

# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

# First Family October 2022



# Our Church Building Would Make a Great Brewery or Pub!

 It's happening in towns and cities all over the U.S. as churches fail to reach young adults and become irrelevant to our modern culture.

#### (A Homecoming 2022 Teaser)

Homecoming Worship is October 16 @ 10:00 AM

Church researchers tell us that, on average, 6000 churches close their doors each year in our country. Why is that? Are our buildings not pretty enough? Is our steeple not tall enough? Are we not singing enough hymns? Is the padding on our pews too thin? Do we need to play the organ more often?

Of course, none of these things has anything to do with why so many churches are in decline. Those churches

are doing worship just like they did 50 years ago, and they are doing it just as diligently as they know how.

At the same time, more and more young people are claiming that there is *no* faith that they identify with. The latest research says that, in just one or two more generations, Christians will be a minority group in our country.

The first question we need to ask is "Do we care enough about those we need to reach to make major changes in the methods we are using to reach them?" In another church, a lady said, "I know the

church needs to change, but can you wait until I'm dead?" Sure! Let's ignore the spiritual needs of lost people so we can keep you comfortable the rest of your life. (I didn't say it, but I did think it.)

This year, our Homecoming Sunday is October 16. We will have a combined 10:00am service with our usual big dinner afterward. For heaven's sake, invite a friend to share this exciting day with you. There will be plenty to eat!

Our focus will be on uniting together as ONE church to carry out our ONE mission of reaching this community in the name of the

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Steeplejack Brewing Company is located in a church building in Portland, Oregon. Sip your beer as you gaze at the stained glass windows of the 111-year old church that used to occupy this building until the church closed. The brewery has done a great job of reaching the people that the church failed to reach. Steeplejack Brewing now has three locations.

ONE Savior, Jesus Christ. Since it is younger adults that we are failing to reach, our speaker will be our young adult staff member, Jacob Capps. Jacob knows our church, knows our area, knows our mission, and knows what young adults are searching for that is found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ alone.

Save the date, bring a friend, and let's keep our building as the home of a reaching and vibrant church!



Home of Beer Church Brewing Co. in Michigan. The 150-year old church closed.

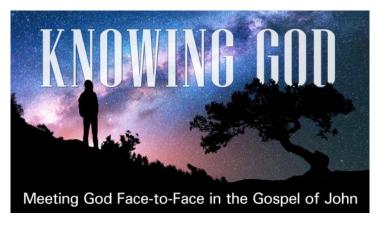
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# Worship

#### The Upper Room Discourse...

...it's a fancy name for the many things that Jesus shared with his disciples on that last night before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. These were things they didn't understand at the time, but would understand later as God's Spirit filled them.

In these words we hear Jesus' urgency and love. Every second was precious, so these are not idle chit chat, but some of the most important truths ever spoken.



October 2 — Your Road Shapes Your Destination
John 14:1-7

October 9 — Joe Blanchard preaching (Lord's Supper observed)

October 16 — Homecoming Sunday
Jacob Capps preaching

October 23 — God's Presence in Us John 14:15-21

October 30 — What Side of God's Clippers are You On?

John 15:1-4

November 6 — Dwelling Place or Hotel Room?

John 15:5-11

November 13 — The Greatest Love John 15:13

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# Prayer Requests



#### Remember in Prayer:

Those in our community whom, God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Alan Baker, Jennifer Bass, Sergeant Johnson C. Blanchard, Lu Brinkley, Vivian Brookshire, Arledge Castles, Jim Farrior, Shella Farrior, Wesley Hairr, Clayton Herring, Janet Highsmith, Shelby & Graham Kilpatrick, Williams Mentz, Gloria Morrison, JW Mott, Mike Pate, BJ Pierce, the staff at Potter's Wheel Ministry, John Reade, Wayne Rich, Renee Stoppelbein, Edna Taylor, Stephen Thompson, Charles Williams, Lynn Wood.

#### Sympathy to the family of:

Bruce McCoy Piner Jim Hall Brian Fitzpatrick

#### Welcome New Member:

9-18-2022: Michelle Stampe



#### Thank You:

Dear Alan & Sue Baker and First Baptist Church Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Group,

Thank you so much for your prayers. I appreciate them more than you know. I thank God for the opportunity to receive chemo treatments. Last week my doctor told me I was responding well to the treatments and she called me a "walking miracle". I give God the Glory! Thanks again!

