

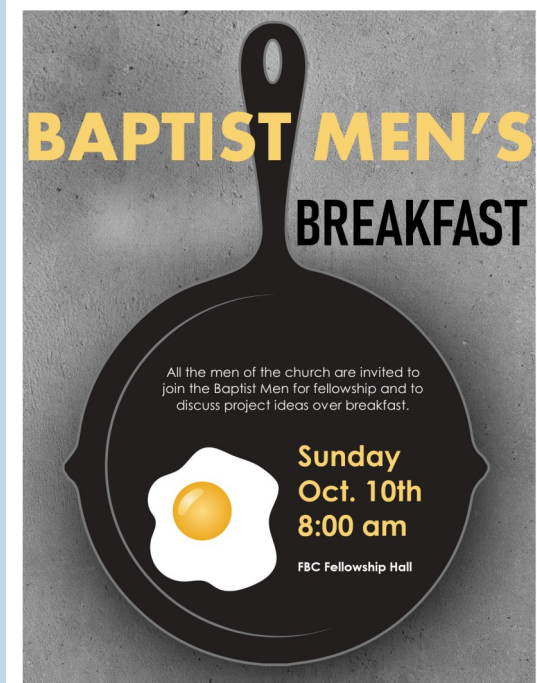


First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021, VOLUME 56, NUMBER 10



Each Monday, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Events At A Glance

October 1, New Church Begins

October 4, 11, 18, 25, Children's Music Activity, 5:15 p.m.

October 6, 13, 20, 27, Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

October 10, Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.

October 10, Recognition of New Deacons, 11:00 a.m.

October 11, WMU Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

October 13, Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

October 16, Dr. Larry Hovis and the Bike-a-thon riders stopping by FBC, about 4:00 p.m.

October 17, Deacon Emeritus Recognition, Mrs. Gayle Powell, during morning worship, 11:00 a.m.

October 18, Finance meeting, 9:30 a.m.

October 19, Deacons' meeting, 6:30 p.m.

October 24, Church-wide "Q&A" session regarding CBF with Pulpit Guest, Dr. Larry Hovis, 9:45 a.m.

October 24, Pulpit Guest, Dr. Larry Hovis, in the morning worship, 11:00 a.m.

Complete monthly calendar on back.

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

(910) 642-2139

PASTOR'S CORNER



Many churches traditionally begin a new “church year” in the month of October. The same is true at First Baptist Church of Whiteville. We can compare it to beginning the “New Year” on the calendar as we celebrate each “new year” on the first day of January! With deep gratitude for **all** who have served and who may have completed their “terms of service,” we also have excitement and enthusiasm as we welcome and are thankful for the new officers, teachers, leaders and committee members who will help **ALL OF US** “to **be** the church . . . and to **do** the work of the church!” We also welcome and congratulate our newly elected deacons who will be serving with those who are continuing their servant roles as deacons.

Congratulations to the following who were elected by the church as deacons/servants on Sunday, September 12, 2021: **Kate Carter Lee, Stephen Prince, Hilda Ray, Glenn Waters, and Janice Young.** These will be recognized in the morning worship service on **Sunday, October 10,** and we will celebrate and recognize **Mrs. Gayle Powell,** as our latest Deacon Emeritus, on **Sunday, October 17,** in the morning worship service. May God guide and bless everyone this “church year” as we all seek to do our best in serving the King of kings and the Lord of lords—in whatever way **He** calls us to serve Him and to help others to come to know and follow Him, too!

Through the years, and especially through **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES,** the ministry of outreach and missions which Joy and I felt led to establish, we have had numerous opportunities to meet people from all over the world. We have found the needs of people always to be the same: empty lives . . . and empty hearts . . . can be filled **ONLY** with the wonderful and fulfilling love of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! He gave His life on the cross of Calvary for **ALL** people—everywhere! As we begin a new “church year,” will you **PLEASE** open your eyes . . . your ears . . . and your heart . . . to the needs of people—near and far—who desperately need to experience the Gospel **WE** can share with them—in the name of Jesus—by showing His love for them through our lives?!?

Looking ahead for this month, I am excited to announce that **Dr. Larry Hovis,** Executive Director of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina, will be our Pulpit Guest at **11:00 am on Sunday, October 24, 2021,** as he delivers the message during the Morning Worship Service. He also has agreed to share in an **OPEN SESSION** during **Sunday School at 9:45 am** to present information about the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and to allow time for “questions and answers” during this special time together.

