



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022, VOLUME 57, NUMBER 11



Sunday, December 4, is our Missions Emphasis Sunday. We will have breakfast and a special program featuring guest speaker, Rev. Paula McCosh, Director of the Welcome House in Fayetteville, NC. We invite you to please join us for Missions Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and the program with Rev. McCosh at 9:30 a.m. You will find more information about Missions Emphasis on page 5 of the newsletter.

Events At A Glance

November 5 - FBC Float in the Pecan Harvest Festival Parade, 9:00 a.m.

November 6 - "Fall Back" One Hour

November 6 - Homecoming Harvest Day with Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Kendell Cameron

November 10 - "A-Z" make-up "A, B, C" Dinner for anyone who missed previously, 6:00 p.m.

November 12 - FBC Float in Whiteville's 1st Annual Veterans Day Parade, 10:00 a.m.

November 13 - Morning Worship with Pulpit Guest: Dr. Lamont Hemminger, Bereavement Coordinator for Community Home Care and Hospice, Whiteville, NC

November 14 - WMU Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

November 15 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November 16 - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:45 p.m. and Prayer Meeting with Special Guests from CRHS Staff, 6:30 p.m.

November 20 - Community Thanksgiving service at St. Mark AME Zion Church, 6:00 p.m.

November 21 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

November 24 - Happy Thanksgiving!

November 24 & 25 - Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 27 - Hanging of the Greens, 6:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S CORNER



As we approach November and celebrate THANKSGIVING . . . I am very THANKFUL to say that First Baptist Church of Whiteville is alive and well! I sincerely want to express a GREAT, BIG “THANK YOU” to all who always are so very willing to help in many various ways to serve in this special and unique church! I truly am GRATEFUL for . . . our church staff . . . all of our members who are faithful in attendance, serving, giving and working together . . . all who help in planning for, participating in, and leading in our worship services including our ushers, greeters, and audio-visual technicians . . . all musicians who sing and instrumentalists who play and share their time and talents . . . all who donate and furnish flowers and arrangements to beautify our already beautiful sanctuary . . . all who teach Sunday School and Bible Study Classes . . . all who support the wonderful mission emphases, outreaches, and projects of our Women’s Missionary Union and the Baptist Men . . . all past, present, and future deacons who serve as God leads them to serve . . . all chairpersons and members of the various committees who diligently fulfill their responsibilities . . . all who serve in preparing and serving the delicious meals and fellowships the church enjoys together . . . all the members of the Church Council who help coordinate, plan and calendar the church-wide ministries, events and activities for all ages . . . the wonderful participation in the delicious and relationship--building “ABC Dinners” . . . the very inspirational and touching ordination service for Ella Jo Sellers and Willis Pinnell as new deacons . . . the great attendance at our “Walk Thru The Bible” sessions that Joy and I enjoyed teaching and sharing together . . . the encouraging attendance and participation at the Fall Festival Outreach for children, youth and their supportive families . . . for our committed Pastor Search Committee as they seek God’s will . . . for the excitement and great expectation of our up-coming **HOMEcoming** on **Sunday, November 6, 2022**, as we welcome “back home,” Dr. Kendell Cameron, who served as the pastor here at First Baptist Church, 2003-2008, and his wife, Jan, and their daughter, Amanda. Please invite others to come **with you** to join in worship with us at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and then to please bring plenty of food to share at our **HOMEcoming LUNCH** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following our worship service.

If you missed the date of your “A, B, C” Dinner, Joy and I are scheduling a “make-up” evening for all families and individuals, “A-Z”, who did not get to join us previously. Please bring your favorite covered dish food items, and join us on **Thursday, November 10, at 6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall for food, fun, fellowship, and sharing. Thank you.

On Sunday, November 13, we also will be THANKFUL to welcome Dr. Lamont Hemminger, as our Pulpit Guest in the Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Hemminger is the Bereavement Coordinator for Community Home Care and Hospice in Whiteville. On Wednesday, November 16, we will celebrate together at 5:45 p.m. with another delicious church-wide meal together and during Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m., we will welcome, hear from, and pray for some staff members of our local hospital, Columbus Regional Healthcare System in Whiteville. I urge you to remember and attend our **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** which will be held on **Sunday, November 20th, at 6:00 p.m.**, at St. Mark AME Zion Church, 114 West Virgil Street in Whiteville, as we “forsake not the assembling of ourselves together!”

PLEASE do not miss ANY of these opportunities for worship, praise, prayer, study, learning, information and fellowship! You may have seen the following question, “What is missing from **CH__CH?**” The answer, of course, is **U R** . . . and that stands for **YOU ARE!** Let’s fill in the blanks and be sure **YOU**—and all the rest of us—are **IN** our **CHURCH** whenever possible so that we do not miss a single “happening” for the glory of God . . . the perfection of the saints . . . and the growth of the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit, ok?!?

God bless you today and always—in ALL ways! “Happy Thanksgiving” to you and to all of your loved ones! And . . . with God’s help . . . may we all realize and certainly count all of our blessings—as we truly make EACH and EVERY DAY a day of THANKSGIVING!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ love, *Wayne Brown*



Music Notes



The Children's Music Hymn for the month of November is *For the Fruit of All Creation* by Fred Pratt Green (September 2, 1903-October 22, 2000). Below is the

Hymn Story Time we will share with our children.