Take care and God bless!



# Music Ministry

Have you considered joining the choir but aren't certain it's for you? Well, I feel quite certain you will love it, but you don't have to take my word for it! Here's what some of our choir members have to say about why they love singing in the choir.



I love choir! I love everything about choir. I love practice on Wednesday night. I love the fellowship of the choir members and our leader. I love the sharing of the music with the congregation on Sunday. But, my most favorite thing is leading worship to God on Sunday because He is worthy!

Judy Marshburn

Why do I sing in the choir? I love choir because I love music and love to praise God through singing Christian songs, particularly four-part harmony. The times I've felt closest to God and heard His voice have often come while singing or listening to music. Choir offers the opportunity to blend our voices in worship and praise.



More importantly, I'm singing in our church choir as practice for the heavenly choir I plan to join someday! - Janet Walker

Chancel Choir rehearsals for the month of October 12, 19, 26 @ 6:15 in the choir room! Note that there is no rehearsal on Wednesday, October 5. I look forward to seeing you there!

SonShine Choir rehearsals are held on the 3rd Wednesday evening each month @ 5:30 pm. This month's rehearsal will be **October 19 @ 5:30**. We hope that having practice immediately before Chancel choir rehearsals will enable more people to attend and participate. Mark your calendars so that you don't forget! I look forward to seeing each of you!

This year, our Christmas program will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 4 @ 5:00 pm. As part of our program, we have an opportunity for the children in our church to participate in a play. There is a part for everyone who would like to to participate. There are just a few speaking parts, lots of nonspeaking parts, and only 2 rehearsals (Sunday, November 20 @ 4, and Thursday, December 1 @ 5:30.) Your child(ren) will sit with you until it is time for them to come to the stage. Sounds intriguing, doesn't it? If you are interested in having your children participate, please email Dee @ dee.fbcw@gmail.com. We will e-mail further info. We hope your child(ren) will join us!

### Senior Adults

#### **Up Coming Events:**

Thursday, October 20: The weather should be absolutely perfect for our tour of the Johnson Nursery Center and Gardens! Our tour will take place on board one of their lovely trailers designed specifically for this purpose. We will see and hear about their plants/operation, the garden center, and so much more! Following the tour, we will have a delicious catered lunch on the premises! We will meet up at the church @ 10:30 to car pool to the nursery. If you would be willing to drive, please let Dee know. The cost will be \$25, payable when you make your reservations, which begin Thursday, September 29. There are only 29 spots for this trip, so don't delay! Come into the office and sign up today!

Tuesday, November 8: Covered dish lunch @ 11:30 in the fellowship hall. This will be our annual Thanksgiving luncheon! We will have smoked turkey from Mik's and their sweet potato casserole.



All you need to bring is a side and/or dessert to contribute! And a friend! That's the most important part! So mark your calendars for this most fun and delicious meal. You won't want to miss out!

Tuesday, December 6: Have you purchased your tickets yet??? On Tuesday, December 6, we'll be heading off to the Christmas show @ Alabama Theater followed by a delicious meal at the Chestnut Hill restaurant! Members' and regular attendars' tickets will be \$75 per



tenders' tickets will be \$75 per person and nonmembers' will be \$85 per person. Reservations for members and regular attenders started Monday, September 12, and non-members can purchase their tickets beginning Monday, October 3. There are only 26 tickets available for this trip and many have been purchased already. Ticket sales will cease on Monday, November 7 when the office closes at 4:00 or when all tickets sell out. This is always a fun trip so don't miss out because you waited too late. When the tickets are gone, they are gone!

As always, we encourage you to invite a friend, especially those who aren't involved in a church anywhere, to join you at one of these events. We want them to know what a great fellowship of believers we have here and that we would love for them to join us!

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# Wallace Students



#### FROM THE DESK:

First Baptist Family,

As we enter October and all that it brings, I want to take some time and share the exciting things God is doing not only in our Student and Kids Ministries but in our church. When I first came on staff at the end of July, I asked you all to pray for our students. I knew coming back would bring a bit of a spark to the ones who were here when I previously served, but I had no idea what God had in store. Since that Sunday morning, asking for your prayers, we have seen an average of 26 students at our gatherings on Sunday Evenings. God is working in our students, and I ask that you not only pray for them but the amazing cook team as well because they are working even harder to keep these teenagers full!

