



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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Wednesday Night Kick-Off Schedule

- 4:30 - Children's Handchimes, Grades 2-5
- 5:00 - Melody Makers, Ages 4 - 1st grade, Young Musicians, Grades 2-5
- 5:45 - Welcome and Prayer by Pastor Clore
- 5:50 - 6:30 - Dinner, Bouncy house, Games, Activities, Pick up books and t-shirts!
- 6:30 - Pie the Pastor
- 7:00 - Godly Play Tours
- 7:30 - End of Activities

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 4, LABOR DAY - *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*

SEPTEMBER 6, WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF CELEBRATION, 6:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 10, DEACON BALLOTS DISTRIBUTED
CHURCH COUNCIL, 3 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 17, BUDGET DISTRIBUTED

SEPTEMBER 18, FINANCE MEETING, 9 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 19, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 20, COVERED DISH MEAL & CHURCH CONFERENCE, 5:45 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 24, VOTE ON DEACONS & BUDGET

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

"So that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 15:6

PASTOR'S CORNER:



We are Baptists. But what exactly does that mean? A few Wednesday nights ago, we had a conversation regarding that very question. And it's always good for us to be reminded of those beliefs that make a Baptist a Baptist, outside of the idea

that "My parents were Baptists, so therefore, I'm a Baptist." ☺

There are essentially four beliefs that are central to Baptist polity:

Priesthood of the Believers – every individual has the capacity (and freedom) to pray, read the Bible and interpret it, and to know and understand Jesus Christ (we do not need a human mediator to approach Christ for us – i.e. priest, pastor, deacon, etc.). The priesthood of the believers is the cornerstone belief that all other beliefs stand upon.

Autonomy of the Local Church – each church has the freedom, the authority, and the responsibility to govern itself (there is no "higher church" lording a "right way" or "right interpretation" over the local church).

"BEING BAPTIST"

Believer's Baptism – it is the freedom of the individual to choose to follow Christ. We protect that choice by ensuring that we are not unfairly coercing or forcing any person into that choice. Therefore, historically, we have not practiced infant baptism because no infant could choose Christ by their own volition.

Religious Liberty and Separation of Church & State – No government should ever impose upon the freedom of the individual to worship God by whatever means they feel led, however Christian that government may claim to be. Baptists' beliefs have shaped even the American Constitution. Baptists have historically stood for the freedom for ***all religions***, not merely the freedom of ***all Christians***.

We are Baptists because we find responsibility in protecting the freedoms that have been granted to us by Christ. "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

Wherever there is freedom, there should also be a great responsibility. We have all been called by Christ. I hope each one of us will find great joy in answering that call. After all, we are a priesthood of believers!

- Rev. Ryan Clore



Covered Dish Meal and Quarterly Church Conference

opportunities, this will be the perfect time to get the full overview of church activity. ***If you are a chair of a committee, please remember that all committee/organizational reports need to be turned in to the church office by Friday, September 15.*** Please join us to get a better view of how our church is ministering to its members and to the community.

Our next Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for **September 20, 2017**. For this Conference, we meet after Wednesday Night Supper, which is a covered dish meal, to discuss the budget, changes/activities during the last quarter, and vote on the Committee member nominations. If you are looking for service

Music in Ministry



Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

Psalms 150:6



The **2017-2018 Music Ministry** year begins on Wednesday, September 6 with our **Children's Music Activities**. We will offer two singing groups this year. **The Melody Makers** for 4 years old through 1st grade will be directed by Mrs. Sue Jordan. **The Young Musicians** for grades 2-5 will be

directed by Rev. Eddie Fort. The **Children's Handchimes** (grades 1-5) will meet at 4:30 p.m. There will be a brief parent meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. We encourage you to invite neighbors and friends to participate in our Children's Choir Ministry.

The **Youth and Adult Handbells** and the **Youth Choir** will begin on Sunday, September 17. **The Chancel Choir** began in August. Please see the Music Ministry schedule for rehearsal times.

Sing With Understanding is a hymn and devotion sing-a-long time for all ages. It will take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards we will enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant (dutch treat).

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.

Melody Makers (for ages 4 years-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.

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 will be 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. Look for sign-up sheets in September.

