



# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

## First Family

April 2023



## Are You Faking Your Easter Worship?

— Your *response* to the empty tomb reveals your real faith.

It's odd that we make a much bigger deal out of Christmas than we do Easter: a whole season of celebration, decoration, and special songs *versus* one day (or morning) of worship. It's odd because the resurrection is the "make it or break it" event of our faith.

"If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith... If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins."

—1 Corinthians 15:14,17

But what is the best way to truly express our joy and thankfulness that Christ is risen? Every person who encountered the Risen Lord went to tell others. The women went to tell the men. The men went to tell the other men. The disciples who saw Jesus told Thomas who had not seen him. And the Spirit-filled believers at Pentecost went out to tell everyone in Jerusalem.

The truest worship response is to

share this amazing news... to invite those who still need Jesus to meet the One who lives and who has changed your life.

Can you really say that you believe Jesus rose, that there is a Savior, a Source of forgiveness and new beginnings, of eternal hope, then not tell those around you?

"Go quickly and tell..."  
Matt. 28:7

"Go and tell..."  
Matt. 28:10

"Go and make disciples..."  
Matt. 28:19

"They told all these things..."  
Luke 24:9

"The two told what happened..."  
Luke 24:35

"Mary went with the news..."  
John 20:18

We'll be telling and celebrating that great news in our Easter worship gatherings this April 9. Don't come alone! Invite and bring along someone whose life could be transformed by the great news that they, too, have a Savior — living, forgiving, redeeming, loving, empowering... for their lives. Because keeping it to yourself is a denial

that you really believe that this is the greatest news ever told!

The week after Easter, our students and adult leaders will be headed to Pennsylvania to do mission work in Sunbury, PA through Sunbury City Church. So in our 9:00 worship time, we will be praying over our team before they go.

### Following Easter...

For the two Sundays after Easter (April 16 & 23), we will study what God's word says about overcoming anxiety and finding peace in our chaotic world. People today are understandably troubled by the political and financial upheaval that surrounds us. Then there are relationship conflicts, work-related struggles... But God wants us to live in peace and joy rather than anxiety. And He tells us how. Don't miss these messages!



TRADING ANXIETY for GOD'S PEACE

## **Worship**

### **An Empty Tomb!**

John's great story about Jesus reaches its crowning moment as John takes us from the darkness of the cross to the glorious light of the empty tomb.

Right after Easter Sunday, we will take a short side-trip to Philippians to talk about finding and living with peace in our anxiety-filled world.

Then we return to John for our final messages as we reach the end of this amazing gospel story.

**March 26 — Knowing God: It Was Finished**  
John 19:28-37

**April 2 — Knowing God: Risking It All for Jesus**  
John 19:38-42

**April 9 — Knowing God:**  
**When Jesus Calls Your Name**  
John 18:28-40



**April 16 — Trading Anxiety for God's Peace? (1)**  
Philippians 4:6-9

**April 23 — Trading Anxiety for God's Peace? (2)**  
Philippians 4:6-9

**April 30 — Doubters Welcome**  
John 20:24-31

**May 2 — If You Really Love Jesus...**  
John 19:16-27



## **Prayer Requests**



### ***Remember in Prayer:***

*Those in our community whom, God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Susan Adkins, Jennifer Bass, Sergeant Johnson C. Blanchard, Claire Beth Bradshaw, Vircie Brinson, Charles Bristow, Vivian Brookshire, Clayton Bryant, Jr., Laura Calvallo, Annette Casey, Jennifer Cashion, Finn Cusick, Clem Faircloth, Randy Futrell, Wesley Hairr, Dawn B. Hallman, Justin Hatcher, Johnnye Hilliard, Joyce Hudson, Teresa Hurst, Judy Jackson, Jessie Knowles (1 Yr. old.), Don Longest, Sammy Marshburn, Linda Matthis, Gloria Morrison, Larry Ogden, Mike Pate, John Reade, Pam Reade, Turner Rivenbark, Ruth Roderick, Bertha Mae Rogers, Beth Rood, Judy Rouse, Renee Stoppelbein, Ashley Strickland, Betty Thompson, Stephen Thompson, Charles Williams, Dr. Keven Zibelin, the lost people in our community.*

### ***Sympathy to the families of:***

*Alan Stampe  
Bobbie Matthis  
Jo Ann Owens  
Edna Taylor*

### ***New Baby:***

*3-4-2023: Wyatt Jacob Russell  
8 pounds, 14 ounces, 22 inches  
Parents: Nickki & Jacob Russell*

### ***Baptism:***

*3-5-2023: Connor Savage*

### ***Marriage:***

*3-11-2023: Meta Cavanaugh & James Earl Rich*

### ***New Members:***

*3-12-2023: Kim Longenbach & Will Murray  
3-26-2023: Joshua Barnes*





## Senior Adults

### Up Coming Events:

**Thursday, April 20:** Dutch treat lunch out @ Sensations Restaurant here in Wallace. We will meet there at 11:30 to enjoy a time of good food and fun fellowship! Grab a friend to join you and sign-up today on the office window by Thursday, April 13! I hope we'll see you there!



