



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

July 2017



Moving forward in understanding and mission!

-- This summer we are studying God's great story to be a part of it today.

Personnel Committee Presentation, July 2

The Personnel Committee will be presenting Dee Thompson as their candidate for the part-time position of Interim Minister of Music and Seniors. Dee has a Bachelors Degree in Music, a Seminary degree in Religious Education, and has led church choirs in the past. In Emporia, Virginia, she established that church's first senior adult ministry, "Young at Heart."

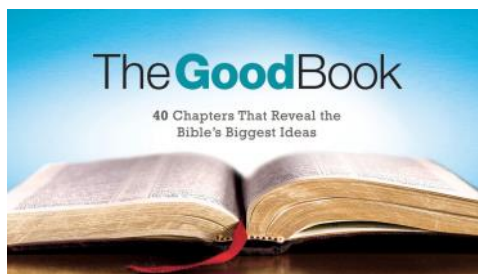
The position would begin very soon, given that this is the time of year when the Fall and Christmas music plans have to be determined and prepared for.

The Personnel Committee has the authority to fill this staff vacancy on their own, but they would appreciate a majority endorsement from the congregation.

An email has been sent to all members containing a link to Dee's resume. The congregational vote will take place Sunday, July 2, in both worship gatherings.

Summer Life Group Study "The Good Book" begins!

For July and August, we're taking an exciting, fast journey through the entire Bible! We will be looking at 40 key chapters of the Bible that contain the key ideas, the great themes of God's great story of redemptive love. As our guide, we are reading a book called "The Good Book." This book takes those chapters one at a time and points out the great themes and truths we shouldn't miss.



Several of our small groups are digging deeper in their discussions, and our times of worship will also draw from the 5 chapters covered each week. If you'd like a copy of the book, a few are available in the church office. And you can read the Bible chapters on your own using the schedule included in this newsletter and available in the office.

Directions Team Update



First Baptist Church is currently in a process to shape a vision and plan for our future as a church. Prompted by major change in the world around us, and the growing diversity of needs and perspectives within the church, we are working to form a plan that will honor God and unite our efforts to transform lives in the power of the Gospel.

The Team has established a set of "non-negotiable values" for our church's future. That list, and the Team's list of implications of those values for our structure and direction will appear in next month's newsletter.

The Team has now started their reading of the book *How to Reach People under 30 while Keeping People over 60*, written by North Carolina Baptist minister and church consultant Eddie Hammett.

Members of this Team are encouraged to talk about this process and answer questions, so please ask!



Worship

The Bible's Biggest Ideas

The Bible is a big book. Depending on the size of the print, it's usually well over 1000 pages... different authors, different timelines, different locations, strange customs, written as history, poetry, proverbs, and narrative. While we Christians say we value it, many still struggle to get a grasp on it.

So this summer, in just 8 short weeks, we are going to take a journey through the entire Bible. Our guide for this journey is a book written by Baptist pastor Deron Spoo. The book is entitled *The Good Book*, and it focuses on 40 key chapters that present the Bible's biggest ideas.

Each Sunday, in worship, we will be drawing from the previous week's readings (5 key chapters). The list of chapters and dates are on page 3 of this newsletter.



July 02 - Your Place in God's Great Story

Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 3:8-13, Genesis 12:1-2

July 09 - Trust and Obey, for There's No Other Way

Exodus 14:1-31

July 16 - Every Sheep Needs a Shepherd

Psalms 23

July 23 - Courageous Faith in a Dangerous World

Daniel 3

July 30 - You Can Be the "Total Package."

Matthew 5:43-48

August 6 - God's Greatest Priority

Luke 15



Senior Adults

July Keenager's Lunch

Our special guest is Ashley Hopkins from Senior Resource Services. She spoke at our January Keenager's Luncheon and is back by popular demand with a follow up visit to share about the services that are offered for Senior Adults in our area and to help you with any questions you might not understand like Medicare, Social Security and other senior benefits.

Remember that our Keenagers is our senior adult ministry gathering where we encourage all the senior adults in the community to join us for food, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement.

