



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Congratulations to our newest Deacons: Stephen Bazemore, Chris Blackmon, Charlie Duncan, Joe Hooks, and Coburn Powell.

Three of our new deacons have not served as deacons before, so we will have a deacon ordination service **October 21** for Stephen Bazemore, Chris Blackmon, and Joe Hooks.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 1, THE NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS

OCTOBER 13, PLAYGROUND CLEANUP,
8:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 14, BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST,
8:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 15, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

OCTOBER 15, WMU MEETING, 10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 16, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M

OCTOBER 21, DEACON ORDINATION DURING
THE MORNING WORSHIP

OCTOBER 30, SHOEBOX RETURN DEADLINE

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

Homecoming

S E R V I C E

November 4, 2018



PASTOR'S CORNER: "ONE STEP AT A TIME"



James 2:2-4

"My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing."

Anyone who has ventured beyond their own

neighborhoods, or who has watched the news, has seen how widespread the devastation from Hurricane Florence is. The southeastern part of the state will be cleaning up and rebuilding for months and years. Homes have been totaled. Businesses have been lost. And the stress of the cleanup is so overwhelming that it can easily drive us to depression.

What I hope that this article is not, is yet another cliché telling you how God is in control. God is, but let us not make the mistake of believing that God is the *author* of our suffering. What needs to be said is that we *need God* to come to our aid. The truth is, we're victims of this storm. We not only need God, but we are in need of God's people. We *need* outside assistance.

There is someone reading this that may need to hear that it's okay to ask for help. That's our task as Christians, to work together – to serve, but also, we must ensure that we do not rob our neighbor the opportunity to serve us. There is a long road to recovery ahead of us. But may the road ahead not overwhelm us. The best we can do is take one step at a time. If we keep walking, we will get there – remembering all the while that our God is walking with us.

Let us also consider the poem "Footprints" whose authorship is unknown.

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most
troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will
never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

- Rev. Ryan Clore

OCTOBER SERMONS

October 7

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Mark 10:13-16

October 14

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

"For the Sake of the Good News"

Mark 10:17-31

October 21

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

"Jesus, Let us Bask In Your Glory"

Mark 10:35-45

October 28

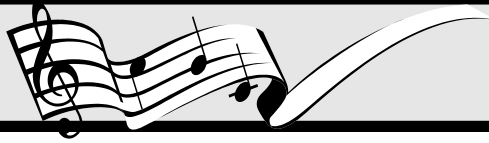
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

"He is Calling You"

Mark 10:46-52



Music in Ministry



The 2018-2019 Music Ministry is off to a great start even with the disruption of hurricane Florence. There is a place for you in the Music Ministry of First Baptist Church. *Join us this week!*

The schedule is as follows:

The Melody Makers (4 years old and older) has been rescheduled to meet on

Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. as soon as soccer season has ended (mid to late October).

The Young Musicians and Children's Handchimes (grades 1-5) will have two rehearsal times scheduled each week. Group 1 will meet each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Group 2 will meet each Sunday at 3:45 p.m.

The Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

The Youth and Adult Handbell Choir rehearses each Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

The Youth Choir rehearses each Sunday at 5:20 p.m.

You are invited to find a place to use your musical talents this year. Join us for an exciting new year!

2018-2019 Music Ministry At a Glance!

Melody Makers (for ages 4 years old and older)
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.
(beginning mid to late October)

Young Musicians & Children's Handchimes
(for grades 1-5)
Group 1: Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
Group 2: Sunday, 3:45 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, 5:20 p.m.



The Sunshine Group Picnic scheduled for **October 21** has been cancelled.

All shoeboxes are ready to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall. They need to be turned in by **October 30**.

Thank you, Betty Jo Prevatte



Join us on Wednesdays for Supper (5:45 p.m.), Prayer Meeting (6:30-6:45 p.m.), Godly Play (6:30 - 7:30p.m.), & Bible Study (6:45-7:15) p.m. Nursery is available after supper.