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



September 6

Fred & Marth Senter

Vivian Brown

Joe & Mary Hooks

Betty Jo Prevatte

Mike & Becky Thompson

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley

Katherine Scott

September 13

Janice Young

Charlotte Collins

Merle Worley

Nursery

Tricia Sanderson

Leah Sanderson

Carly Sanderson

September 20

Covered Dish Meal and Church Conference

Peggy Norosky

Mike & Lauren Cole

Jolene Lewis

Jenny Clore

Jennifer Bowling

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

September 27

Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

David & Sue Jordan

Kate Carter Lee

Jean Patterson

Nursery

Brenda Carter or

Genie Carter &

Kate Carter Lee

SEPTEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3 Grayanna Young
10 Gina Morningstar
17 Katherine Jordan Scott
24 Tricia Sanderson

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

3 John Sauls / Kirby Sanderson
10 Brownie Cook / Bobby Hensley
17 Emory Worley / Merle Worley
24 Stephen Prince / David Jordan

DVD DISTRIBUTION

3 Peggy Walters
10 Hilda Butler
17 Rose Langston
24 Frances Price

HOSPICE MEAL

15 Peggy Norosky

NURSERY

3 Bobby & Wendy Hensley
10 Tricia, Leah, & Carly Sanderson
17 Tricia, Leah, & Carly Sanderson
24 Peggy Norosky

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

3 Bobby Hensley
10 Kirby Sanderson
17 Bobby Hensley
24 Bobby Hensley

OFFERING TELLERS

3 Carlton & Mary Jean Prince
10 Carlton & Mary Jean Prince
17 Haywood & Myrtle Corbett
24 Haywood & Myrtle Corbett

PEW STOCKER

Myrtle Corbett

SOUND & VIDEO

3 Jason Schoolcraft
10 Wil Ezzell
17 Kirby Sanderson
24 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

3 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
10 Bill & Jolene Lewis
17 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
24 Jerry Wilson & Yvonne Bass

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

24 Apostle/Seekers, Young Adults/
Youth Classes

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

3 Ellis Jordan, David Carter, Emory
Worley, Clint Grainger, & Trent
Young
10 Jerry Wilson, Travis Harrison,
John Sauls, Buster Carter, Charlie
Hall, & Mel Ray
27 Harry Ward, David Tedder, Emory
Worley, Haywood Corbett &
Edgar Tison
24 Buster Carter, Glenn Waters,
David Heath, Grayson Ward &
Charlie Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Merle Worley

THANKS
FOR
SERVING!

SEPTEMBER



2 Carl Butler	18 Joanne Hardee
3 Howard Jones	Betty Gail Kronenwetter
Ella Jo Sellers	Grayanna Young
Sable Hall	19 Dana Bright
Summer Britt	Dottie Stephens
4 Robert Young	Revice Butler
8 Wanda Thorne	Haley Cook
Bettie Lou Memory	21 Sylvia Walker
Carlton Prince	23 Pat Davis
9 David Heath	Carolyn Southerland
10 David Coble	25 Fred Obrecht
12 Barbara Whitson	Ophelia Sellers
15 Karen Dawsey	Jerry Gore
David Carter	Melvin Ezzell
Traci Bright	28 Jimmy Greer
16 Patricia Coble	29 Don Viets
17 Brad Johnson	30 Joseph Cook
Trent Young	

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 110
Sunday School Attendance Average: 54

July 30, 2017- Attend 108 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$11,783.60	Budget Needs to Date	\$360,948.28
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$264,358.74
Over	\$3,580.23	Budget Under YTD	\$96,589.54

August 6, 2017- Attend 129 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$7,559.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$369,151.65
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$371,917.74
Under	\$644.37	Budget Under YTD	\$97,233.91

August 13, 2017- Attend 96 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$7,620.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$377,355.02
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$279,537.74
Under	\$583.37	Budget Under YTD	\$97,817.28

August 20, 2017- Attend 108 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$8,620.35	Budget Needs to Date	\$385,558.39
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$288,158.09
Over	\$416.98	Budget Under YTD	\$97,400.30

August 27, 2017- Attend 103 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$6,990.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$393,761.76
Budget Needed	\$8,203.37	Budget Received YTD	\$295,148.09
Under	\$1,213.37	Budget Under YTD	\$98,613.67

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights Kirby, Tricia, Leah, and Carly Sanderson and Kay Huggins.

Kirby and Tricia Sanderson have been married for 23 years. Tricia has been a member of FBC all her life, having been baptized when she was eleven years old by Rev. Roy Walker. Kirby was raised in Sampson County and grew up a member of Goshen United Methodist Church. Kirby and Tricia moved to Whiteville in 1995 and Kirby joined FBC in 1996.

