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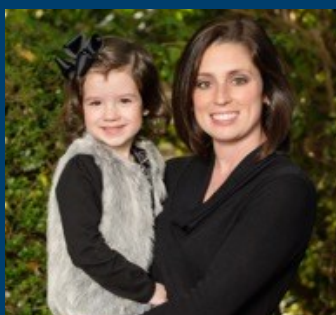
We are excited to announce our newest members Taylor Jordan, Amy Bailey-Carter and David Carter, and Landon and Addie Bailey to our congregation! We will celebrate the baptism of Taylor Jordan on October 23rd, during our 11:00 worship service. We feel honored and privileged that these gifted believers have chosen First Baptist Church as their family of faith. May God continue to bless our ministry and these new beginnings!



Amy Bailey-Carter & David Carter



Addie Elizabeth &
Landon Bailey



Taylor Jordan
with daughter,
Addison Grant
Jordan

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 5

MISSIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 10

WMU MEETING

OCTOBER 11

HYMN SING

OCTOBER 15

DEACON PARTY

OCTOBER 16

ORDINATION OF
NEW DEACONS

OCTOBER 17

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING

OCTOBER 18

DEACON MEETING

OCTOBER 29

HOMECOMING
PREPARATION
WORKDAY

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

TO ADD AN EVENT TO OUR
CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE:
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PASTOR'S CORNER:

"LIVING OUR FAITH"

In our Wednesday night Bible Study, we have been reading straight through the Gospel of Mark, two chapters at a time. Our study will continue through October. The themes that we've noticed throughout the first ten chapters are:

1. Fast-paced
2. Restoration (healing and casting our demons)
3. Teaching
4. Providing food for large quantities of people
5. Being greatest of all means being servant of all
6. Jesus' frustration with the "idiocy" of his disciples

And all of these themes point to a much larger concept of what it means to be a Christ follower – **Faith**.

You see, in the Gospel of Mark, we are reading about some AWESOME things that Jesus is doing – and it's happening so fast that perhaps his disciples don't have time to process what they're witnessing. But, goodness gracious, can you imagine observing everything that Jesus is doing, and then still questioning each other on how we're going to "get by"?! At every turn, Jesus is performing miracles and doing things that the world has never seen before. Even still the disciples worry about where they will find their daily food to eat. I hope we're able to find the humor in this story for our own lives.

Faith is not only about believing. It's also about **living out** your belief. It's about the language we use; the way we speak to one another; the way we live from day to day, moment to moment! The Gospel of Mark is the best reminder that when you have Christian faith, there is absolutely no room for doubt, worry, or fear. But to put hands and feet to our beliefs, remaining optimistic that Jesus' way is a fast-paced, restoring, teaching, and feeding ministry. When we're up to his work, we will ALWAYS have what we need to sustain life and will restore others in the process!

Please join us for our Bible Study on Wednesday nights through October as we continue our reading of Mark. Our discussions for the month of October will be based on the following readings:

October 05 – Mark 11-12

October 12 – Mark 13-14

October 19 – Mark 15-16

October 26 – Discussion about the composition of the Gospel of Mark

- Rev. Ryan Clore

SUNDAY SERMONS

October 2:

Guest Preacher, Michael Johnson
"Just Do the Job"
Luke 17:5-10

October 9:

"Praise God!"
Luke 17:11-19

October 16:

"Persistent Prayer: Wearing Down the Lord"
Luke 18:1-8

October 23:

"Renewed"
Ephesians 4:1-6, 17-24

October 30:

"I'm Coming to Your House Today"
Luke 19:1-10

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Monthly Worship Attendance Average: 107

Sunday School Attendance Average: 66

September Financial Update:

4: \$ 7,693.00

11: \$ 4,900.00

18: \$ 6,162.00

25: \$ 5,810.00

Amount Received for September: \$ 24,565.00

Amount Needed to make Monthly budget: \$ 35,180.60

Under Budget for the Month: \$ 10,615.60

Budget Needs to Date: \$ 457,347.80

Budget Received YTD: \$ 351,373.94

Budget Under YTD: \$ 105,973.86

MUSIC NOTES



MUSIC MINISTRY 2016-2017

The Music Ministry is off to a great start for the new church year. There is a choir or music activity for you to be a part of. Join us this week!

The **Children's Music Activity** for grades 1-5 meets each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. During this time our children will have the opportunity to explore music through hanchimes, other musical instruments and singing.

Music for Preschool Children will be incorporated during the Sunday morning Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m.

Our **Chancel Choir** for adults has begun the new church year and rehearses each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. The Chancel Choir provides music for our worship services each Sunday. They also prepare and offer seasonal music services.

The Youth and Adult Handbells rehearses each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. This group will ring in worship in the near future as well as for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons.

The Youth Choir for grades 6-12 rehearses each Sunday at 5:15 p.m. Our Youth Choir has begun preparation on festival music and will also combine with the Chancel Choir for the Christmas music service on December 18.

