



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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ORDINATION
October 25

Events At A Glance

October 4 & 18, Sunday School in the fellowship hall,
10:00 a.m., Teacher: Mrs. Myrtle Corbett.

October 11, Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.

October 12, WMU Meeting in the fellowship hall,
10:00 a.m.

October 19, Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

October 20, Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

October 21, Drive Through Meal, 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

October 24, Deacon Retreat and Planning Session,
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

October 25, Deacon Ordination during the morning
worship, 11:00 a.m.

October 30, Shoebox deadline

October 31, Trunk or Treat, time tba

Complete monthly calendar on back.

To add an event to our calendar,
please contact the church office:

(910) 642-2139



PASTOR'S CORNER



We appreciate all who were willing to be nominated and to serve, if elected, as a deacon in the Body of Christ at First Baptist Church of Whiteville: **Brenda Carter, Genie Carter, Carolyn Grainger, Geoff Hopkins, Willis Pinnell, Mary Jean Prince, Trisha Sanderson, John Sauls, Peggy Underwood and Ron Walters.** The role of deacon (*diakonos* = *servant*) is the epitome of one who serves willingly and humbly. May God help and bless those who were nominated by their fellow church members and who are willing to serve, if elected, this year. Please pray for each and everyone as he or she fulfills the tasks to which God has called him or her in the work of His Kingdom . . . in Jesus' Name and amazing love and grace! THANK YOU to **all** who are willing to serve in any capacity!

And . . . speaking of servants, those women and men who serve in public arenas are to be commended especially, and they all need to be assured and reassured of our special love, appreciation, and prayers for them and the many tasks they fulfill and the dangers they face each and every day.

On Sunday, September 13, 2020, we paused in our Morning Worship Service for a moment of silence and prayer in memory of those who gave their lives when America was attacked horrifically on September 11, 2001, in what has since then been known as, called, and referred to as "9-11!" The World Trade Center Towers in New York City crumbled as an airplane crashed into one and then the other of those two towers. When we pastored in New Jersey, we often were blessed to have Mission Tour Groups who came to help us share the Gospel in that vast region. We would take them to the top of the World Trade Center and/or the Empire State Building not only to sightsee, but for them also to join us in praying for New York and the entire world from the top of those high and massive buildings. So . . . when the towers crumbled and fell, I saw more than just "financial center" towers falling, I saw "prayer towers" being destroyed as well.

On that historic and monumental day, an airplane also struck The Pentagon and a plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. Lives were lost in the buildings . . . in the planes . . . on the ground . . . and even many of the first responders sacrificed their lives as they tried to rescue and save others who were trapped, injured, or wounded. May we **never** forget those whose lives were taken that day as four hijacked planes were used to destroy lives! Let us also remember as well, all who labor daily to help all of us! Lest we forget . . . may we always pray for those servants and be thankful for them and the sacrifices they make each and every day for our safety and well-being in their line of duty.

Joy and I received the following writing entitled ***Bulletproof Vest***, from a friend who serves as a police officer in Myrtle Beach. His words touched our hearts and they poignantly remind us of how we **all** need to "pray for one another," as James reminds us in chapter 5, verse 16, as we realize especially the tremendous need our public servants have for prayer and protection. I had the privilege of being the pastor of this fine young man, his wife, and both of their families. Please join me in prayer for **ALL** who serve and who try to protect and keep us safe . . . as we also pray for protection and peace for the entire hurting world! Thank you! His name is Rhett and he wrote:

Bulletproof Vest

Today as I prepared for another 12-hour shift of protecting complete strangers, I began tying my shoes. With my eyes focused on my laces, I saw the little bare feet of my oldest son walk up beside me. As I looked up to talk with him, I saw that he had put my bulletproof vest over his shoulders. Looking at his little frame being swallowed by my vest, he said, "Daddy, this thing is heavy."

As those words left his mouth, my heart got heavy and a lump formed in my throat thinking about all the weight that vest carries. He then ran off showing his siblings and friend saying, "Look! I'm a policeman, too!"

With time winding down, I had to finish getting dressed to insure a timely response to briefing. I asked him to come to me so I could finish getting dressed. He quickly ran over and stood like a soldier in front of me. His big blue eyes looked into mine with such innocence. As I lifted the vest over his head, he simply said, "I wanna be like you daddy. . . I wanna help people and catch the bad guys." As he said those words to me, I had to lower my head so he wouldn't see as my eyes filled with tears.

