



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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— Wednesday Night —

KICKOFF

**September 5, 2018 • Melody Makers (4 & 5 years old)
5:15 p.m. • Meal 5:45 p.m. • Prayer Meeting,
Bible Study, and Godly Play Children's Program 6:30 p.m. •
Chancel Choir 7:15 p.m.**

We are excited to kick-off our Wednesday Night activities! We begin September 5 at 5:15 p.m. with the Melody Makers, then at 5:45 p.m. WMU will be hosting a Baked Spaghetti Supper and Ice Cream Sundaes! In lieu of our regular charge for the meal, the WMU would ask that you bring school supplies, or make a donation. After supper we will have our regular Prayer time, Bible Study, special activities for the children, and Chancel Choir.

Everyone is welcome. Be sure to spread the word!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24 NOMINATING
COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 6 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 5, WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
RESUME, 5:45 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 7, ABSENTEE DEACON
NOMINATION BALLOT DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 9, DEACON NOMINATIONS DURING
THE MORNING WORSHIP, HANDBELLS
AND YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 16, BUDGET DISTRIBUTED DURING
THE MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 17, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 18, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 19, COVERED DISH MEAL AND
QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 21, ABSENTEE DEACON BALLOT
DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 23, BUDGET VOTE / DEACON
VOTE

COMPLETE MONTHLY
CALENDAR ON BACK.

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

JOIN US
in

Prayer

The new Church year begins October 1, 2018.

PASTOR'S CORNER: "PURPOSE IN THE STRUGLE"



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and

my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'" Matthew 16:24-25

Living in dichotomy is good for faith development. As we've been exploring in Sunday worship for several weeks, the topic of Jesus being the bread of life, being a follower of Jesus Christ means being willing to *struggle* with God. We've also drawn attention to the meaning of 'Israel': Struggle/wrestle with God. Knowing that Christians are also 'Israelites' we find an insight into who we are to be as God's people.

Perhaps our conscience tells us to avoid the struggle. We are content in our view of God and enjoy praising His name on high. But we also prefer it when God meets us at 11:00 on Sunday morning and then allows us to return to our lives as normal during the week.

We live in a community where people are increasingly turning to substances to help them fight mental and physical ailments. Struggling with God is a daunting task. Yet it is the action that gives our lives purpose. Feeling a sense of purpose is what helps us to fight away the ailments that drives many in the world to abuse substances.

The two passages from the Gospel of Matthew are two great concepts to hold in tension in order to create a healthy struggle with God. What does it mean to pick up your cross and follow Jesus, while also knowing that the yoke of Jesus is easy and his burden is light? Let's find purpose in the dichotomy. Let's work together to wrestle with the living God.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

SEPTEMBER SERMONS

September 2

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"A Tongue with no Heart"
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Speak Love into Existence"
Mark 7:24-37



September 16

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Show Some Passion"
Mark 8:27-38

September 23

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"A Long-Term Vision"
Mark 9:30-37

September 30

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Cutting out the Cancer"
Mark 9:38-50

Music in Ministry



The 2018-2019 church year begins next week. The Music Ministry will start the new year in two stages.

The Chancel Choir resumed rehearsals on August 8.

The Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, and Youth/Adult Handbell Choir begin the new year the week after Labor Day which is September 3. The schedule is as follows:

The Melody Makers (4 and 5 years old) is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. beginning September 9.

The Young Musicians and Children's Handchimes (grades 1-5) day and time to be announced. We will be talking with parents to determine the best time for these groups.

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

The Youth Choir will continue to meet on Sunday at 5:15 p.m. beginning September 9.

The Youth/Adult Handbell Choir will meet each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. beginning September 9.

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



Young Musicians & Children's Handchimes
(for grades 1-5)
Day and time tba

Melody Makers (for ages 4 year-grade 1)
Wednesday, 5:15 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.

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



Luke 5:36-39

September 5

WMU Baked Spaghetti
Dinner

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley
Kathryn Scott

Luke 6:37-42

September 12

Haywood & Myrtle Corbett - Chairs
Sylvia Walker
Brad & Anna Johnson
Dale Duncan
Mel & April Ray
Ella Jo Sellers

Nursery

Tricia Sanderson
Leah Sanderson
Carly Sanderson

Luke 6:43-45

September 19

Covered Dish Meal & Conference

Brenda Carter - Chair
Genie Carter - Chair
Kirby & Trish Sanderson
Tina Sauls

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

Luke 6:46-49

September 26

Mary Alice Stanley - Chair
Haywood & Myrtle Corbett
Myrtie Sellers
Stephen & Heather Bazemore
David Heath
John & Janet Plasky

Nursery

Brenda Carter or
Genie Carter
Kate C. Lee

SEPTEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

2 Grayanna Young
9 Gina Morningstar
16 Taylor Jordan
23 Tricia Sanderson
30 Sherry Waters

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

2 Buster Carter / Ellis Jordan
9 Mel Ray / David Jordan
16 John Sauls / Merle Worley
23 Kate C. Lee / Barbara Whitson
30 Eric Underwood / Glenn Waters