Additionally, Dr. Hovis is participating in a **bike-a-thon/cycling RIDE** from “the capital of North Carolina to the coast of North Carolina” to benefit the **WELCOME HOUSE COMMUNITY NETWORK.** This ministry seeks to extend Christian hospitality in the form of temporary housing and community outreach to vulnerable people in **every** North Carolina city and town. We will be blessed to welcome and greet Dr. Hovis and his “fellow-cyclers” to First Baptist Church in Whiteville on **Saturday, October 16, 2021, around 4:00 pm.** Please join us to greet these special guests. Thank you! There will be time for us to pray with them for their ministries, to hear about their outreach, and for interviews with persons about how First Baptist Church of Whiteville has helped with missions and ministries in the past . . . and also how we can help in the future!

I look forward to worshipping **with you** on this Sunday, October 3rd—God willing—as we share together on the “first Sunday” of our new “church year!” As part of our Morning Worship Service, as we “reach up” to God in worship and praise, I feel led—once again—to ask you to take an envelope (or envelopes) containing some names . . . and to please call, text, write, email, or visit those persons—however God leads you—as we “reach out” to them in Jesus’ love! **THANK YOU** for caring and for sharing! **“HAPPY—BLESSED—NEW YEAR!”**

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ love, *Wayne Brown*

And he saith unto them, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10



Music Notes

The New Church Year symbolizes **new beginnings**. There is a place for you in the Music Ministry as together we

begin a new church year.

The Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday, 4:30 -5:30 p.m. However, the choir is open to other rehearsal times depending on their needs. Plan to start out the new church year singing with the Chancel Choir! Christmas music preparation will begin in the next few weeks. So, this is a great time to join them!

Our **Children’s Music Activity** begins on **Monday, October 4, 5:15-6:00 p.m.** The group is for age 4 through 2nd grade. The theme for this year’s Children’s Music is *All Creation Sings*. Please feel free to invite your community friends.

Youth and Adult Handbells will resume as soon as we can find a rehearsal time that works for everyone.

The sanctuary microphones have been replaced and the sound system has had a tune-up. You should hear a difference in the sound quality. Thanks for your patience during this process.

The Music Ministry continues to offer music activities and events in which you are invited to participate. There is definitely a place for you! Join us today!

Eddie



THANK YOU!

Due to the upswing in the number of COVID-19 cases in our community and COVID protocol, we are keeping the office building doors locked and asking that we limit foot traffic in the office building. Handling business by phone or email will also help limit exposure opportunities. We also ask that if you need to be in the building that you wear a mask to protect yourself and the church staff. We appreciate your having a part in helping stop the spread of COVID.

October 3, 2021

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
To Seek and to Save That Which Was Lost!
Luke 19:1-10

October 10, 2021

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Being Me!
Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 8:1-9; 139:1-24; Hebrews 2:1-18

October 17, 2021

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Are You OK?!?
Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 3:23; 6:20-23

October 24, 2021

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Pulpit Guest
Dr. Larry Hovis, Executive Director of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina

October 31, 2021

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Fear Versus Faith!
Psalm 56:1-13; Romans 8:28-39; I John 4:1-21

OCTOBER SERMONS

OCTOBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 3 Grayanna Young
- 10 Gina Morningstar
- 17 Tina Sauls
- 24 Tricia Sanderson
- 31 TBA

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 3 David Carter / Glenn Waters
- 10 Stephen Prince / Mary Alice Stanley
- 17 Kate C. Lee / John Sauls
- 24 Janice Young / Brad Johnson
- 31 Tricia Sanderson / Haywood Corbett

HOSPICE SNACKS

Mary Alice Stanley

SOUND & VIDEO

- 3 Mitchell Sauls
- 10 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 10 Kirby Sanderson
- 24 Eric Kronenwetter
- 31 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 3 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 17 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt

USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

- 3 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /
David Heath / Clint Grainger /
J. C. Hyatt
- 10 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt
- 17 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /
Chris Blackmon
- 24 Harry Ward / David Tedder /
Haywood Corbett / Kevin
Williamson / Kyle Cook
- 31 TBA

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5, 2021 - 37
September 12, 2021 - 34
September 19, 2021 - 39
September 26, 2021 - 38

Average attendance for September
Sunday School is 37.

