



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

October 2017



Tried and True, and Something New!

-- Our Fall semester offers ways for us to go deeper and reach wider as God's people!

Homecoming 2017: Christian Author and Story-teller Jason Canady

Our Homecoming worship will be a combined service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Like last year, we won't have Sunday morning Life Groups.

With both our choir and our worship band leading worship, a special speaker, and a great covered dish lunch, Homecoming is a great time to invite friends and neighbors to meet your First Baptist Church family and discover the blessing that awaits them week after week in both our 9:00 and 11:00 worship gatherings.

Our speaker this year is Jason Canady. Jason is a North Carolina native, a resident of Fayetteville, and a talented writer. Jason will be talking about the importance of passing faith down from older to younger generations.



Christian author
Jason Canady

Community Outreach Bible Study @ Sensation

What is the Wallace Community Bible Study all about? It is our platform for bringing together the larger Wallace church community in a shared time of fellowship, prayer, and study... But it's also a mission to bring people into Christian fellowship and Bible study who have no local church connection at all.



We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Sensation Restaurant by WalMart. We build relationships, pray together, and discuss how to live out the truths we're finding in God's word. Right now, we're working our way through the book of James.

And there's no problem with coming into the group at any time. The studies are all "stand-alone" -- no prior participation needed.

Taking Your Place in Ministry for 2018

Peter wrote to those first followers of Jesus: "Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well." (Contemporary English Version).

It's that time of year when we ask each person in our church family, "Where has God prepared you and called you to serve?" For the first two Sundays in October, you will receive a "Gifts & Calling Survey." Use the survey to let us know where you would like to serve next year. There will be specific roles listed, as well as more general questions if you're not sure which ministry role is right for you.

Deacon Ministry

It will also soon be time for us to elect new deacon ministry team leaders. If you are willing to serve, or know someone who would be a great deacon, please call the church office and let us know of your availability or the name of the person you are recommending. See page 2 for more information.

October series:

“Why? - Questions that Test Our Faith”



After our big Homecoming worship, until November 5, we will be focusing on questions and issues that cause many people to give up on God. The series is simply entitled “Why.” We’ll focus on a few of the questions that make it hard for us to understand God. If you know someone who has struggled to make sense of God’s character and actions, invite them to come with you as we ask tough questions and find answers in God’s word.

October 8
Message by James Copeland

October 15
Why Does It Feel Like God is Absent?
Psalm 22:1-2

October 22
Why Didn’t God Answer My Prayer?
Matthew 7:7-8

October 29
Why Does God Seem Unfair or Uncaring?
John 9:1-3

November 5
Why Would God Want to Use ME?
Judges 6:11-16

Is God Leading You to Take on the Role of Deacon?

What does it mean to be a deacon?

The word “deacon” comes from the Greek word “diakonos” which means “servant.” It’s a rather general term for someone who serves others in the church family.

The first appearance of deacons in the Bible is in Acts 6, where servants were needed to care for the daily food needs of widows in the church. These first deacons essentially ran the church’s food pantry for widows in need.

What do deacons do today in our church?

Our deacons are assigned a segment of the church family -- a number of families -- over whom they serve as a “shepherd.” The deacon keeps watch over these families to monitor their connection to the church family and their needs. When a need is discovered, he or she mobilizes the resources of the church to meet that need.

The most basic job is to encourage every single church participant on that deacon’s list to find and connect with a small group of believers (a Life Group, home fellowship, etc.). The small group is the best strategy for keeping people connected and cared for. No deacon can keep a check on people as well as a regularly meeting small group.

Beyond that, deacons minister in times of crisis (alongside that person’s small group members), pray over their assigned individuals and families, and meet monthly to coordinate the care needs of the congregation with the church’s pastoral staff.

Who should serve as a deacon?

If you have a heart for others, a willingness to make 2-3 phone calls each week, a passion to see people loved and cared for, and a desire to be a part of a team that advances our church’s unity and health, then you have the heart to be a deacon. The character of a deacon is described in 1 Timothy 3.

If you have questions about deacon ministry, or want to let us know of your willingness to serve, please contact Pastor Al at 910-282-8095, or Alan.FBCW@gmail.com, or call Kim in the church office.

