



# First Baptist Church

## Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

### THE CONTACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021, VOLUME 56, NUMBER 9

## Flu shot clinic at FBC!

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We are having a Flu Shot Clinic for the church congregation on **Thursday, September 9, 2021, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** You can sign up using the QR code or at: <https://wagsoutreach.com/ss/FIR115720>.



The month of September is the last month of our church calendar year and is full of church business. We will elect deacons, vote on the 2021-2022 church budget and the Nominating Committee Report. We have our annual Church Conference on **Wednesday, September 22**. These events will take place throughout the month, so please check out the calendar events as they appear in *The Contact* and also in our bulletin each week.



#### Events At A Glance

- September 6, Church Office Closed for Labor Day
  - September 9, Flu Shot Clinic for the church family, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
  - September 7-10, Absentee Deacon voting in the church office
  - September 12, Deacon election during the morning worship
  - September 19, Budget distributed during the morning worship
  - September 20, Finance meeting, 9:30 a.m.
  - September 21, Deacons' meeting, 6:30 p.m.
  - September 22, Church Conference, Budget Discussion, Nominating Committee Report Presentation, 6:30 p.m.
  - September 26, Communion and Budget Vote during morning worship
  - October 1, New Church Year Begins
  - October 2, Operation Inasmuch
- Complete monthly calendar on back.*  
To add an event to our calendar, please contact the church office:  
(910) 642-2139

## PASTOR'S CORNER



I recently preached on the story in the Bible of the little boy (John 6:1-14) who shared his small and simple lunch of five (5) barley loaves and two (2) fish with Jesus. Jesus used the lad's unselfish act of sharing his lunch and He blessed many lives through the child's act of obedience and generosity.

You may remember that I used the phrases, *Little is much . . . when God is in it!* and *Little things mean a lot!* God can inspire and use us individually and collectively--in dramatic and often in unpredictable ways--"to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love!" When I reflect on the two quotes above, and as we begin a new school year--whether in person, or through home-schooling, or with virtual teaching and learning—I am reminded of just how important our teachers are in our lives and in the lives of all students everywhere. Lessons we are learning or have learned from those who teach or have taught us are invaluable. The following quote was directed at a fellow student and classmate who seemed to be in trouble often for talking when he should be listening! Mrs. Thelma Goforth, who taught us seventh-grade math and science at Blacksburg (SC) High School, would call him by his name and say:

### ***The Wise Old Owl***

*The wise old owl sat in the oak.  
The more he saw, the less he spoke.  
The less he spoke, the more he heard.  
Why can't you be like that wise old bird?*

Years later, I corresponded with Mrs. Goforth and requested a copy of that poem. She kindly sent it to me, and she also shared another one of her favorites, saying in her response to me that perhaps I could use it one day in the ministry. And . . . Mrs. Goforth was right! I certainly have used both poems through the years. I share the poem with you now--with some adaptations from the original—with deep gratitude for this special teacher—and to many others who blessed me along my life's journey with many "little things" they taught that God has used as "giant lessons" in my life . . . my mind . . . and my heart.

### ***Isn't It Strange?***

*Isn't it strange how princes and kings, and clowns that caper in sawdust rings,  
And ordinary people, like you and like me, are the builders of eternity?  
To each is given a bag of tools, a shapeless mass,  
A book of rules, for each to build ere life has flown:  
A stumbling block or a stepping-stone. (R.L. Sharpe)*

It is difficult to believe that another school year has begun--or will begin soon! Please enjoy YOUR journey—wherever you are at this point—whatever your age may be—and whatever you are pursuing! May you meet and be blessed with your own precious teachers in your life—like Mrs. Goforth—who will encourage you with many "little things" along life's way—like these simple poems—which you will find can be "great blessings" in your journey! And . . . if you ARE a teacher, please remember the impact you are having—or may have had on your students. You may never know or realize this side of heaven the impact of your life and your teaching, but your students know . . . and so does God! Please keep up the excellent work, *good and faithful servant!* (Matthew 25:23) May God guide and bless us all today and always—in ALL ways—as He helps us see the persons He places in our lives, really are magnificent opportunities He gives us to serve Him . . . and to help all the "somebodies" He allows us to meet along our precious journey of life! Have a great and blessed school year—everyone—and please remember: each and every day of life has a "lesson" for us!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' love,

