



# First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

## THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024, VOLUME 59, NUMBER 11

*Homecoming / Harvest Day*  
With Rev. Dr. Wayne Brown



*Sunday November 3, 2024*

Please join us Sunday, November 24, at 6:00 p.m.  
at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for  
Community Thanksgiving Service.



### Events At A Glance

- November 3 - Homecoming / Harvest Day,  
11:00 a.m., Guest Speaker, Dr. Wayne  
Brown with covered dish meal  
following the worship service.
- November 6, 13, 20, 27 - Wednesday Night  
Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.
- November 11 - WMU Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- November 18 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.,  
Poinsettia Order Deadline
- November 19 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- November 20 - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:45 p.m.
- November 24 - Community Thanksgiving Service  
at Sacred Heart Catholic Church,  
6:00 p.m.
- November 28 - Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 28 - Church Office closed for  
Thanksgiving

*Complete monthly calendar on back.*  
To add an event to our calendar,  
please contact the church office:  
(910) 642-2139



## PASTOR'S CORNER



*"If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."*

**1 Corinthians 13: 1**

In response to the above scripture - *SO TRUE!* It's our love that indeed surpasses all other spiritual gifts. And as we are fast approaching the season of Holy Advent, let us not lose sight of this fact. In ways big and small, I see a bold display of this kind of "crazy love" love all around us. For one, it's from a deep place within their hearts that so many of the good folks at First Baptist are giving generously on behalf of our brothers and sisters who are in distress in Western North Carolina. As in all things - *to God be the glory!* Speaking of love, consider our upcoming Homecoming service that's set and ready to go for Sunday, November 3. Well let's just say it like this: **190 YEARS.** The love AND the excitement is definitely in the air as we prepare to celebrate!

From verses one to thirteen this passage gives one of the most complete descriptions of love in the Bible. More importantly, it shows that love needs to be the one thing in life that we seek more than anything else. Without it, whatever we do or say really has no lasting value. Compare the love described here with the superficial love found in this world. Notice that Paul focuses more on what love *does than on what love is.*

- > God says love should be directed toward others (**1 Corinthians 13:1-3**).  
The world says love should be directed toward yourself.
- > God says love is patient and kind (**1 Corinthians 13:4**).  
The world says love should satisfy your immediate needs.
- > God says love is never jealous or envious (**1 Corinthians 13:4**).  
The world says love means that you deserve "the best."
- > God says love is never boastful or proud (**1 Corinthians 13:4**).  
The world says love isn't necessary to make people respect you.
- > God says love is never rude (**1 Corinthians 13:5**).  
The world says love lets you act as you please.
- > God says love does not demand its own way (**1 Corinthians 13:5**).  
The world says love gets in the way of what you want.
- > God says that love is not irritable or touchy, and it holds no grudges (**1 Corinthians 13:5**).  
The world says love takes a backseat when it comes to seeking revenge.
- > God says love rejoices in justice and truth (**1 Corinthians 13:6**).  
The world says love understands - even ignores - evil.
- > God says love is loyal (**1 Corinthians 13:7**).  
The world says love should be self-serving.

So let's do a quick little exercise here: If you want to see how far short you fall, take out the word *love* and put your own name in its place. How true are the statements now? (Trust me, I did not fare any better than you will.) However, if you put the name Jesus in place of love - it fits perfectly.

Listen, the kind of love God wants us to give others is impossible to bring about or manufacture on our own. You might say (as we so often like to discuss on Sunday mornings) that it is a "*supernatural*" love. It is a natural outflowing of God's presence in our lives. And this is exactly why the Bible says to us, "God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love" (**Romans 5:5**). If your love for others ever falls short of God's ideal, ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in this area. Your relationships will never be the same!

And so, let us always remember this: It's **HIS LOVE** that will hold us and never fail us. It's **HIS LOVE** that promises to pull us through.

First Baptist Whiteville, leading right up to Christmas we have an ambitious agenda! **GOD BLESS YOU ALL. JESUS LOVES YOU AND SO DO I.**

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chris

# CELEBRATION



## THANK YOU!

Thank you for coming out and celebrating with Kenwood Royal for his 90th birthday celebration! What a wonderful time of fellowship with our brother in Christ.