Invite someone to come with you on Tuesday, July 18, at 11:30 a.m. for this great time of fellowship. Many of our family members and friends might not have the opportunity to be apart of an energetic senior adult group like our Keenagers.

Update On Our Canada Trip September 16 - 22, 2017

Here is some important information for those who are going on the trip:

Wednesday, July 19, is the last day to cancel with no trip insurance for a full refund.



If you cancel after July 19 with no trip insurance, you are still obligated for full payment to First Baptist Church.

The trip insurance flyers are available now in the church office.

Trip insurance is available until September 11.

The balance on your trip is due by Friday, September 1, 2017, at 12:00 noon.

Your balance will be mailed out on a postcard in August along with more details about the trip as we get closer.

We look forward to another great trip!

Women on Mission

Hearts of Hope



Christmas Stockings.....and the stocking were filled with love from the people at First Baptist. The stockings will be passed out at the conclusion of each worship service on Sunday, June 25. Please fill your stocking and return to the church by Sunday, July 30. The filled stockings will be collected and stored until God Workshop, Saturday, December 9. Please include your children or grandchildren as you pray and shop for the child you selected. There will be a list of suggestion inside each stocking. Please remember to write your name on the back of the blue or pink tag! We encourage you to add God's Workshop to your calendar and plan to join us. Your presence will be blessing to many and who knows, you just might receive the biggest blessing!

School Supplies and Book Bags

During the month of August we will be collecting needed school supplies for our Hearts of Hope Children. Please be watching for the sales on school supplies!!!!

Congratulations

Congratulations to DeAndria Davis upon her acceptance to Duplin County's Early College. DeAndria is the daughter of Sallie Davis, and the granddaughter of Dorothy Williams.

Congratulations to the following on receiving the Dr. William Sutton Scholarship:

- Emily Donnelly
- Emilie Richardson
- Anna Russ



Births:

Baby Boy: Hunter Weinstock, 3-31-17
Parents: Greg & Michelle Weinstock
Grandmother: Louise Woods

Baby Girl: Shelby Lynn Sinnott, 6-12-17
Parents: Arthur & Hannah Sinnott
Grandparents: Wayne & Lynn Sanderson
Great-Grandparents: Jim & Jaxie Cavender



Marriages:

Jacob & Caitlin Rich, 5-20-17

Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child

"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. Also, there is now an app for OCC for your smartphone or iphone.

Two important changes for this year: we will no longer be collecting candy or toothpaste because of custom regulations. Also, the shipping donation amount is \$9.00 per box because of increasing processing, shipping and distribution cost. If you have any questions please ask Maggie or Marie Casteen.

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 2

Genesis 1
Genesis 3
Genesis 6
Genesis 12
Genesis 22

By Sunday, July 30

John 1
Luke 2
Matthew 5
Matthew 6
Matthew 7

By Sunday, July 9

Exodus 3
Exodus 14
Exodus 20
Judges 16
1 Samuel 17

By Sunday, August 6

Luke 8
John 3
Luke 15
Mark 15
Matthew 28

By Sunday, July 16

Job 1
Psalm 23
Psalm 51
Psalm 139
Proverbs 1

By Sunday, August 13

Acts 1
Acts 2
Acts 9
Acts 10
Revelation 22

By Sunday, July 23

Isaiah 53
Jeremiah 1
Daniel 3
Daniel 6
Jonah 1

By Sunday, August 20

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

Just for Laughs

From the mouths of children...

A little boy returned from his first week at summer camp. His parents asked him, "Did you get homesick while you were at camp?"

He shrugged his shoulders and said, "Not me, but some of the kids who have dogs did."

* * * * *

An elderly lady leaned down at the store checkout line and said to the little girl in front of her, "How do you do, my dear." And with great manners the little girl replied, "Quite well, thank you."

After a pause, the elderly lady said, "Why didn't you ask me how I am today?" And the child said calmly, "Because I'm not really interested."

* * * * *

A mother sent her son off to the nearby church's summer camp. Because they were taking an offering for missions, the mother gave her son a dollar to give to God for the mission offering and a dollar to stop at the corner market on the way home for a candy bar.