*Wayne Brown*



# Music Notes

**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. If you are interested in singing in the choir and the current time does not work for you, please talk with Eddie about possibilities. Thanks! Plan to start out the new church year singing with them! The choir will begin Christmas music preparation in the next few weeks. So, this is a great time to join them!

Our **Children’s Music Activity** will begin its year after Labor Day weekend. The group is for age 4 through 2nd grade. The theme for this year’s Children’s Music is *All Creation Sings*. The curriculum “finds its inspiration in Psalm 150:6, guiding children to recognize God as the Maker of all things. Children learn to honor the world around them as God’s creation and express their praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of earth, sky, and sea.” *All Creation Sings* “nurtures children spiritually while

they sing, play, and move. Songs are written with singable texts, and memorable melodies to inspire and appeal to children. Musical activities make learning a fun, hands-on experience, while colorful visuals bring to life musical and spiritual concepts.” Please feel free to invite your community friends.

**Handbells** will resume as soon as school begins for the Fall. Date, day and time will be announced asap!

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

*Eddie*

(Quotations were copied from *Growing in Grace*, Children’s Music Curriculum, *Celebration Grace, Inc.*, 2017.)

## 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. If business can be handled by phone or email that 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.

### September 5, 2021

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Works of Faith and Labors of Love!*  
Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:14-26

### September 12, 2021

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Pulpit Guest Dr. Ray Lundy  
Retired Pastor from First Baptist Church  
of Fair Bluff, North Carolina

### September 19, 2021

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Giving!*  
Malachi 3:8-10; Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4

### September 26, 2021

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*The Bread. . . The Cup. . . The Gift of Salvation!*  
I Corinthians 11:23-34

## SEPTEMBER SERMONS

## SEPTEMBER MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 5 Grayanna Young
- 12 Gina Morningstar
- 19 Tina Sauls
- 26 Tricia Sanderson

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 5 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
- 12 David Carter / Charlie Duncan
- 19 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley
- 26 Chris Blackmon / Ron Walters

### HOSPICE SNACKS

Myrtie Sellers

### SOUND & VIDEO

- 5 Mitchell Sauls
- 12 Bryce Kronenwetter
- 19 Kirby Sanderson
- 26 Eric Kronenwetter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 5 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
- 19 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt

### USHERS (Chairman: Joe Hooks)

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



*"God has given each of you a gift  
from his great variety of spiritual  
gifts. Use them well to serve one  
another."*

*1 Peter 4:10 NLT*

## STEWARDSHIP

### August 1, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$220.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,818.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$550.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$4,588.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$605.50
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$5,193.50</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$1,846.02</b>

Budget Need to date	\$286,096.88
Budget Rec'd to date	\$278,875.84
Under Budget to date	\$4,221.04

### August 8, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$3,708.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$1,550.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$5,258.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$365.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$5,623.00</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$1,176.02</b>

Budget Need to date	\$289,530.90
Budget Rec'd to date	\$284,133.84
Under Budget to date	\$5,397.06

### August 15, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,400.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$200.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$1,440.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$4,040.00</b>
<b>Under Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,834.02</b>

Budget Need to date	\$295,964.92
Budget Rec'd to date	\$286,733.84
Under Budget to date	\$9,231.08

### August 22, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$3,840.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,070.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$2,350.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$10,260.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$110.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$10,370.00</b>
<b>Over Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$3,825.98</b>

Budget Need to date	\$302,398.94
Budget Rec'd to date	\$296,993.84
Under Budget to date	\$5,405.10