Our kid's ministry has a fantastic team of dedicated volunteers who want to see our kids ministry flourish. We are making some changes with the teaching, but the enormous change will come from our kids wing facelift. We want every kid to walk into their church area and be mind-blown, a place they want to return to every time the doors open. So that is what is about to happen, phase 2 of our kids wing renovation. We have developed a creative team who will completely overhaul our kids ministry space. Contact me if you want to know more about this or help in any way, but the most significant thing you can do is pray for our kids ministry and those who walk into that space.

With our upcoming Fall Festival at the end of October, our kids team wants to challenge each small group to "own" a booth. This booth can be many things, from a simple game, bobbing for apples, to a full-on dunking booth. The booth should allow kids to come play the game and then be handed candy. So be creative as a group and have some fun! I will be making my way around talking to groups throughout the month, but feel free to pull me aside and ask questions.

In Christ, Jacob

### Wallace Students

Sunday Morning Life Groups: Our Students will continue their verse-by-verse walk through the Gospel of Matthew during our Sunday morning Life Group at 10 am. We started our journey in Matthew on August 7th and will spend the next year at least before we finish Matthew. So, if you are a student or have a 6th-12th grade student, we meet after the 9 am, Life Café Service upstairs in the youth room. Student Life Group is a time of conversing as a group through a passage of scripture.

#### Sunday Evening:

Now that we have concluded our 4-part series on our vision as a Student Ministry. The plan was to start a deep dive into Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy, but after spending more time in prayer, God has shifted our focus to studying Jesus' teaching through His parables in the gospels. We are so excited to see how God will move through this series in the hearts of our students. So, students, bring a friend and get excited for this series and the games to follow the sermon!

### Wallace Kids



#### LIFE GROUP:

Our Wallace Kids Team could not be more excited to share the changes coming to our kid's ministry this fall! First, we will start a new curriculum on Sunday morning during Life Group. This curriculum will bring some fun changes to the Life Group while keeping our focus on growing in Christ. With that, in October, our kids will be in a series called "Road Trip."

Have you ever been on a road trip? When we think of road trips, we might think of gas station snacks, singing along to our favorite songs, and taking in the sights — but when the Israelites went on a "road trip" of their own through the wilderness, it was a little less glamorous. Okay, it was a lot less glamorous. In this series, we'll introduce kids to some of God's "rules of the road," from Moses and

# Pumpkin Rolls



### **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 6, in the church office

Please use the drop box on the office door.

If paying with cash, mark an envelope with "Pumpkin Rolls", your name and amount ordered

Checks made payable to:
"Louise Woods"
Cost: Only \$12.00 each!

NEW THIS YEAR: Sugar-free option Cost: Only \$14.00 each!

Pick Up Sunday, November 20,

@ First Baptist Church
in the freezer in the kitchen
with your name on it.



## Wallace Kids



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the ten commandments all the way to what Jesus called the Greatest Commandment — to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Together, we'll discover that we can love God and others by putting God first, worshiping God, loving our families, and loving everyone.

Road Trip will be an invigorating series, one you won't want your child to miss. Our kids meet in the kid's wing after the 9 am Life Café service. This time is full of popcorn, drinks, and Jesus!



Next, we will have a Fall Festival on October 30th, from 4 pm-7pm, here at FBC. This time will consist of carnival games, hayrides, trunk-of-treats, face painting, cotton candy, and other delicious food! Our Fall Festival is a time to get dressed up and come out to the church for a fun evening, and did I mention LOTS OF CANDY!!

Finally, over the next 90 days, you will see a vast transformation in the kids wing. With phase one completed, with the renovation to the kids wing, we will now step into phase 2 with bringing the area to life! Again, I don't want to spoil anything but be on the lookout for the changes!

# Homecoming



Homecoming Sunday
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### Thank You

#### Thank You:

Hi Church,

Thank you so much for the cards, bulletins, and notes. It means so much to be remembered. I continually pray for you. Thank you Mrs. Sue Baker for the wonderful prayer notes and kind words.

Your Friend,

Stephen J. Swanson







# Homecoming Offering for New Playground

A generous donation has gotten us off to a good start for a new, bright, low-maintenance playground for our children, and as a powerful outreach tool. A new, fun, modern playground attracts families from the local community and that makes it easy for us to meet them, talk with them, and tell them more about our church without having to go find them. They come to us!

