



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

July 2018



What Are You Growing for God This Summer?

It's an annual ritual. As soon as it's warm enough, my wife surrounds our house with flower pots spilling over with blooms and colorful foliage. But it's a process:

- Select and purchase the plants from Johnson's Nursery — no other source will do.
- Buy a few bags of MiracleGro moisture control potting soil — no other kind will do.
- Dump the old soil out of the pots (which comes in handy for filling low spots in the yard).
- Realize you need more of the plant saucers that go under the pot. Plan to make another trip to the store.
- Refill the pots with fresh soil, plant the flowers, and water thoroughly over and over again all summer.
- Trim back when they get overgrown, and train running vines onto their trellises.
- Enjoy the color and watch the butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees hovering around them.

We also try planting some vegetables each year — regular and cherry tomatoes, peppers, squash. But our house is a place where vegetable plants go to die. The only luck we have is with herbs. Want some basil? We've got plenty!

And I know the vegetable gardeners (who actually know what they are doing) have their own annual rituals and obsessions when it comes to their gardens.

But what are you growing for God this summer?

Summer may be the perfect time for you to grow a new relationship with someone who needs the love of God in their lives. So...



- Plant a seed by having a conversation.
- Prepare the soil through an act of love or appreciation.
- Nurture growth by finding a way to spend time with them, to get to know them on a deeper level.
- Pray for them, asking God...
 "Lord, show me their needs."
 "Lord, help me share my story."
 "Lord, love them through me."

And maybe you'd like to plant something to make YOU grow...

- Like picking a book of the Bible to read through 2 or 3 times so that you really know its message.
- Like becoming comfortable saying to people, "Can I tell you what God did for me this week?"
- Like picking a person or family in our church you'd like to know better and inviting them to lunch, or to play horseshoes, or to go fishing.

What we harvest in the fall is largely dependent on what we have grown this summer. So wouldn't you like to be busy growing something for God this summer?

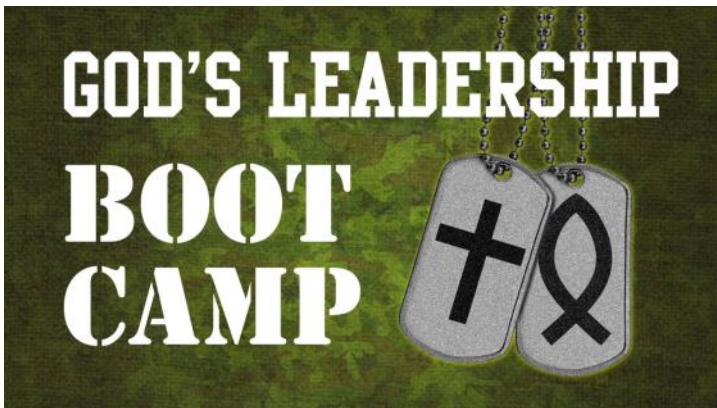
5th Sunday Fellowship
Sunday, July 29 @ 10:00 AM

Worship

Becoming the Spiritual Leader that God Planned for You to Be...

Every Christian is called to grow into some leadership role, even if it is as simple as leading someone to Christ as Lord and Savior. But there is a leadership shortage in the church today. We haven't been growing new leaders for the future, or challenging older leaders to go deeper.

This summer, we're inviting you to lace up your boots, put on your training gear, and get ready for God's Leadership Boot Camp. We're on a 6-chapter training hike led by the Apostle Paul as he teaches his trainee Timothy what true spiritual leadership looks like in character and in action.



July 1
Does Your Heart-focus Match God's?
1 Timothy 2:1-8

July 8
Spiritual Leaders Dress for Success
1 Timothy 2:8-15

July 15
Do You Have Any "Street Creds"?
1 Timothy 3:1-13

July 22
You're Never Too Young to Lead
1 Timothy 4:12

July 29
Leaders Know the Freedom of the Gospel
1 Timothy 3:14 – 4:6

August 5
Are You Growing?
1 Timothy 2:8-15

Prayer Requests



Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Bobby Batts, Wendy Bednarz, Alex Boyette, Jamie Carter, Michael Fields, Nancy Giordano, Patricia Levitan, Buddy Smith, David Sikes, Naomi Tatum (Patricia Levitan's Mother), Stephen Thompson, Pauline Tooley, Katie & Chris Tucker, Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world.



First Baptist Church Tellers, Sharon Teachey and Fay Hedgpeth (pictured above) are hard at work. Our faithful tellers volunteer their time each week for two months at a time along with Alvin Bryan, Doris Webb, Louise Woods, Tammy Patram, Babs Paul, LaRue Faircloth, Sue Baker, Ann English, Judy Jackson, and Patricia Levitan. Sharon Teachey is the Chairperson. Thank you all so very much for your service and ministry at First Baptist.

Senior Adults



Our Senior Adults visited the Tiger Sanctuary in Pittsboro on June 14.