## THANK YOU!

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

We continue to give thanks for our caring church family. Not only have you given us support through J. C.'s illness and continue to support us, but have been a great comfort to us as well. Thank you, so much, for your prayers, visits, food, cards, flowers, and concern. We appreciate each expression of kindness and caring, and we appreciate each of you. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

With thanks and appreciation,  
Pay Hyatt and Family

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

At **2:00 a.m., Sunday, November 3, 2023**, Daylight Saving Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, November 2.**



## OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday with friends and family. Happy Thanksgiving from the church office!

## NOVEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3 Tina Sauls  
10 Jan Hinson  
17 TBD  
24 Beverly Pope  
31 Tricia Sanderson

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

3 Lauren Cole / Jeff Mahanes  
10 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley  
17 Willis Pinnell / Mary Alice Stanley  
24 Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte

### HOSPICE MEALS

Martha Watson

### NURSERY WORKERS

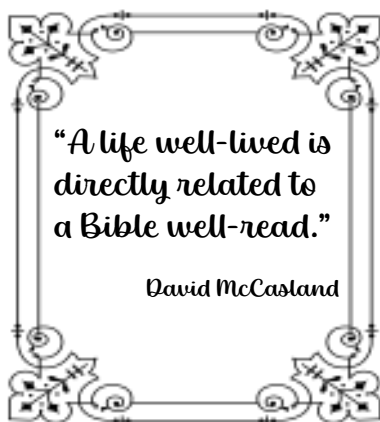
3 Brad & Anna Johnson  
10 Bobby & Wendy Hensley  
17 Keith & Jamie Beverley  
24 Dale Duncan / Genie Carter

### SOUND & VIDEO

3 Kirby Sanderson  
10 Eric Kronenwetter  
17 Kirby Sanderson  
24 Eric Kronenwetter

### WNS SCHEDULE

**November 20**—Group 1 - Chairs, Gina Morningstar & Pat Davis  
**December 18**—No Meal  
**January 22**—Group 4 - Chair, Genie Carter (Conference)  
**February 19**—WMU - Meal & Program - Heck Jones Offering  
**March 19**—Group 5 - Chairs, Mary Alice Stanley & Beverly Pope



## STEWARDSHIP

### October 6, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,480.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$765.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$4,245.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$1,825.24
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$6,070.24</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$1,178.08</b>
Budget Need to date	\$5,423.08
Budget Rec'd to date	\$4,245.00
Under Budget to date	\$1,178.08

### October 13, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,755.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$450.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,205.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$500.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$3,705.00</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,218.08</b>
Budget Need to date	\$10,846.16
Budget Rec'd to date	\$7,450.00
Under Budget to date	\$3,396.16

### October 20, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$310.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,081.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$100.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,491.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$455.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$2,946.00</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,932.08</b>
Budget Need to date	\$16,269.24
Budget Rec'd to date	\$9,941.00
Under Budget to date	\$6,328.24

### October 27, 2024

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,762.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$300.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,062.00</b>
Designated/Other Funds	\$3,234.07
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$6,296.07</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,361.08</b>
Budget Need to date	\$21,692.32
Budget Rec'd to date	\$13,003.00
Under Budget to date	\$8,689.32

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Janet Austin  
4 Tanner Morningstar  
6 Keith Wilson  
9 Yvonne Bass  
Ruth Kuykendall  
Cynthia Lytle  
10 Brownie Cook  
Eddie Fort  
Peggy Norosky  
13 Genie Carter  
Eric Kronenwetter  
16 Melissa Williamson  
19 Fred Senter  
21 Keith Beverley  
Mitchell Sauls  
22 Jan Lynn  
25 Yvonne Gold  
28 Merle Worley  
Tonya Schoolcraft

## OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

October 6, 2024 - 55  
October 13, 2024 - 42  
October 20, 2024 - 28  
October 27, 2024 - 50

Average attendance for October  
Sunday School is 46.