Just moments before, I had been made aware of my fellow brother and sister in LA (Los Angeles, California) who had been shot down by a coward while they sat in their patrol car. I continued my routine and slid the vest over my head. As I secured each strap, I sent up a little prayer. "Please return me home to him and please change his mind."

A bulletproof vest . . . a weight of 5-6 pounds, but it carries the weight of the world.

As we begin a new church year officially during this month of October, may we **all** commit to "pray for one another!" We **all** have roles of ministry! It may be within our families, in the larger community, within the church as a staff member or a church member, a deacon, a committee member, a teacher or leader, a member of the choir . . . an accompanist . . . an audio-visual technician . . . or a nursery worker. May we realize, celebrate, and thank God that we **ALL** have the blessed privilege and responsibility of being **SERVANTS** of God, our Heavenly Father . . . Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord . . . and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide . . . TOGETHER . . . whatever our individual gifts and talents may be! Let's thank God as we celebrate and serve Him joyfully . . . individually and together . . . during this new church year and always!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' Name . . . and amazing love and grace . . .

Wayne Brown

MUSIC NOTES



Happy New Church Year
2020-2021!

The Chancel Choir, in smaller ensembles, continues to provide meaningful music in worship. For now, the choir rehearses each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. We rehearse with masks and are appropriately distanced. The choir also has begun work on

Christmas music. Consider joining us!

We continue to explore ways to resume children, youth and handbell music activities and plan to begin each asap!

As we begin this new church year, it is with the realization that we need each other for the common good of Christ's kingdom. The following poem expresses it well:

We need each other's voice to sing,
each other's strength to love,
each other's views to help us bring
our hearts to God above.

Our lives like coals placed side by side
to feed each other's flame,
shall with the Spirit's breath provide
a blaze of faith to claim.

We give our alleluias
to the church's common chord:

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Praise, O praise, O praise the Lord!
(Thomas H. Troeger)

Eddie

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, NEXT DRIVE THROUGH SUPPER, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

The WMU is preparing our next drive through meal. The plate will include Brad Johnson's famous chicken bog, green beans, slaw, bread, and pumpkin pie. There is no charge for the meal. Drive through the parking lot and then through the breezeway between the two buildings. If you would like to bring your tithes and offerings, we will take those in to the church for you. Thank you.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time ends on **November 1st**. Don't forget to "fall back" one hour on Saturday evening before you go to bed.



"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God."

Ephesians 5:1,2

October 4, 2020

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
A Prescription for Revival
II Chronicles 7:11-22

October 11, 2020

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Speak, Lord, For Thy Servant Heareth
I Samuel 3:1-21

October 18, 2020

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Takers . . . Keepers . . . and Givers!
Luke 10:25-37

October 25, 2020

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
A Service of Deacon Ordination for
Genie Carter, Peggy Underwood, and Ron Walters
Acts 6:6

**October
Sermons**

OCTOBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

4 David Carter / Charlie Duncan
11 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley
18 Chris Blackmon / tba
25 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson

HOSPICE SNACKS

Mary Alice Stanley

SOUND & VIDEO

4 Mitchell Sauls
11 Bryce Kronenwetter
18 Kirby Sanderson
25 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

4 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
18 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

Visitors not allowed inside the facility

USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

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



Please be in prayer for **Harvest Day Offering**. It will take place in November. The goal this year is \$3,770 and will be distributed as follows:

Repairs and Maintenance—60%
Local Missions Needs—40%
(schools, benevolence, Harvest
Table, OperationInAsMuch)

STEWARDSHIP

September 6, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$600.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,780.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$175.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,555.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$450.00
Total Collections This Week	\$6,005.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,110.50

Budget Need to date	\$326,609.50
Budget Rec'd to date	\$306,206.44
Under Budget to date	\$20,403.06

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September 13, 2020

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$0.00            |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$3,090.00        |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$0.00            |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$3,090.00</b> |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$3,275.00        |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$6,365.00</b> |
| <b>Under Budget This Week</b>      | <b>\$3,575.50</b> |

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| Budget Need to date  | \$333,275.00 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$309,296.44 |
| Under Budget to date | \$23,978.56  |

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September 20, 2020

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,720.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,503.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$575.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,798.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$441.54
Total Collections This Week	\$7,239.54
Over Budget This Week	\$132.50