**Tuesday, May 9:** Covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall - We provide the chicken and tea. You contribute a side dish and/or dessert, and the new faces! Invite that new neighbor or friend to join us.



## Music Ministry

Looking for a way to lead in worship? Well, we have plenty of room in our choir and would love to have you join us! No experience necessary! We will help you learn your part while you are surrounded by other choir members who will offer support and help. And you never know what kind of piece we will be practicing on any given night. It might be contemporary, classical, or traditional. But I guarantee you will enjoy it! You would be welcome to come give us a "test drive" for a few months. If you find out we aren't the make and model you like, we will reluctantly release you. However, I'm betting you won't want to leave us! We rehearse Wednesday evenings @ 6:15 in the choir room. Let Dee know you are coming and she will have a folder filled with current music in it just for you - labeled with your name and everything! We hope to see you there!



**Chancel Choir rehearsals** for the month of **April 5, 12, 19, and 26 @ 6:15** in the choir room! I hope we will see some new or returning faces there this month.

**SonShine Choir!** Our rehearsal for this month will be on **April 19 @ 5:30** in the choir room upstairs! Grab a friend to join you!



## Retirement

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

It has been my joy to serve as our church's organist and accompanist for most of my life. I thank you for the countless opportunities you have provided to give back to the Lord and to serve my church by using the gifts that came from Him.

Now, I am hearing the Lord telling me it is time to retire from this official role. So I write to let you know that I have taken that leap of faith and I'm sharing it with you today. And it is a leap, indeed!

Clem and I do look forward to the freedom to go and do more, especially with our granddaughter while she is still young. But I also hope to continue to share my gifts with the church, but as a volunteer rather than an obligated staff member. For both of us, our church is important to us, and we want to stay connected even though my role will change.

As I move from a role that I know so well, to a role that is much less familiar, I know we can count on our church's encouragement, love, and prayer. And we join with you in praying that God will open the doors for whatever He has waiting in our church's future.

With love,  
*LaRue Faircloth*

We will be working with LaRue and Clem to find a good time to recognize and show our appreciation for LaRue's decades of service to our church. But you don't have to wait for the retirement party. Be sure to let her know what a blessing it has been to have a faithful, dedicated accompanist and organist leading us in worship and praise for all these years.

Our Personnel Committee has a huge task as they work on how to fill our music leadership need in this area. Finding people who know how to play an organ and who aren't already on staff at another church is extremely difficult these days. Even accompanists and keyboard players — especially those who have the skill to accompany a choir and play from a choral score — are very hard to find. Pray for this committee as they seek God's guidance in filling our need, not just for the present moment, but what we will need for the years to come.

## Wallace Students



Please pray for our Student Ministry, as our students will leave on April 12th, to head north on their Mission Trip to Sunbury, PA. Our students will work with Sunbury City Church and continue our relationship with that church to help them reach their community with the Gospel!



With summer quickly approaching, that means one thing, our Beach Retreat will be here before we know it. Parents, please take note of the dates for our yearly trip. We will be heading back down to Garden City Chapel & Retreat for our trip. This is a trip your student is not going to want to miss because it is going to be bigger and better than years past. More info to come, but for now, mark your calendars!



