



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

November 2020



Who Are You Voting For?

— *It's a decision you make multiple times a day!*

Soon the campaign ads will be over (Praise God!) and the complaining about who won can begin!

In the deeply divided politics of our day, every election is presented as a choice between doom or utopia. But, even though the choice is not that extreme, it is still incredibly important that we choose to support with our vote those values and ideals that we know honor God.

Our God is a God of justice, of compassion, of holiness, of truth. He calls us to protect the weak and innocent, to exercise justice tempered with mercy, to “stand on our own two feet” while reaching out to lift up those who have fallen. He values integrity, and a morality based in His standards.

But we all need to remember that Election Day is only one of the days on which we cast our votes.

attention that could have been invested elsewhere.

Every time you spend money, you are casting monetary votes for one product and company over another. Shopping locally is a way of voting for local business owners over those in another state or country.

When we speak to one another, we are casting a vote. Do we vote for encouragement or criticism? Do we vote for building up or for tearing down?

Every Sunday morning, when we choose how we will spend our time, we are voting to build up the church or neglect it, to support the hard work of our LifeGroup leaders or to allow them to be discouraged by showing we don't value what they are offering that morning. We show we are committed to the needs of our fellow Christians, to

greeting and welcoming worship guests, or that we're really more concerned with our own agendas than what others might need that morning.

Every dollar, every minute, every word, every choice is a vote that you cast (whether you intend to or not). And unlike your vote for politicians, your vote is VERY public. We all can see what you value.

Vote for the things of God.

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Worship

Thanksgiving and Advent

While November reminds us that the year is winding DOWN, it also alerts us that the Advent and Christmas seasons are winding UP! The Sunday before Thanksgiving we will, of course, let God's word call us to an attitude of gratitude. Then, the last Sunday of the month, we jump right into our Advent worship series for 2020: "Christmas Display." And we plan to do some creative things to help you put the messages into action.



November 1 — All Saints Sunday

Speaker: J.T. Hopkins

November 8 — Re:Start *(final message in series)*

The Foundation of Forgiveness

// Genesis 50:15-21

November 15 — A Post-Election Message

The Only Path to a Great Nation

// 2 Chronicles 7:11-14

November 22 — Sunday before Thanksgiving

The Joy of Gratitude or the Grief of Entitlement?

// Luke 17:9-11

November 29 — First Sunday of Advent

Christmas Display — Week 1

Christmas is Unilateral

// John 1:14, 3:16

December 6 — Second Sunday of Advent

Christmas Display — Week 2

Christmas Remembers the Forgotten

// Luke 2:8-14



Prayer Requests



Remember in Prayer:

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Linda Brinkley, Clayton Brock, Gary Brown, Andrea Casteen, Wade Farrior, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Randy Futrell, Amy Smith Johnson, A.C. Kennan, Hill Lanier, Maxine Lien, Leta Liles, Steve Mills, Rocky Mobley, Daniel Patram, Mike Price, Geraldine Register, Stratton Rich, Bonnie Robinson, Erika Rodriguez, Melinda Stampe, Stephen Thompson, Penny Tucker, Trecia Walter.

Sympathy to:

The family of Sam Porter

NOTICE:

**Wallace Community Thanksgiving Service
has been CANCELLED this year.**



Senior Adults

Senior Adult Lunch, November 10

You are definitely going to want to sign up for our **next senior adult lunch** scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10 @ 11:30**. We are going to have a wonderful time creating something special again this year! You can choose to make a sweet, small nativity set made from small flower pots with Dee Thompson or you can choose to make a beautiful wooden cross with the amazingly talented Fred Benton. You know it will be special if he is helping you make it.