Kirby has served the church for many years on the Audio-Visual Committee. Currently, he is also on the Family Life Committee, Sunday School Director, and a deacon. You can usually find him upstairs in the sound booth or in Ms. Sue's Sunday School class playing with the children when she leaves to go to choir.

Tricia has served the church as a deacon and Wednesday night missions teacher. She is currently on the Family Life Committee, Nursery Committee, Sunday School Nursery teacher, and a Children's Church teacher.

They have two daughters, Leah, 15 and Carly, 12. Leah is a 10th grader at Whiteville High School. She is a cheerleader and dances competitively at Simply Dance. This summer she was a lifeguard at the Country Club pool. Carly is a 7th grader at Central Middle School. She is a cheerleader and dances competitively at Simply Dance. Both girls have been involved in Sunday School, missions, youth, handbells, and choir at First Baptist Church.



Kay Huggins was married to the late Pete Huggins for almost 54 years. They had two wonderful daughters, Mary Carl and Tricia and three precious grandchildren, Leah, Carly, and Jack.

Kay grew up in Calvary Baptist Church, graduated from Whiteville High School, and Campbell College (now University). She taught first grade in the Sanford City Schools, Whiteville City Schools, and Waccamaw Academy.

Upon joining FBC, Kay became involved with many activities of the church. For a number of years, she was an interpreter for the Deaf Friends Class and worship service. She was so happy with her new church family that she encouraged her parents to give the church a try. They did and they joined this loving, congregation.

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We want to invite the youth to our Youth Kick-Off Cookout at the McNeill's home and pier at Lake Waccamaw on September 10. We will be leaving from the church at 3:30 p.m. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. We look forward to seeing you there!

## September 3

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
"Pulling Jesus Aside"  
Matthew 16:21-28

## September 10

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
"Christ and Confrontation"  
Matthew 18:15-20

## September 17

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
"The Gift of Forgiveness, The Gift of Forgiving"  
Matthew 18:21-35

## September 24

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
"I Want More"  
Matthew 20:1-16



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome back to WMU!

**WMU Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017, 10:00 A.M.**

**Program: Annual Planning Meeting**

**September WMU Project:** The WMU will hold a **CHURCH-WIDE** collection of school supplies to be used in our local schools. We invite **everyone** to join us in this project! Items may include: paper, pencils, markers, crayons, glue and glue sticks, hand sanitizer, facial tissues, etc. Items may be placed on the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall or in the collection box in the church vestibule for transfer to the Missions Table.

Teachers from our congregation may select items for use in their classrooms. Any remaining items will be delivered to an appropriate school. Please join us in this Back-to-School Project!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever pondered the theological significance between the two different methods that our church uses to administer the Lord's Supper?

During Intinction, usually observed once a year in our congregation during the Christmas Eve Service, each member walks to the front of the church, takes the body/bread, and dips it into the blood/juice and then consumes.

Our other form of communion is when our Deacons deliver the elements to the congregation where they are seated, row by row. First, they serve the body/bread, then return the tray to the front. Then they serve the blood/juice and then return the tray to the front. We practice this method of administering communion three times a year.

Why do we practice both methods? Why not choose one and stick with it? The answer can be found when we reflect upon the theological implications of each method.

During Intinction, there is an act of personal volition that is not as prevalent in the other method. If we take seriously the concept of the priesthood of the believer, then this act of volition is important to the practice of the Lord's Supper. Each member is responsible for leaving their seat and moving toward the elements. As Baptists, this should make sense, as we place a high value on the individual freedom and choice that goes into our discipleship.

On the other hand, there is a strong theological significance of the Deacon body acting as the servant leaders of the congregation. When they serve the elements, they are modeling what it means to act as *servants* to one another.

Next time we come to the Lord's table, we can reflect upon the theological reasons for why we do what we do, and perhaps it will give us a greater appreciation for the different methods for administering the Lord's Supper.

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for making graduation Sunday such a special service and for the Harper Collins Study Bible. I will turn to it for guidance throughout my life. Please continue to keep me in your prayers that God will direct my footsteps and I will follow where He leads.