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

STEWARDSHIP

August 29, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$600.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$5,325.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$350.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,275.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$2,199.35
Total Collections This Week	\$8,474.35

Under Budget This Week \$159.02

Budget Need to date	\$308,832.96
Budget Rec'd to date	\$303,268.84
Under Budget to date	\$5,564.12

September 5, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$50.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$6,200.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$50.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,300.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,510.00
Total Collections This Week	\$7,810.00

Under Budget This Week \$134.02

Budget Need to date	\$315,266.98
Budget Rec'd to date	\$309,568.84
Under Budget to date	\$5,698.14

September 12, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$710.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,560.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$2,420.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,690.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$401.06
Total Collections This Week	\$7,091.06

Over Budget This Week \$255.98

Budget Need to date	\$321,701.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$316,258.84
Under Budget to date	\$5,442.16

September 19, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$600.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,624.10
Budget Gifts Operational	\$2,350.00
Total Budget This Week	\$6,574.10

Designated/Other Funds	\$385.01
Total Collections This Week	\$6,959.11

Over Budget This Week \$140.08

Budget Need to date	\$328,135.02
Budget Rec'd to date	\$322,832.94
Under Budget to date	\$5,302.08

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

September 26, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,236.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,230.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$350.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,816.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$190.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,006.00

Under Budget This Week \$1,618.02

Budget Need to date	\$334,569.04
Budget Rec'd to date	\$327,648.94
Under Budget to date	\$6,920.10

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OFFICE HOURS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

Date: October 11, 2021, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Hospice Snacks for October: Mary Alice Stanley
Mission Project: Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Fall has arrived with beautiful blue skies and cooler temperatures – what a blessing! The goldenrod and other wildflowers are dotting the roadsides and trees will soon be wearing their fall colors. The leaves will drop, giving us opportunities for many hours of outdoor meditation and physical exercise.

October is the beginning of our church year, and the WMU will hold monthly meetings when the COVID situation allows. All ladies – and men – of the church are invited to join us! Our meetings include a time of prayer for missionaries around the world, including the United States. We also plan monthly mission projects and invite all FBC members to participate. These projects allow us to show God’s love and to spread the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ as we minister to physical needs. Please inform one of our members if you know of needs in our community that we can address.

October Missions: Shoeboxes may be purchased from Columbus Baptist Association for \$.65 each, or you may purchase a similar size container from Dollar General, etc. or cover your own shoebox. The filled boxes must be brought to the church by Thursday, October 28.

2020-21 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

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Operation Inasmuch has been **postponed** due to the uptick in COVID cases in our county. We are looking at doing some individual projects. Please be considering projects in which you would like for us to participate. Check with your committees, Sunday School classes, WMU, Baptist Men, Choir, Youth, and Children’s groups for ideas. Try to think outside of the box and see if we can meet some of the needs in our community. Please, call the office (910-642-2139) or any member of the Missions Committee with your ideas - Lauren Cole, Haywood Corbett, Bobby Hensley, Mary Hooks, Geoff Hopkins, or Martha Senter. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the last two events we held—the Red Cross Blood Drive and the Walgreens Flu Shot Clinic. They were both a success because you participated. Thanks for all your help!



Congratulations on the safe arrival of **Carrie James Hooks**, who was born on September 20, 2021. She is the daughter of Ian and Alley Hooks, and the granddaughter of Joe and Mary Hooks and David Memory and Angel Stanaland. We are so happy for you! May God bless you and Carrie!

Thank you for the amazing school supplies. We are super excited about an amazing school year. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated.

Please continue to pray for our safety. We appreciate your congregation and donation.

Kim Ward, Whiteville Primary School



ANNOUNCEMENTS



YEAR-END BUSINESS

The month of September was packed full of church business. We have 5 new deacons, a new Nominating Committee Report, and new office hours.

The new **deacons** for 2021-2022 are: Kate C. Lee, Stephen Prince, Hilda Ray, Glenn Waters and Janice Young

Conference - Thank you to everyone who attended the Church Conference on Wednesday, September 22. The budget was discussed and the Nominating Committee Report was presented. If you were unable to attend the conference, you can call the office and ask for a conference packet. On September 26 we voted and passed the budget for 2021-2022.

