

THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019, VOLUME 54, NUMBER 9

Plan now to join us for the . . .

2019-2020 Music Ministry

(beginning Wednesday, September 4)

Melody Makers

(for preschool ages 4-6) [tba]

Young Musicians & Children's Handchimes

(for grades 1-5) 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, 5:20 p.m.

Happy New Year Churchwide Fellowship Dinner

September 15, 5:30—7:30 p.m. Plan to join us for a free Spaghetti Dinner for all ages featuring the talents of our children & youth. Please call the church office to make reservations.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2, LABOR DAY, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

SEPTEMBER 4, WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME, 5:45 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 4, MUSIC ACTIVITIES RESUME

SEPTEMBER 8, DEACON NOMINATIONS

SEPTEMBER 15, BUDGET DISTRIBUTED

SEPTEMBER 15, CHURCH COUNCIL, 2 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 15, SPAGHETTI DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 16, FINANCE MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 17, DEACONS MEETING, 7 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 18, COVERED DISH MEAL, 5:45 P.M., CHURCH CONFERENCE, 6:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 22, DEACON ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 22, BUDGET VOTE

COMPLETE MONTHLY CALENDAR ON BACK.

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



PASTOR'S CORNER: "THE MORAL OF THE STORY"



This past year during our Wednesday night Bible Study we've been looking at the parables of Jesus. We started in the Gospel of Luke and now we're exploring the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Matthew. This month we will begin to dive into a few of the parables that are in the Gospel of Mark (though there is only one parable that is exclusive to Mark - which means some parables will be re-explored).

We briefly discussed last Wednesday night the themes that seem to be prominent throughout many of the parables that we've discussed so far, and the themes that stood out were: God's love, always being ready/prepared/alert, caring for the 'lost', and stewardship.

In our discussion, many of us noticed that stewardship seems to be the #1 theme throughout all of Jesus' parables. But stewardship is a much, much more comprehensive concept than many of us usually imagine. We tend to think of stewardship as simply giving our tithe to the church, which it is – but it is also so much more than that.

In terms of the parables, stewardship is mainly about two things: 1) good management (managing wisely/shrewdly) and 2) multiplying your money, time, and efforts. Both of these things are important to our understanding of stewardship. Not one or the other, but BOTH!

As we begin to ramp up a new church year – to vote on a new proposed budget, to consider our own financial contributions, to consider who God is calling to be our servant leaders, to consider which positions we will serve in the coming year, may we all take to heart Matthew 6:21: "Where our treasure is, there will our heart be also." I hope that each member of First Baptist Church treasures stewardship and places a great value on managing wisely all of those things which God has entrusted to us and multiplying for the sake of God's Kingdom.

-Rev. Ryan Clore



September 1

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost I've Got Friends in Low Places Luke 14:1-14

September 8

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Deer in Headlights Luke 12:26-33

September 15

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Can't Find it? Just Keep Looking! Luke 15:1-10

SEPTEMBER SERMONS

September 22

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost 'Being Faithful' Means 'Managing Well' Luke 16:1-13

September 29

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost If You Never Try, You Can't Fail Luke 16:19-31

Thank You

Dear FBC Family,

On behalf of the Anne O. George Family, I would like to extend my appreciation for the food, visits, cards, flowers, various gifts and the genuine love and concern from all who helped at a time it was needed most. Your presence and contribution is highly appreciated and I pray that whatever you did, you did unto the Lord himself, and for that, you will be greatly rewarded. A special thanks is given to the FBC staff who was a great source of comfort to my family. I will cherish your kindness forever.

Lauren George Cole

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. You will be asked to vote on these nominees at the September 18th church conference.

Again our thanks,

Chris Blackmon, Co-Chair David Heath

Janet Plasky

Betty Jo Prevatte, Co-Chair

Carlton Prince Katherine Scott

MUSIC NOTES





Happy New Church Year!

All of our choirs begin the first Wednesday or Sunday after Labor Day.

Champions of Faith is the theme of our **Children's Choirs**

2019-2020 year. It is based on Hebrews 12:1-2, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." Through songs and activities, our children will learn the stories of eight Bible champions. These Champions of Faith will encourage our children to lay aside distractions as they run a faithful and steady race as they keep their eyes on Jesus. The children will experience the rich spiritual legacy of those whose lives of obedience provide worthy examples for all of us to follow.