Sing With Understanding is an informative and inspirational hymn study for all ages. During our time together we will explore hymns through the ages both ancient and modern. This group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Beginning in October we will meet in the choir room.

MUSIC MINISTRY 2016-2017

AT A GLANCE!

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

Children's Music Activity (for grades 1-5)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Preschool Music Activity
Each Sunday during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m.

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

Youth Choir (for grades 6-12)
Sunday, 5:15 p.m.

Sing With Understanding (A hymn study for all ages)
The second Tuesday of each month, 11:00 a.m.

Future Music Opportunities

October 2016	Youth Choir to Carowinds (date to be determined)
January 27-28, 2017	Adult Choir Festival (FBC Charleston, SC)
March 3-5, 2017	Youth Choir Festival (Myrtle Beach, SC)
April 9, 2017	Raleigh Ringers Concert (Lumberton Civic Center) Tickets: \$25 adults \$10 students *To insure a concert seat please pay for your tickets in the church office A.S.A.P.

Dear Church Family,

It is with sincere thankfulness that we express our appreciation to you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and food during the loss of Robin's Father. Your kind words during this time have been a source of encouragement, peace and hope. It is comforting to know that we are a part of such a loving church family, whom we can share with and lean upon during our time of grief.

Sincerely, Eddie and Robin Fort

OCTOBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

2 Grayanna Young
9 Gina Morningstar
16 Katherine Jordan Scott
23 Tricia Sanderson
30 Sherry Waters

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Brenda Carter

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

2 Brownie Cook/ Bobby Hensley
9 Emory Worley/ Merle Worley
16 Stephen Prince/ David Jordan
23 Rose Langston/ Kate Carter
30 Jerry Wilson/ Jim Warlick

NURSERY

2 April & Mel Ray
9 Tonya Schoolcraft
16 Janice Young
23 Jenny Clore & Jennifer Bowling
30 Betty Kronenwetter & Bryce

SOUND & VIDEO

2 Jason Schoolcraft
9 Wil Ezzell
16 Kirby Sanderson
23 Eric Kronenwetter
30 Eric Kronenwetter

OFFERING TELLERS

John & Peggy Norosky

PEW STOCKER

Emory Worley

DVD DISTRIBUTION

2 Peggy Walters
9 Hilda Butler
16 Rose Langston
23 Frances Price
30 Juanita Stanley

USHERS

2 Ellis Jordan, Jerry Carter, Emory Worley, Clint Grainger, Trent Young, & John Norosky
9 Jerry Wilson, Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, & Charlie Hall
16 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Emory Worley, Haywood Corbett, & Edgar Tison
23 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, Grayson Ward & Charlie Hall
30 To Be Announced

HOSPICE MEAL FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER

Peggy Norosky

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Peggy Underwood	10	Jaech Austin	17	Brenda Worley
3	Marie Sellers	11	Jackie Jones	17	Mikayla White
3	Anna Johnson	11	Carolyn Grainger	20	Jessica Hill
4	Butch Pope	12	Pearl Norris Thompson	20	Burline Stocks
4	Bobby Hensley	14	Franklin Davis	20	Jennifer Burleson Hall
5	Ann Smith	14	Diane Tison	21	Juanita Stanley
5	Buck Hall	15	Lewis Sauls	22	Anna Stark
6	Trisha Lennon	15	Doris Harwood	22	Gray Cook
8	Miriam Bright	15	Myrtle Bright	22	Luke Clore
8	Alex Tison	15	Bill Prince	23	Jody Grainger
9	Sarah Elizabeth Austin	15	Keith Watson	26	Kyle Cook
10	Tina Sauls	15	Ellis Jordan	31	Elizabeth Bass
10	Buster Carter	16	LouAnn Butler		

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

October 5: Chairpersons—Mary Alice Stanley Menu: Chicken Tetrizzini, Salad, & Rolls; Dessert: Apple Cobbler & Ice Cream

October 12 : Chairperson—Janice Young Menu: Herb Baked Chicken Tenders, Potato Casserole, Broccoli Cheese Salad, Rolls; Dessert: Homemade Desserts; Tea & Coffee

October 19: Chairpersons—Fred & Martha Senter Menu: Meatloaf, Potato Casserole, Stewed Cabbage & Rolls; Dessert: Fruit Cobbler

October 26: Chairpersons—John & Peggy Norosky Menu: Something Delicious; Dessert: Something Delicious

Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45pm) and Prayer Meeting (6:30-7pm)!

A nursery is available after supper.

FBC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ARMOND & BRENDA CARTER

This month's Member Spotlight is written by Armond and Brenda Carter. Armond and Brenda are longtime members and friends of FBC.

We have lived in Whiteville 42 years; however Armond grew up in Whiteville and has been a member of First Baptist Church 60 plus years. I (Brenda) grew up in the Methodist Church and joined First Baptist after we were married. Armond has a construction design business, and I am a retired instructor from Southeastern Community College. I still teach a course occasionally.

We have two boys and eight grandchildren. David and his wife Amy live in Whiteville and have four children: Alexis, Ashley, Landon, and Addie. Chris and his wife Janice live in Spartanburg, SC, and have four children: Sarah, Emily, Anna, and Miles.



