



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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HOLLY & ADDILYN FAULK

We are super excited to have Holly Faulk join our church family. Holly has been active in our Godly Play start-up and has been instrumental to its early success. We are honored that she has chosen us to become her church family and we look forward to connecting her gifts and passions with the story of First Baptist Church! Please join us for worship on November 12 as we celebrate Holly's decision to follow Jesus with her baptism into the Christian faith.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 1, BEGINNING OF NEW CHURCH YEAR

BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST,
8 A.M.

50'S + SENIOR PICNIC,
5 P.M.

OCTOBER 15, COUNCIL MEETING, 2 P.M.

OCTOBER 16, FINANCE MEETING, 9 A.M.

OCTOBER 17, DEACONS MEETING,
7 P.M.

OCTOBER 28, TRUNK OR TREAT,
6:00-7:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 5, HOMECOMING HARVEST DAY
GUEST SPEAKER,
MIKE QUEEN

NOVEMBER 12, DEACON ORDINATION,
SANDRA FLOYD AND
ELLIS JORDAN
BAPTISM OF HOLLY FAULK

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

TO ADD AN EVENT TO OUR
CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE: (910) 642-2139

PASTOR'S CORNER:

“THE GREATEST ASSET”



What is the best thing that the Church has going for her? The answer is simple – *God*. Let that sink in for a minute. We have plenty to be anxious about in this world. But the simple fact remains that the thing that makes the church the church, is God. Not the will

or might of humans.

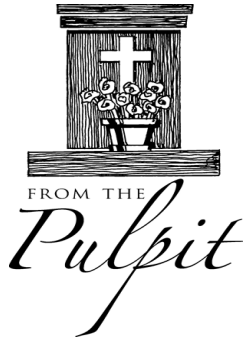
In an ever changing world that seems to get worse every day, we should reflect upon Psalms 46:10: “Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”

Whenever we’re feeling anxious or scared, we should rest on the firm foundation that our God cannot be killed; he is firm and unchanging. Jesus also reminds us of the importance of rest when he said, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:29-30)

In a world that demands answers and busyness, it’s good to know that we don’t always have to do anything to make him love us more. His unending love is always there. Perhaps we should learn to find rest in that simple truth and allow our anxieties, fears, and worries to melt away.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

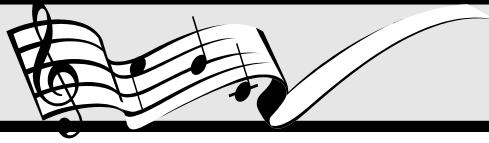
<p>October 1 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost “Spiritual Authority” Matthew 21:23-32</p>	<p>October 29 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost “Heart, Soul, and Mind” Matthew 22:34-46</p>
<p>October 8 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost “Falling on Deaf Ears” Matthew 21:33-46</p>	 <p>FROM THE <i>Pulpit</i></p>
<p>October 17 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost “Dressed to Impress” Matthew 22:1-14</p>	
<p>October 24 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost “Gray Area” Matthew 22:15-22</p>	

We are pleased to announce the 5 new deacons from the September 24, 2017 election. Please keep our deacon body in your prayers. The results are listed in alphabetical order. Please join us in worship on November 12 for our Deacon Ordination for Sandra Floyd and Ellis Jordan.

Buster Carter Sandi Floyd
Ellis Jordan Mel Ray
Barbara Whitson

Tally Committee:
Brownie Cook, Melvin Ezzell, Rose Langston, Sylvia Walker

Music in Ministry



The year 1529 was very difficult for Martin Luther. It was the darkest hour of his crucial movement. Twelve years earlier he had nailed to the cathedral door in Wittenberg, Germany, his 95 Theses (complaints) against the abuses of the Roman Church of that day.

Mixed in depression, Luther turned to two of his most effective antidotes—music and Scripture. He wrote hymns, translated the Scripture into the common language of the people, and restored the practice of congregational singing. He even allowed the women to sing in public, a privilege that had been withheld from them for a thousand years.