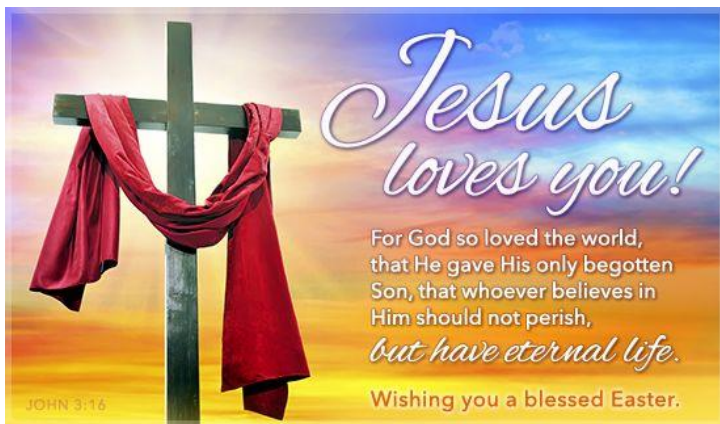




Join us for an exciting Glow-In-The-Dark Easter Egg Hunt at First Baptist Church of Wallace on Friday, April 7th! We've hidden hundreds of colorful eggs filled with treats and surprises that your children are sure to love.

The night will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the Egg Hunt to follow dinner. The Egg Hunt is open to children of all ages. We encourage you to bring your baskets to collect as many eggs as you can find.

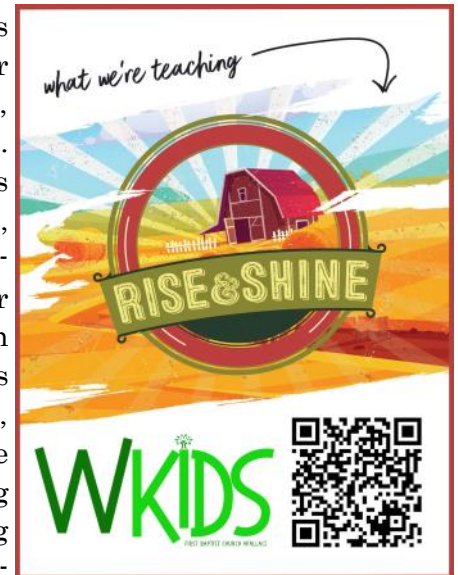
Before the Egg Hunt, we will kick off the evening with a cookout for everyone to enjoy. It's going to be a fun-filled night for the whole family, so invite your friends and neighbors to come along too!



We hope to see you there as we celebrate our Risen Lord and the joy of Easter!



On a farm, life has a daily rhythm (for plants, animals, and people, too). "Life" is what this series is all about, because we're talking about Easter and Jesus' triumph over death! In this five-week series, kids will explore the stories leading up to and following Easter Sunday. To-



gether, they'll discover we can stick with Jesus even when our days are dark, and that because Jesus is alive, we can spend our days meeting with him, trusting he's there for us, and sharing his love — not just today, but every day!





## WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship

Our Women's Missionary Union (WMU) Carolyn Powers Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for 2023 scholarships to be awarded during our early and traditional worship services on May 21.

This scholarship may be applied for by any young adult entering or returning to college or seminary who has been an active participant in our church's youth ministry or young adult ministry for at least two years.



Any qualifying student may request an application from our FBC Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Kim Longenbach. **Applications are due in our church office no later than April 9.**

The WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship was established in 1962 in memory of the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Powers. Our church members are reminded of this budget item when designating your monetary contributions, particularly in memory or in honor of someone, to ensure continuation of this scholarship in support of our young adults who are pursuing a higher education.



## Two First Baptist College Scholarships

First Baptist Graduates

### Liston-Brown Scholarship



Any First Baptist of Wallace student attending or has been accepted to attend Campbell University this fall who is interested in full-time Christian service is eligible for this scholarship. If no one meets the Christian ministry requirement, then it can be awarded to a student pursuing any vocation.



### Dr. William W. Sutton Scholarship

Any First Baptist Church of Wallace student pursuing any medical field degree is eligible for this scholarship. The student can be going to a College, University or a Community College.



**If you are interested you can contact:  
Kim in the church office: 910-285-2534**



## Thank You

*First Baptist Church Family,*

*Thank you to all who have prayed for us during our loss and provided lunch after Trey's service. Thank you for your kindness.*

*Love in Christ,*

*The family of Trey Creech*

*First Baptist Church,*

*I would like to thank everyone that fixed food and brought it to Ashley's house. Please keep the family in your prayers at this difficult time.*

*Thank you,*

*Tammy Patram & the family of Trey Creech*

*First Baptist Church Family,*

*Words cannot express how much you have meant to me and my family over the last year as we have dealt with Mom's health issues.*

*Your prayers, weekly cards and letters and texts were greatly appreciated. Mom would often share them with me.*

*Mom was not accustomed to being confined, so getting cards and letters let her know that she had not been forgotten and they helped to brighten her day.*

*I'm not sure how people get through such difficult times without the love and support of a church family. I'm glad that I know I can count on you.*