Budget Need to date	\$339,940.50
Budget Rec'd to date	\$316,094.44
Under Budget to date	\$23,846.06

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September 27, 2020

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| Budget Gifts Plan 1           | \$1,477.25         |
| Budget Gifts Plan 2           | \$5,453.00         |
| Budget Gifts Operational      | \$3,300.00         |
| <b>Total Budget This Week</b> | <b>\$10,230.25</b> |

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Designated/Other Funds             | \$463.69           |
| <b>Total Collections This Week</b> | <b>\$10,693.94</b> |
| <b>Over Budget This Week</b>       | <b>\$3,564.75</b>  |

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| Budget Need to date  | \$346,606.00 |
| Budget Rec'd to date | \$326,324.69 |
| Under Budget to date | \$20,281.31  |



*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."*

*I Peter 4:10 NLT*

1 Peggy Underwood  
3 Marie Sellers  
Anna Johnson  
4 Butch Pope  
Bobby Hensley  
8 Alex Tison  
9 Sarah Austin  
10 Tina Sauls  
Buster Carter  
Jaech Austin  
11 Jackie Jones  
Carolyn Grainger  
13 Addie Bailey  
14 Franklin Davis  
Diane Tison  
15 Doris Harwood  
Keith Watson  
Ellis Jordan  
17 Kevin Williamson  
Mikayla White  
20 Jessica Hill  
Jennifer Hall  
21 Juanita Stanley  
22 Gray Cook  
26 Kyle Cook



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## OFFICE HOURS

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

# THANK YOU

Dear Grief Committee,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful lunch after daddy's (Warren Cook's) service. Our family and all friends were so very complimentary of the wonderful food. We were also so thankful for the time to spend with our family & friends. Good food, great friends, and family are so soothing for the soul!

In Christian love, Carolyn, Joe, Catherine, and Stan.



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Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the food, cards, gifts, and expressions of love given to us when our mother, Mrs. Hiawatha Cook, passed.

Regards,

Brownie and Chris Cook and families

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Families First, Inc., thank you for the recent financial contribution you made to our organization. Families First depends greatly on donations from the community to help the victims we serve and their families move beyond a life of abuse. You have helped meet that need.

This year has certainly been a struggle with the ongoing pandemic. However, we have been very busy this year assisting victims with the programs we have available. This assistance has helped them gain control of their lives and learn to be survivors. Many of them have gone from being scared and feeling alone to being independent and violence free.

Thank you for acknowledging the work that Families First does in the community. It seems as if it goes unnoticed sometimes. Your support of Families First, Inc., is vital and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Families First, Inc.

Staff and Board of Directors



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Nominating Committee is looking for someone to lead Vacation Bible School. If you would be interested in helping with this project, please get in touch with the Nominating Committee chairperson, Brownie Cook (910-234-5551). Dates and times will be determined.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

It's time to start planning for Hanging of the Greens. The observation will be a little different this year. It will be held during the morning worship service on **Sunday, November 29**, and we won't have participants, we will have readers. The form to order poinsettias and wreaths will be included in the November Contact, but you can pick one up in the office anytime if you would like to start ordering. The poinsettias are \$8 and the wreaths are \$28. We won't need to purchase a tree this year. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (910)642-2139.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DEACONS

Thank you for your prayer and support during our deacon election. We covet your prayers for the Deacon Body as well as all of our committees and staff as we begin the new church year.

Our new deacons for the 2020-2021 church year are Genie Carter, Tricia Sanderson, John Sauls, Peggy Underwood, and Dr. Ron Walters. We will have an ordination service for Genie Carter, Peggy Underwood, and Dr. Ron Walters on **Sunday, October 25th** during the morning worship service at 11 a.m. Please make plans to attend this very special service and let them know you will be praying for them as well as the entire Deacon Body as they serve our church and our Lord.



## DEACON BODY

### Term Expires 2021

Donna Prince, Secretary  
Chris Blackmon  
Charlie Duncan  
Joe Hooks  
Coburn Powell, Vice Chair

### Term Expires 2022

David Carter  
Lauren Cole, Chair  
Haywood Corbett  
Brad Johnson  
Mary Alice Stanley

### Term Expires 2023

Genie Carter  
Tricia Sanderson  
John Sauls  
Peggy Underwood  
Dr. Ron Walters

## DEACON RETREAT

For all deacons: Deacon retreat and planning session will be **Saturday, October 24, 2020, 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be provided and served by our Baptist Men.