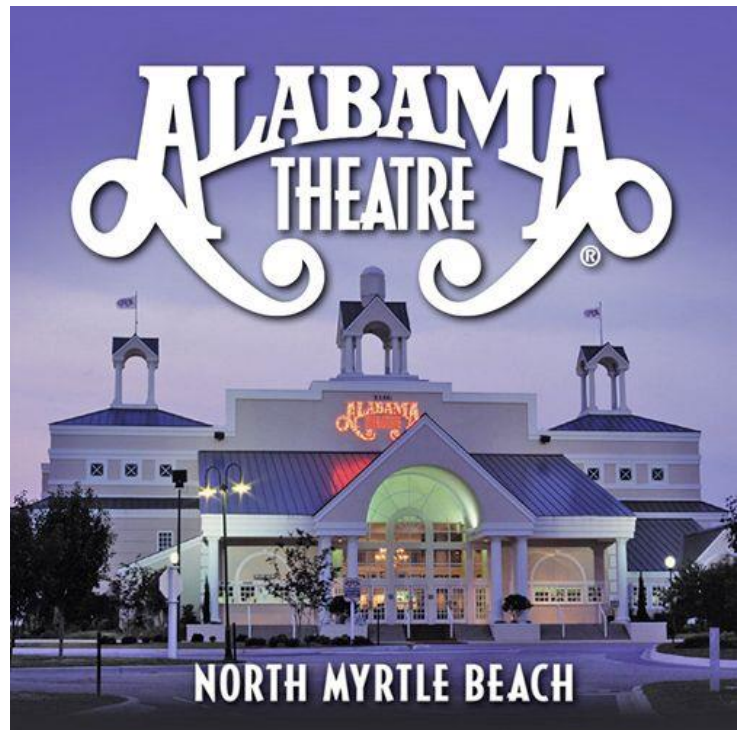


Our lunch will be amazing too! Smoked turkey (smoked for us at Mik's), mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, tea, and dessert. You won't want to miss it! Sign ups have already started! Are you on the list? Why not invite a friend to join you? They will leave having had a great time and with a physical reminder of their time with you and your friends. Come on by the church office! All reservations should be made by Friday, October 30 @ noon to give us plenty of time to order food and craft supplies. I look forward to having you and your friends to join us for this fun and exciting time!



Senior Adults

Alabama Theater Trip, December 8



We are fast approaching the **Christmas** season and we will soon be heading off to **Myrtle Beach** to the **Alabama Theater** to see their annual Christmas show! This year's trip will be on Tuesday, December 8. We will follow up our show with dinner at the fabulous Chestnut Hill Restaurant. You will be able to choose from a chicken option, a seafood casserole, a shrimp/flounder plate, or a ribeye steak as your entree. Each of these will be served with a vegetable, potato, a salad, rolls, dessert, and tea or coffee. We will be so full, we'll waddle out of there!



There are only 28 tickets for this fun and festive event, so **FBC members and regular attenders** will want to hop right on over to the church to make your reservation and pay for your tickets. **Non-members** can begin signing up on **Monday, November 2**. The cost for this year's trip is \$70.00 per person for FBC members and regular attenders, and \$75.00 per person for non members. All tickets must be reserved and paid for by Monday, November 16. Any tickets left will be returned to the venue after that date. But if all are sold, we will have a waiting list for any requesting tickets after that time. Don't miss out because you waited too late! Stop by the church office to reserve and pay for your tickets today!

Senior Adult Trip To Amish Country



Chancel Choir Rehearsals

November 4, 11, 18 @ 6:15 - We will extend our rehearsals to 7:30-7:45 until after our Christmas program on December 6

Our Chancel choir has gained a few new members in the last few months and we are delighted! But that doesn't mean we wouldn't LOVE to have more! Come join us as we prepare for our Christmas program and the beginning of the new year. We work hard but we laugh harder and have such a great time at rehearsals. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us. If you prefer to attend the earlier service but would still love to sing in the choir, no problem! The choral number is the first thing in the 11:00 worship. Afterward, the choir members slip out to join the congregation and our early service folks can slip out and head home. Easy peasy! So you have no excuses! Give us a try!



Christmas Program

Sunday, December 6, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Christmas is coming up on us fast and this year's **Christmas program** is coming up even faster! Mark your calendars for **December 6 @ 5:00** so that you won't miss it! This year's program is a Lessons and Carols type of format with a live nativity performed by our youth and children. Please begin now to invite your friends and family to join you for this special night of scripture, beautiful music, and a sweet Nativity.