*Love,*

*Donna Marshburn*



## Thank You

*Church Family,*

*Thank you for all the prayers, cards, love, and support. Thank you also to those who provided food. We are so grateful to our church family.*

*With Love,*

*Patsy & Ray Spell & the family of Smithie Tobin*

*Ladies of the Food Committee,*

*We deeply appreciate the wonderful food you provided after our mother's funeral. This kind gesture of a warm and nourishing meal was such a comfort to the family. We are so grateful for your kind and compassionate service.*

*In Gratitude,*

*Darwin & Beth & the family of Peggy Stallings*

*Members of the First Baptist Church of Wallace,*

*Thank you so very much for the use of your fellowship hall, kitchen, & bathroom facilities for the county-wide Hazardous Materials Training on February 18, 2023. There were over 50 personnel in attendance from the various districts in Duplin, Sampson, & New Hanover Counties. The facility was perfect in every way and helped make for a spectacular training event. We appreciate your willingness to share your beautiful building.*

*Sincerely,*

*Members of the Wallace Fire Department*

*He is risen*



Dear Church Family,

We are excited to announce that our Operation Christmas Child monthly collection is now underway! As we prepare to spread joy and hope to children in need around the world, we invite you to join us in this wonderful opportunity to make a difference.

Every month, we will be collecting items to fill shoeboxes for children in poverty-stricken areas. These shoeboxes will be filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other gifts to bring smiles to the faces of children who may not receive any other gifts during the holiday season.

Here is the collection schedule for the next few months:

April: wet wipes, bar soap, and washcloths

May: School supplies (such as pencils, crayons, notebooks, erasers, and sharpeners)

June: Reusable water bottles

We encourage you to participate in any way you can, whether that means donating items, helping to pack shoeboxes, or spreading the word about this initiative to others. Your generosity can help make a difference in the lives of children who may not have access to basic necessities.

Thank you for being so supportive, and may God bless you abundantly as we work together to serve those in need and reach the ends of the earth!

Sincerely,

OCC Leadership Team

## Just for Laughs:

### Easter Humor

Parents and Grandparents, see if the kids can guess the answers to these corny jokes!



Q: How did the Easter Bunny feel the day after Easter?

A: He was eggs-hausted.

Q: How can you make Easter easier?

A: Take out the "t" and put in an "i,"

Q: What happened when the Easter Bunny misbehaved at school?

A: He got egg-spelled.

Q: Why should you NOT tell a joke to an Easter egg?

A: It might crack up!

Q: How many Easter eggs can you put into an empty Easter basket?

A: Only one. After that, it's not an empty basket anymore!

Q: Where do they make all those Easter eggs?

A: Down at the Eggplant.

Q: How does the Easter bunny keep his fur looking neat?

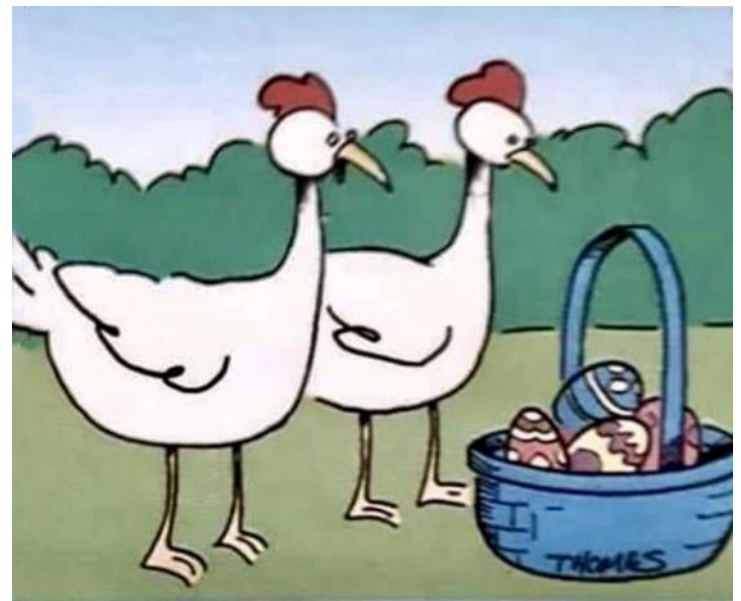
A: He uses hare spray.

Q: Where does the Easter bunny eat breakfast?

A: IHOP

Q: What did the Easter bunny do when his tail was cut off?

A: Went to a nearby retail store.





