



# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

## First Family

April 2020



### ***When Your World Turns Upside Down***

***— In a volatile, unstable, fearful world, you can have hope, peace, and assurance. Here's how...***

They had a vision and plan for the future. They thought they had a leader who was going to make it all come true. They saw every obstacle being overcome. And then, it all fell apart.

Over the last several weeks, a lot of our neighbors — maybe you, too — have seen your world turned upside down. The CoronaVirus pandemic of 2020, the huge drop in the stock market, the closing of schools and restaurants and even our church... We wouldn't have imagined it, and how suddenly we went from life as usual to this uncomfortable new reality.

And there is no doubt that people fear it could happen again.

In the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, there were people whose world was turned upside down. Everything they envisioned for their future had evaporated. Their pattern of life had been disrupted. They had no idea what tomorrow would bring. There was:

**Confusion and Fear  
Heartache and Grief  
Disruption and Doubt**

But into this storm of pain and upheaval a voice spoke with quiet assurance: "Do not be afraid."

This is NOT the message we hear from the world around us. But it is the message we hear from God.

So how can we "fear not" in an unstable world? How can we have joy when all of our expectations have been trashed?

**God has a better foundation** for your joy, a more certain source for your future. And the way we can know that it is "for real" is that Jesus rose up from death and walked out of that tomb and made promises to us that cannot fail.

But just knowing that will still leave you empty, leave you confused, leave you struggling with fear. It takes more than knowing...

**It takes TRUST**—putting your to-



days and your tomorrows in the hands of Jesus, living in obedience to the One who died and rose for you.

This Easter we will be celebrating that amazing story all over again, because there are so many people who have never heard it... who have no idea what it could mean for their lives and their future.

**Remember that CoronaVirus?** It was spread by human interaction. And the Gospel works the same way. The people in your world need you to touch their lives. They need you to share your story. They need you to invite them to join you as we re-tell and celebrate the one message that gives us peace and joy in an unstable, troubling world.

## **Worship**

### **ReStart: Experience a New Beginning**

The sweeping shut-downs brought on by the Corona-Virus have disrupted our schedule. As you read this, hopefully we will be back in our normal routine. But because of the uncertainty, the messages to come are listed in order below, but without dates.



#### **Re:Start**

Oh You Can't Get to Heaven on Rollerskates  
Genesis 11:1-9

#### **Re:Start**

What's Your Calling?  
Genesis 12:1-3

#### **Re:Start**

Taking Your Journey of Faith  
Genesis 12:1-20

#### **Re:Start**

Second Best + God = Amazing  
Genesis 13:8-18

#### **Re:Start**

Are You Prepared for Victory?  
Genesis 14:13-16

...and until we get past the CoronaVirus restrictions on assembling together, we will continue to lead in worship and Bible study through online video and other creative means.

## **Prayer Requests**



#### ***Remember in Prayer:***

*Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Thomas Bennett, Bennie Bloodworth, Barbara Bradshaw, Linda Brinkley, Gary Brown, Alvin Bryan, Rachel Dillard, Jenell Ezzell, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Nancy Giordano, Gerald Hanchey, Herbert Hodge, Shirley James, Amy Smith Johnson, Doug Kennedy, Doris King, Maxine Lien, Frank Murray, Charlie Register, Geraldine Register, Bonnie Robinson, Melinda Stampe, Sharon Teachey, Stephen Thompson, Chris Watkins, Lofton Wirtz.*

#### ***Sympathy to the families of:***

*Meredith Fratti  
Glen Ray Thornton*



#### ***Mark Your Calendars: Easter Sunday, April 12***

*Invite someone to share the joy of Easter Sunday worship with you:*

*7:00 am-Community Sunrise Worship*

*7:45 am-Community Breakfast*

*9:00 am-Life Café Worship*

*10:00 am-Life Groups*

*11:00 am-Traditional Worship*



## Senior Adults



### Amish Country Trip, Oct. 19-21

As many of you have already heard, our trip to Pennsylvania's Amish country has had to be postponed to Monday through Wednesday, October 19-21 due to the coronavirus outbreak. The good news is that it is quite possible that we will have some beautiful fall foliage to enjoy along the way in addition to the fun and fellowship we were already going to have!

If this new date works for you and you have already paid, then you are good to go! No need to do anything further at this time. If you are signed up and paid, but this date won't work for you, then notify Dee by Tuesday, March 31 @ noon and you will be issued a refund.

