

The Contact

First Baptist Church Newsletter

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*Sunday,
July 19th*

Guest Pastor

Dr. Tom Womble

Sermon:

“ Christians Set Free
from Fear ”

Scripture:

Philippians 4: 1-9

Wednesday

July 22nd

Church Conference

VBS was a success!



God blessed us richly with precious children and willing and capable workers last week for Camp Discovery. Thanks to each of you who generously gave your talents, time and energy to share Jesus' love through this 3-day program. An average of 37 children and an additional 33 workers were involved daily. Thanks especially to those who prayed for us; we felt your prayers in so many instances. We thank members for supporting VBS through the budget and also used the separate gifts many of you gave. We thank God too for our staff, Eddie and Josh, and their many gifts.

We thank those who helped in so many ways and know you will want to thank them too. Their names are below. We hope we didn't leave anyone out. You can see all ages participated from our youth-who were fabulous by the way- to our senior members. From our VBS mission offerings we will send checks of \$150.03 each to support local efforts of New Foundations Rescue Mission and Circles of Hope.

Please continue to pray that the message that was shared during VBS will grow in all our hearts.

In His service,
Katherine Jordan Scott
Janice Young



Church Conference

July 22

6:30 p.m.

**Please turn in all committee reports to
the church office by July 20.**

Deacons Meeting



July 21, 2015

7:00 p.m.



There will be a Baptism for
Mitchell Sauls on
Sunday July 26, 2015.

Music Ministry



When we connect with an organist that is a good match and works well with us, we do all we can to keep him/her as long as possible. In the larger picture, God's plans are much higher than our plans. Such is Leslie's calling to follow God's leading. Leslie has the opportunity to use more of her musical and ministerial gifts. We wish for her the best in her new ministry. Below is Leslie's letter to us.

Dear Eddie and Members of the Church Conference,

With thanks to our Good and Gracious God. I deeply appreciate the time I have had to serve the congregation at First Baptist, Whiteville, through its music ministry. It is only after prayerful consideration that I tender my resignation effective August 3, 2015.

I believe that God is calling me to use and further my skills not just in playing music, but also in directing a choir and bell choir.

I have accepted an offer to be organist and choir director at Topsail Presbyterian Church, Hampstead. This is a most difficult decision because the music ministry under the direction of the Rev. Eddie Fort is both challenging and inspiring and provides spiritually uplifting and reverently meaningful music each and every week. I have come to have such a close and friendly relationship with not only the choir but also many of the people of First Baptist. Also, Topsail Presbyterian is only a short distance from my home. As you know, time and travel to Whiteville has been at times difficult and the Lord has kept me safe.

Thank you for everything including the chance to return after a brief absence. My prayers are with you all. May God bless First Baptist as he leads you in sharing the message of the Gospel and showing the love of Jesus.

In His Service,
Leslie Bergbower



Carowinds

The Youth Choir will enjoy a trip to Carowinds this Thursday, July 16.

Opera
Wilmington
presents



RIGOLETTO

JULY 24, 26, 31 & AUGUST 2

UNCW MAIN STAGE THEATER

OPENING CHAMPAGNE DINNER - 6PM FRIDAY, JULY 24
CLOSING CAST PARTY RECEPTION - 6PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

TICKETS

Kenan Box Office: 910 962 3500 | 800 732 3643 | www.etix.com
www.opera-wilmington.org | info@opera-wilmington.org

WANTED:

WHAT: Volunteers to furnish a meal for Hospice
WHEN: one of these: the third Friday of August, September, October, November or December
WHY: ministers to families of patients and staff who can't leave for lunch; gives volunteer joy of serving Christ
WHO: contact Frances Price, phone # 642-4274 or email francesd@centurylink.net

Our Financial Stewardship

July 5, 2015

This Week

Budget Rec'd	\$ 4,972.50
Budget Needed	\$ 8,852.38
Under	\$ 3,879.88

This Year

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 354,095.20
Budget Received YTD	\$ 290,465.38
Under Budget YTD	\$ 63,629.82

Sunday School Attendance 72

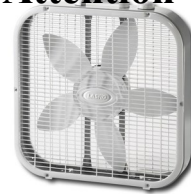


July 15 Myrtle Cartrette	July 22 Jerry Strickland
July 15 Donna Prince	
July 16 Madison Byrd	
July 17 Tiffa Murray	
July 18 Anne Powell	
July 19 Penny Obrecht	
July 20 Barbara Long	
July 20 Delores Harrison	
July 20 Grace Mishoe	

Memory Verse

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." - Galatians 3:27

-Attention-



The Department of Aging needs your help! They need fans for the elderly and disabled. Please put them on the Missions table. Thank you!

Our Financial Stewardship

July 12, 2015

This Week

Budget Rec'd	\$ 7,050.18
Budget Needed	\$ 8,852.38
Under	\$ 1,802.20

This Year

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 362,947.58
Budget Received YTD	\$ 297,515.56
Under Budget YTD	\$ 65,432.02

Sunday School Attendance 70



Members in Ministry

Sunday, July 19, 2015

Children's Church

Katherine Jordan Scott

Worship Service Greeter

Brenda Carter

Deacon of the Week

Barbara Whitson / Ann Sauls

Nursery

Trisha Sanderson

Sound & Video

Kirby Sanderson

Offering Tellers

Buster and Genie Carter

Sunday School Greeters

Ellis Jordan and Jolene Lewis

DVD Distribution

Rose Langston

Ushers

July Chairperson, Tom Stanley

Jerry Carter, David Heath, David Tedder,
Jimmy Greer

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Sunday, July 19

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up

10:55 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship

Monday, July 20

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 p.m. Church Conference

CHURCH OFFICE- 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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CHURCH STAFF

Minister of Music, Rev. Eddie Fort

Organist, Mrs. Leslie Bergbower

Ministry Assistant, Joshua Long

Financial Ministry Assistant, Dinah Reaves

Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com

Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 am

Click on the live on air button

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