DVD DISTRIBUTION

2 Peggy Walters
9 Hilda Butler
16 Rose Langston
23 Frances Price
30 Juanita Stanley

HOSPICE MEAL

21 Peggy Norosky

NURSERY

2 Jim & Erin Warlick / Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson
9 Jennifer Armbrrecht / Heather Bazemore / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley
16 Holly Faulk / Lauren Lynn / Jennifer Williamson / Peggy Norosky
23 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan / Emily Lawson / Genie Carter
30 Mary Alice Stanley / Martha Senter / Jenny Clore

OFFERING PRAYERS

2 Mary Jean Prince
9 Brenda Carter
16 Bryce Russell
23 Wallyce Todd
30 Kate C. Lee

OFFERING TELLERS

Brenda Carter & Genie Carter
Bobby & Wendy Hensley

PEW STOCKER

Sandi Floyd

SOUND & VIDEO

2 Jason Schoolcraft
9 Wil Ezzell
16 Kirby Sanderson
23 Eric Kronenwetter
30 Jason Schoolcraft

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

2 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
9 Bill & Jolene Lewis & Yvonne Bass
16 Rose Langston & J.C. Hyatt
23 Bridger Warlick & Mitchell Sauls
30 Mitchell Sauls & Lonnie Williams

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

23 Apostles / Inquirers / Youth Classes

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

2 Ellis Jordan / David Carter / Mitchell Sauls / Clint Grainger
9 Travis Harrison / John Sauls, Buster Carter / Mel Ray
16 Harry Ward, David Tedder / Mitchell Sauls / Haywood Corbett / Edgar Tison
23 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters / David Heath / Grayson Ward
30 TBA

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Merle Worley

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Peter 5:10 KJV



2 Carl Butler	18 Betty Gail
3 Howard Jones	Kronenwetter
Ella Jo Sellers	Grayanna Young
4 Robert Young	19 Haley Wayne
8 Carlton Prince	21 Sylvia Walker
9 David Heath	23 Pat Davis
12 Barbara Whitson	Carolyn Southerland
15 Karen Dawsey	Melvin Ezzell
David Carter	30 Joseph Cook
Traci Bright	
17 Brad Johnson	
Trent Young	

Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 132
Sunday School Attendance Average: 57

August 5, 2018- Attend 100 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$5,135.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$327,981.15
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$313,198.88
Under	\$2,153.47	Budget Under YTD	\$14,782.27

August 12, 2018 - Attend 94 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$6,195.50	Budget Needs to Date	\$335,269.62
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$319,394.38
Under	\$1,092.97	Budget Under YTD	\$15,875.24

August 19, 2018 - Attend 235 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$5,421.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$342,558.09
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$324,815.38
Under	\$1,867.47	Budget Under YTD	\$17,742.71

August 26, 2018 - Attend 100 YTD

Budget Rec'd	\$9,745.00	Budget Needs to Date	\$349,846.56
Budget Needed	\$7,288.47	Budget Received YTD	\$334,557.38
Over	\$2,453.53	Budget Under YTD	\$15,289.18

FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Member Spotlight highlights Ethan, Katherine, and River Scott.

Ethan and Katherine Scott have been attending First Baptist Church together for the past 6 years. They were married at First Baptist on November 24, 2012. Katherine grew up attending First Baptist with her parents David and Sue Jordan and brother Ellis. Ethan grew up attending First Presbyterian Church where he has served as an Elder. Ethan graduated from NC State University with a degree in Ag Business and a minor in Economics. He works for his family's business, Chadbourn Feed Service. Katherine graduated from Peace College with a degree in Special and Elementary Education. She taught Special Education for two years at Chadbourn Elementary School and is starting her sixth year teaching kindergarten at Whiteville Primary School.

In June of 2017 they welcomed their first child, River Langdon Scott. River was dedicated at First Baptist on December 10, 2017. River loves to play outside, go swimming, and eat Oreos.

Katherine has enjoyed being involved with First Baptist by helping in the Nursery, with Children's Church and with numerous Vacation Bible Schools.

Ethan and Katherine love to travel, spend time with family and friends, go to the beach, and attend NC State football games.



CHURCH BUDGET

The church budget will be distributed for your review on **Sunday, September 16, 2018**, during the morning worship. We will vote on the budget at the Quarterly Church Conference the following Wednesday evening.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Committee Chairs, please mark your calendars for our next church council meeting on **September 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** Please have your committee reports in to the office by **Monday, September 10.**

COVERED DISH MEAL & CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our next Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for **September 19.** For Conference, we meet after Wednesday Night Supper, which is a covered dish meal, to discuss the changes/activities during the last quarter. We will be reviewing the church budget. Please join us to get a better view of how our church is ministering to its members and to the community.