If this date works for you but our previous date didn't and you would like to join us, then this is very good news for you! You can now sign up to go! But I need your deposit and commitment soon! And full payment will be needed no later than Friday, August 21 @ noon when the office closes.

So check those calendars and join us if you're free! We would love to have you! I just know that God is going to do something extra great on this trip!



## Senior Adults

### Covered Dish Lunch, May 12

Our next Senior Adult Ministries Lunch will be on Tuesday, May 12 @ 11:30. Our guest will be our local police chief, Chief Jimmy Crayton. He will be speaking to us about ways to



stay safe both physically and electronically. Please begin inviting friends and neighbors to join us. You know they are vulnerable to being harmed too and need the information Chief Crayton will share with us. I look forward to seeing you and your friends, and sampling some of your delicious food!

## Music Ministry

### Chancel Choir

Regular rehearsals Wednesdays @ 7:15 pm

### SonShine Choir

Regular rehearsals on Tuesdays, April 7 and 21 @ 10:30 am

Our choirs could use some more singers! If you enjoy singing, we would love to have you join us in either one of our choirs. Musical experience or music reading isn't necessary as we will work with each section to learn the parts. Give us a try! You won't regret it!

# Wallace Students



## Easter Offering for Student Missions, April 12

On Easter Sunday (and on the Sundays before Easter), we are having a **special offering for Student Missions**. Please be in prayer about how God wants you to invest in this new, young generation of leaders and support them as they use their “time off” from school for God’s Kingdom, and as they personally grow in discipleship through “on the job training” in ministry.

### Save the Date

- May 17: WMU Scholarship Sunday
- May 31: Deadline for Beach Retreat
- June 17: Family Movie Night
- June 22-26: Wallace Students Beach Retreat  
Garden City Chapel, SC  
(Deadline: June 7)
- July 12-15: Kids Camp
- July 15: Family Movie Night
- August 19: Family Movie Night

Spring 2020  
**Church Conference**  
Wednesday, May 6  
6:00 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

### May Newsletter Submission

**Deadline: April 15, 2020**

Please email articles to  
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief!



## Just for Laughs:

Q: What’s the Easter Bunny’s favorite restaurant?

A: IHOP!

Q: What is Easter Bunny’s favorite kind of music?

A: Hip-hop, of course!

Q: Why are bunnies so lucky?

A: Because they each carry four rabbits feet.

Q: Why does Peter Cottontail go hopping down the bunny trail?

A: Because he’s too young to drive.

Q: What did the Easter bunny say to the carrot?

A: It’s been nice gnawing you!

Q: Why was the Easter bunny frustrated?

A: He was having a bad hare day.

Q: What happens when you tell a joke to an egg?

A: It cracks up.

Q: How does the Easter bunny stay fit?

A: Eggs-ercise



# OCC Shoeboxes

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Instead of throwing your soda bottle tops away---why not donate them to OCC. We will be collecting tops off Pepsi, Sprite, Coke, and any other bottle until August. We are going to use them to make markers for tic-tac-toe games. If you



that you would like to donate, please put them in a Ziploc bag and give them to either myself or Ms. Marie. We would appreciate your help



with this project. The finished product will be at the OCC packing party to be packed into boxes.

If you have any questions, please ask Maggie or Marie Casteen. Thank you.



## WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship

Our Women’s Missionary Union (WMU) Carolyn Powers Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for 2020 scholarships to be awarded during our early and traditional worship services on May 17.

This scholarship may be applied for by any young adult entering or returning to college or seminary who has been an active participant in our church’s youth ministry or young adult ministry for at least two years.



Any qualifying student may request an updated 2020 application from our FBC Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Kim Longenbach. **Applications are due in our church office no later than April 15.**

The WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship was established in 1962 in memory of the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Powers. Our church members are reminded of this budget item when designating your monetary contributions, particularly in memory or in honor of someone, to ensure continuation of this scholarship in support of our young adults who are pursuing a higher education.

## Two First Baptist College Scholarships

First Baptist Graduates

Liston-Brown Scholarship



Any First Baptist of Wallace student attending or has been accepted to attend Campbell University this fall who is interested in full-time Christian service is eligible for this scholarship. If no one meets the Christian ministry requirement, then it can be awarded to a student pursuing any vocation.