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

At our Church Conference on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, we passed the Nominating Committee Report and held a budget discussion. If you would like to pick up the information passed out at conference, please stop by the church office. Thank you.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**October 4th and 18th** we will be gathering in the fellowship hall for Sunday School at **10:00 a.m.** with **Mrs. Myrtle Corbett** as our teacher.



Josh (Liberty Medical), Brenda (Secretary - Whiteville Primary), Anna (School Counselor)

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee delivered PPE supplies to Whiteville Primary on Tuesday, September 15. These supplies included masks, wipes and hand sanitizer. The pediatric masks were very much appreciated as the standard masks were too large for many of the small children. A special thanks to Mary Hooks for ordering and delivering these supplies. If you know of needs in our community, please call the church office or a member of the missions committee.

Martha Senter, Chair

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

**October Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2020 10:00 A.M.**

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

**Program and Call to Prayer: Mary Jean Prince**



**HAPPY FALL!** The WMU had its annual planning meeting in September and a busy year is ahead for us! We started our year by donating \$200.00 to Odum Home in Pembroke for Baptist Children's Home Food Drive and \$50.00 to Red Box Ministry for Women's Prison Ministry for our September missions projects.

Our October project is to prepare and provide the Drive Through Wednesday Night Supper on **Wednesday, October 21, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** for our members. The menu is Brad Johnson's famous Chicken Bog, green beans, slaw, bread, and pumpkin pie. We hope you will enjoy the meal and pass on the good deed as you have opportunities to do so.

**Watchword:** *"But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved."* Hebrews 10:39

### Our Mission

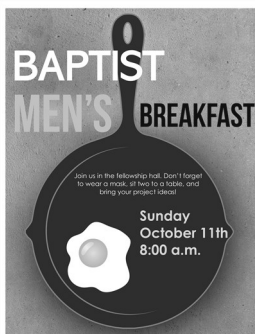
... is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

Myrtle Corbett

WMU Director

## SHOEBOXES

This year for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, if you would like to participate, we are recommending that you purchase Dollar Tree plastic shoeboxes for filling. When you get your shoebox filled, please bring it to the fellowship hall by October 30 and leave it on the missions table. If you have any questions about what NOT to include in your box, you can visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).



## BAPTIST MEN

The next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 11, at 8:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall for breakfast. Please remember to wear your mask and sit 2 per table. You are encouraged to bring your ideas for projects.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

The Children's Committee will sponsor Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 31**. When we have a time for the event we will notify you through our mass communication services.



|                                                                                                                                                        | October 2020                             |                        |                                                                                       |     |                                               |                                                                                                               |
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| 4<br>10:00 Combined Sunday School<br>in the fellowship hall<br>11:00 Morning Worship (masks<br>and social distancing req'd)<br>reservations not req'd  | 5                                        | 6                      | 7<br>11:00 Chancel Choir                                                              | 8   | 9                                             | 10                                                                                                            |
| 11<br>8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast<br>11:00 Morning Worship (masks<br>and social distancing req'd)<br>reservations not req'd                           | 12<br>10:00 WMU Mtg<br>1:30 Staff Mtg    | 13                     | 14<br>11:00 Chancel Choir                                                             | 15  | 16                                            | 17                                                                                                            |
| 18<br>10:00 Combined Sunday School<br>in the fellowship hall<br>11:00 Morning Worship (masks<br>and social distancing req'd)<br>reservations not req'd | 19<br>9:30 Finance Mtg<br>1:30 Staff Mtg | 20<br>7:00 Deacons Mtg | 21<br>11:00 Chancel Choir<br>5:30-6:30 Drive through<br>Supper—Prepared by<br>the WMU | 22  | 23                                            | 24<br>8:30-12:30<br>Deacon<br>retreat and<br>planning<br>session in the<br>fellowship hall<br>with breakfast. |
| 25 Deacon Ordination<br>11:00 Morning Worship (masks<br>and social distancing req'd)<br>reservations not req'd                                         | 26<br>1:30 Staff Mtg                     | 27                     | 28<br>11:00 Chancel Choir                                                             | 29  | 30<br>Shoeboxes due in<br>the fellowship hall | 31<br>Trunk or Treat<br>(Time tba)<br>~~~~~<br>Fall back for<br>Daylight Saving<br>time.                      |

| November 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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