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Carl Butler
- 3 Howard Jones  
Ella Jo Sellers
- 8 Carlton Prince
- 9 David Heath
- 10 David Coble
- 12 Barbara Whitson
- 15 David Carter  
Traci Bright
- 16 Patricia Coble
- 17 Brad Johnson  
Trent Young
- 18 Betty Gail Kronenwetter  
Grayanna Young
- 19 Haley Wayne  
Grace Wheatley
- 21 Sylvia Walker
- 23 Pat Davis  
Lauren Clark  
Olivia Clark
- 25 Fred Obrecht  
Melvin Ezzell

### August 29, 2021 (in the next Contact)

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$0.00
<b>Total Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Designated/Other Funds	\$0.00
<b>Total Collections This Week</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Over Budget This Week</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Budget Need to date	\$0.00
Budget Rec'd to date	\$0.00
Under Budget to date	\$0.00

## 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—Friday  
Phone: 910-642-2139 Fax: 910-642-5874

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WMU

**Hospice Snacks for September:** Myrtie Sellers  
**September Mission Project:** Red Box Ministry



Summer is going quickly, and Fall is fast approaching! We are all thinking: Where did the summer go? Happy Labor Day!!

The WMU usually begins its church year in September with a planning meeting; however, a meeting has not been scheduled due to the increase in Covid cases. We hope to have a special luncheon (since we cancelled the one for July), and I will keep our members informed if that function can be held.

Our mission project for September is providing funds for the Red Box Ministry for women inmates in North Carolina prisons. If anyone wishes to support this ministry by making a donation, you may mark your envelope WMU/Red Box Ministry.

**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, WMU Director

## HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Please note, the church office will be closed on **Monday, September 6**, in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and fun Labor Day weekend!



## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

**Walgreens' Flu Clinic - Thursday, September 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m.—1 p.m.** As a convenience for our church family, we are having a Flu Shot clinic in the fellowship hall, provided by Walgreens. Get all the information regarding scheduling an appointment and filling out forms on page 6 of *The Contact*.

**Operation Inasmuch - Saturday, October 2, 2021.** *(If our county does not improve from the COVID upswing in numbers we will probably have to consider postponing Operation Inasmuch until the spring. We will keep you posted.)* 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!


## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please contact Kirby Sanderson (910-840-1856) if you are interested in assisting with any of these SS classes: nursery, 2 year old class, 3-5 year old class, and 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. Also, parents please contact Kirby if you have a child who will attend Sunday School. He will assess the demand for the children's classes to determine the teachers needed. We are glad to see the church family back in our normal surroundings.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FLU SHOT CLINIC

We are partnering with Walgreens to provide a Flu Shot Clinic for our church family on **Thursday, September 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** You can schedule an appointment using the QR code below or the weblink. If you would like to get a head start on filling out the paperwork, we can email you the forms for vaccination so you can fill those out before you get to your appointment. Please call the office if you have questions or if you would like us to email you those forms, 910-642-2139.



**Flu shot clinic  
at FBC!**  
FREE with most insurance

**Flu Fighter**

**By getting a flu shot, you help defend yourself from the flu** and are less likely to spread the virus to those around you. We're making it easier for you and your family by dedicating pharmacy staff to a special flu shot clinic.

**Location:** First Baptist Church | Fellowship Hall

**Day/Time:** 09/09/2021 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Sign up here:** by scanning the QR Code or go to

<https://wagsoutreach.com/ss/FIR115720>



Vaccine subject to availability. State, age and health restrictions may apply. | <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/actions-prevent-flu.htm>

## CHURCH BUDGET DISTRIBUTED

On **September 19**, during the morning worship service, the church budget will be distributed for your review. This budget will be open for discussion at the church conference on **Wednesday, September 22**. If you are unable to attend the service on the 19th to receive a copy of the budget, you may obtain a copy in the church office **Monday-Wednesday, September 20-22**. **Please note**, the budget vote is not held at this meeting, but will happen on **Sunday, September 26** during the worship service.

