



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

August 2017



Connecting on a deeper level for a richer life and faith journey
-- This August, we will be equipping small group leaders for a September launch of new groups.

Have you found a group of people with whom you share the spiritual journey?

Small groups... what's it all about? This September we plan to launch a number of new small groups. Many will meet on Sunday morning, and others may meet during the week.

Sitting down with friends who share our spiritual journey gives us the opportunity to encourage one another on a deeper level, to share our own stories of struggle and success. It gives us a chance to voice our questions and find deeper answers.

- As we discuss God's truth together and share discoveries, we get to **know Him** better.
- As we hear others telling how they overcame obstacles, we **find freedom**.
- As we allow others to get to know us and our strengths, we **find our purpose** as God's servants.
- As we partner with the friends in our small group to meet the needs we see around us, we **make a difference**.

Here's our time table:

Sunday, August 6, 13, 20, 27
 Small group leader training

Sunday, August 20
 Small groups for September listed

Sunday, September 10
 New small groups begin

We're waiting until the Sunday after Labor Day weekend to begin so that we'll all be here for the launch of these new groups.

Our August training sessions will be after the 9:00 Life Cafe worship time. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and get the resources, insights, and spiritual mojo to lead a high-impact small group.



If you are not sure whether you are ready to lead a small group, come to these sessions and find out! There is no requirement that those

who receive this guidance will have to lead a group.

We want every age-group in our church family to have a group that they connect with. We already have leaders for our students, and some of our leaders for children, and we need new leaders for adults, too.

You are highly encouraged to think about having a partner to share the small group leadership with. Bring them with you to these learning sessions. Even the Lone Ranger had Tonto, and Batman had Robin, so find a sidekick to partner with.

You'll be amazed at how simple it is to lead a group that creates strong, life-changing friendships, and makes everyone's faith journey stronger and more joyful.

For more info contact Pastor Al...
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Worship

The Bible's Biggest Ideas

Through the month of August we will finish our series called "The Good Book" in which we are surveying the entire Bible in just 8 weeks. So far it's been a wonderful journey and we plan to finish strong!

This month we move into the New Testament and focus on Jesus our Savior, and the life of a follower. We are adding one extra week to this series to finish in the book of Revelation with a look at heaven.



July 30 - You Can Be the "Total Package."
Matthew 5:43-48

August 6 - God's Greatest Priority
Luke 15

August 13 - A Church That's Full of It
Acts 2:1-8, 14-18, 36

August 20 - Growing into a Spiritual Redwood
1 John 3

August 27 - What Is Heaven Like?
Revelation 22



September series:

"Why? - Questions that Test Our Faith"

Prayer Requests

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Annette Blizard, Berlene Boney, Andrea Casteen, David, Jean Eason, Brian Fitzpatrick, Benjamin Gonzales, Keven Hager, Dale Hunt, Lisa Hunt and family, Melvin Johnson, Ivey Jones, Mao-mi Jones, Melanie Leggett, Rev. Ned Matthews, Tracy Moore, Gil Norris, Jason Norris, Ronnie Rich, Murphy Rivenbark, Phil Rivenbark (knee replacement), Becky Rooks, Jimmy Rouse, John Stallings, Stephen Thompson, Joyce Williams, Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world.



Bible study

The Good Book - schedule of chapters

If you want to follow along with our summer journey through the 40 Great Chapters of the Bible we are studying together, here's the list and the dates!

By Sunday, July 30

John 1
Luke 2
Matthew 5
Matthew 6
Matthew 7

By Sunday, August 13

Acts 1
Acts 2
Acts 9
Acts 10
Revelation 22

By Sunday, August 6

Luke 8
John 3
Luke 15
Mark 15
Matthew 28

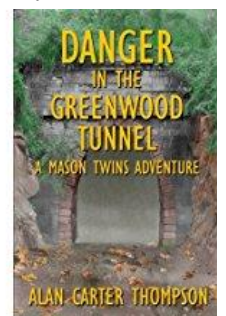
By Sunday, August 20

Romans 8
1 Corinthians 13
Galatians 5
James 1
1 John 3

Pastor Al's Children's Book Available

If you would like a copy of Pastor Al's new children's book, *Danger in the Greenwood Tunnel*, they are available in the office at the "author's discount" price of \$5.00 rather than the regular retail price of \$8.89.