We already have \$17,800 toward the \$30,000 it will take to put in a beautiful new structure that will be maintenance-free for 25 years or more, other than putting down new mulch for the fall zones. There are few things a church can do to reach new families that are as powerful as catching the attention of children and attracting them!

You can, of course, give at any time, but on Homecoming Sunday we will be dedicating the extra offering we receive to advance this project. And while it has great outreach potential, it will also be used for all of our own children's activities.

The picture below is a sample of the kind of equipment we hope to install.





### OCC Shoeboxes



The third week in November Samaritans Purse will be collecting Shoeboxes from churches and individuals to prepare the boxes for their destination. We plan to have a packing party toward the end of October (date to be de-

termined) and we ask that all other packed shoeboxes be brought to the church no later than the first week in November.

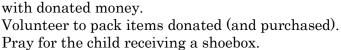
There should be no reason that each person in our church can't be involved in some way with this ministry. As individuals you may:

Purchase items and pack your own shoebox(es).

Donate money to be used to purchase items for the packing party. (Envelopes marked OCC Shopping.)

Donate money to be used for processing the shoeboxes. (\$10 suggested for each shoebox, envelopes marked OCC Shipping.)

Donate items to be packed during the packing party. Volunteer to shop for items with donated money



In addition to the completed shoeboxes, we will be sending boxes of fillers for the Processing Center to use for boxes that are not completely full. Handmade items like scarves, hats, dresses and toys are welcomed.

So please pray about how you want to participate. Let me, or Robin Stone, know if you have any questions.

Operation Christmas Child is a Simple Gift to open the door to sharing the Greatest Gift.

Packing shoeboxes for Christ, Beverly Benton



#### **Just for Laughs:**

A man went to see his pastor about a big sin that had been nagging at his conscience. He confessed that for many years he had been stealing building supplies from the lumber yard where he worked. He had built



himself a huge storage building where he continued to store the additional piles of lumber he had gone on to steal.

"What should I do, Pastor?" the man asked.

The pastor said, "Have you ever thought of making amends?"

The man thought for a moment and said, "No, but if you've got a set of plans, I'm sure I've got the lumber."

The owner of a door-to-door Bible sales company saw sales dipping and he was concerned. Every salesman was behind on his usual sales numbers except for one salesman, a man named Jeremiah. The surprising thing was that Jeremiah didn't seem to be the brightest employee and he had a terrible stutter.

So the owner assembled his sales team, and showed them the depressing sales numbers. Then he said, "But we have one salesman that has somehow managed to keep selling Bibles with great success." The boss turned to Jeremiah and said, "Jeremiah, could you explain to everyone how you manage to keep your sales numbers up when everyone else is struggling?"

Jeremiah seems genuinely surprised that the boss had called on him. He shrugged his shoulders and said, "I-I-I du-du-don't kn-n-n-now. I ju-ju-ju-just assssssskkkk 'em, 'D-d-d-d-d-do yo-yo-you wa-wa-want t-t-t-t-to b-b-b-b-buy a B-B-Bible or sh-sh-should I ju-ju-just re-re-re-ad it t-t-t-t-to you?"





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## Office Hours

**Monday:** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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



# Worship Services

#### First Baptist Church Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship in Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Life Groups for All Ages 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

# Sunday Sermons

#### **Sunday Sermons**

First Baptist Church Sunday Sermons are broadcast every Sunday on our local radio sta-



www.1005kixfm.com

tion KIX-FM 100.5 at 11:00 a.m. (Previous week's message).

And you can listen to each week's message, as well as a number of past message series, on our church website anytime under "Resources > Media/ Messages." Messages are usually posted by Sunday evening.

# Easy Tithe

#### **EasyTithe Instructions:**

- No Check Book?
- No Cash?
- On Vacation?
- Have a Smartphone?
- No Worries

Go to our website at www.wallacefirstbaptist.org and scroll down to the Online Giving Button and click. From here you can setup your account by an-

swering just a few simple questions. Once your account is created you can setup recurring donations and never worry about writing a check again. There is also the option to make a one time donation as a guest without having to create an account.

You can also download the EasyTithe app from the app store on your smartphone. Again just a few

simple questions and you are ready to start giving online. Access your account anytime for a summary of your donations. You will still

- Give Anytime
- Give Anywhere
- Setup Recurring Donations
- Review Past Donations
- Fast Simple Secure

receive annual statements from the office.