We have remained active members and have enjoyed the blessings of all our church friends. This church offers a warm fellowship to all. We pray that First Baptist will continue to be a church where anyone who comes will feel this warm fellowship, and we will continue to grow toward Christ.

HOMEcoming

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Morning Worship at 11:00 am

Dr. Fred Senter will be our special guest speaker.

Join us in celebrating 182 years of ministry to this community and around the world.

SHARE IN GIVING TO THE ANNUAL HARVEST DAY OFFERING:

GOAL \$5,000.00

This year's offering will be divided equally 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!

Announcements

2016-2017 Deacon Nominations:

We would like to congratulate the five nominees that we elected on Sunday, September 25, 2016 to serve as deacons for a three year term beginning October 01, 2016. We have also included the names of the other ten deacons currently serving, as well as the newly elected Deacon Officers for 2016-2017. Please lift up our deacons and deacon officers in your prayers as they seek to follow God's direction in the coming church year.

Newly Elected Deacon Officers

Term Expires 2017

Kate Carter– Deacon Secretary
Stephen Prince– Deacon Vice Chairman
Melvin Ezzell– Deacon Chairman

Newly Elected Deacons

Term Expires 2019

Bobby Hensley
David Jordan
Glenn Waters
Kirby Sanderson
Merle Worley

Current Deacons

Term Expires 2018

Kate Carter
Stephen Prince
John Sauls
Jim Warlick
Jerry Wilson

Current Deacons

Term Expires 2017

Brownie Cook
Melvin Ezzell
Rose Langston
Sylvia Walker
Emory Worley

Grounds Committee Announcement:

Homecoming Preparation workday Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 8:00 am. Please contact the church office if you are available to help.

Thank You, Charlie Duncan

WMU Announcement:

WMU Meeting Monday October 10, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Emphasis this month:

Christmas Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse

Thank You, Myrtle Corbett

Call for Help with a Church Float:

This year our church is going to participate in the Pecan Festival Parade. If you have any interest in helping to decorate our church float this year for the Pecan Festival, please contact Jenny Clore or Genie Carter.

Cherry Grove Freewill Baptist Church-Love Offering:

In July Cherry Grove Freewill Baptist Church was struck by lightening, which destroyed their sanctuary. In an effort to help Cherry Grove rebuild, Columbus Baptist Association ask all of it's churches to have a Love Offering Collection on July 24, 2016. FBC collected \$569.00 on that Sunday and proceeded to host the Love Offering for the entire month of August. During those extra five weeks our congregation collected an additional \$1265.00, making the total donated to Cherry Grove from FBC Whiteville, \$1834.00. Thank you for your continued support of our community and those around us.

A Special Thank You from the Cherry Grove Baptist Church Memorial Building Fund:

Your gift to the glory of God is gratefully acknowledged. A gift of \$1,265.00 donated by First Baptist Church on September 14, 2016.

Thank You & God Bless You!

Gratitude Letters

Mother's Day Offering/ NC Baptist Hospital:

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church:

On behalf of the patients at North Carolina Baptist Hospital/Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, I want to thank you for your gift of \$444.00 to our Mother's Day Offering/Benevolent Fund. Your gift to this offering and fund brings hope to patients who suffer from great financial need. God changes their lives through your compassionate giving. Every dollar of your gift helps struggling patients to pay their hospital bills in the name of Jesus Christ and His Love.

With gratitude to the Lord and NC Baptists, patients who have been recipients of the gifts from the Mother's Day Offering/ Benevolent Fund write letters and notes of appreciation that say things such as:

"I'm still speechless and feel so unworthy of what you did for me... How do you say thank you for such a gift of saving my life and then telling me no charge?"

"My heart was overwhelmed as I read your letter referring to the payment of my hospital bill...I pray the richest blessings on those who made this gift possible."

"Thank you, Jesus for the kind generous people who find it in their hearts to help others in their time of need...It's like a heavy chain has been lifted from my shoulders."

Again, Thank You for your life-changing gift and may God bless your church and its ministry.

In Christ,
Rev. Leland A. Kerr
Baptist Healthcare Liaison
FaithHealthNC
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

To the congregation at First Baptist,

Thanks everyone for the calls and cards while I was sick. Rev. Clore thanks for stopping by. I enjoyed your visit. A special thanks to Rose Langston and Miriam Bright. They are truly angels on earth.

Fondly,
Becky Williamson Murray

Dear JC and Lizzie Lennon Family,

Thank you for awarding funds through this scholarship to assist my studies at Southeastern Community College. I plan to earn a degree in Criminal Justice. The Lennon family and my grandparents were good friends and I know they would be pleased that the scholarship committee thought I am worthy of these funds.

Thank You Very Much,
Grayson Ward

Dear Church Members:

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and calls for our family during the recent loss of our sister. They were such a comfort to us. We are grateful to be a part of such a loving congregation.

Delores & Travis Harrison

	October 2016					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com, Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 am

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