Once there was a man named Fred Pratt Green. He was born in England in 1903.

He was the third child born to Charles and Hannah Green. Although his name was Fred, his close friends called him by his nickname, Derrick.

Fred grew up going to church with his family and attending the local schools in his town. When he was younger he thought he wanted to be an architect. He also spent a lot of time working in his father's leather shop.

After he finished school, he was inspired to become a preacher. He preached in several different churches in England. While serving these churches he wrote many plays and poems. It wasn't until he retired that he began writing hymns.

He wrote *For the Fruit of All Creation* as a song of thankfulness to God for God's many blessings, and a reminder that we are to care for one another and for the earth.

Fred Pratt Green wrote over 300 hymns in his lifetime. When he was 92, he was honored by the Queen of England for his hymn writing.

The children will learn and explore the meaning of this hymn written by a hymnist of our time.

Plan to join in singing this Thanksgiving hymn in worship this month.

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*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.*

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.*

The **Children's Music Activity** (for age 4 through 2nd grade) meets each Monday at 4:00 p.m. The children are working on Christmas music to sing for *The Hanging of the Greens* (Sunday, November 27, 6:00 p.m.). Invite your neighbors and friends to join us! **All children are welcome!**

The **Chancel Choir** is preparing Christmas music to sing on Sunday, December 11, during our morning worship. **Join this fine group** as they rehearse each Sunday at 3:00-4:00 p.m.

The **Community Band** will present a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 4, 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. You are invited to attend the concert and stay around town for the Christmas parade at 6:00 p.m. We have two from our church playing in the band.

The **Southeastern Oratorio Society** will present the Christmas portion of George Frideric Handel's MESSIAH, Monday, December 5, 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Whiteville. We have several singers participating in the concert.

Tis' the Season! Eddie

November 6, 2022

Homecoming Harvest Day
Pulpit Guest: Rev. Dr. Kendell Cameron
Psalm 133
A Modern Day Miracle

November 13, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
Pulpit Guest: Dr. Lamont Hemminger, Coordinator for
Community Home Care and Hospice, Whiteville, NC

November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday
Psalm 100:1-5; Luke 17:11-19;
1 Thessalonians 5:26-18; Philippians 4:4-7
Give Thanks!

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent
2 Timothy 3:1-17; Revelation 22:1-21
It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like . . .

November 27, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

*Evening Worship Service Featuring
Hanging of the Greens*

NOVEMBER
SERMONS

NOVEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

6 Tina Sauls
13 Gina Morningstar
20 Tricia Sanderson
27 Grayanna Young

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

6 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray
13 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
20 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters
27 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte

HOSPICE MEALS

Mary Jean Prince

SOUND & VIDEO

6 Mitchell Sauls
13 Bryce Kronenwetter
20 Kirby Sanderson
27 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

6 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
13 Genie Carter
20 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
27 Jolene Lewis

USHERS (Chairman: Joe Hooks)

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

October 30, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$3,700.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,297.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$105.00
Total Budget This Week	\$7,102.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$2,715.00
Total Collections This Week	\$9,817.00
Over Budget This Week	\$435.42
Budget Need to date	\$33,332.90
Budget Rec'd to date	\$25,505.00
Under Budget to date	\$7,827.90

STEWARDSHIP

October 2, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$1,909.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$445.00
Total Budget This Week	\$2,354.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$100.00
Total Collections This Week	\$2,454.00
Under Budget This Week	\$4,212.58
Budget Need to date	\$6,666.58
Budget Rec'd to date	\$2,354.00
Under Budget to date	\$4,312.58

October 9, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$250.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,812.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$290.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,352.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$829.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,181.00
Under Budget This Week	\$2,314.58

Budget Need to date	\$13,333.16
Budget Rec'd to date	\$6,706.00
Under Budget to date	\$6,627.16

October 16, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$200.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,165.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,875.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,240.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$299.00
Total Collections This Week	\$6,539.00
Under Budget This Week	\$426.58

Budget Need to date	\$19,999.74
Budget Rec'd to date	\$12,946.00
Under Budget to date	\$7,053.74

October 23, 2022

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$490.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,427.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$540.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,457.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$472.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,929.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,209.58

Budget Need to date	\$26,666.32
Budget Rec'd to date	\$18,403.00
Under Budget to date	\$8,263.32

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

October 2, 2022 - 45
October 9, 2022 - 40
October 16, 2022 - 46
October 23, 2022 - 57
October 30, 2022 - 34

Average attendance for October
Sunday School is 44.

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

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OFFICE HOURS

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Monday—Thursday
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANGING OF THE GREENS

We invite you to join us for *Hanging of the Greens* as we celebrate the beginning of the Advent season with the decorating of the sanctuary. If you would like to place a poinsettia or wreath in the church in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the form on the bottom of page 7 and bring it into the office by **Thursday, November 17**. *Hanging of the Greens* is **Sunday, November 27**. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the coming of our Savior.