## Dr. William W. Sutton Scholarship

Any First Baptist Church of Wallace student pursuing any medical field degree is eligible for this scholarship. The student can be going to a College, University or a Community College.



If you are interested you can contact:  
Kim in the church office: 910-285-2534

# Volunteers

## April Volunteers

**9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery**  
 4/5-Dorothy Williams, Lindsey Blanchard  
 4/12-Samantha Tucker, Deb Lloyd  
 4/19-Lindsey Blanchard, Hope Rich  
 4/26-Deb Lloyd, Debbie Williams

**10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery**  
 4/5-Michelle Coombs, Susan Ayers  
 4/12-Gloria Andrews, Michelle Coombs  
 4/19-Angie Gurganus, Gloria Andrews  
 4/26-Samantha Tucker, Angie Gurganus

**11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery:**  
 4/5-Kristy Bryan, 4/12-Angie Gurganus  
 4/19-Alexis Tiner, 4/26-Help Needed

**Tellers:** Sue Baker, Sharon Teachey

**Ushers:** Connections Life Group



# On the Record

## Attendance

### Life Groups

3-1	3-8	3-15	3-22	3-29
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### Worship

205	175	176	170*	000
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\*Household views of our worship video on the website.

## Budget and Receipts

2020 Budget	\$433,490.00
Offering Receipts To Date 3-24-2020	<b>\$92,587.52</b>

# Church Staff

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## April Birthdays



- 1 Sarah Perry
- 4 Michael Judge
- 5 Lisa Gurganus
- 5 Casey Knowles
- 6 Linda Herring
- 7 Elizabeth Hall
- 10 Andrew Farrior
- 11 Buddy Blanton
- 12 Patricia Levitan
- 13 Wade Farrior

- 13 Tammy Patram
- 16 Ashley Davis
- 19 Charles Jones
- 20 Judy Marshburn
- 20 Mike Lefler
- 21 Ben Jessup
- 23 Dean Bunch
- 24 Herbert Hodge
- 25 Trey Creech
- 25 Landon Cavanaugh
- 28 Dale Watkins
- 29 DeAndria Davis
- 30 Bryan Bradshaw
- 30 Jennifer Knowles



# 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

# April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>  <b>All events on this calendar may be postponed or cancelled.</b>  <b>You will be updated by the phone tree.</b></p>						
<p>5 Palm Sunday                      The Lord's Supper                      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.                      5:00 pm-Worship Band                      6:00 pm-Wallace Students</p>	<p>6                      6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH                      6:30 pm-Scouts, R203</p>	<p>7                      10:30 am-SonShine Choir                      2:00 pm-Staff Meeting                      6:30 pm-Missions</p>	<p>8                      10:30 am-Bible Study                      6:00 pm-Bible Study                      7:15 pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10                      OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Easter Sunday                      7:00 am-Community Sunrise                      7:45 am-Community Breakfast                      9:00 am-Life Café                      10:00 am-WallaceKids                      10:00 am-Life Groups                      10:35 am-Chancel Choir                      11:00 am-Worship</p>	<p>13                      10:30 am-WMU III, R303                      6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH                      6:30 pm-Scouts, R203                      6:30 pm-WMU V,                      Wallace Gardens</p>	<p>14                      2:00 pm-Staff Meeting</p>	<p>15                      Deadline Scholarships                      Deadline Newsletter                      10:30 am-Bible Study                      6:00 pm-Bible Study                      7:15 pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19                      9:00 am-Life Café                      10:00 am-WallaceKids                      10:00 am-Life Groups                      10:35 am-Chancel Choir                      11:00 am-Worship                      3:00 pm-Growth Team Mtg.                      5:00 pm-Worship Band                      6:00 pm-Wallace Students</p>	<p>20                      6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH                      6:30 pm-Scouts, R203</p>	<p>21                      10:30 am-SonShine Choir                      2:00 pm-Staff Meeting                      6:30 pm-Stewardship</p>	<p>22                      10:30 am-Bible Study                      6:00 pm-Bible Study                      7:15 pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25                      9:00-11:00 am-                      Pet Friends Animal Clinic                      on the FBC Lawn                      4:00-9:00 pm-                      Scouts Blue &amp; Gold                      Banquet, Fellowship Hall</p>
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