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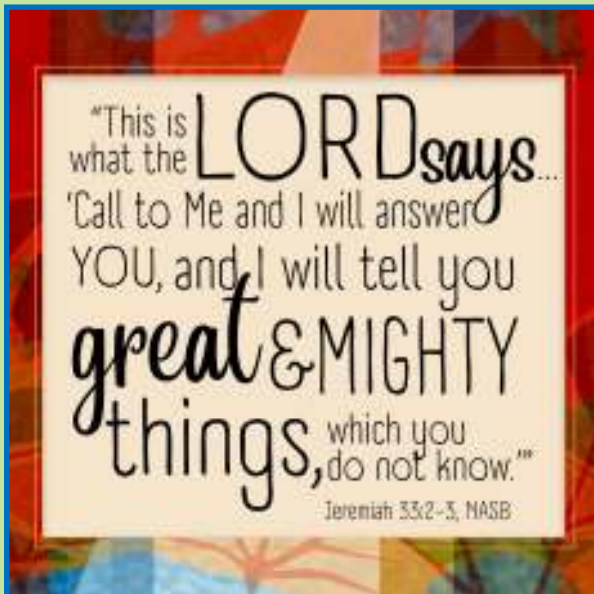
Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Sunday, October 1st is the beginning of our church year. Thank you for praying with us for the Lord's blessing on our church this year.



Events At A Glance

- October 1 - New Church Year Begins
- October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Bible Study coordinated by Willis & Sue Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn, 6:30 p.m.
- October 3 - Blood Connection Blood Drive, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- October 4, 11, 18, 25 - Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- October 9 - WMU Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- October 11 - Flu Shot Clinic, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- October 16 - Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- October 17 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- October 27 - Save the Date—Fall Festival—Details to follow

Complete monthly calendar on back.
To add an event to our calendar,
please contact the church office:
(910) 642-2139



PASTOR'S CORNER



I grew up being a dog lover. As a child I had a Shetland Sheepdog (Sheltie) named Mandy. We also had a Dachshund, a Jack Russell Terrier, and a Clumber Spaniel named Wally. There would come a day when I decided that it was finally time that I get a BIG dog. Keep in mind, I had never had a big dog before - only small. So I figured I would take some time to investigate the matter. My research would soon tell me that people who were shopping for a big dog typically get a Lab, or maybe a Golden Retriever. Or how about some kind of big friendly pound mutt? All good choices. Maybe a German Shepherd?

Then I recall while working at The National Geographic Society we did a profile on the plight of the racing Greyhound. From Florida to Maine, thousands are destroyed every year because they are simply not running fast enough to win races and make money. It's like a canine holocaust. Sleek, gentle giants they would call them. So fast. And yes, so BIG. Now, to be perfectly honest the only time I had ever even seen a Greyhound was along the side of a fast moving bus. Long story short - after much inquiry my selection for a big dog would be a Greyhound.

Her track name was Baby Emmy. Upon "adoption" (rescue from the track) it is strongly suggested the name be immediately changed, this to ward off bad memories from their traumatic lives on the track. So Baby Emmy soon became Chelsea. Unlike most Greyhounds that are "retired" from the track (even though they are usually still puppies) it is usually because they are no longer "clocking" - meaning running fast enough to win races - Chelsea never had that problem. Right up to the end, she was still very fast and winning races. With her, the problem was that she had a habit of not staying in her designated racing lane. This, of course, could cause huge problems. The tangling of legs thus resulting in severe injury was the major concern. Chelsea would become my best friend for many years to come.