As he walked down the street, flapping the money in the air, one of the dollars blew out of his hand, and fell into the storm sewer drain. The boy stared down into the hole, realized the dollar was gone for good, and said, "Oh no, God, your dollar blew away!"

* * * * *

A father decided it was time to give his children some spiritual instruction, so he sat them all down and explained to them how a true Christian should talk and act. After several minutes of explanation, one of the children stopped him and said, "Dad, will *we* ever get to meet one of these "true Christians?"



Prayer Requests



Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Annette Blizzard, Greg Halso, Vernon Hardison, Lisa Hunt and family, Melvin Johnson, Ivey Jones, Rebecca Judge, Melanie Leggett, Leta Liles, Ed Merritt, Tracy Moore, Gil Norris, Jason Norris, "Peanut", the

family of Allen Raynor, Ronnie Rich, Murphy Rivenbark, Phil Rivenbark (knee replacement), Becky Rooks, John Stallings, Judy Sterbach's brother, Stephen Thompson, Ashley Tucker, Joyce Williams, Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world.

Thank You

Dear Dr. William Sutton Scholarship Committee,

Thank you all for the opportunity to receive the Dr. William Sutton Scholarship again this year.

The money received this year is being used for Nursing School at James Sprunt Community College for tuition.

Thank you all once again for this wonderful opportunity.

Love in Christ,

Emily Richardson



Volunteers

July Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

Anita Cavanaugh & Susan Ayers

11:00 a.m. Worship Hour Nursery

Morris Andrews

Sunday Ushers:

Friendship Bible Small Group

Tellers: Alvin Bryan &

Doris Webb



August Newsletter Submission

Deadline: July 15, 2017

Please email articles to
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief!



Church Staff

First Baptist Church of Wallace

408 W. Main St., Wallace, NC 28466

Phone: 910.285.2534 Fax: 910.285.7810

www.WallaceFirstBaptist.org

Dr. Alan Thompson, Senior Pastor

Email: alan.fbcw@gmail.com/Cell: 282-8095

Rev. James Copeland,

Assoc. Pastor of Youth and Children

Email: james.fbcw@gmail.com/Cell: 463-8455

Rev. Arledge Castles, Deaf Minister Pastor

Email: Arledge.Castles@charter.net

Mrs. Kim Longenbach, Administrative Assistant

Email: office.fbcw@gmail.com

Mrs. LaRue Faircloth, Organist/Choir Accompanist

Mr. Ivey Jones, Custodian

On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

5-28	6-4	6-11	6-18	6-25
86	89	105	97	102

Worship

100	190	179	193	180
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Budget and Receipts

2017 Budget \$483,029.00

Offering Receipts To Date 6-27-2017 **\$215,537.61**

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
- 16 Joan Sutton
- 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

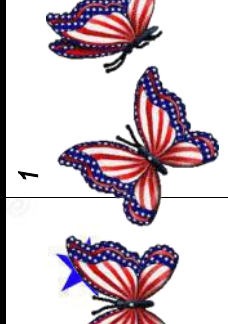

Office Hours

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

Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sat. & Sun.: Closed

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 Communion 9:00 am-Life Café 9 am-12 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship	3	4 Office Closed Independence Day 	5	6 7:00 pm-Bible Profilers	7	8
9 9:00 am-Life Café 9 am-12 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 12:00 pm-Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved 12:00 pm-Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm-Tribes	10	11 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:00 pm-Worship Band	12	13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 9:00 am-Life Café 9 am-12 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Tribes	17	18 11:30 am-Keenagers 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:00 pm-Worship Band 7:00 pm-Stewardship	19	20 7:00 pm-Bible Profilers	21	22
23 Regular Activities 6:00 pm-Tribes 30 Worship Together 10 am-11 pm-WallaceKids	24 31	25 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:00 pm-Worship Band 7:20 pm-Missions	26 Student Conference	27 Student Conference Fellowship Hall Reserved	28 Student Conference Fellowship Hall Reserved	29 Student Conference FREE Yard Sale Fellowship Hall Reserved