COLUMBUS REGIONAL PRESENTS

Back to School Health and Wellness Fair, **Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at Whiteville Recreation Center, Rec Center Drive. Events include 5k Run and Walk (8 a.m.), blood pressure checks, kids activities, bone density scans, health education booths, radio live remote by Coast 97.3 FM, and much more!! All teachers who attend will be entered into a raffle—Grand Prize is a Day at the Spa. Classroom with highest participation receives a \$250 Wal-Mart gift card - other prizes also available. For more information, call 910.641.3662.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER: September 10, 2018
10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hall



The WMU will resume our regular monthly meetings in September. Our first meeting will be a planning meeting for the coming year. If you know of a particular missions project that needs our attention, please be prepared to present it.

Our Wednesday Night Suppers begin on September 5 with **Teacher Recognition** and **Godly Play for Children**. Rev. Clore will lead a Bible Study for adults and youth, and special activities for children are planned. The WMU will sponsor and prepare the meal.

There will be no charge, but we ask that everyone bring school supplies or make a donation. All church members are invited and encouraged to attend. Let's begin our Fall season by coming and enjoying Bible study, food and fellowship together!

Thank you!
Myrtle Corbett, WMU Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will be meeting **Mondays at 6 p.m.**, on a weekly basis, as they prepare for the upcoming church year. Committee members will be notified by committee chairs of any cancelations or changes. Please be in prayer for The Nominating Committee as they prepare for the new church year.

WITH GRATITUDE

Dear First Baptist,

What a marvelous day we had on Sunday (August 19) celebrating the ninety years old and older church members. It was a great day at our church, thanks to the hard work and lots of planning by the church family.

The tables were beautifully decorated, the food delicious, and the friendship, wonderful. It was good seeing so many honorees' family members. A great time was had by all.

Thank you for the beautiful plaque. I am very proud of it.

Thank you friends of First Baptist.

Love and appreciation,
Nancy Smith

Dear Friends,

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank all of you for the wonderful day of celebration you created for the 90+ members. It is an inspiring group who have dedicated their lives to Christ and service to the church. In honoring them you created a special time for the visiting families as we were all friends while growing up in the Baptist Church and were mentored by the honored group. You made the day meaningful for all of us and I am truly grateful.

Sincerely,
Deborah Stanley McNeill

Dear Church family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, flowers, food, and visits. It is wonderful to be a member of a church that gives so much concern and care for their fellow members.

Thank you,
David and Linda Heath

Dear Church family,

I want to thank the church and every one for their prayers in my sickness.

Thank you,
Harold Pate

Dear First Baptist Church family,

Thank you for the many kind acts of love shown to my family during my brother's sickness and passing.

Please continue to keep us in our prayers.

Love,
Dinah

Deacon Nomination Sunday: September 9, 2018

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 Expires 2017

Brownie Cook
Melvin Ezzell
Rose Langston
Sylvia Walker
Emory Worley

Term Expires 2018

Kate Carter
Stephen Prince
John Sauls
Jim Warlick
Jerry Wilson

Term Expires 2019

Bobby Hensley
David Jordan
Glenn Waters
Kirby Sanderson
Merle Worley

Term Expires 2020

Buster Carter
Sandra Floyd
Ellis Jordan
Mel Ray
Barbara Whitson

For anyone who knows they cannot attend worship service on September 9 for nominations, there will be confidential **Absentee Nomination Ballots** available in the church office until **Friday, September 7**. The ballots will be transferred to the Tally Committee on Sunday morning, **September 9**, so they can be included among the other ballots.

**First Baptist Church
Deacon Nomination Ballot
Sunday, September 9, 2018**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

For anyone who knows they cannot attend worship service on **September 23** 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 21**. The ballots will be transferred to the Tally Committee on Sunday morning, **September 23**, 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 Sandi Floyd (910-640-8964), Sherry Waters (910-840-5902) or the church office (910-642-2139). You will be asked to vote on these nominees at the September 20th church conference.

Again our thanks,

Sandi Floyd, Co-Chair
Sherry Waters, Co-Chair
David Heath
Janet Plasky
Chris Blackmon
Betty Jo Prevatte

	September 2018					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship	3 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Nominating CMTE Meeting	4	5 WNS Kick-Off 5:15 Melody Makers (4&5 y.o.) 5:45 WMU Baked Spaghetti Supper & Ice Cream Sund. 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	6 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	7 <i>Absentee Deacon Nomination Deadline</i>	8
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23 <i>Vote on Budget / Deacons</i> 9:45 Sunday School Gleaners Class at Liberty 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Bible Study	24 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Nominating CMTE Meeting	25	26 5:15 Melody Makers (4&5 y.o.) 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	27 3:00 - 5:00 Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)	28	29 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Columbus Regional Back to School Health & Wellness Fair
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Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com, Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 a.m.
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