Senior Adults

Senior Adult Ministries

I love the fall! Cooler weather, lower humidity, colorful leaves... What's not to love? It's also the best time to be on the water at the beach, so that's where we are headed this month!

On Thursday, October 19, we will start our outing with lunch at Daddy Mac's in Surf City! Their menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches, and full plates. I know you will



find something on the menu that you will enjoy. After a scrumptious lunch, we will board the Tiki Queen for a 2 hour boat cruise. Our tour guide will tell us much about Topsail Island's history and, hopefully, we'll see some of the wildlife that lives in



or near the water. Lunch will be dutch treat/order from the menu, and the cruise is \$20. There are 35 spots for this trip so grab a friend and sign up today! Reservations and ticket payments are due

by Tuesday, October 17. The bus will leave at 10:45 a.m. and we should return by 5:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you and your friends!



On Thursday, October 26, we will once again meet for a lunch out at the Rose Hill Restaurant. This dutch treat/order from the menu lunch is a chance for us to get together, socialize, and meet any friends you bring with you. So ask a friend to join you and sign up in your Sunday School classes or call the church office.

If you have signed up for our Christmas trip to the Alabama Theater on Tuesday, December 12, followed by dinner at the California Dreaming, be sure to get your money in ASAP. The cost is \$60 for FBC members and \$65 for non-members. This trip is full, but call and add your name to our waiting list. You still might be able to nab a seat!

I look forward to seeing you at these events! And bring a friend!



Our September Keenagers covered dish lunch. We enjoyed good food, great friends, loads of fun and learned a little something about the birds at the Raptor Center in Rocky Point from our special guests. Make your favorite recipe and join us for Keenagers in the Fellowship Hall in November!

Music Ministry

Choir rehearsals for both the Sunshine and Chancel choirs has started back up, but it isn't too late for you to join us! We would welcome the opportunity to have you sing and lead in worship with us!

Sunshine choir meets at 10:30 on Tuesday mornings in the choir room and the Chancel choir practices at 7:20 on Wednesday nights also in the choir room. Plan to come a little early so we can get your music ready and get started on time!

Not sure this is for you? Come out and give it a try! Join us now through Christmas and see what you think! If you decide it isn't for you, you can step away.



In Psalm 24:1, we read, *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, (NIV)*. In other words, whatever we have isn't really ours. God created the entire world—the land and sea, planets and galaxies, animals and people. And when people create, those people do so because of the gift and talents that God gave them. It's our job to take care of what God has loaned us for a time to use in order to bring Him glory.

Jesus put stewardship into action. He used the time He had on earth wisely, never wasting a moment, but always working towards God's plan. He used what He had—from bread and fish, to dirt and spit—to perform miracles, helping people see and eat. Everything Jesus did showed us how we can take care of God's stuff by using it the way that points people to God and fulfills the mission God has for our lives.

WEEK 1

Key Question: How can you treat everything like it belongs to God? It's hard for anyone to refocus how they think about their stuff. This is especially true for kids. We hope to guide kids through the process of realizing that what they have is a gift on loan to us from God. Because of that, how we take care of what we have matters. We want kids to walk away with a plan for how they will treat what they have like it belongs to God—because it does!

That's why we start the month with something David wrote in Psalm 24:1, *The earth belongs to the Lord. And so does everything in it. The world belongs to him. And so do all those who live in it, (NIV)*. What David wrote at the start of this Psalm is an important reminder. As we head into a month talking about stewardship, we want kids to focus on the Creator and how everything big and small, seen and unseen, belongs to God.

Bottom Line: Remember, everything belongs to the Lord. Kids have an easy time claiming what's theirs. One of the first words a child learns is "mine!" We want kids to understand that what they have is actually on loan to us. Remembering that everything belongs to God is the first step in choosing to use what we have wisely, because what we have belongs to God.

WEEK 2

Key Question: How can you best use your time? Kids are just starting to become aware of time. We'll help kids begin to realize that we only have so much time, so how we use it matters to God. Kids will wrestle through the ways they spend their time now and figure out what needs to change to use their time wisely. Really, this is a question we hope small group leaders and parents ask themselves as they lead their kids. Everyone can benefit by taking a look at how they're spending the time God has given to them.