In that year of deep depression, Luther turned to Psalm 46. He repeated over and over again the first verse: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Inspired by the strength he derived from that psalm, he gave to Christendom one of his greatest legacies, the majestic hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”

The hymn, inspired by God in Luther’s night season, became the great rallying cry of the Reformation. Through his writings, Bible translations, and hymns, Luther laid the foundations of a movement that forever changed the religious history of the world.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” was sung at his funeral, and the first line of the hymn is engraved on his tomb at Wittenberg.

2017-2018 Music Ministry

There is a choir for you! Join us this year!

Children’s Handchimes (for grades 1-5)
Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.

Music Makers (for ages 4 year-grade 1)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Young Musicians (for grades 2-5)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir (for Adults and Youth)
Wednesday, 7:15 p.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 devotional hymn study)
Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m.

(copied and adapted from *Songs in the Night*, William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., Grand Rapids, MI, 1996.)



Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.) and study of *The Equipping Church* at (6:30-7:00 p.m.)
A nursery is available after supper.

Wednesday Night Supper



October 4

Jackie Jones - Chair
Glenn & Sherry Waters
Peggy Walters
Merle Worley
Muriel Hill
Charlie Duncan
Something Tasty

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley
Katherine Scott

October 11

Melvin Ezzell - Chair
Marty Ezzell
Eric & Peggy Underwood
Grayanna Young
Rose Langston
Yvonne Bass
Pigford’s chicken, rice, green beans, assorted desserts

Nursery

Tricia, Leah,
& Carly Sanderson

October 18

Myrtle & Haywood Corbett - Chairs
Sylvia Walker
Brad & Anna Johnson
Dale Duncan
Mel & April Ray
Ella Jo Sellers
Pulled Pork, South. Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, & Desserts

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

October 25

Brenda Carter - Chair
Genie Carter - Chair
Kirby & Trish Sanderson
Tina Sauls
Jerry Wilson
Something Tasty

Nursery

Brenda Carter or
Genie Carter
Kate Carter Lee

OCTOBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Grayanna Young
- 8 Gina Morningstar
- 15 Katherine Jordan Scott
- 22 Tricia Sanderson
- 29 Sherry Walters

DVD DISTRIBUTION

- 3 Peggy Walters
- 8 Hilda Butler
- 15 Rose Langston
- 22 Frances Price
- 29 Juanita Stanley

HOSPICE MEAL

- 20 Myrtle Corbett

NURSERY

- 1 Trish, Leah, & Carly Sanderson
- 8 Bill and Sandi Floyd
- 15 Jenny Clore & Friend
- 22 Taylor & Ellis Jordan
- 29 Holly Faulk

OFFERING TELLERS

- 1 Bobby Hensley
- 8 Brenda & Genie Carter
- 15 Brenda & Genie Carter
- 22 Brenda & Genie Carter
- 29 Brenda & Genie Carter

PEW STOCKER

- Myrtle Corbett

SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Jason Schoolcraft
- 8 Wil Ezzell
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
- 8 Bill & Jolene Lewis
- 15 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
- 22 Jerry Wilson & Yvonne Bass
- 29 Mitchell Sauls & Lonnie Williams

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

- 22 Koinonia / John the Baptist Classes

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

- 1 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Emory Worley, & Clint Grainger
- 8 Jerry Wilson, Travis Harrison, John Sauls, Buster Carter, Charlie Hall, & Mel Ray
- 15 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Emory Worley, Haywood Corbett & Edgar Tison
- 22 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters, David Heath, Grayson Ward & Charlie Hall
- 29 TBA

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

- Brenda Carter



OCTOBER



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

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average:
Sunday School Attendance Average:

Sept. 3, 2017- Attend 87		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$6,906.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$401,965.13
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$302,054.59
Under	\$1,296.87	Budget Under YTD	\$99,910.54

Sept. 10, 2017- Attend 91		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$19,790.16	Budget Needs to Date	\$410,168.50
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$321,844.75
Over	\$11,586.79*	Budget Under YTD	\$88,323.75

* This includes Memorial designated funds moved to operational budget.