SonShine Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 17 @ 10:30 in the choir room -
We will go to Pizza Corner for lunch following this rehearsal.

Our SonShine Choir is a great group of senior singers who love Jesus and leading others to worship Him. We rehearse once a month at 10:30 am in the choir room. Since our voices in this choir are older, we usually keep rehearsals short, about 30-45 minutes. However, we enjoy each other's company so much that we have decided to head out to lunch together after our rehearsals. You know you want to be part of that! Keep an eye on the announcement slides in the 11:00 service, the newsletters, and the bulletin's calendar for the rehearsal announcements. Don't miss out on worship leadership and the fun to be had with this wonderful group of people!





Wallace Students

Wallace Students continue to press on. Once again, our Second Sunday event was altered due to rain, but 21 students and 6 adults made the most of it. With basketball, skateboards, Uno, Jenga and Nerf wars, the church was an eventful night on October 10. Moving forward, there will be another event planned for November 8.

Homeroom continues to be a hit as the majority of our students are coming every other week due to the new Duplin County school schedule. Please continue to pray for their school year. They have done a tremendous job dealing with all of the curve balls being tossed their way with this unpredictable school year.

Lastly, our typical Sunday nights consist of dinner, Bible study, prayer and a game. For dinner, we are blessed to have so many volunteers to help feed us. From the triple threat of Ann English, Patsy Spell, and Louise Woods to Susan Bradshaw's cupcakes to Dee Thompson's brownies to Mike Stallings' burgers, we truly appreciate and love each and every one of you!



Sunday, November 1

**Turn your clocks
back 1 hour for
Sunday morning!**

Church Fall Business Meeting Sunday, November 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

We are having our Church Fall Business Meeting on Sunday, November 8, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary to present the 2021 proposed budget and revised deacon ministry proposal.



The proposed budget and revised deacon ministry proposal has been emailed and is also available on our website and at the church so you will have time to pray over these important decisions.



Order Your Pumpkin Rolls!

Just in time for Thanksgiving!

Also makes a great gift for Christmas!

Pumpkin rolls can be frozen

**Pay by Sunday, November 8,
in the church office**

**(feel free to use the drop box
on the office door-if paying with cash,
please mark an envelope with "Pumpkin Rolls",
your name and amount ordered)**

**Checks made payable to:
"Louise Woods"**

Cost: Only \$11.00 each!

**Pick Up Sunday, November 22,
@ First Baptist Church
in the freezer in the kitchen
with your name on it.**



First Baptist Church History 2020

Submitted by: Theresa Elias, FBC Historian

Church Stats:

Deaths: Dorothy Mae (Merritt) Blanton, Mildred Doreen Davis, Leroy Robert Woodlief, Nancy (White) Kelley, Emma Estelle Johnson, Bobby Gene Blanton.

New Memberships: 8 new members; 3 of 8 were baptisms

Memberships Withdrawn: 8 transfers

2019 – Christmas Program, Christmas Revelation Celebration of J.T. Hopkins and Jacob Capps
WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship recipients: Sarah Williams and Josh Barber

Farewell to Jacob Capps in August.

2020 Homecoming dinner on the grounds cancelled.

2020 started with many “normal” activities and missions.....then the Corona Virus came.....outdoor Graduate Recognition service was held on May 17th. Mother’s Day drive through brought clean windshields, carnations, cards and candy. Online worship was made possible with the help of Jacob Capps, Ashley Bradshaw, the Worship Team, our pastor and others.

Community Outreach: Christmas Eve Candle light Service, Bible Study at Pizza Corner, Cinderella’s Closet, Coffee House Night, Widow/widower/Singles Banquet with Mark Teachey entertaining, Chili Cookoff

Missions: 387 OCC Shoeboxes

Seniors: covered dish luncheons, Paula Dean’s Restaurant and Aquarium trip.

Youth, Wallace Kids: Wedding shower honors Hope Cooper and Jacob Capps. Students went to their Beach Retreat in Myrtle Beach. Homeroom created to help with WiFi and student isolation. J.T. Hopkins serving as part-time interim Student Pastor.