MISSIONS BREAKFAST

December Missions Breakfast and Mission Emphasis - December 4, 2022, Breakfast 9:00—9:30 a.m., Program 9:30-10:30, Speaker: Rev. Paula McCosh, Director of the Welcome House in Fayetteville. Please plan to come and hear this CBF missionary speak about work in our area. We also will be collecting our December Offering for Global Missions. You have special envelopes in your packet for this offering. Let us remember that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive!"

BAPTIST MEN

We want to thank the men who helped build a ramp for Lois Batten on Saturday, October 22. It was a job well done! Our next meeting will be **January 8, 2023**.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee met on October 2 and voted to accept the proposal from Whiteville City Schools that we partner with the North Whiteville Academy. They are asking us to be involved with the school in several ways, such as food bags (backpack bags), morning prayer and breakfast foods once a month for staff, school supplies and uniforms as needed, and special requests that are made by Mrs. Corbett, the principal. Martha Senter met with Mrs. Corbett and the principal is most appreciative. We think this will be a great partnership and you will be hearing more as the needs are made known. The Academy works with students from Central Middle School and Whiteville High School who are behind in their class or have special needs. We urge you to pray for these students.

"A, B, C" DINNER

If you missed the date of your "A, B, C" Dinner, Pastor and Mrs. Brown are scheduling a "make-up" evening for all families and individuals, "A-Z", who did not get to participate with us previously. Please bring your favorite covered dish food items, and join us on **Thursday, November 10, at 6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall for food, fun, fellowship, and sharing. Thank you.



FBC FLOAT IN PARADES

We are going to participate in the **Pecan Festival Harvest Parade** on **Saturday, November 5** (meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.), this year as well as Whiteville's **First Annual Veterans Day Parade** on **Saturday, November 12** (meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.), and the **Christmas Parade** on **Sunday, December 4** (meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.) As you can imagine we will need lots of participants for all three of these. We need riders! Candy donations are appreciated for the Pecan Harvest Festival parade and the Christmas parade. If you are interested in helping in any way with the float for these parades, please contact Kate C. Lee at 910-234-0261. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

WMU



WMU Meeting: November 14, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer and Program: Myrtle Corbett

Mission Project: Matthew 25 Center

Hospice Meal: Mary Jean Prince (Contact Karen: 910-642-9051)

The November WMU meeting will be held at the Matthew 25 Center in Tabor City. We will meet at the church at 10:00 A.M. and carpool to Tabor City. Lunch will be provided at the center. Each WMU member is asked to take a zip-loc bag with a *tooth brush, tooth paste, small comb, small bar of soap, small bottle of lotion, and disposable razor and shaving cream, etc.*

The October project to collect items for the **Ukrainian refugees** is an ongoing project. Canned meats (Spam, Vienna Sausages, etc.), peanut butter, powdered milk, and feminine hygiene products, are some items that are very much needed. Paper products are also useful. This is a **church-wide project** and we invite you to participate. The Missions Table in the fellowship hall has several items on it; please add yours to the collection!

The 2022-24 Watchword is: *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

--Romans 12:12

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett

WMU Director

CHRISTMAS WITH THE EMBERS

Please join The Sunshine Group of First Baptist Church, and come hear a Christmas Musical featuring The Embers on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Southeastern Community College. Please meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. to car pool to SCC. Cost is \$40 per person. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office at 910-642-2139 or Mary Alice Stanley at 910-640-7503.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

We resumed our monthly Wednesday Night Supper on the third Wednesday of the month in September. We will continue through May 17th, 2023 with the following Cooking Group schedule. We invite you to join us for the meal at 5:45 p.m. and Prayer Meeting and Bible Study beginning at 6:30 p.m.

November 16, 2022	Group 4	Brenda Carter/Genie Carter, Co-Chairs
December 21, 2022	**No Meal	Prayer Meeting TBD
January 18, 2023	Group 5	Mary Alice Stanley, Chair
February 15, 2023	WMU	Meal and Program/Heck-Jones Offering Emphasis—Guest Speaker
March 15, 2023	Group 6	Fred and Martha Senter, Co-Chairs
April 19, 2023	Group 7	Peggy Norosky, Chair
May 17, 2023	Group 3	Myrtle and Haywood Corbett, Co-Chairs

**We will not have a WNS for December since December 21 is only 4 days before Christmas Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

WMU MISSIONS PROJECTS 2022-2023

Below is a list of the upcoming missions project opportunities for the WMU Year. We look forward to serving our community together through WMU.

November	Families First
December	Lottie Moon /Global Missions Missions Breakfast
January	Soup Ministry
February	WMU Focus Week & Heck-Jones Offering
March	Saving Sons
April	Operation Inasmuch
May	Snacks for SCC Students during Exams
June	Matthew 25 House
July	WMU Luncheon
August	School Supplies
September	Red Box Ministry



VETERANS DAY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SERVICE!

Christmas Poinsettias/Wreaths

*Please keep separate from regular offerings and
return all forms to the church office no later than
Thursday, November 17, 2022.*

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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