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

## OFFICE CONTACT INFO

### Ministerial Staff

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## OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Hours 8:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.,  
Monday—Thursday  
Phone: 910-642-2139 Fax: 910-642-5874

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

**WMU Meeting: Monday, November 11, 10:00 A.M.**

**Call to Prayer and Program: Martha Watson**

**Mission Project: Matthew 25 House / Fruit Baskets**

**Hospice Meal: Martha Watson (Contact: Karen: 910-642-9051)**



National WMU begins a new two-year emphasis this fall: *What Joy!*

In our world of discouraging circumstances, heartbreaking news stories and general brokenness, one of the most radical things we can choose to be is **Joyful!** We know that our **joy** comes from Christ, and our **joy** even in difficulty is an excellent testimony to the love and promises of our Savior. Let's renew our focus on the assurance of our God-given **joy** in Christ and how we can share our **joy** with others by serving them in His name.

The mission project for November is Hospitality Bags for Matthew 25 House. Suggested items for each bag are soap, washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, men's toiletries, women's toiletries. Each bag will contain a card from First Baptist Church WMU. We will also pack and deliver fruit baskets to our shut-in and nursing home residents.

**WMU Emphasis for 2024-2026: *What Joy!***

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- *We are passionate about the lost.*
  - *We are compelled by love.*
  - *We are generous in sharing*
- We service with great delight (joy).*

**2024-26 Watchword:** *"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." 1 Thessalonians 2:8*

### **Our Mission**

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

Myrtle Corbett, Co-Director

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director



## MISSIONS BREAKFAST

**Sunday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m.** we have Missions Breakfast.

Please make plans to join us for food and fellowship. After breakfast we will have a combined Sunday School class with a guest speaker. Sunday, December 1, Missions Emphasis Day, is the kick-off for our December Missions offerings. Invite your friends to share breakfast with us—everyone is welcome!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

The evergreen tree, garlands and wreaths are symbols of the eternal life available when Jesus comes into our lives. The wreath itself, a never-ending circle, also reminds us of the endless love of God. We hang the greens to reflect our joy in the abundant life we find through Christ. Hanging of the Greens Sunday marks the beginning of Advent Season when we look forward to the day we set aside as the birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ who came into the world to make a way for us to have a relationship with God the Father.

**This year our Hanging of the Greens service will be held on Sunday, December 1,** during our morning worship service at **11:00 a.m.** During this service we will adorn the church and other buildings with evergreens, set up the poinsettia tree, and recognize the beginning of the Advent Season. Please join us to share in this reflective service to worship our heavenly Father and thank Him for making a way of salvation for us.

## POINSETTIA AND WREATH ORDERS

It's time to order your poinsettias and wreaths for the Advent season. Deadline for orders is **Monday, November 18.** Please keep poinsettia/wreath monies separate from regular offerings. Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful for Advent.

### Christmas Poinsettias/Wreaths

*Please keep separate from regular offerings and  
return all forms to the church office no later than  
Monday, November 18, 2024.*

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias @ \$15.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Wreaths @ \$40.00 each

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

In Memory/Honor (circle one)

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

\_\_\_\_\_



# ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic Church this year, on **Sunday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m.** Dr. Hillman will be speaking. Please join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving together.



## CHURCH AFTER CHURCH



Church After Church is a time when we meet together for lunch after the morning worship service. It gives the community a chance to see our church family on a more personal basis. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch. We will continue to meet for CAC in the future as this is an outreach of our ministry. There will be holidays and special occasions where we will take a break, and we make an effort to let everyone know if this is the case with our mass communication from the office during the week. Thank you for your participation.

## HOME COMING

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Wayne Brown will be our special guest speaker.

Join us in celebrating 190 years of ministry to this community and around the world.

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

**GOAL \$2,000.00**

This year's offering will be divided between Repairs & Contingency and Local Mission Needs (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!



November 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3 Homecoming Harvest Day</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship with guest speaker Dr. Wayne Brown 12:00 Covered dish meal	4	5	6 6:30 Prayer Service	7	8	9
<b>10</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	11 10:00 WMU Meeting	12	13 6:30 Prayer Service	14	15	16
<b>17</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	<b>18 Poinsettia Order Deadline</b> 9:30 Finance Meeting	19 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	20 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper - Group 1 6:30 Prayer Service	21	22	23
<b>24</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Dr. Hillman speaking	25	26	27 6:30 Prayer Service	28 Office Closed	29	30



December 2024						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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