Church improvements: The education/Kid’s Wing was renovated and updated. The parking lot was paved.

Helping SELF: Support and Encourage Lost Families

Purpose: to support and encourage families dealing with drug or alcohol addiction.

This is not a 12 Step program or a how to group. We simply want to let families dealing with addiction know that they are not alone. Are you feeling lost and alone? Are you feeling isolated? Do you feel like “no one can possibly understand”?



We have been and still are experiencing these very feelings. We are stepping forward to share our experiences, vent to each other, and pray for one another and our families. We can learn together what enabling and co-dependency are and how to avoid those behaviors.

We are willing to laugh with you, cry with you, encourage you, support you, pray with you and help you find your way out of isolation. You are NOT alone.

Our next meeting is at First Baptist Church in Wallace on **November 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** Park in the back and follow the signs.

Future meeting times and dates to be determined and announced as we find out when we are needed. If you have a different time or day, call 910-284-7101.



Just for Laughs: Gratitude...

Henry was looking so down in the dumps that his friend asked him "What's wrong with you today?"

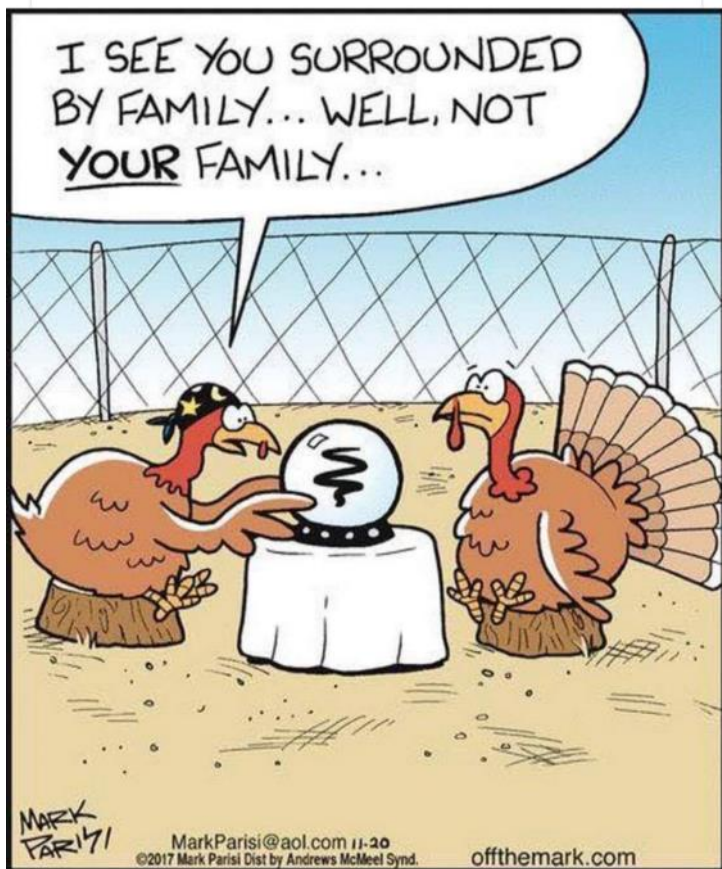
Henry replied, "Well you know that two weeks ago I inherited \$50,000 from my Aunt Myrtle?"

"Yes," the friend replied, "That's great! You should be thrilled!"

"Yeah,," Henry mumbled, "but last week I inherited \$97,000 from my Grandpa Wilbur."

His friend said, "Yes, I know, so why aren't you happy?"

"Because," Henry said, "this whole week went by and I didn't inherit anything from anybody. My luck is terrible!"



OCC Shoeboxes

The last day for shoeboxes is **Friday, November 20, by 12 Noon**. We will not be able to accept shoeboxes after this date.

THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone who participated in buying items for our shoeboxes, for those who gave donations, and to all those who participated in collecting soda bottle tops. We ask that you now pray for these shoeboxes and the journey that these shoeboxes will take to the children who will receive them. Thank you.