The story reflects positive values — church, family, friendship, respect — as it follows twin boys into a life-and-death adventure that grows out of a simple school project.



Senior Adults

Monthly Lunch Gathering- 4th Thursday of Each Month



Our Senior Adults are a busy, fun group of people! And we want that fact to be the least well kept secret in all of Duplin County. This month we have 2 opportunities for you to invite a friend to join you and get to know some of our First Baptist Family.

What could be better than spending a hot, muggy August day in a nice, cool restaurant enjoying lunch with your friends and their guests? On the 4th Thursday of each month, we are going to be gathering at the Rose Hill Restaurant for the sole purpose of eating together, getting to know any friends you bring with you, and just visiting with each other. This is the perfect time to invite your friends, espe-

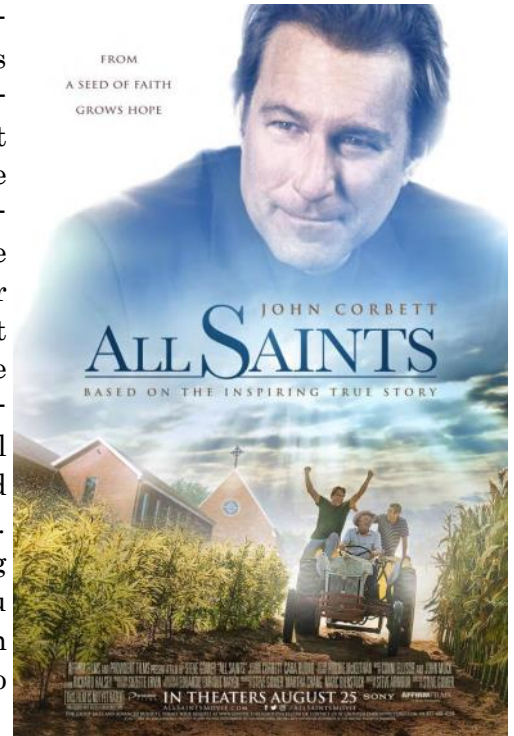


cially those who aren't connected to a church family. We are gathering at a neutral spot, that is much less intimidating than our church building, and just getting to know one another. So invite a friend to join you for lunch! We will meet this month at the Rose Hill Restaurant on Thursday, August 24, at 11:30 a.m. Please call the office at 910-285-2534 by Thursday, August 17, to make your reservations. If you call during non-office hours, please leave a message in Kim's mailbox by pressing #21. My phone was damaged in a recent thunder storm and messages left on it can't be retrieved.

Movie & Lunch Fellowship, August 29

August weather is just too hot and humid for an outdoor trip, so we are going to go to a cool, dark place and enjoy a movie! On Tuesday, August 29, we will go to the movie All Saints at the Mayfaire cinema 16, time TBA. This movie stars John Corbett and Chondra Pierce. All Saints is based on a true story about a church in Tennessee. It is about a pastor who's job is to go to a failing country church, close it down, and sell off the prime piece of land it sits on. When the church begins welcoming refugees from Burma, things move in an unex-

pected direction. As soon as times are posted, we will let you know if we will be attending the movie before or after a dutch treat lunch, and the cost of the tickets, which will be purchased in advance. Begin thinking of a friend you can ask to join us! We want to meet them!



Keenagers, September 12

Lastly, as a head's up... we will move our September Keenagers meeting up a week to Tuesday, September 12. Please add this date to your calendars. Also, we will be needing 3 volunteers to serve as hostesses for this meeting. Hostesses set out the food as it arrives, makes the tea, sets up the tables (decorations optional) and welcomes people as they arrive. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Let Dee know if you would like to help us out.