The children will also be featured in the Christmas Music presentation scheduled for Sunday, December 15.

The Young Musicians (grades 1-5) begins on Wednesday, September 4, 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. Bring your friends...they are invited to join us!

The Melody Makers (preschool, ages 4-6) will begin asap. Parents, you will be contacted to help us find the best time for this group to meet.

The Youth and Adult Handbell Choir (grades 6-adults) begins on Sunday, September 8, 4:30 p.m. The handbell choir will begin work on Christmas music (for December 15) as well as songs for other worship services during the fall. We have a couple of openings for ringers. Please talk with Eddie if you are interested in joining us. Beginners are welcome!

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) begins on Sunday, September 8, 5:20 p.m. This year the Youth Choir will prepare several songs to sing with the Chancel Choir in Worship. They will combine with the Chancel Choir for the Christmas Music presentation on December 15. The choir will also begin preparation to participate in *Festival by the Sea* in Myrtle Beach, March 6-8, 2020.

The Chancel Choir (youth and adults) rehearses every Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. The Chancel Choir is already preparing music for this fall, homecoming and for the Christmas Music presentation on December 15. There is always room for more singers. You do not need to read music to participate. Join us this week!

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



September 4

Menu - Something Delicious, Desserts TBA *Brenda Carter - C*

Genie Carter - C
Kirby & Trish Sanderson
Tina Sauls

Nursery

Mary Alice Stanley Katherine Scott

September 11

Menu - Chicken Salad , Fruit, Garden Peas, Rolls and Desserts Janice Young - C

Charlotte Collins Merle Worley Sylvia Elkins Sandi Floyd Bridger Warlick

Nursery

Peggy Norosky

September 18

Menu - Covered Dish

Peggy Norosky - C

Mike & Lauren Cole

Jolene Lewis

Jenny Clore

Jennifer Bowling

Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

Nursery

Trish Sanderson Leah Sanderson Carly Sanderson

September 25

Menu - Fried Chicken, Green
Peas, Potato Salad, Bread,
Assorted Desserts
Jackie Jones - C
Glenn & Sherry Waters
Peggy Walters
Merle Worley
Muriel Hill
Charlie Duncan

Nursery

Brenda Carter or Genie Carter Kate Carter Lee

SEPTEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Grayanna Young
- 8 Gina Morningstar
- **15 TBA**
- 22 Tricia Sanderson
- 29 Sherry Waters

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 1 Bobby Hensley
- 8 Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 15 Leigh Cook / Charlie Duncan
- 22 Joe Hooks / Merely Worley
- 29 Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson

DVD DISTRIBUTION

- 1 Peggy Walters
- 8 Hilda Butler
- 15 Rose Langston
- 22 Frances Price
- 29 Jolene Lewis

HOSPICE MEAL

20 Peggy Norosky

NURSERY

- 1 Jennifer Hall / Trish Sanderson / Leah Sanderson / Carly Sanderson
- 8 Jim & Erin Warlick / Katherine Scott / Wendy Hensley
- 15 Peggy Norosky
- 22 Jenny Clore / Dale Duncan / Jennifer Armbrecht / Genie Carter
- 29 Mary Alice Stanley / Martha Senter / Jenny Clore

OFFERING TELLERS

Mary Alice Stanley & Dale Duncan

PEW STOCKER

Sandi Floyd

SOUND & VIDEO

- 1 Mitchell Sauls
- 8 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 15 Kirby Sanderson
- 22 Eric Kronenwetter
- 29 Kirby Sanderson

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 1 Clint & Carolyn Grainger
- 8 Frances Price
- 15 Rose Langston & J. C. Hyatt
- 22 Bill & Jolene Lewis
- 29 Mitchell Sauls & Bridger Warlick

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

22 Apostles/Inquirers/Youth Classes

USHERS (CHAIRMAN: JOE HOOKS)

- 1 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters / David Heath / Grayson Ward / J. C. Hyatt
- 8 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell Sauls / Clint Grainger / 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 TBA**

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETER

Peggy Walters

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Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance Average: 91 Sunday School Attendance Average: 58

August 4, 2019- Attend 94

Budget Rec'd \$3,857.00 Budget Needs to Date \$320,617.00 Budget Needed \$7,286.75 Budget Received YTD \$269,649.90 Under \$3,429.75 Budget Under YTD \$50,967.10