To watch a Greyhound run is nothing short of poetry in motion. When they open it up, full throttle, their legs are fully extended and actually leave the ground. They are for a brief second floating in the air. And this is how it looks when God's children are fully utilizing their most intimate and precious gifts. The Greyhound was born to run, and that's what she does. The Psalmist gleefully proclaims: *"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous - how well I know it."* **(Ps. 139:14)** Here, David is almost giddy in his penning of these words. And like David, how often is it that we pause to give thanks for that one defining gift that God has given each of us? Chelsea ran fast but she was sometimes guilty of moving out of her single lane. This made for the possibility of causing friction throughout the entire unit. If we're not careful, I think this might work the same in God's House. Some sing beautifully, so beautifully (I definitely do not!). There are those who were meant to be Deacons. We see it played out everyday in their many acts of service. What about those of us who are called to teach? What would our Sunday School classes be without them? I love how Peter puts it so nicely for us: *"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ."* **(1 Peter 4:10)**

First Baptist, use your God given gift! It is clearly yours to share with others. And just like Chelsea the Greyhound, let us always remember to not venture outside of our chosen lanes. It takes great discipline to do what we've been designed to do. May we nurture these precious gifts. Polish them off - give them a glimmering sheen. Never let them go dormant - exercise them. Starting right now, just in time for the fast approaching holiday season let us begin to put them to use for God!

Many blessings to you all for a joyous and prosperous month of October!

JESUS LOVES YOU AND SO DO I.

Pastor Chris

DEACON ELECTION RESULTS

We encourage you to be in prayer for our Deacon Body. In case you have not seen the results of Deacon Election, below is a list of our deacon body for the year 2023-2024:



<u>Term Expires 2024</u>	<u>Term Expires 2025</u>	<u>Term Expires 2026</u>
Kate C. Lee	Willis Pinnell	Buster Carter
Stephen Prince	Betty Jo Prevatte	Brownie Cook
Hilda Ray	Mel Ray	Charlie Duncan
Glenn Waters	Ella Jo Sellers	Bobby Hensley
Sandi Floyd	Merle Worley	Kirby Sanderson

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Please Note: Effective in April 2023, the cost for the Wednesday Night Supper increased to \$5.00. This increase is needed to cover the rising costs of food and paper supplies. We hope to be able to continue to provide the fellowship meal at least once a month. We appreciate everyone who participates in preparing the meals, as well as those who come to enjoy them. Thank you for your understanding.

October 18, 2023

Group 2
Hilda Ray, Chair

November 15, 2023

Group 4
*Brenda Carter/Genie Carter,
Co-chairs*

December

No Meal

January 24, 2024

Group 5
Mary Alice Stanley, Chair
Conference Set up for
Covered-Dish

February 28, 2024

WMU
*Meal and Program—
Heck-Jones Offering
Emphasis,
Guest Speaker*

March 20, 2024

Group 6
*Fred & Martha Senter,
Co-chairs*

April 24, 2024

Group 7
Peggy Norosky, Chair
Conference Set up for
Covered-dish

May 15, 2024

Group 3
*Myrtle & Haywood Corbett,
Co-chairs*

“The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.”

Lamentations 3:22-23 NLT

October 1, 2023

Matthew 8:21
Nothing But the Best

October 8, 2023

I John 2:17
Eternal Impact

October 15, 2023

Matthew 11:29
Our Life With Jesus

October 22, 2023

Mark 10:45
The Servant Who Leads

October 29, 2023

Hebrews 12:1
The Witnesses Around Us

OCTOBER SERMONS

OCTOBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Tina Sauls
- 8 Gina Morningstar
- 15 Tricia Sanderson
- 22 Grayanna Young
- 29 TBD

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 1 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters
- 8 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 15 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray
- 29 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers

HOSPICE MEALS

Mary Alice Stanley

SOUND & VIDEO

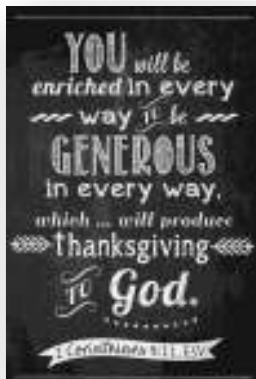
- 1 Kirby Sanderson
- 8 Eric Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Kirby Sanderson