# DEACON ELECTIONS

Deacon elections will take place during worship on **Sunday, September 12**. According to the FBC Bylaws, revised January 27, 2021, voted/approved at church conference, we have changed how deacons are elected. This is the first year we will use the new process, so we are including the information concerning deacon election verbatim from the Bylaws, Section 5. Deacons, 3. Election -

### 3. Election.

*a. The election for deacons shall be held on the second Sunday in September during the morning worship service. At that time, the membership of the church shall list five (5) names for deacons. Following the counting of the votes the moderator shall talk to each of them and determine their willingness to serve.*

*b. To enhance and expedite the deacon election process, the Church for a three to four week period preceding the election of deacons will use the Church newsletter and announcements at appropriate worship services to emphasize the prayer, study, and obedience to God's will needed in the deacon election process. Church members are encouraged to prayerfully consider persons they wish to recommend for deacons and are encouraged to talk with those persons whose names they wish to submit to determine if those persons would serve as deacons.*

*c. The election of deacons by absentee balloting shall be permitted by any member desiring to do so. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Church office by such member, or by a designee of any member, at any time prior to the closing of the church office on the Friday preceding the day of the election of deacons. The Church ministry assistant shall keep a record of all absentee ballots issued.*

**Please spend significant time in prayer about whom you feel God would have serve as the spiritual leaders of our church.** Also, please reach out to those folks whom you believe God is putting on your heart, and ask their permission prior to writing their names down to serve as deacon.

For anyone who knows they cannot attend worship service on **September 12** for Deacon Election, there will be confidential absentee ballots available in the church office from **Tuesday, September 7 - Friday, September 10**. All absentee ballots must be in by **12 noon on Friday the 10th**. The absentee ballots will be transferred to the Tally Committee on Sunday morning, September 12, so they can be included with the other ballots. Please note the following people are ineligible for your vote as they are currently serving on the deacon body or rotated off last year:

#### Term Expires 2023

Genie Carter  
Tricia Sanderson  
John Sauls  
Peggy Underwood  
Dr. Ron Walters

#### Term Expires 2022

David Carter  
Lauren Cole  
Haywood Corbett  
Brad Johnson  
Mary Alice Stanley

#### Term Expires 2021

Donna Prince  
Chris Blackmon  
Charlie Duncan  
Joe Hooks  
Coburn Powell

#### Term Expired 2020

Buster Carter  
Sandra Floyd  
Betty Jo Prevatte  
Mel Ray  
Barbara Whitson

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Wednesday, September 23** is the date for our church year end conference. We won't have a meal like we normally do, we will meet in the **sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.** instead of the fellowship hall, and if committee chairs have committee **reports** to turn in for their committees, please have those in by **Thursday, September 16**. At the conference you will receive the Nominating Committee Report and have a time to discuss the church budget. **Please note**, the budget vote is not held at this meeting, but will happen on **Sunday, September 26** during the worship service. Thank you.

September 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:30 Chancel Choir	2	3	4
5 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	6 <b>Office Closed</b> 	7 Absentee Deacon Voting	8 4:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Prayer Meeting Absentee Deacon Voting	9 9am-1pm Flue Shot Clinic In fellowship hall Absentee Deacon Voting	10 12 noon - Absentee ballots due Absentee Deacon Voting	11
12 Deacon Election 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	13 1:30 Staff Meeting	14	15 4:30 Chancel Choir	16	17	18
19 Budget Distributed 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	20 9:30 Finance Meeting 1:30 Staff Meeting	21 6:30 Deacons' Meeting	22 4:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 <b>Church Conference</b> Budget Discussion Nominating CMTE Rprt	23	24	25
26 Budget Vote Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	27 1:30 Staff Meeting	28	29 4:30 Chancel Choir	30	October 1 <b>New Church Year</b>	2 Operation Inasmuch

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