Help Needed



Decorate the Chrismon Tree, Nov. 28

Please come to the church for fun and fellowship time to decorate our beautiful Chrismon Tree on Saturday, November 28, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Help is needed to climb the ladder to decorate the top of the tree.

Volunteers

November Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery

11/1-Lindsey Blanchard, Hope Rich
11/8-Deb Lloyd, Debbie Williams
11/15-Hope Rich, Robin Stone
11/22-Debbie Williams, Dorothy Williams
11/29-Robin Stone, Samantha Tucker



10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

11/1-Michelle Coombs, Susan Ayers
11/8-Gloria Andrews, Michelle Coombs
11/15-Angie Gurganus, Gloria Andrews
11/22-Samantha Tucker, Angie Gurganus
11/29-Rhonda Cave, Kinsey Cave

11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery:

11/1-Samantha Tucker, 11/8-Deb Lloyd
11/15-Gail Cavanaugh, 11/22-Sharon Hall
11/29-Janet & Alvin Bryan

Tellers: Tammy Patram, Beverly Benton

Ushers: Friendship Life Group



Dec. Newsletter Submission

Deadline: Nov. 15, 2020

Please email articles to
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief !

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On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

10-4	10-11	10-18	10-25
76	63	64	69

Worship

10-4	10-11	10-18	10-25
138	113	127	113

Budget and Receipts

2020 Budget \$433,490.00

Offering Receipts To Date 10-27-2020 **\$346,262.24**

November Birthdays

1 Samantha Tucker
1 LuAnn Rivenbark
2 Fran Brock
3 Carolyn Elias Cavanaugh
4 Willa Currie
5 Faye Wells
5 Sonny Driggers
9 Jim Russ
9 Steve Prescott
9 Elle Raegan Davis
10 Mark Evans
10 Josh Donnelly
10 Emily Donnelly
10 Makayla Stallings
12 Daye Davis
13 Harriett Williams
14 Harold Hatcher
14 Wanda Raynor
15 Mark Jones
16 Tony Jenkins
16 Beth Moore
16 Ashlynn Patram Campbell



17 Tommy Howard
17 Wayne Rich
22 Hazel Simpson
22 Mark Stampe
22 Brooklyn Nicole Bryan
23 Alvin Bryan
23 Debbie Williams
23 Caleb Jack Salinas
25 Frankie Creech
25 Jim Cavender
26 Noah Gurganus
27 Bonnie Kraulik
29 Al Thompson
29 Donna Marshburn
30 Ben Hilliard








Church Office

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
(Closed for Lunch: 12:00-1:00 p.m.)
Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



First Baptist Events

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends- Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	2 Non-members can begin signing up for the SAM Christmas Show in Myrtle Beach \$75 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	3 Election Day 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Mission Cmte. 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	4 10:00 am-Home Room, FH 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Helping Self, R303	5 	6	7 5:30 pm-Fellowship Hall Reserved 
8 Deadline to order pumpkin rolls 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 12:15 pm-Deacon's Mtg. 6:00 pm-Wallace Students 6:00 pm-Fall Business Mtg.	9 10:30 am-WMU III & IV, R303 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	10 11:30 am-SAM Lunch & Craft 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	11 Veterans Day 10:00 am-Home Room, FH 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	12 	13 	14 
15 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	16 Deadline to sign up for SAM Christmas show in Myrtle Beach Members \$70 & Non-Members \$75 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	17 10:30 am-SonShine Choir & Lunch @ Pizza Corner 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Stewardship 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	18 10:00 am-Home Room, FH 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	19 	20 8:00 am-12 Noon Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Deadline Today We will not be able to accept shoeboxes after 12 Noon today.	21 
22 Pumpkin Roll Pick Up Day 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	23 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 Scouts, R203	24 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving! Fellowship Hall Reserved	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 Poinsettias Delivered, Set up Sanctuary for Christmas program, Decorate Sanctuary & Chrismon Tree
29 First Sunday of Advent Pastor Al's Birthday! 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	30 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	