Now, get on the phone or walk next door and invite a friend to join you for one of the above activities! I look forward to seeing you and meeting your friends!

Homecoming

The date and speaker are set!

It's time to start asking, "Who is speaking at Homecoming at First Baptist Church this year?" And I'm excited to answer that question, but first I have to tell you a story...

I stopped by to visit with John and Robbie Stallings one day, and John was reading a copy of *Carolina Country* magazine. With a big smile, John said, "Here's a story you've got to read." And John just ripped the page right out of the magazine and handed it to me. So later that day, I read the story.

The story writer was telling about a time in his childhood when a starving, dirty stray cat walk in their door one evening. His father set out a bowl of milk, but the cat wouldn't touch it and wouldn't let them touch him. The author's father saw that, even though it was starving, the cat wouldn't eat. And being a man of faith, he said, "I believe this cat is demon possessed. If demons could jump in pigs, they can jump in a cat."

So right there at the supper table the father led the family in prayer for the cat, and asked the Lord to free the cat of its demons." No sooner had they said 'Amen' than the cat walked over to the bowl of milk and drank it down, then came over and began rubbing against their legs and purring now as friendly as could be. It was a great story about the faith of the author's family and how it had impacted his own faith.

So I looked up the author on the computer, learned more about him, and contacted him about coming to this year's Homecoming at First Baptist Church. I told him that we care very much about how adults pass on their faith to children, and I asked if he would talk about how his parents' faith shaped his own relationship to Christ. He was excited and delighted. His name is Charles Jason Canady. He goes by Ja-



Christian author Jason Canady

son. Jason is a follower of Jesus, a Fayetteville native, and a U.S. Navy vet, as well as an artist, writer, and poet. His writings have been published in the *Fayetteville Observer*, *The Olive Press* (the literary journal of the University of Mount Olive), the Christian magazine *Tapestry*, and *Carolina Country* magazine. He is also the author of the book *Learning to Forgive*. He is currently working on his B.A. in writing at Methodist University in Fayetteville. When he's not writing or studying, he's spending time with his wife and three children or playing a tune on his fiddle.

Jason will share stories from his childhood and young adulthood about how his family's faith shaped his own faith, about the ways we can pass our faith down to the younger generations, telling some great stories, and -- *maybe* -- playing a hymn for us on his fiddle.

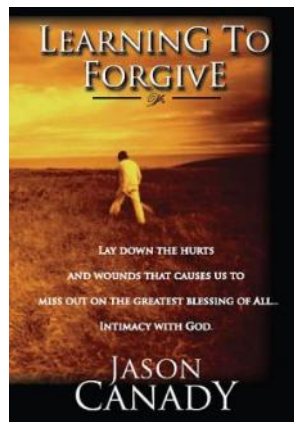
We will have a combined worship gathering at 10:00 a.m. that Sunday, followed by the usual big covered dish meal in the fellowship hall and the overflow tent in the church yard. I've asked Jason to also bring copies of his book, *Learning to Forgive*, that you can purchase and ask him to sign.

If you know someone who loves great, encouraging stories and delicious food, go ahead and start inviting them now to Homecoming Sunday at First Baptist Church -- Sunday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Here is a really great poem that Jason wrote:

Baptism

My son was baptized today
in a horse trough
with chocolate from a morning doughnut
still circling his mouth.
The crowd of spectators cheered
when he emerged from his watery grave
their faces reflected a late August sun.
I pressed my lips to his wet salty cheek—
a new boy with a new purpose,
a boy once wooden, now come to life.





God is the all-powerful, Creator of the universe. There is no one else who has the position or power of God. We can't help but respond to Him with respect.

When it comes to people, everyone is important for two reasons: God made them in His image and Jesus died for them. That's why respect is also a reflection of the character of Christ in us. When we see people like Jesus sees them, we can show everyone they matter to God.

RESPECT is a response to the character of God.