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 8 Genie Carter
- 15 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt
- 22 Jolene Lewis
- 29 TBD

USHERS (Chairman: Harry Ward)

- 1 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters / David Heath / Clint Grainger / J. C. Hyatt
- 8 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt
- 15 Travis Harrison / John Sauls / Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal / Chris Blackmon
- 22 Harry Ward / David Tedder / Haywood Corbett / Kevin Williamson / Kyle Cook
- 29 TBD



STEWARDSHIP

September 3, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$165.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$1,889.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$670.00
Total Budget This Week	\$2,724.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$2,164.04
Total Collections This Week	\$4,888.04
Under Budget This Week	\$3,942.58
Budget Need to date	\$326,662.42
Budget Rec'd to date	\$301,205.56
Under Budget to date	\$25,456.86

September 10, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$320.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,502.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$300.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,122.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$380.34
Total Collections This Week	\$5,502.34
Under Budget This Week	\$1,544.58
Budget Need to date	\$333,329.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$306,327.56
Under Budget to date	\$27,001.44

September 17, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$360.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,530.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$2,040.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,930.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$50.00
Total Collections This Week	\$4,980.00
Under Budget This Week	\$1,736.58
Budget Need to date	\$339,995.58
Budget Rec'd to date	\$311,257.56
Under Budget to date	\$28,738.02

September 24, 2023

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$170.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,200.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$345.00
Total Budget This Week	\$2,715.00
Designated/Other Funds	\$685.00
Total Collections This Week	\$3,400.00
Under Budget This Week	\$3,951.58
Budget Need to date	\$346,662.16
Budget Rec'd to date	\$313,972.56
Under Budget to date	\$32,689.60

OCTOBER Birthdays

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

SEPTEMBER

- September 3, 2023 - 39
- September 10, 2023 - 41
- September 17, 2023 - 50
- September 25, 2023 - 44

Average attendance for September
Sunday School is 44.

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

OFFICE CONTACT INFO

Ministerial Staff

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Ministry Assistant Staff

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OFFICE HOURS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU: Monday, October 9 10:00 A.M.

Call to Prayer and Program: Mary Jean Prince

Hospice Meal: Mary Alice Stanley (Contact Karen: 910-642-9051)



Fall has arrived!! The new church year has begun and WMU begins a new year of Bible Study and Ministry. We joyfully welcome two new members – Resa and Julie Hillman.

Learning about missions and leading First Baptist Church in **Doing Missions** is the primary focus of Woman's Missionary Union. The Bible is our textbook, and the WMU magazine, *Missions Mosaic*, is our guidebook. Monthly projects are planned and promoted for church-wide participation. All of us working together will make a difference in our community, state, nation, and world.

The **October Missions Project** is collecting nutritional food supplies for Donayre Cancer Center Patients. The treatment center has 50 to 70 patients receiving treatment at any time. A list of requested items is posted above the Missions Table in the fellowship hall. Items will be delivered at the end of October and may be brought to the church any time this month.

Coming November 12: *Mental Health Sunday* (Details in the November Contact)

2022-24 Watchword: *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* Romans 12:12

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett, WMU Director

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Director

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

Whiteville Challenge Academy has been assigned to our church as our school to partner with. We are requested to pray for both the students and teachers and to supply special needs for students such as uniforms and hygiene items. We also need volunteers to provide breakfast items for the staff on the last Friday of each month as a way of saying to the staff that we are thinking of them and appreciate their work. This can be as simple as muffins and a bowl of fresh fruit or a breakfast casserole. If you are willing to sign up for a month, please call Martha Senter, 910-642-4436. Thank you.

Note: We have received a request for hygiene items for the girls and deodorant for both girls and boys. A basket will be in the vestibule or you can take items to the mission's Table in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 3, from 2:30-4:30 p.m., The Blood Connection bus will be in our parking lot for a blood drive. All donors will receive \$50 in rewards. Scan the code to set up an appointment. Thank you for helping us spread the word.