## Church Staff

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## Office Hours

<b>Monday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>Friday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## Worship Services

### First Baptist Church Worship Services

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship in Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Life Groups for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

## Sunday Sermons

### Sunday Sermons

First Baptist Church Sunday Sermons are broadcast every Sunday on our local radio station KIX-FM 100.5 at 11:00 a.m. (Previous week's message).



And you can listen to each week's message, as well as a number of past message series, on our church website anytime under "Resources > Media/Messages." Messages are usually posted by Sunday evening.

## Easy Tithe

## Church Texts

Text the word, "update" to 910-285-2534 to receive general church text updates.

# Volunteers

## April Volunteers

### 9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery

4/2-Deb Lloyd, Janet Voisey  
4/9-Lindsey Blanchard  
4/16-Janet Voisey, Lindsey Blanchard  
4/23-Jessica Higgins, Allie Higgins  
4/30-Deb Lloyd, Hope Rich

### 9:30-11:00 a.m. Wallace Kids Pre-K (3-5 years)

4/2-Donna Marshburn  
4/9-Vern & Virginia Edwards  
4/16-Donna Marshburn  
4/23-Vern & Virginia Edwards  
4/30-Donna Marshburn

### 9:30-11:00 a.m. Wallace Kids (6 yrs-5th Gr), R203

4/2-Crystal Stallings, Lindsey Blanchard  
4/9-Doug & Deb Lloyd  
4/16-Amie Cavanaugh, Michelle Blanchard  
4/23-Chad & Lindsey Savage  
4/30-Crystal Stallings, Lindsey Blanchard

### 10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

4/2-Angie Gurganus, Susan Bradshaw  
4/9-Susan Bradshaw, Angie Gurganus  
4/16-Lindsey Blanchard  
4/23-Angie Gurganus, Susan Ayers  
4/30-Susan Ayers

### 11:00 a.m. Ushers:

Connections Life Group

**Tellers:** Gail Cavanaugh,  
Ann English



# Newsletter



## May Newsletter Submission Deadline: April 15, 2023

Please email articles to  
office.fbcw@gmail.com  
Please make articles brief !

# On the Record

## Attendance



### Life Groups

3-5	3-12	3-19	3-26
71	72	83	93

### Worship

3-5	3-12	3-19	3-26
156	146	168	161

## Budget and Receipts

2023 Budget \$465,970.00

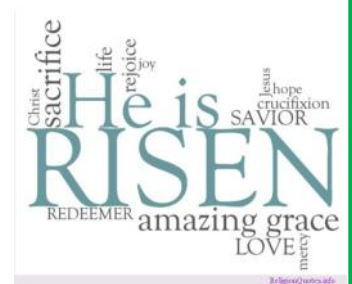
Offering Receipts To Date 3-31-2023 **\$98,621.81**

# April Birthdays



16 Ashley Davis  
19 Charles Jones  
20 Judy Marshburn  
25 Landon Cavanaugh  
28 Dale Watkins  
28 Will Murray  
29 DeAndria Davis  
30 Jennifer Knowles

1 Arledge Castles  
1 Sarah Perry  
4 Michael Judge  
5 Casey Knowles  
10 Andrew Farrior  
12 Patricia Levitan  
13 Wade Farrior





# First Baptist Events

# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene
2 Palm Sunday/Lord's Supper 9:00 am-Life Café 9:30 am-Wallace Kids 10:00 am-Baptism/Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Scouts, R203 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	3 6:00 pm-Properties	4 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	5 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene	6 Passover 6:00 pm-CrossFit	7 Good Friday 6:00-7:30 am-Glow-In-The-Dark Egg Hunt	8 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene
9 Easter Sunday 7:00 am-Sunrise/Breakfast Scholarship Deadline Today 9:00 am-Life Café 9:30 am-Wallace Kids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Scouts, R203 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	10 OFFICE CLOSED Easter Holiday  10:30 am-WMU  6:00 pm-Men's Fellowship Dinner @ Mi Finca	11 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	12 Student Mission Trip  10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene	13 Student Mission Trip  6:00 pm-CrossFit	14 Student Mission Trip	15 Student Mission Trip Newsletter Deadline  7:00 pm-Cristo Viene
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23 Regular Activities  30 Regular Activities	24	25 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	26 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene	27  6:00 pm-CrossFit	28	29 8:00-10:00 am-Yard/Parking Lot Reserved-Pet Friends Rabies Clinic  7:00 pm-Cristo Viene