WEEK 1

We start the month in Matthew 8:5-13 where we find a Roman Commander. The commander was in charge of his men, who did whatever he told them to do. Yet, when his servant became seriously ill, he realized that he wasn't in charge anymore. He had no power over his servant's health. He respected that Jesus had authority to heal his servant and had faith He could do it. Jesus honors the centurion's faith and heals the servant.

Bottom Line: Show respect to God because He's in charge of everything. Our respect begins and ends with how we respond to the all-powerful creator of the universe. Our respect for others flows from how we understand God's power over the world.

WEEK 2

In James 2:1-4, 8-9, we discover that people in the early church struggled with how to respect people who were different from them. James reminds us that it doesn't matter what we look like on the outside. It's what's on the inside that shapes our respect for others.

Bottom Line: You respect God when you respect the people God made. We pray that kids will start to see others like God sees them. All people are created in God's image and deserve our respect not because of what they've done or have but because of who they are.

WEEK 3

In Ephesians 6:1-3, Paul writes about God's clear instruction to honor our parents. But he wasn't the first one in the Bible to say this. Moses said this way back in Deuteronomy 5:16 when God's people were entering the promised land. Honoring one's parents is foundational to showing respect to God.

Bottom Line: You respect God when you respect your parents. Showing respect to our parents can be difficult, but it is something God wants us to do. Since God put us in our families, we pray that our kids will start to understand how respecting their parents is related to how they can show respect to God. And He can help us respect them even when it's difficult.

WEEK 4

Lastly, we head to 1 Samuel 24 and find David running away from King Saul. Yet, when David had a clean shot at taking out Saul, he decided to respect the position God gave King Saul. David took the high-road and let God take care of the situation between them.

Bottom Line: You respect God when you respect the people He's put in charge. We can't only respect people in charge because they have earned our respect. We should show them respect because God made them and God gave them their authority.



The Illumination Project

On Sunday night, August 6, at 6:00 p.m. we'll be joined by The Illumination Project as they lead worship for our first Amplify service of the year. You don't want to miss it. Make sure to bring your friends.



Wet N Wild

On Thursday, August 10, Wallace Student Ministries will be going to Greensboro, NC for our annual trip to Wet N Wild. The cost is \$30 per student for tickets to the water park. They will also need money to eat while in the park and on the way home. See James if you want to sign up...space is limited!

On Sunday evening, August 27, at 6:00 p.m. we will be gathering for a "send-off" worship service for James and Emily Copeland, Matthew and Lucy. It's a time of worship for the whole church family, and for all ages. Following the worship time, we will stay in the Fellowship hall for a fellowship meal.

James came to First Baptist Church back in the Spring of 2013, so he's been on our staff for 4 1/2 years. Along with Emily as his partner in ministry, James has brought creativity, growth, and excitement to our ministries to children, teens, and their parents, as well as the entire church. He and Emily have led and worked far beyond the expectations of the Student Pastor job description.



We have watched him grow in his vision as we watched James and Emily's children grow up before our eyes!

We plan to have children and students involved in the leadership of that time of worship. It will be a time of celebration and praise. And we will be praying together for God's blessing upon the new church that he and Emily will be planting in Wilmington.

You are invited and encouraged to bring your cards of appreciation, and James has requested that all love gifts be given for / written to "Coastal Plains Church" rather than to the Copelands. This is a great opportunity for our church to be partners with them in planting a new congregation to reach a huge unreached segment of Wilmington's population.

Look for the sign up sheet going out the first 3 Sundays in August or call the church office at 910-285-2534, by Wednesday, August 23.

Women on Mission

School Supplies



Please help a child in need by purchasing their school supplies for the school year. I am sure you remember how excited you were to have

new pencils, pencil holder, notebook, etc. on the first day of school! We desire to create that excitement for the children in the Hearts of Hope Ministry Program. All of our children we are helping will be children who are involved in the after school tutoring program or attend our church.

Please pick up a paper bag from church with a child's name, grade and a list of their needed supplies attached. The bags will be available on Sunday, August 6, and will need to be returned by August 13.