We have new office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank the Deacons, First Baptist Church Staff, and the congregation for your support this past year. Together, we have met the difficulties of navigating a pandemic, provided opportunities for worship and fellowship, and began the process of seeking a pastor to lead our church family. I congratulate the new Deacons and the leadership on their nomination and selection and wish them success for the coming year. I will continue to pray for our church, the health and safety of our congregation, and for renewed fellowship for the coming year.

Lauren George Cole

We want the Nominating Committee to know how much we appreciate their hard work these last few months filling the positions on all the church committees. The Nominating Committee members were: David Carter, Brownie Cook-chair, Donna Prince, Tina Sauls, Rev. Wallyce Todd, and Barbara Whitson.

Thank you to Stewardship and Finance Committee for all their work preparing the budget for 2021-2022. The members of the committee were: Johnny Britt—Chair, Brenda Carter, Joe Hooks, Mary Jean Prince, Jo Anne Vereen, and Glenn Waters—Vice-chair.



Thank you to the outgoing deacons who served a three year term: Chris Blackmon, Charlie Duncan, Joe Hooks, Coburn Powell, and Donna Prince. Thank you for your faithfulness. Please pray for the incoming deacons: Kate C. Lee, Stephen Prince, Hilda Ray, Glenn Waters, and Janice Young.

First Baptist Church family,

I thank you for your cards, prayers, and outpouring of love for my family in the homegoing of my mother, Mrs. Hensley. You have been faithful to pray for her and check on her since the beginning of her illness in February. She passed peacefully at home surrounded by her family, for which we are very thankful. We appreciate your kindness during this time of loss as we adjust to the change in our family circle here on earth. Her testimony as a Christian gives us the security that we will see her again—the peace in the midst of a storm.

Teresa Malpass

REFLECTION

A Tiny Little Girl on the Other Side of the World Reflections on Calcutta, India 2009

*She was a tiny little girl, on the other side of the world,
And I never even knew her name.
But in my mind and heart she stays, and by God's grace,
I never will be the same.*

*She was a tiny little girl, on the other side of the world,
And she broke my heart in half.
Her beautiful face had tears and cries,
But I never saw her smile or laugh.*

*Her mother was worn, small, anguished and torn,
And the sidewalk of Calcutta was their home.
From night until morning they slept on the street
And begging daily they would roam.*

*"Why are you taking pictures of them?"
The young man politely asked.
"The Taj Majal and other grand scenes
Would seem a more pleasant and enjoyable task."*

*"Why, they're my friends," I sincerely said,
As he calmly replied, "Oh, sir, I see!"
And then we parted ways to face
What was to be!*

*The little baby, her two brothers, their grandmother and
mom were
Calcutta's finest in my mind you see.
For Jesus said, "When you show your love to the least of
these,
Then you have shown your love to Me!"*

*Jesus, God's Son, loves them! He died for them!
And, He arose for their hopes to be real!
But as they struggle each day, they find it difficult—
Living meal to meal!*

*As I looked into their longing eyes,
I realized the prize of God's love may never by them be
understood.
That is—until someone reaches out in Jesus' love,
And helps them become all they could and should.*

*Calcutta looks and seems as if it is ages old,
Yet her people are as fresh as the dawn.
On every street there is someone who wants
To buy, sell, trade or pawn.*

*A rickshaw driver approached me one night to barter with
me for a ride,
Or at least that is what I thought!
Thinking he wanted me to pay for a ride, he said with a
smile,
"I am the one you gave the bread you bought!"*

*It was then I realized—with a humbled heart—
That he was offering me a free ride.
Then the dark of the night suddenly turned into light
Through the warmth of the gift he wanted to provide.*

*Time did not permit, nor did funds allow me
To meet each and every need I saw.
But my prayer was then, and still is today,
That God will gently heal their lives which are so raw.*


*Yes, tiny was she with a dot on her forehead,
And black eye-liner surrounding her eyes of coal.
And this tiny, little girl, on the other side of the world,
Was used by God to reach deeply into my soul.*

*For we all have needs and only God can hear
The deep cries from our hearts for His Helping Hands!
Whether it is hunger for food or the spiritual thirst of our
souls,
Only God knows and only God understands!*

*So may we, each day, on life's pathways,
Always be open to share Jesus' love as we can.
For when we do our best, God will surely do the rest, as we
serve Him
Reaching out—one by one—to our fellowman!*

Written by Wayne Brown following a mission tour to India in 2009.



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November 2021						
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28	29	30				

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