November 21, 2021

Christ The King

A Simple 'Thank You' Equals An Attitude of Gratitude!
Psalm 100:1-5; Luke 17:11-19; I Thessalonians 5:12-28

November 28, 2021

Hanging of the Greens

NOVEMBER SERMONS

NOVEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

7 Grayanna Young
14 Gina Morningstar
21 Tina Sauls
28 Tricia Sanderson

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7 Lauren Cole / Hilda Ray
14 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
21 David Carter / Glenn Waters
28 Stephen Prince / Mary Alice Stanley

HOSPICE SNACKS

SOUND & VIDEO

7 Mitchell Sauls
14 Bryce Kronenwetter
21 Kirby Sanderson
28 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

7 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
14 Genie Carter
21 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
28 Bill and Jolene Lewis

USHERS (Chairman: Joe Hooks)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

October 3, 2021 - 33
October 10, 2021 - 38
October 17, 2021 - 43
October 24, 2021 - 33

October 31, 2021 - Next *Contact*

Average attendance for October
Sunday School is 37.

Please join us each week for Sunday
School at 9:45 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP

October 3, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$200.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$5,150.00
Budget Gifts Operational \$275.00
Total Budget This Week \$5,625.00

Designated/Other Funds \$1,051.34
Total Collections This Week \$6,676.34

Under Budget This Week \$969.56

Budget Need to date \$6,594.56
Budget Rec'd to date \$5,625.00
Under Budget to date \$696.56

October 10, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$200.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$7,557.00
Budget Gifts Operational \$350.00
Total Budget This Week \$8,107.00

Designated/Other Funds \$715.00
Total Collections This Week \$8,822.00

Over Budget This Week \$1,512.44

Budget Need to date \$13,189.12
Budget Rec'd to date \$13,732.00
Over Budget to date \$542.88

October 17, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$500.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$2,266.00
Budget Gifts Operational \$1,200.00
Total Budget This Week \$3,966.00

Designated/Other Funds \$1,320.00
Total Collections This Week \$5,286.00

Under Budget This Week \$2,628.56

Budget Need to date \$19,783.68
Budget Rec'd to date \$17,698.00
Under Budget to date \$2,085.68

October 24, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1 \$1,954.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2 \$5,901.00
Budget Gifts Operational \$2,350.00
Total Budget This Week \$10,205.00

Designated/Other Funds \$479.00
Total Collections This Week \$10,684.00

Over Budget This Week \$3,610.44

Budget Need to date \$26,378.24
Budget Rec'd to date \$27,903.00
Over Budget to date \$1,524.76

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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 Butler, Jr.
21 Mitchell Sauls
22 Jan Lynn
25 Yvonne Gold
28 Merle Worley
Tonya Schoolcraft

October 31, 2021 contributions will
appear in the December *Contact*.

State Missions Offering 2020-2021

Goal—\$250
Received—\$845



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OFFICE HOURS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

Date: November 15, 2021, 10:00 AM

Call to Prayer and Program: Myrtle Corbett

Hospice Snacks for November: Mary Jean Prince

Mission Project: Families First



It's November already, and the long holiday season of Homecoming, Thanksgiving and Christmas begins! As we reflect on the blessings we have enjoyed through the years and prepare our hearts and homes for the festive days ahead, I am reminded of the psalmist's words in Psalm 100 which begins, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands." I hope that you will read and reflect on this psalm throughout the month of November. "Count your blessings; name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done!"

The WMU will collect items for Families First this month, and we encourage the church family to join us! There will be a basket in the foyer, or you may place your items on the Missions Table in the fellowship hall. Useful items include cleaning supplies, facial and bathroom tissues, paper towels, facial masks, hand sanitizer, etc.

2021-22 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

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Whiteville United Methodist Church this year at 6:00 p.m. on **Sunday, November 21, 2021.**

ISO - "IN SEARCH OF"

A member has contacted the church office and is looking for a copy of the "Made with Love" cookbook sold by the Children's Committee in years past. If you happen to have a copy that you don't use anymore and don't mind parting with, will you please share it with the church office? Thank you!



Notes of THANKS

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your kindness, support, and comforting words with the passing of my sister, Nelda Horne. We gratefully appreciate the many kind expressions of sympathy shown to us during this difficult time. Please keep us in your prayers as we learn to adjust.

