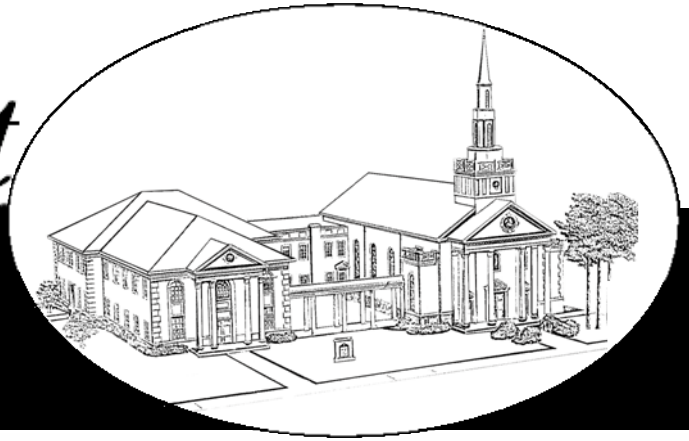


# The Contact

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*Sunday, April 17*

**Sermon:**

A Lamb for a Shepherd

*Revelation 7:9-17*

**Pastor**

Rev. Ryan Clore



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**Members in Ministry**  
**Sunday, April 17, 2016**

**Children's Church**  
Katherine Jordan Scott

**Worship Service Greeter**  
Brenda Carter

**Deacons of the Week**  
Brownie Cook—Charlie Duncan

**Nursery**  
Betty Kronenwetter & Bryce

**Sound/Video**  
Kirby Sanderson

**Offering Tellers**  
Trish & Kirby Sanderson

**Pew Stocker**  
Dale Duncan

**DVD Distribution**  
Rose Langston

**Ushers**  
**April Chairperson:**  
**Charlie Duncan**  
Jerry Carter, David Heath,  
David Tedder & Ben Sauls

**Hospice Meal for Month of**  
**April**  
Yvonne Bass





## "The Gift of Ministry"

*"We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints."*

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

One trap that a follower of Christ can easily fall into is that he/she can over inflate his/her role in God's Kingdom, as if nothing will get done if he/she doesn't do it. We take statements like Jesus made in the Great Commission and come to believe, "God needs me for this!" This can easily develop into a selfish mindset that the Gospel of Jesus Christ centers around me - the individual. The truth of the matter is - it does not.

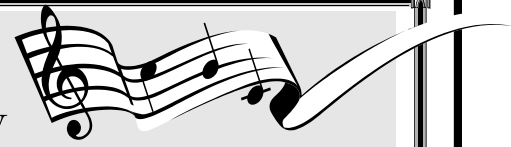
As I write this, I am acutely aware that God does not need me to carry out his Kingdom work. But in this mindset I find great joy and comfort - most of all, because I know, I do not have to be in control of the outcome. Even more, I know that God is [in control].

For this reason, I believe we ought to resurrect the idea that being invited to participate in God's mission is a *gift* - or as Paul called it in his second letter to the Corinthians, a *privilege*! No, God does not need us, but he does invite us to participate. What a blessing!

If we treat our ministry as a gift, then our love and generosity will flow out of that belief. Let us nurture our gift like the treasure that it is. Hopefully in the process we might spring forth fruit worthy of God's Kingdom.

- Rev. Ryan Clore

## Music Ministry



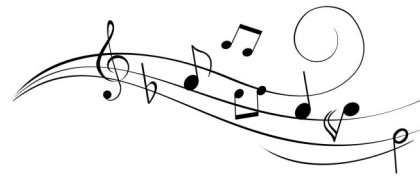
In just a few weeks (tentatively on May 1) our youth will participate in worship. The Youth Handbells are planning to ring that Sunday. The Youth singers will combine with the Chancel Choir. Other youth will participate with scripture readings, prayers, ushering, musical instruments, etc.

We have a talented and eager youth group who desire to give their talents to God through our church. As we share in Youth Sunday, let us thank God for the bright futures of our youth.

Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.  
You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
and clothed me with joy,  
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

Join us this Sunday as we share together with Psalm 23.



## \*Request for Committee Reports\* Church Conference: April 27, 2016



Committee Chairpersons, please submit your committee reports no later than Friday, April 22nd so the church office can prepare the reports for the Church Conference Meeting. You may email your reports to the church office at [fbcoffice@embarqmail.com](mailto:fbcoffice@embarqmail.com). Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you!

## Missions Announcement

### OPERATION INASMUCH Soup Kitchen Ministry

Our WMU groups, Ruth Believers & Gleaners Sunday School Class will prepare lunch to be served to all OIAM workers, all local 911 personnel, Meals on Wheels, Madison Hill residents, Shut-Ins and any person in need who comes.

Please contact our office if you know of anyone who would benefit from a meal that day.

## Happy Birthday!

April 13 Charles Duncan  
April 13 Bill Memory, Jr.  
April 15 Harry Ward  
April 15 Mary Hooks  
April 15 Geoffrey Hopkins  
April 16 Brittany Lynn  
April 18 Rev. Joe Sellers  
April 19 Lionel Todd, Jr.



## What's COOKING

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

April 20, 2016

Something Delicious



### A Note of Gratitude from Blake Baker & Family

Dear First Baptist Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the love, support, visits, prayers, etc. (and the list goes on to infinity) that you have given to mom and dad, sister and I. It has meant the world to us. We love you.

In Christian Love, Blake Baker & Family

### Blood Drive

Sunday, May 1, 2016  
2:00 pm -6:30 pm

First Baptist Church is excited to host the community American Red Cross Blood Drive. Our goal is to have at least 30 donations. Please help us reach our goal! Call the office today to make your appointment. 910-642-2139



**American  
Red Cross**

### WMU Annual Meeting

April 14, 2016 at 7pm-8pm

Columbus Baptist Association WMU Annual Meeting is almost here! Guest speaker will be Tana Hartsell, NC WMU Recording Secretary, with Sherry Melvin from FBC Wilmington sharing her testimony and special music. Join us at Porter Swamp Baptist Church in Columbus County!

### Medicare Informational Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

45 Government Complex Road, Whiteville, NC

Join those who need free, objective information about Medicare, Medicare supplements and Medicare-prescription drug plans. Experts representing the NC Department of Insurance, Social Security Administration, Department of Social Services, Columbus County Department of Aging, Columbus County RSVP and Area Agency on Aging will be available to answer all your questions! For more information call the Department of Aging at 910-640-6602 x250.

### Our Financial Stewardship

Worship Attendance: 110  
Sunday School Attendance: 55

#### This Week (April 10, 2016)

Budget Rec'd	\$ 5,474.00
Budget Needed	\$ 8,795.15
Under	\$ -3,321.15

#### This Year

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 246,264.20
Budget Received YTD	\$ 181,239.25
Budget Under YTD	\$ 65,024.95

# April 2016

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<b>3</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 11:00 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:50 Youth Ensemble 5:25 Youth Handbells 6:00 Youth Group	<b>4</b> 4-6 Knitters for Charity	<b>5</b> 4:00 Boy Scouts of Wilmington, Exec. Board meeting, Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> 4:40 Children's Chimes 5:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Children in Action 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30am Youth Spring Retreat
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Sunday Morning Worship [www.wtxy1540.com](http://www.wtxy1540.com), Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 am  
 Scroll to the "Click to Listen Live" link

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