Wednesday Night Supper



October 3

Hilda Ray - C
Karen Dawsey - C
Charlotte Collins
Merle Worley
Sylvia Elkins
Sandi Floyd
Bridger Warlick

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley
Kathrine Scott

October 10

Fred & Martha Senter - C
Betty Jo Prevatte
Joe & Mary Hooks
Mike & Becky Thompson

Nursery

Tricia Sanderson
Leah Sanderson
Carly Sanderson

October 17

Janice Young - C
Charlotte Collins
Merle Worley
Sylvia Elkins
Sandi Floyd
Bridger Warlick

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

October 24

Peggy Norosky - C
Mike & Lauren Cole
Jolene Lewis
Jenny Clore
Jennifer Bowling
Carlton & Mary Jean
Prince

Nursery

Brenda Carter or
Genie Carter
Kate C. Lee

October 31

Carlton & Mary Jean Prince - C
David & Sue Jordan
Kate Carter Lee

Nursery

Taylor Jordan

OCTOBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

7 Grayanna Young
 14 Gina Morningstar
 21 Taylor Jordan
 28 Tricia Sanderson

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7 Mel Ray / Charlie Duncan
 14 Joe Hooks / Merle Worley
 21 Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson
 28 Coburn Powell / Glenn Waters

DVD DISTRIBUTION

7 Peggy Walters
 14 Hilda Butler
 21 Rose Langston
 28 Frances Price

HOSPICE MEAL

19 Myrtle Corbett

NURSERY

7 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson / Leah Sanderson / Carly Sanderson
 14 Jim & Erin Warlick / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley
 21 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn / Jennifer Williamson / Peggy Norosky
 28 Jenny Clore / Jennifer Armbrrecht / Genie Carter / Dale Duncan

OFFERING PRAYERS

7 Mary Jean Prince
 14 Brenda Carter
 21 Bryce Russell
 28 Wallyce Todd

OFFERING TELLERS

Sandi Floyd and Hilda Ray

PEW STOCKER

Jolene Lewis

SOUND & VIDEO

7 Jason Schoolcraft
 14 Wil Ezzell
 21 Kirby Sanderson
 28 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

7 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
 14 Bill & Jolene Lewis
 21 Frances Price & Yvonne Bass
 28 Bridger Warlick & Mitchell Sauls

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

28 Koinonia / John the Baptist Classes

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: CHARLIE DUNCAN)

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

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Brenda Carter



1 Peggy Underwood	15 Doris Harwood
3 Marie Sellers	Bill Prince
Anna Johnson	Keith Watson
4 Butch Pope	Ellis Jordan
Elizabeth Fowler	16 LouAnn Butler
Bobby Hensley	17 Brenda Worley
5 Ann Smith	Kevin Williamson
Buck Hall	20 Jessica Hill
6 Trish Lennon	Jennifer Hall
8 Alex Tison	21 Juanita Stanley
9 Sarah Austin	Stephen Bazemore
Jack Bowling	22 Anna Stark
10 Tina Sauls	Gray Cook
Buster Carter	Luke Clore
11 Jackie Jones	23 Jody Grainger
Carolyn Grainger	26 Kyle Cook
12 Pearl Thompson	27 Ian Hooks
13 Addie Bailey	31 Elizabeth Bass
14 Franklin Davis	Heather Batten
Diane Tison	

<u>Our Financial Stewardship</u>			
Worship Attendance Average: 115			
Sunday School Attendance Average: 57			
September 2, 2018- Attend 88 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$5,041.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$357,135.03
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$339,598.38
Under	\$2,247.47	Budget Under YTD	\$17,536.65
September 9, 2018 - Attend 119 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$6,773.44	Budget Needs to Date	\$364,423.50
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$346,371.82
Under	\$515.03	Budget Under YTD	\$18,051.68
September 16, 2018 - Attend 0 YTD Hurricane Florence			
Budget Rec'd	\$0.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$371,711.97
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$346,371.82
Under	\$0.00	Budget Under YTD	\$25,340.15
September 23, 2018 - Attend 108 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$4,427.21	Budget Needs to Date	\$379,000.44
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$350,799.03
Under	\$2,861.26	Budget Under YTD	\$28,201.41
September 30, 2018 - Attend 146 YTD			
Budget Rec'd	\$9,433.30	Budget Needs to Date	\$386,288.91
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$360,232.33
Over	\$2,144.83	Budget Under YTD	\$26,056.58

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights our Community of Helpers in the Time of Need.

This month we would like to show our gratitude to all the folks that came to give aid during Hurricane Florence. "Thank you" doesn't seem to say enough compared to what they have done for us.