Sept. 17, 2017- Attend		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$7,753.75	Budget Needs to Date	\$418,371.87
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$329,598.50
Under	\$449.62	Budget Under YTD	\$88,773.37

Sept. 24, 2017- Attend		YTD	
Budget Rec'd	\$8,064.60	Budget Needs to Date	\$426,575.24
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$337,663.10
Under	\$138.77	Budget Under YTD	\$88,912.14

NC Baptist Men Disaster Relief
\$5,837.00

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights David and Sue Jordan.

Sue and David Jordan grew up in the Whiteville area and have resided here most of their lives. They joined Whiteville First Baptist in the early 1990's when their children were young, and the couple was looking for a church with an active children's program.

Sue is the daughter of a minister who became a denominational executive and Bible college president. David was raised on a farm in the Western Prong Community in Columbus County, where his parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins grew tobacco, corn, and peanuts, and raised beef cattle.

After college, both entered education and enjoyed lengthy careers in the public schools. Sue taught the first grade at Whiteville Primary School for 30 years while David taught English at Whiteville High School, where he later served as an assistant principal. In 2000, David joined the Bladen County Schools, where he worked as an assistant principal, Coordinator of Federal Programs and county-wide Director of Curriculum.

The couple has two children, Katherine Scott who is married to Ethan Scott, and Ellis Jordan who is married to Taylor Jordan. There are two grandchildren—River Langdon Scott and Addison Grant Jordan.

Both have retired and spend their time in volunteer work and baby-sitting grandchildren. Sue serves on several church committees, sings in the church Chancel Choir, and directs the church children's choir. David is a deacon and also serves on several church committees.

DYO? NO? OK . . .

Just in case You Did not Observe, let us catch you up on what's going on in our congregation since last we visited.

- Stephen and Heather Bazemore had a baby boy, Henry James, on Saturday September 16.
- Brittany Lynn had a baby boy, Carter Brooks, on Saturday, September 16, 8 lbs 13 oz, and 20 inches.
- Megan Lynn had twins on Wednesday, September 13, Jayden Cole (3lbs 5oz) and Jordan Avery (4lbs 9oz).
- Holly Faulk and Rose Dawsey Moser have united with our fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU HIGHLIGHTS



October Meeting: October 9, 2017, 10:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall

Call to Prayer: Mary Alice Stanley

Program: Hilda Ray

Church-wide Missions Project: Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are available on the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall to be picked up, filled, and returned to the church office by early November. National Collection Week is November 13 – 20. By packing a shoebox full of simple gifts and sending it off with prayer, you can be part of working with churches to transform entire families and communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Send the Gospel to the ends of the Earth!

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you so much for the Bible on Graduation Sunday. I can't thank my church enough for the love and support you have given me in my 21 1/2 years of being in this church.

Please continue to pray for me.

Love,

Wil Ezzell

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you to the Lennons for providing the John and Lizzie Lennon Trust Fund. Also to the Endowment Committee for choosing me as a recipient.

These funds will help me as I continue my education. I will use them wisely.

Please continue to pray that God will lead me as I make choices for my future.

Grayson Ward

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and caring you showed to our family during John's passing. The flowers, food, visits, cards, and donations were greatly appreciated.

You are indeed a "caring church" and I am grateful to belong to First Baptist.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue through life.

Peggy Norosky & Sons

Dear First Baptist Church,

On behalf of our Dean, Dr. Robert Canoy, who is on sabbatical during the fall semester, and the entire School of Divinity, I want to express our gratitude to you and to First Baptist Church, Whiteville, for your ongoing support of the School of Divinity. The financial support provided by you and other churches enables us to enhance the experience of our students as they equip themselves to fulfill God's call on their lives.

Gerald L. Keown

Associate Dean, Bob D. Shepherd Chair of Biblical Studies

M. Christopher White School of Divinity

Gardner-Webb University

KNIT WITS IN ACTION

Want to learn to knit or crochet? Join us and participate in the joy of working together for others. We meet every Monday from 4 – 6 p.m. The Knit Wits recently mailed 5 scarves, 13 pairs of mittens, 14 hats, and 13 Peace Pals to Knitting 4 Peace, an organization that sends comforting items to countries in need.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that October 31, 2017, marks the 500th Anniversary of the day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany? To many historians, this act marked the beginning of the Reformation.