With that in mind, we continue looking at stewardship with another Psalm. In Psalm 90:12, Moses writes, *Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom, (NIV)*. Moses reminds us that when we take time to think about the time God has given us, we have an opportunity to use our time wisely.

Bottom Line: Use your time wisely. We only have so much time while we're here on earth, but every day God gives us is a chance for us to do something that matters. We can waste our time or use it to do something significant. We pray that kids will make every moment they have count.

WEEK 3

Key Question: How can you best use your things? If you asked the kids you know, most would tell you that what they own is super important to them. But if you pressed them long enough, you'd probably discover that they leave their LEGOs on the floor, their bikes out in the rain, or their video game controllers lost somewhere in the couch cushions. But we want kids to remember that what they have actually belongs to God, that God made it possible for them to have those things. Along with that comes a responsibility to use your things (or your time, talents, and money) wisely.

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This was something important to Jesus as well. Jesus talked about stewardship through several of His parables, including one recorded for us in Matthew 25:14-30. This is a familiar parable about a businessman who went on a journey and left three of his workers in charge of some of his money. Two of the workers turned a profit while the third buried his portion, did nothing with it, and wasted his opportunity for growth. In the end, the people listening are left wondering how they are caring for what's been entrusted to them.

Bottom Line: Use your things wisely. God has given each of us responsibility over something—money, talents, even our stuff. We pray kids discover how they can use those things wisely.

WEEK 4

Key Question: How can you best use your money? They may not have a lot of it, but kids this age are starting to have some “pocket money” of their own. And even if they don't, now is a perfect time to set a foundation of stewardship related to how we use the money we have in a way that honors God. We'll walk kids through the principles of give, save, and spend, so when they ask themselves this question, they'll have a perfect starting point to make wise choices with their money throughout their lives.

A huge way we can use our money wisely is by how we give some away to help others. We'll look at something Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give . . . God loves a cheerful giver, (NirV).* We have opportunities every day to spend money on all sorts of things and experiences. But what if we looked at our money differently? What if we looked at money through the eyes of stewardship and saw that how we use our money reflects how we take care of what God has given to us.

Bottom Line: Use your money wisely. One of the best ways we can use our money is to give some away and allow God to do something amazing with it. We'll help kids figure out ways then can give, save and spend their money wisely.

WEEK 5

Key Question: How do you live for what really matters? Even kids have several options when it comes to how they choose to live their life. Throughout the month, we've talked about using time, things, and money wisely, but this can also be about the company we keep, the way we study for tests, or the way we treat our neighbors. Kids are starting to realize that the way they live comes with consequences both good and bad. We hope to guide kids to see their life as more than the here and now. They can live their life to gain popularity and friends, or they can choose to live their life in a way that honors God.

That's why we conclude our month about stewardship looking more closely at something Jesus told His followers during the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 6:19-24. Jesus tells us, “Your heart will be where your riches are.” Jesus reminded us rather than spending all of our time on earth to gain riches that won't last, we should spend our time on what matters most—serving God and storing up treasures that will last forever.

Bottom Line: Live like you know what really matters. The world is filled with voices telling us what should be important—money, power, fame, and personal glory. But what God wants for us is different. When we live our life for only things that matter on earth, they'll end up fading away and being destroyed. Instead, we pray kids will learn to make choices about their life that will matter for eternity.



Thank You

Dear FBC Wallace Scholarship Committee,

I would like to be the first to thank you for your consideration and generous giving of the George Liston Scholarship, as well as the Annie Laurie Brown Scholarship. With these scholarships, I am able to attend the most wonderful university.

Campbell University has brought me not only closer to my future professional goals, but also to God as well. Without the scholarships that First Baptist Church awards me, I would be unable to attend the school of my dreams.

Again, thank you for your continuous generosity and always believing in my abilities. Your gifts and kindness never go unnoticed.