FLU SHOT CLINIC

Wednesday, October 11, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Crossroads pharmacy will be in the church fellowship hall for a flu shot clinic. There will also be blood a pressure check station.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FLOAT

It's that time of year again—it's time to break out the First Baptist Church float. We will participate in the N. C. Pecan Harvest Festival Parade on **Saturday, November 4**, the Veteran's Day Parade on **Saturday, November 11**, and the Christmas Parade on **Saturday, December 2**. We will have more details as we get closer to the parade dates. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kate C. Lee (910)234-0261.



SAVE THE DATE

We would like to have a fall festival this year for our children. We are looking at **Friday, October 27**. Mark the date on your calendar so you can invite folks to fellowship with us. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Genie Carter, 910-8140-2266.

HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Daryl Trexler will be our special guest speaker.

Join us in celebrating 189 years of ministry to this community and around the world.

SHARE IN GIVING TO THE ANNUAL HARVEST DAY OFFERING:

GOAL \$2,000.00

This year's offering will be divided 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!

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for Mental Health **Sunday—November 12, 2023**. Details to follow.

POLICY MANUALS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If you accepted a job on one of our church committees, we appreciate your willingness to help with the function of the church body. The committee(s) that you have agreed to serve on is listed with it's description/ responsibility in the policy manual. We have printed a newly updated First Baptist Church Policy Manual for each committee member so you will have your committee responsibility description. **Sunday, October 1, 2023**, at the Sunday School Breakfast or Worship Service, or Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at Wednesday Night Prayer meeting, Betty Jo Prevatte will have your individual copy of the Policies Manual to personally deliver to you. If for any reason you need to pick up your copy at the church office, please contact Betty Jo Prevatte, 910-642-7321.

NEW MEMBERS

As we were thinking on our membership, we realized we have not publicly recognized our 2023 new members. We are so glad to have all of our new First Baptist Members serving with us in the opportunities the Lord puts before us each day.

In February, we welcomed Keith and Jamie Beverly. In August, Pastor and Resa Hillman, and Karen Dawsey joined our fellowship. And in September, Julie Hillman and Brian and Christie Hogeboon joined our membership. Thank you for choosing to worship and serve with us.

Please fill free to come by the office to pick up an updated directory if you would like to have all this new contact information.

HOW TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

1. **Believe** that you have sinned (done wrong) and that Jesus can save you. *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23
2. **Ask** Jesus to forgive you and make your heart clean. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins."* 1 John 1:9
3. **Tell** Jesus that you want Him to be Lord of your life (that you will serve Him). *"If you declare that Jesus is Lord, and believe that God brought Him back to life, you will be saved."* Romans 10:9
4. **Trust** Jesus to set you free from wanting to sin and to give you a new life that will never end. *"Now you have been freed from sin. . . This results in a holy life and, finally, in everlasting life."* Romans 6:22

You can call on the name of the Lord by praying something like this: *"Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and I need to be saved! I believe in your death, burial, and resurrection as payment for my sins. I confess and call on you as Lord, trusting in you alone to save me!"*

If you made a decision for Christ, please let us know so that we can rejoice with you.

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."
Psalm 84:11

October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Church Year Begins 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship with	2 6:30 Bible Study	3 2:30-4:30 Blood Drive	4 6:30 Prayer Meeting	5	6	7
8 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	9 10:00 WMU Meeting 6:30 Bible Study	10	11 4:00-6:00 Flu Shot Clinic 6:30 Prayer Meeting	12	13	14
15 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	16 9:30 Finance Meeting 6:30 Bible Study	17 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	18 6:30 Prayer Meeting	19	20	21
26 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	23 6:30 Bible Study	24	25 6:30 Prayer Meeting	26	27 Fall Festival	28
29 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	30 6:30 Bible Study	31				

November 2023						
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