#### **October Volunteers**

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery 10/2-Robin Stone, Jessica Higgins 10/9-Lindsey Blanchard, Robin Stone 10/16-Jessica Higgins, Hope Rich 10/23-Janet Voisey, Allie Higgins 10/30-Debbie Williams, Lindsey Blanchard

9:00 a.m. Kids Camp, R203 (K-4th) Ellen Cooper

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery 10/2-Susan Ayers, Angie Gurganus 10/9-Michelle Coombs, Virginia Edwards 10/16-Susan Ayers, Michelle Coombs 10/23-Angie Gurganus, Susan Ayers 10/30-Susan Bradshaw

10:00 a.m. 3 & 4 Year Olds 10/2-Angie Gurganus 10/9-Donna Marshburn 10/16-Donna Marshburn 10/23-Donna Marshburn 10/30-Donna Marshburn



10:00 a.m. Wallace Kids 10/2-Doug & Deb Lloyd

10/9-Crystal Stallings, Amie Cavenaugh 10/16-No Wallace Kids-Homecoming 10/23-Lindsey Blanchard, Crystal Stallings 10/30-Amie Cavenaugh, Michelle Blanchard

11:00 a.m. Ushers: Connections Life Group

Tellers: Louise Woods, Patsy Spell

# Church Texts

Text the word, "update" to 910-285-2534 to receive general church text updates.

## Newsletter



Nov. Newsletter Submission Deadline: Oct. 15, 2022

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

### On the Record

#### **Attendance**

#### **Life Groups**

8-28	9-4	9-11	9-18	9-25
64	54	69	63	75
Worship				
8-28	9-4	9-11	9-18	9-25
145	134	144	163	137

#### **Budget and Receipts**

2022 Budget \$455,789.00

Offering Receipts To Date 9-28-2022 \$312,010.50



- 7 Marie Casteen
- 7 Deb Lloyd
- 9 Kathy Hendrickson
- 12 Lisa Boyette
- 12 Olivia Bradshaw
- 12 Drew Hendrickson
- 14 Lyza Capps
- 14 Susan Ayers
- 14 Linda Sikes
- 16 Roger Coombs
- 16 Sammy Marshburn
- 16 Katie Robinson
- 17 Jerry Teachey
- 19 Bertha Wise
- 19 Alan Baker
- 19 Myranda Ross

- 20 Kathy Herring
- 20 Lizzie O Blackburn
- 22 Tyler Brinkley
- 22 Lynne Castles
- 23 George Eakins
- 23 Ethan Carlson
- 24 David Godwin
- 26 Rhonda Cave26 Steve Mills
- 27 Laura Brooks
- 29 Allison Brinkley
- 29 Robert McGowen
- 30 Amie Cavenaugh
- 31 Peggy Stallings

# First Baptist Events

### October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene
9:00 am-Life Café 9:00 am-Kids Camp 10:00 am-Wallace Kids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Scouts 6:00 pm-Wallace Students 6:00 pm-Missions	3 FH Floor Waxed  SAM Christmas Trip Sign Ups For Non-Members Begins \$85  6:00 pm-CrossFit	4 FH Floor Waxed  NO STAFF MEETING  NO WORSHIP BAND PRACTICE TONIGHT	5 FH Floor Waxed  10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner  NO CHANCEL CHOIR TONIGHT  7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH	6 FH Floor Waxed	7	8 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH
9 The Lord's Supper 9:00 am-Life Café 9:00 am-Kids Camp 10:00 am-Wallace Kids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 12:15 pm-Deacon's Meeting 5:00 pm-Scouts 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	10 10:30 am-WMU 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:00 Men's Fellowship Dinner @ Mi Finca	11 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting NO WORSHIP BAND PRACTICE TONIGHT	12 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Worship Band & Chancel Choir practice together 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH	13 2:30 pm-Piano Tuner	14 Homecoming Set Up, FH	15 Newsletter Deadline Homecoming Set Up, FH 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH
16 Homecoming 10:00 am-Combined Worship & Covered Dish Dinner	17 6:00 pm-CrossFit	18 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band, FH 6:30 pm-Stewardship	19 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 5:30 pm-SonShine Choir 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH	20 11:00 am-2:00 pm- SAM Trip Johnson's Nursery & Garden (Meet at Church And Carpool)	21 Sanctuary Reserved	22 Sanctuary Reserved 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH
23 Regular Activities	24 6:00 pm-CrossFit	25 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band, FH	26 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	27	28	29 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH
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