August 11, 2019- Attend 110 **YTD**

Budget Rec'd \$9,525.00 Budget Needs to Date \$327,903.75 **Budget Received YTD** Budget Needed \$7,286.75 \$279.174.90 Over \$2,238.25 Budget Under YTD \$48,728.85

August 18, 2019- Attend 88 YTD

Budget Rec'd Budget Needs to Date \$5,476.00 \$335,190.50 Budget Needed \$7,286.75 **Budget Received YTD** \$284,650.90 \$1,810.75 Under Budget Under YTD \$50,539.60

August 25, 2019- Attend 70 YTD

Budget Rec'd \$6,910.00 Budget Needs to Date \$342,477.25 Budget Needed \$7,286.75 **Budget Received YTD** \$291.560.90 Under \$376.75 Budget **Under** YTD \$50,916.35

- 2 Carl Butler
- 3 Howard Jones Ella Jo Sellers
- 4 Robert Young
- 8 Wanda Thorne **Carlton Prince** Wanda Thorne
- 9 David Heath
- 10 David Coble
- 12 Barbara Whitson
- 15 Karen Dawsey **David Carter** Traci Bright
- 16 Patricia Coble
- 17 Brad Johnson **Trent Young**

- 18 Betty Gail Kronenwetter **Grayanna Young** 19 Haley Cook 21 Sylvia Walker

- 23 Pat Davis
- 25 Fred Obrecht **Ophelia Sellers** Melvin Ezzell



FBC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Spotlight highlights Hilda Ray and the Extension Department.

I am a native of Brunswick County. Tom and I lived in Southport after we were married and moved to Whiteville in 1964. We have three children; Katrina, Mel, and Grayanna. We also have four grandchildren; Carmin, Bryanna, Pierson, and Jillian and one great grandson, Gabriel.

Very soon after we got to town, we were visited by some Deacons from Trinity Baptist Church. We joined the church and were active members there for thirty-eight years before joining First Baptist Church in 2003. We immediately felt at home and began serving our Lord here. After a year at FBC, I was asked to serve as chair of the "Extension Committee" and I accepted. I have always had a heart for children and older adults. It has been a blessing to visit and minister to our folks who are not physically able to attend our services.



Extension Committee

- 1. Purpose: To minister to the "shut-in" population of FBC.
- 2. Organization: The Nominating Committee selects someone to chair the group and that person solicits others whom they think have a heart for this ministry.
- 3. Duties:
 - a. We keep an ongoing list of those of our church family who are unable to come to church any more as the need arises. We delete and add new names.
 - b. We divide our list of shut-ins with the number of committee members we have each year and visit at least once a month. We take literature such as "Open Windows," Sunday School Book, the prayer list for midweek prayer service, and treats that are appropriate for each person.
 - c. We develop a relationship with our "shut-in" friend and fellow sister or brother in Christ. In doing so, we may call, visit or even take food to them more often as we feel the need.
 - d. There are times we bring their name or "family" back to the church for prayer or request for another need that can be met by the church.

If you feel led to be a part of this ministry, please contact me at 910-642-4369. I promise you that your ministry will be rewarding and a blessing to you.



IN THE COMMUNITY

N.C. Pecan Harvest Festival's Trunk or Trot Fun Run, 5K & 10K 2019

Columbus County's Largest Community Trunk or Treat & Run Event. **Thursday, October 31, 2019,** dress in your best costume and help provide a fun safe community event this Halloween!

- Free Trunk or Treat (30+ trunks!)
- Costume Fun Run, 5K or 10K
- Music
- Food Vendors
- Location—Intersection of Madison Street & Main Street, Whiteville, NC
- 5:00 p.m. Registration and Trunk or Treat Opens
- 5:30 p.m. Fun Run (1 Mile, 12 & under)
- 6:00 p.m. 10K Race Start
- 6:10 p.m. 5K Race Start
- 8:00 p.m. Event Ends

If you know of a church that is willing to commit to bringing 3-5 trunks with candy or giveaways, they can sign up at: https://bit.ly/2NTkY5V

Contact Jenny Clore, Event Coordinator at 540-760-7253 or jennyclore@nrcolumbus.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

Call to Prayer: Peggy Underwood Program: Annual Planning Meeting



Summer is coming to an end and it's time to begin a new year in Women's Missionary Union. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, September 9 at 10:00 A.M.** to plan for the

2019 – 2020 church year. Everyone is important in this process, so please mark your calendars now and plan to be there! New members are invited and welcome!