Have you ever read the 95 Theses? If not, I encourage you to do so. They were written to right the wrongs that he believed had corrupted the church, especially the selling of indulgences which gave people the impression they could buy their way into heaven, or pay for a loved one to get out of purgatory and into heaven.

Luther's intentions were not simply to rebel for the sake of rebelling, but that's how those in power viewed his 95 Theses. His intentions were to create a scholarly conversation and debate around this topic.

The invention of the printing press allowed Luther's ideas to spread rapidly to the masses. As his popularity grew, those within the church labeled him a heretic and eventually he was excommunicated from the church (January 3, 1521 by Pope Leo X). In the long run, it was the Catholic church's unwillingness to have the discussion with Martin Luther (and others who he had come to influence), that led people to start leaving the Catholic church, thus, beginning the protestant movement that we now refer to as the Reformation.

Martin Luther was not a rebel by nature. But what he was was a man seeking wholeheartedly to have a right relationship with God and to do the right thing by Christian standards. And indeed, we see the same attitude in Christ, our Lord. We witness not necessarily a rebel by nature, but someone whose Holy existence disrupts "The way things are."

Happy 500th Anniversary Protestants! How will you celebrate?

If you have a topic you would like to suggest for the "Did You Know?" section, please contact the church office.

ATTENTION ALL BAPTIST MEN

We are starting the new year with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on October 1 in the Fellowship Hall. We have several projects to discuss. Our director this year is Stephen Bazemore and Project Director is Fred Senter. We hope to see you there!

50'S + SENIOR GROUP PICNIC

We are reorganizing the senior group. This will include all church members 50 years old and up. We have lots of great things in the planning stages! Our first event is a picnic dinner on the John McNeill pier at Lake Waccamaw on October 1st at 5:00 p.m. All you need to bring is a side dish or a dessert as the fried chicken and drinks, etc. will be furnished. Contact people are: Mary Alice Stanley, Myrtle Corbett, Mary Hooks, and Martha Senter. If you would like carpool to help with parking at the lake, meet at church at 4:30 p.m. on October 1st.

WORKDAY - OCTOBER 28, 8 A.M.

We are trying to get the grounds ready for Homecoming, if you are willing to help distribute pine straw, please meet at the church at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 28.

Thank you,
Charlie Duncan, Chair

TRUNK OR TREAT . . .

gives our children a fun and safe alternative to trick-or-treating door-to-door. They get the chance to dress up for Halloween and the grown ups get the opportunity to show off their creative skills when they decorate their vehicles - it's a fun time for everyone! Join us this year on October 28 from 6:00—7:30 p.m. Don't forget to invite your friends to come by and trunk-or-treat with us, too!

October 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW CHURCH YEAR 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells, Meet to ride van to picnic 5:00 50's + Sr. Picnic at Lake Wac. 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	2	3	4 4:30 Children's Handchimes 5:00 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wed. Night Supper, 6:30 Prayer Meeting, "Equipping Church" ch.1, Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	9 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 WMU Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	10 10:30 Sing with Understanding	11 4:30 Children's Handchimes 5:00 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wed. Night Supper, 6:30 Prayer Meeting, "Equipping Church" ch 2, Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	12 10:00 Peer Learning Group for Pastor	13	14
15 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 2:00 Church Council 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	16 9:00 Finance CMTE Meeting 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	17 7:00 Deacons Meeting	18 4:30 Children's Handchimes 5:00 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wed. Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, "Equipping Church" ch 3, Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	19	20 12:00 Hospice Meals Served	21
22 9:45 Sunday School Koinonia/John the Baptist SS Classes at Liberty 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	23 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	24	25 4:30 Children's Handchimes 5:00 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wed. Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, "Equipping Church" ch 4, Godly Play Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	26	27	28 8:00 Church Workday 6:00 - 7:30 Trunk or Treat
29 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	30 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	31				

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