Again, thank you,

Sarah Williams





Prayer Requests



Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Doris Ballinger, Bobby Batts, Eddie Bowman, Randy Brock, Donald Brooks, Forrest Cavanaugh, Jaxie Cavender, David Copeland, Vernon Hardison, Shandi Herrera, Paula Herring, Ivey Jones, Melanie Leggett, Antella Oswald, Charlie Register, Barbara Rivenbark, Bob Sanderson, Melinda Stampe, Stephen Thompson, Ashley Tucker, Dorothy Williams, Felicia Williams, Nina Williams, the family of Pat Witter, Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world.

Sympathy to:

The bereaved families of Duncan Cavanaugh, Haywood Holmes, Melva Powell Johnson, Gerald Quinn, Juanita Teachey, and Pat Witter.



Congratulations

Marriage: 9/10/17-Ellen (Preslik) & Courtney Cooper



Birth:

*Baby Girl: 8/24/17-Ellie Jane Quinn
9 lbs., 0 oz., 20.5 inches*

Parents: Lindsay & Andrew Quinn

*Grandparents:
Wanda & James Powell*



Just for Laughs

A big, burly man visited the pastor's home and asked to see the minister's wife, a woman well known for her charitable impulses.



"Madam," he said in a broken voice, "I wish to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family in this district. The father is dead, the mother is too ill to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be turned into the cold, empty streets unless someone pays their rent, which amounts to \$400."

"How terrible!" exclaimed the preacher's wife. "May I ask who you are?"

The sympathetic visitor applied his handkerchief to his eyes. "I'm the landlord," he sobbed.

The timid looking young man approached Mr. Jones, who was his boss and was a prominent business man in their little town. The young man was very nervous as he stammered, "Um, Mr. Jones... Sir... I... Um... I wanted to ask you..."

Mr. Jones said, "Stop your stammering, young man. The answer is 'yes.' Of course you can marry her."

The young man's eyes grew wide. "Marry? Marry whom?" he asked.

Mr. Jones said, "My daughter, of course. You came in here to ask me if you could have my daughter's hand in marriage, didn't you?"

"Nnnn, Not really," the young man said. "I came to ask you if I could borrow \$100 from you until next month."

Mr. Jones shouted, "Certainly not! I hardly know anything about you!"





Women on Mission

Missions and HoH Ministry Collection for Families in Need

Please join us as we collect necessary items for all families but items often difficult to purchase, due to lack of money. We hope that you and your family will shop together and pray together for the family who will receive the items you purchase. You can bring the items to the church on the designated Sundays or bring all the items at one time. Depending on the service you attend, place your items near the pulpit in the Sanctuary or on the table near the door in the Fellowship Hall.



- October 8 - Six pack or larger of paper towels
- October 15 - Six pack or larger of toilet tissue
- October 22 - Large bottle of dish washing liquid
- October 29 - Large container of laundry detergent

Women of Joy

Women of Joy Rescued 2018 Tour Myrtle Beach, May 4 – 6

“He reached down from heaven and rescued me; He drew me out of deep waters” Psalms 18:16

Mark your calendars!! Request vacation!! Join us!!
Awesome weekend!!



Girls' Afternoon Out Sunday, October 15, 4 – 6 p.m.

We are bringing the awesome speakers from Women of Joy to you! Our plan is to share one speaker monthly at Girls' Afternoon Out. Please invite girlfriends, neighbors, acquaintances, coworkers, any-



one who might need a light hearted outing. For our kick-off we will watch Christian Comedian Mark Lowry who was a part of the Myrtle Beach Women of Joy Immeasurably MORE Tour 2017. As they

say, laughter is good for the soul and Mark provides plenty of laughs!! If time permits bring your favorite dessert to share and enjoy during our relationship building time.

Kids Café Volunteers Needed



Are you looking for a way to make a difference? Do you want to be the hands and feet that Jesus calls us to be? Do you have just a few hours a week or a month to volunteer?

If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, then REJOICE! We have just the thing for you.

Become a volunteer with Kids Café. It is a wonderful way to spend your time. You will meet kids that just melt your heart. You will offer some help with homework, be there for arts/crafts/devotions/playtime. If your calling is to help with food prep and clean-up, then we will plug you in there.



You have the opportunity to help children in OUR community to succeed. You have the opportunity to SHOW them the love of Jesus. Believe me (ask any of our volunteers), you will be blessed by your participation more than you know.