It's not too late to bring school supplies for our teachers. After our member/teachers pick up their supplies, the remaining items will be delivered to one or more schools.

We look forward to a wonderful year of spreading the Gospel of God's Love through missions! Won't you be a part of the team?

Watchword: "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. <u>Always keep busy working for the Lord.</u> You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile." 1 Cor. 15:58

Our Mission

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

Myrtle Corbett WMU Director

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Relief Work—We thank the church family for all the support given to the various mission teams that stayed in our church since Hurricane Florence. We only have one team scheduled for the fall. A team of four Baptist men will be coming from Knoxville, TN on October 6.

BackPack Ministry—A big thanks to Brenda Carter, Merle Worley, and Mary Alice Stanley who have agreed to pack the bags on a weekly basis. Buster and Genie Carter will deliver bags to the primary school, Bobby and Wendy Hensley will continue to work with the ministry as needed. We appreciate the Hensley's for all the hard work given to this ministry (especially Maggie).

Missions Committee

CHURCH BUDGET

The church budget will be distributed for your review on **Sunday, September 15, 2019**, 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 15 at 2:00 p.m.. Please have your committee reports in to the office by Monday, September 9.

COVERED DISH MEAL & CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our next Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for **September 18**. 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.

Deacon Nomination Sunday: September 8, 2019

Dear Members of First Baptist Church,

I want to take a moment to remind you to begin praying about our upcoming Deacon Nominations. The nominations will take place in worship service on **September 8.**

Please spend significant time in prayer about who God would have serve as the spiritual leaders of our church. Also, reach out to those folks who you believe God is putting on your heart. Do not simply write their names down on **September 8** without getting their permission to nominate them.

In the past, we have limited it to five nominations per ballot. However, the Bylaws place no limit on how many people one person can nominate for the office of deacon. But we want to stress, again, that however many you feel led to nominate, please get their permission prior to placing their name on the ballot.

Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2020		Term Expires 2019	Term Expired 2018	
Stephen Bazemore	Buster Carter	Bobby Hensley	Kate Carter Lee	
Chris Blackmon	Sandra Floyd	David Jordan	Stephen Prince	
Charlie Duncan	Betty Jo Prevatte	Glenn Waters	John Sauls	
Joe Hooks	Mel Ray	Merle Worley	Jerry Wilson	
Coburn Powell	Barbara Whitson	Kirby Sanderson	Jim Warlick	
	Ellis Jordan			

For anyone who knows they cannot attend worship service on **September 8** for nominations, there will be confidential Absentee Nomination Ballots available in the church office until Friday, **September 6.** The ballots will be transferred to the Tally Committee on **Sunday morning**, **September 8**, so they can be included among the other ballots.

Voting for deacons will take place during the morning worship service on **September 22**. Absentee Deacon Ballots will be available through **Friday, September 20**. The ballots will be transferred to the Tally Committee on Sunday morning, **September 22**, so they can be included among the other ballots.

In Christ,

Rev. Ryan Clore

First Baptist Church
Deacon Nomination Ballot
Sunday, September 8, 2019



The Gleaners SS Class will be going to the Matthew 25 House on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019** to tour the building. Afterwards they will be going to Dale's Seafood Tabor City for a Dutch Treat at lunch. The trip is open to class members and nonmembers alike. If there is anyone that would like to attend this outing, please meet at the church at **10:15 a.m. on that Tuesday**. We hope that you can attend. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 ABOR DAY Office Closed	3 10:15 Matthew 25 House Tour & Lunch Trip with the Gleaners SS Class	4 WN Act. Resume 5:00 Children's Choir (Grades 1-5) 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir	5	6 Absentee Deacon Nomination Deadline	7
8 Deacon Nominations 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:30 Youth/Adult Handbells 5:20 Youth Choir	9 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 WMU Committee Reports Due	10	 11 5:00 Children's Choir (Grades 1-5) 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play Children's Program 7:15 Chancel Choir 	12	13	14
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