Senior Adult Lunch — Tuesday, July 17

The summer heat has hit full force! So, to stay cool, grab a friend and join us in the cool air conditioning. It's so much better than sitting at home alone!

Pick out your favorite recipe and mark your calendars for our **next lunch meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 17**. Our guest will be Barry Jones, the president of the Duplin County Beekeepers Association. He has spent most of his life caring for and raising bees.



He will be speaking to us about the importance of bees to our gardens and the local economy, and about the benefits of local honey to our health. So whip up your favorite recipe to share with us, call a friend to join you, and head on over to the church on Tuesday, July 17, at 11:30 a.m.

5th Sunday Fellowship
Sunday, July 29 @ 10:00 AM
in the Fellowship Hall
No Sunday School Classes

We have already begun **taking reservations for our 2019 trip to the Ark and Creation museum**. If you haven't already made your reservation a **\$75 deposit** per person will hold your spot for this trip **scheduled for May 13-17, 2019**. The total cost for the trip is \$650, double occupancy but First Baptist members receive a \$25 discount. Single rooms are available but are priced higher. Please



ask for price information if you wish to book a single room. Cost includes travel and hotels, entrance to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, breakfast each morning, 2 dinners, including a riverboat cruise, and a tour of Cincinnati before we depart for home. Extra money will be needed to cover meals not included in the price. This trip is filling up fast so don't miss out because you waited too long! We want the pleasure of your company on this fun, educational trip!



Our next day trip will be to the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher on Thursday, August 23. We'll leave the church at 10:30 a.m. and have lunch at Chic-fil-a before heading down to the aquarium. We will spend a relaxing afternoon enjoying the many sights at the aquarium on our own before we head home. Cost for your aquarium ticket and travel will be \$17.50. Lunch will be on your own. Reservations and payments for this trip are due no later than Wednesday, August 8.

So many opportunities for fun, food, and fellowship together. Mark your calendars, call a friend, and plan to join us!

Music Ministry

The heat is on so it must be summer in Wallace! That means more trips to the beach, seeking out the cool of the shade, and the choirs' summer hiatus. That simply means that the choir will cease rehearsals for a while and will reuse some of their favorite anthems from this past year. And while the pieces are voted on by the choir, we hope that they are pieces that you will enjoy hearing again as well. So don't miss out! Be in a pew at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings!



This is also the month we do our favorite hymn survey. Last year's top favorite was "Amazing Grace!" I wonder if it will be the same this year? Look for the survey

insert in your bulletin, write in your top 3 favorite hymns, and either put it in the offering plate when it comes around or you can give it to Dee. Only submit one survey form with only 3 choices - No Cheating! I will tally the votes and we will sing our top 15 favorites beginning Sunday, August 5! Don't miss out on the fun!



Movie on the Lawn, July 11



After the first Movie on the Lawn being such a great success, we're going to do it again! Wednesday, July 11th, we will host another movie on the lawn event. We are hoping that this time the weather will be nice to us and we can host it on the "lawn". The times for

this event will stay the same, we will start eating at 6:30 p.m. and start the movie around 7:00 p.m. The movie choice will be announced at church and Facebook, so keep an eye out for that! Take this opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends, we want this to be a community event and not just a church event. Hope to see you there!

Student Ministry

Youth Beach Retreat, July 16-20



On July 16th, some of our students will be leaving for a week at the beach. Our church received a call from Sharpe Road Baptist in Greensboro NC (Jacob's home church). Sharpe Road wanted to see if



we would be interested in partnering with them for this trip because they didn't have the minimum number of people signed up to go.

After praying about this, we have decided to partner up and go with them. We won't be taking a huge number of youth with us on this trip since it was very short notice, but this will open the eyes of the ones who are going to see if they would be interested in going again next year. I can tell you from past experience, there is no other trip like the beach trip. This will be my 13 year going.

We will attend Garden City Chapel down in South Carolina. I ask that you pray for, not only our students, but all students going on this trip. I have no doubt that God will plant seeds on this trip!



**Student Worship & Discipleship
Conference - July 26-28, 2018**
Birmingham, Alabama

CentriKid Camp



Our First Baptist Church campers had fun learning about how we are created in God's image at CentriKid Camp 2018 at Campbell University the week of June 18-22.

Ladies Bible Study



Women of All Ages

Have you ever been in an impossible situation? Maybe you feel like you are in one right now. If so rest assured, God specializes in impossible situations. We have all been rescued or we are in need of being rescued. Regardless of your situation, this study will cause you to glorify God for what He is doing in your life and give you the steps to process your journey. Please gather with us as we learn more about the love that rescued each of us and how our love can rescue others.

Rescued by Margaret Feinberg is an 8-week Women of Joy Bible Study for women of all ages. Caitlin Rich and Sarah Williams are facilitating our group. We are meeting at the church Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. The cost of the book is \$10.00.