Diane Tison and Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MUSIC ACTIVITY

Do you want to be a part of our Children's Music Activity? We meet each Monday from 5:15-6:00 p.m. The class is for children 4 years old through 2nd grade. We are finding out how "All Creatures Praise God."



Christmas Poinsettias/Wreaths

*Please keep separate from regular offerings and
return all forms to the church office no later than
Monday, November 15, 2021.*

Person Placing Order _____ Given By _____

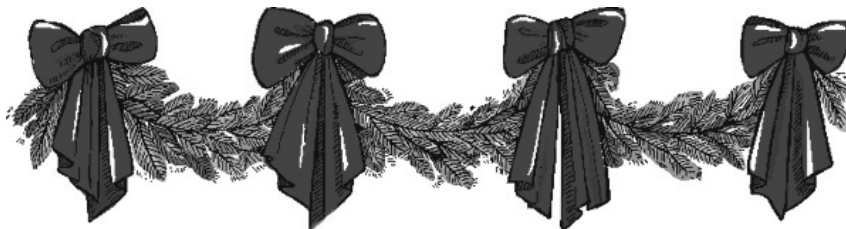
_____ Poinsettias @ \$15.00 each

_____ Wreaths @ \$40.00 each

Total Check Amount : \$ _____ Check Number : _____

In Memory/Honor (circle one)

of: _____



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SUNSHINE GROUP

Fruit baskets project by Sunshine Group — We will meet in the fellowship hall at **9:30 a.m. on November 15, 2021**, to put together the baskets and then deliver to the homebound. If you know of names, please call the church office. The fruit will be provided, but if you would like to bring candy, gum, crackers, or Little Debbie cakes, that would be appreciated.



Sunshine sponsored trip: **“Christmas with the Embers”** — We will have a signup sheet in the church office if you would like to start the holidays off with a fun concert. The price is \$37.50 each. However, if we get at least 20 to sign up, we can get a group rate. Any church member can sign up regardless of age. This is also a great way to support our local college and the efforts it makes to bring concerts to our area. We look forward to having a great group celebrate the Season at Southeastern Community College with The Embers, featuring Craig Woolard. The concert will take place on **Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.** in the SCC Auditorium.

FBC FLOAT

If you would like to ride the FBC float in the Pecan Festival Parade on **Saturday, November 6**, please meet at the church between **9:00 and 9:15 a.m.** so we can be at the high school at 9:30 to line up for the parade. If you are late, you can still find us in line at the high school. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

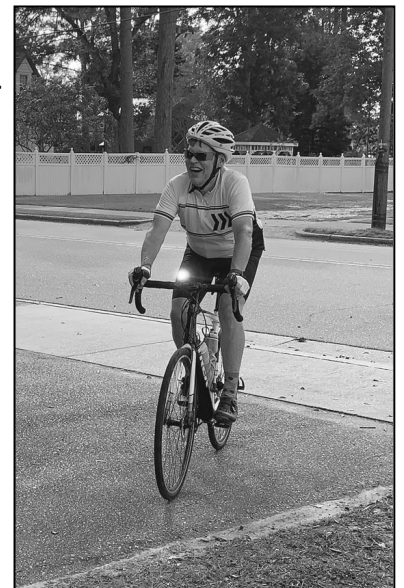


“Thank you” to everyone who came out Saturday, October 16 to “meet and greet” with Dr. Larry Hovis on the Welcome Ride. We had a nice turnout and everyone was able to visit with Dr. and Mrs. Hovis and a member of their staff. The route was from the state capital to the North Carolina coast. The ride was organized to help raise awareness and funds for the Welcome House Community Network (WHCN), a ministry of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CFBNC). The Network is made up of 24 houses in North Carolina and Tennessee managed by churches and mostly volunteers in those communities, that provide short-term housing for those in need.

Some of the houses are being used for immigrants, including Afghan refugee families. Some churches have chosen to help residents in their communities who are housing-insecure. More Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina churches and communities are expressing interest in setting up Welcome Houses.

Dr. Hovis rode a total of 160 miles and raised a total of \$50,000 from Friday, October 15 to Saturday, October 16. First Baptist Church gave \$550. Along the way, he stopped in several communities at churches which support Welcome Houses and this type of missions work.

Thank you for coming out to support Welcome Ride 2021!



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