The first thought that comes to mind is usually about the first responders and the utility workers that come from far and wide to rescue folks, restore utilities, and help clean up. Aid has come from places we wouldn't even think of—all across this nation and even outside of the US. We are so thankful that they have come to our communities to get us up and running as quickly as they have. There are so many stories of rescues—it is amazing! And these folks are putting their health at risk to do what they do to help in our area. Thank you!!

In times of natural disaster like we have seen in the past two years, we also want to thank our own community of friends, family, and neighbors that stood in the gap when we needed it. They have offered food, water, fuel, shelter, and support. We would not be able to make it through these tough times without the help of all the people who have come together and responded to our needs. What an awesome community! In a time when we need encouragement the most, someone has been there working to help us get back to some semblance of order.

We must not forget when our own lives return to normal that there are plenty of others who are still working to get back to their "normal" or their "new normal." There are still so many folks who need our help, both physical and emotional. This is our opportunity to show others what the love of Christ looks like in our modern times. Someone needs our help and we can be a light for the Gospel. We are so blessed! Share the love of Christ—in word or in deed!

Thank you First Responders, Utility Workers, Friends and Neighbors! We appreciate all that you are doing and continue to do for our community!



RADIO BROADCAST

Remember, if for some reason you cannot make it to the Sunday morning worship service, you have three ways you can listen to the live worship broadcast every Sunday morning: radio station FM 103.9, radio station AM 1540, and online at www.wtxy1540.com (Scroll to the "Church Services" box and select the "Click to Listen Live" link).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU



October Meeting: October 15, 2018, 10:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall

Call to Prayer: Myrtle Corbett

Program: Peggy Underwood

The WMU met on September 10 to schedule meetings and projects for the new church year. We discussed several prospective projects, but if any church member knows of a need that our group can meet, please let me or any WMU member know.

Thank you for your generous support of our School Supplies project for our teachers and schools. Our project for October is Operation Christmas Child. Betty Jo Prevatte is coordinator of that project. You will find details in her article in this issue of The Contact.

The 2018-19 WMU Watchword is: "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile". I Cor. 15:58

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett

WMU Director

RESOURCES FOR RECOVERY

From the Chamber of Commerce,

Back2Biz Campaign: We will launch a full fledged campaign to celebrate with you as you reopen over the days and weeks ahead. When you open, please send your business name, address, phone, and hours of operation to back2biz@thecolumbuschamber.com. This is for all businesses, not just our members. When our members reopen, we will come and do a YouTube video celebrating your resilience.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance: If you or your employees are not able to work due to the hurricane, you can apply for assistance. To do so, call 1-866-795-8877 or visit <https://des.nc.gov/des>. Claims must be filed by October 18, 2018.

Columbus Jobs Foundation: The Columbus Jobs Foundation has a low-interest revolving loan program. For information, please call Gary Lanier, 910-640-6608.

SBA: The Small Business Administration has a loan program. Information can be found at sba.gov/disaster or call 1-800-659-2955.

Small Business Recovery Fund: The Chamber has established a fund to help our small businesses. We will be soliciting funding from corporations, foundations, and individuals. All contributions are tax deductible. The details, once available, will be sent out via our social media channels and the News Reporter.

Once we are cleaned up and have phone and internet service back, we will open our doors for any office needs you have, computers, copier, fax, etc. For immediate needs, please call me on her cell, 910-234-1732 (before 9 p.m. please.)

Best Wishes,
Jennifer

Columbus Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

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Website: www.thecolumbuschamber.com



A notice from the Realtors Association, passed along by Greg Rogers (Oakmont, Greenville) describes financial assistance up to \$1,500 for hurricane survivors who were forced to leave their rental or mortgaged home.

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Community CPR, 210 E. Walter Street, Whiteville, NC 28472, 910-207-6929, [www.commcpr.org](http://www.commcpr.org), visit them on Facebook. Connecting People & Resources.



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FEMA has also set up a Disaster Recovery Center in the Independence Mall at 3500 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC.
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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These are some of the resources and agencies that we have been made a ware of. Thank you for helping spread the word. So many folks in our area are rebuilding after Florence. We hope to shine the light of Christ's love in our community.

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"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. " 3 John 2 KJV

HOME COMING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Join us in celebrating 184 years of ministry to this community and around the world.

SHARE IN GIVING TO THE ANNUAL HARVEST DAY OFFERING:

GOAL \$3,850.00.00

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!

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