Kids Café is tentatively scheduled to start on October 3. We are here on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:30 PM. Call or email Donna Marshburn at 285-6341 or 289-8392 or donnamars@hotmail.com. You can also call the church office at 285-2534. Make a choice to be a positive role model for a child today!



Quarterly Statements



Quarterly statements for July, August, and September are being mailed out by the end of October. Be on the lookout for yours in the mail.

Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child

Matthew 18:10-11 “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.”

This year is quickly coming to a close please don't forget “the little ones”. Our last item for this month is a toy (jump rope, truck, ball..). If you would prefer not to shop then you can write a check for shoeboxes and we would be happy to do the shopping for you. Just write a check to First Baptist and put O.C.C or shoeboxes on the memo line of your check.



The **last day** for shoeboxes is **Monday, November 20**. We will not be able to accept shoeboxes after 2 p.m. Thank you to everyone who participated in buying items for our shoeboxes. We ask that you now pray for these shoeboxes and the children who will receive them.



Volunteers

October Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

Anita Cavanaugh & Susan Ayers
(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

11:00 a.m. Worship Hour Nursery

Susan, Olivia, Maggie Ray, & Clair Elizabeth
Bradshaw
(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Sunday Ushers:

Friendship Bible Group

Tellers: Louise Woods &
Tammy Patram



November Newsletter Submission Deadline: October 15, 2017

Please email articles to
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief !



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On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

9-3	9-10	9-17	9-24
113	105	127	92

Worship

167	164	192	176
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Budget and Receipts

2017 Budget \$483,029.00

Offering Receipts To Date 9-26-2017 **\$314,133.88**

October Birthdays

1 Clayton Brock
1 Hannah Evans
2 Stephanie Griffin
3 Joe Blanton
4 Sarah Beth Moore
5 Penny Blanchard
7 Marie Casteen
8 Hester Powell
8 Gloria Driggers
9 Kathy Hendrickson
12 Lisa Boyette
12 Kevin Kenan
12 Olivia Bradshaw
12 Drew Hendrickson
14 Susan Ayers
14 Linda Sikes
14 Jackson Hall
15 Valerie Johnson
16 Sammy Marshburn
16 Katie Robinson
17 Jerry Teachey
19 Inez Rivenbark
19 Bertha Wise
19 Alan Baker



19 Maranda Ross
20 Kathy Herring
20 Lizzie O Blackburn
22 Tyler Brinkley
22 Kellen Griffin
23 George Eakins-Cavanaugh
23 Ethan Carlson
24 David Godwin
26 Rhonda Cave
26 Steve Mills
27 Laura Brooks
29 Allison Brinkley
29 Robert McGowen
30 Amie Eakins-Cavanaugh
31 Peggy Stallings
31 Don Jenkins


Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
(Closed 12-1 p.m. **CHURCH LOCKED**)
Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.: Closed



First Baptist Events

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:35 am-Chancel Choir 10:00 am-Homecoming	2 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH 6:30 pm-Properties	3 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00-5:30 pm-Kids Café 5:30 pm-Worship Band	4 10:30 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Dinner 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:15 pm-Bible Study 7:20 pm-Chancel Choir	5 10:00 am-REACH	6	7 
8 Communion 9:00 am-Life Café 10 am-11 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 12:00 pm-Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	9 10:30 am-WMU III, R303 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH 6:30 pm-WMU V, Wallace Gardens	10 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00-5:30 pm-Kids Café 5:30 pm-Worship Band	11 10:30 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Dinner 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:15 pm-Bible Study 7:20 pm-Chancel Choir	12 10:00 am-REACH 7:00 pm-Bible Profilers	13	14
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22 9:00 am-Life Café 10 am-11 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	23 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH	24 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00-5:30 pm-Kids Café 5:30 pm-Worship Band 7:20 pm-Missions	25 10:30 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Dinner 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:15 pm-Bible Study 7:20 pm-Chancel Choir	26 10:00 am-REACH 11:30 am-Senior Adults Lunch Fellowship, meet at Rose Hill Restaurant 7:00 pm-Bible Profilers	27	28
29 Regular Activities 6:00 Wallace Students	30 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH	31 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00-5:30 pm-Kids Café 5:30 pm-Worship Band	