In His love,  
Anna Ezzell



Dear Church Family,

We are beyond blessed by you all through your outpouring of love and support in anticipation of our little one's arrival! Heather had such a wonderful time at the baby shower and we cannot express enough our appreciation for your generosity and showering of gifts. A special thank you to all of the ladies who worked so hard to throw a beautiful shower! We know parenting will be an incredible adventure and we are so thankful to know that our child will be welcomed and loved (like we have) by such a wonderful church family. THANK YOU and we love you all!

Stephen and Heather Bazemore

# Deacon Nomination Sunday: September 10, 2017

You may nominate five adult members of First Baptist Church for the office of deacon. In accordance with the By-Laws, the following persons are not eligible for nomination this year. They are currently serving or have served within the last two years. Please spend time in **prayer** about who God would have serve as the spiritual leaders for our church.

## Term Expired 2016

Charlie Duncan  
Joann Hinson  
Hilda Ray

## Term Expires 2017

Brownie Cook  
Melvin Ezzell  
Rose Langston  
Sylvia Walker  
Emory Worley

## Term Expires 2018

Kate Carter  
Stephen Prince  
John Sauls  
Jim Warlick (resigned) filled by  
Brenda Carter  
Jerry Wilson (resigned) filled by  
Eric Underwood

## Term Expires 2019

Bobby Hensley  
David Jordan  
Kirby Sanderson  
Glenn Waters  
Merle Worley

For anyone who knows they cannot attend worship service on September 10 for nominations, there will be confidential **Absentee Nomination Ballots** available in the church office until September 8. The ballots will be transferred to the Tally Committee on Sunday morning, September 10 so they can be included among the other ballots.

**First Baptist Church  
Deacon Nomination Ballot  
Sunday, September 10, 2017**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

For anyone who knows they cannot attend worship service on September 24 for the Deacon vote, there will be confidential **Absentee Deacon Ballots** available in the church office after nominations have been completed. Absentee Deacon Ballots will be available through Friday, September 22. The ballots will be transferred to the Tally Committee on Sunday morning, September 24 so they can be included among the other ballots.

### **Your Nominating Committee...**

wishes to thank you for your cordial and positive responses to our phone calls as we have attempted to fill the ministry positions of our church. A few vacancies remain. If you feel led to volunteer, please call Emory Worley (770-2753) or Teresa Malpass in the church office (642-2139). You will be asked to vote on these nominees at the September 20th church conference.

Again our thanks,

Jason Schoolcraft, Chair  
Sandi Floyd  
David Heath  
Janet Plasky  
Emory Worley  
Sherry Waters



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| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Mon                                                                                                 | Tue                                 | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Thu                                       | Fri                              | Sat |
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| 3<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship                                                                                                                                                                     | 4<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)                               | 5                                   | 6<br>4:30 Children's Handchimes<br>5:00 Children's Choirs<br>5:45 Wed. Night Supper<br><b>Wednesday Night Kick-off Celebration</b><br>7:15 Chancel Choir                                                            | 7<br>10:00 Peer Learning Group for Pastor | 8                                | 9   |
| 10<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br><i>* Deacon ballots distributed</i><br>3:00 Church Council                                                                                                      | 11<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>11:00 WMU Meeting<br>4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)         | 12<br>10:30 Sing with Understanding | 13<br>4:30 Children's Handchimes<br>5:00 Children's Choirs<br>5:45 Wed. Night Supper<br>6:30 <b>"Gathering of the Minds"</b> , Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                               | 14                                        | 15<br>12:00 Hospice Meals Served | 16  |
| 17<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br><i>* Budget distributed</i><br>4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells<br>5:15 Youth Choir<br>6:00 Youth Bible Study                                                         | 18<br>9:00 Finance CMTE Meeting<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry) | 19<br>7:00 Deacons Meeting          | 20<br>4:30 Children's Handchimes<br>5:00 Children's Choirs<br>5:45 <b>Covered Dish Meal</b><br>6:30 <b>Church Conference</b> , Prayer Meeting, Book Study<br>Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir | 21                                        | 22                               | 23  |
| 24<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>Apostle/Seekers, Young Adults/Youth Classes<br>10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup<br>11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship<br><i>*Vote on Deacons &amp; Budget</i><br>4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells<br>5:15 Youth Choir<br>6:00 Youth Bible Study | 25<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>4:00 - 6:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)                              | 26                                  | 27<br>4:30 Children's Handchimes<br>5:00 Children's Choirs<br>5:45 Wed. Night Supper<br>6:30 Prayer Meeting, Book Study, Godly Play<br>Children's Program<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                                     | 28                                        | 29                               | 30  |

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