OCC Shoe Boxes

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."
Proverbs 18:16



Our items for this month are washcloths and non-scented bar soap. You can drop them off in the clear plastic container at the OCC table. We will be collecting these items for the whole month. Come and be a part of this special ministry.



There is now an app for OCC for your smartphone or iPhone. You can also build a shoebox online at samaritansturn.org. If you have any questions please ask Maggie or Marie Casteen. Thank you.



Urgent Needs

Right now, our church has **two urgent priorities** in our giving. The Stewardship Committee is asking all of us to unite behind these two top priorities with single-minded commitment.

The first of these is, as always, our church's ministry budget. Without the ministries of our church, and without the ongoing resources of study materials, lights, heating and cooling, ministries to children, teenagers, and adults, we really have no reason to exist. Without these, we don't have a church; we only have a museum that will soon be closed. God has called us to life-changing ministry, which is what our budget helps us accomplish.

The second urgent priority is the repair of our steeple. The picture below shows the rotted wood of the steeple. This damage is allowing large amounts of water to flow into our balcony area every time it rains. The building that previous generations have provided for us is being repeatedly damaged by this hole in the roof that the damaged steeple creates.



If this were our home, we would still pay the mortgage, pay the electric bill, water and sewer, buy food for the family, school supplies, pay doctor bills, etc. But beyond these essentials, we would focus on repairing our roof with urgency.

So that is what we are inviting our whole church family to do. Let's make sure the ministries that are our reason for existing are fully funded, and then, in appreciation for those who have gone before us, but even more in commitment to the Lord, let's tackle this repair project.

The estimate we have received is good for a limited time, so let's take care of this need soon to avoid an increase in repair costs!

Just for Laughs:

The evangelist was preaching with passion, trying to emphasize the contrast between heaven and hell. But he wasn't seeing much reaction in the congregation. He wasn't sure he had the attention of the crowd, so he decided to get them involved in the sermon.



"Everyone here who wants to go to heaven, stand up!" he shouted. Slowly, everyone in the congregation rose to their feet.

After they sat back down, he shouted, "Now, all of you who want to go to hell, stand up!" For dramatic effect, he waited, then repeated himself: "Come on, now! Anyone here who wants to go to hell, stand on up!"

Finally, a young boy seated about halfway back slowly stood up. In surprise, the evangelist said, "Young man, surely a fine person like you does not want to go to hell."

The boy answered, "No sir, I really don't, but I just couldn't take it seeing you standing there all by yourself."

Windows



History Room Stained Glass Windows

If you would like to contribute to the Stained Glass Windows fund for the three windows in the History Room, mark your church envelope **Other: History Room/Windows**. To give a contribution in **Honor or in Memory** of a special someone, please contact Theresa B. Elias at tbeart@gmail.com or call her at 910-289-0979. Please include the name(s) of the person and who is making the contribution. There will be plaques with names and contributors included after the windows are installed.

Volunteers

July Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery

7/1-Angie Gurganus, 7/8-Hope Rich, 7/15-Robin Stone, 7/22-Dorothy Williams, 7/29-Kimberly Walker

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

Donna Marshburn

11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery

Kristy Bryan

Sunday Ushers:

Friendship Bible Class

Tellers: Alvin Bryan &
Doris Webb



**August Newsletter
Submission Deadline:
July 15, 2018**

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

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On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

6-3	6-10	6-17	6-24
105	80	72	65

Worship

145	162	157	180
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Budget and Receipts

2018 Budget	\$449,385.00
Offering Receipts To Date 6-26-2018	\$196,490.08

July Birthdays

- 1 Maddox Hawes
- 2 Charles Elias
- 3 Danielle Strickland
- 4 Shirley Rivenbark
- 4 Steve Murphy
- 6 Stratton Rich
- 7 Mason Hawes
- 8 Gene Pierce
- 8 Andy Jones
- 9 Katherine Bunch
- 9 Janet Walker
- 9 Sarah Hamilton
- 10 Willis Peterson
- 10 Becky Judge
- 11 Linda Dees
- 13 Michael Stallings
- 13 James Kearney
- 14 Larry Batchelor



- 14 Ethan Stone
- 15 Barbara Rivenbark
- 15 Luke Davis
- 17 Glenda Kenan
- 17 Carries Marshburn
- 17 Glenn Sellers
- 19 Janice Mills
- 19 Marshall Williams
- 23 Haywood Holmes
- 23 Hannah Rose Chrisco
- 24 Dakota Stallings
- 25 Grace Perry
- 26 Dwight Hall
- 27 Margaret Hodge
- 28 Jimmy Powell
- 30 Ashley Shepard
- 31 Anna Russ




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.

First Baptist Events

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 The Lord's Supper 9:00 am-Life Café 10 am-11 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Worship Band 5:00 pm-Womens Bible Study 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	2 6:30 pm-Properties, R303	3 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5	6	7 
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