Congratulations

Baby Boy: Brody Andrew Frye, 6-26-17
Parents: Andrew & Jessica Frye
Grandparents: Ben & Brenda Hilliard



Marriage:
Gene & Linda Pierce, 7-9-17

New Member:
Lisa Renee Flowers Hunt,
7-16-17

Note of Thanks:

Thank you church family for your many prayers, cards and calls of encouragement during my surgery and recovery. –Phil Rivenbark



Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child

Only two months left...it is hard to believe. The deadline for shoeboxes is Monday, November 20. Our items for this month are pencils and a pencil sharpener. You can drop them off in the clear plastic container at the OCC table. If you have any questions please ask Maggie or Marie Casteen.



Just for Laughs

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the shed. George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw there were strangers in the shed in the process of stealing things.



He immediately phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" and George said, "No, they're in my shed." The police explained that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be there when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were strangers stealing equipment from my shed. Well, there's no need to come out here now because I've just shot them all."

Then he hung up. Within five minutes three squad cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "And I thought *you* said there was nobody available!"

Volunteers

August Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery
Mark & Melinda Stampe (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

11:00 a.m. Worship Hour Nursery
Susan, Maggie Ray, Olivia, Claire Elizabeth Bradshaw
(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Sunday Ushers:
Hearing Impaired Life Group

Tellers: Alvin Bryan &
Doris Webb



September Newsletter Submission Deadline: August 15, 2017



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

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On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

7-2	7-9	7-16	7-23
102	110	93	87

Worship

150	204	172	152
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Budget and Receipts

2017 Budget	\$483,029.00
Offering Receipts To Date 7-26-2017	\$246,317.95

August Birthdays

2 LaRue Faircloth
2 Susan Bradshaw
2 Georgia Eakins-Cavanaugh
3 Frank Brinkley
4 Keith Bulla
7 A. C. Kenan
7 Gayle Copeland
9 Dee Thompson
10 Ashley Jones
10 Richard Hendrickson
11 Emily Copeland
12 Marquita Duncan
14 Kelly Stone
15 A. J. Elias
15 Bill Ross
17 A. C. Rivenbark
18 Charlie Wood



19 Betty Rivenbark
19 Janet Pope
19 Lynna Chauncey
19 Penny Ross
20 Bobby Blanton
21 Andrew Hargrove
21 Darrell Tucker
24 Levi Knowles
25 Sue Marshburn
25 London Rivenbark
26 Oralia Jones
27 Elsie Lane
27 Paula Herring
28 Herman Sikes
31 Chloe Rivenbark
31 Hope Rich



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

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:00 pm-Worship Band	2	3 7:00 pm-Bible Profilers	4 Rehearsal	5 Wedding
6 9:00 am-Life Café 9 am-12 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am- Leader Training 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship Facility Reserved 6:00 pm-Amplify	7 6:30 pm-Properties	8 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:00 pm-Worship Band	9	10 Wallace Students Waterpark trip, Greensboro, NC	11	12
13 Return School Supplies 9:00 am-Life Café 9 am-12 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am- Leader Training 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 12:00 pm-Deacon's Meeting 12-4 pm-Facility Reserved	14	15 Newsletter Deadline 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:00 pm-Worship Band 7:00 pm-Stewardship	16	17 7:00 pm-Bible Profilers	18 Fellowship Hall Reserved	19 Fellowship Hall Reserved
20 9:00 am-Life Café 9 am-12 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am- Leader Training 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship	21	22 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:00 pm-Worship Band 7:20 pm-Missions	23	24 11:30 am-Senior Adults Lunch Fellowship, meet at Rose Hill Restaurant	25	26
27 Regular Activities 10:00 am- Leader Training 6:00 pm-Send-off Worship & Meal for Copelands, Fellowship Hall	28	29 Senior Adults Movie & Lunch, Mayfaire 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:00 pm-Worship Band	30	31 7:00 pm-Bible Profilers		