



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

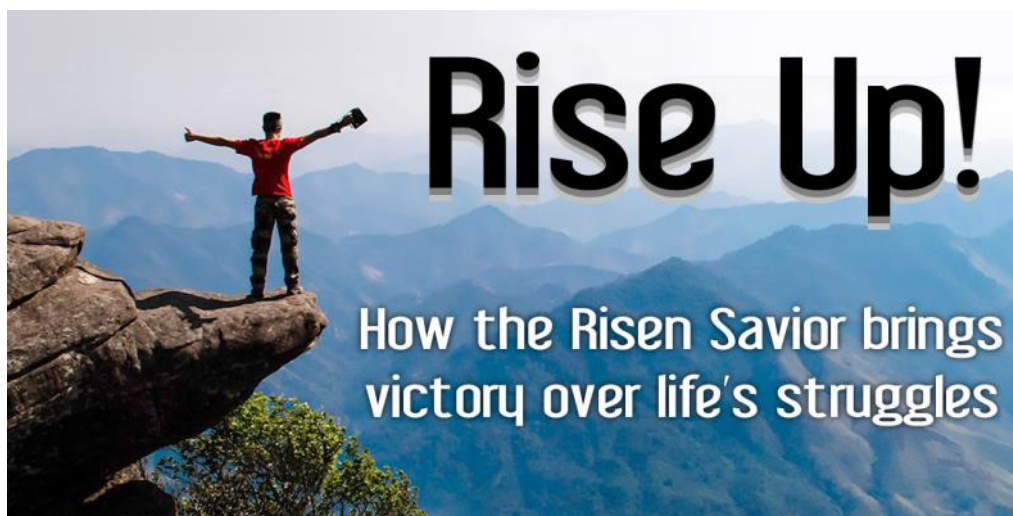
First Family

MARCH 2016



Taking the Good News to Our Community: Jesus Lives!

Easter is about hope and life in Christ. Here's how you can share that hope...



This Easter, our focus is "Rise Up!" We know that we are surrounded by families who are struggling... struggling with fears and doubts, struggling with addiction and conflict, struggling with past wounds that haven't healed.

As God's people, we know that the same power that raised Christ from the grave can bring new life to these friends in our community. **Will you share that good news and invite them to celebrate with you on Easter Sunday?**

Here's how we're going to help you reach out this Easter...

First, we will have postcards that you can hand to your co-workers,

friends, and customers to invite them to our Easter Celebration.

Second, there will be announcements and digital postcards you can share from your facebook page.

Third, we are addressing a series of issues on the Sundays after Easter that you can tell people about:

How Christ's power can give us victory over... Addiction, Painful Circumstances, Family Conflict, Past Abuse and Neglect. (See page 2 for schedule.)

Would you commit this Easter to reach out more than ever with the news of hope and life in Christ?

Needed: Guest Welcome and Follow-Up Team Members



The Guest Welcome and Follow-Up Team has two jobs...

First, they take turns at the Welcome Center helping guests find their way on Sunday morning.

Second, they contact the guests (card, phone, email) who come about once a week until they've gotten "connected" into the First Baptist family and into a small group that fits their needs.

Contact Pastor Al to join this exciting and important team to help guests become part of our family!

Worship

Preparing for Easter's Celebration

They've been called "CEO Christians" -- Christmas and Easter Only. But could it be that they haven't really discovered life in Christ for themselves? They know they need a relationship with God, but they haven't yet found it. But that need pulls them into worship twice a year. **So we have a HUGE opportunity AND responsibility to help them make that connection to Christ when they come.**

We are preparing ourselves this month with two sermons with the theme "Grace and Truth" - observing how our Savior offered grace, but never compromised with sin or dismissed our need to change.



March 6

Series: Grace and Truth
A Broken-Hearted Sinner - Luke 7:37-50

March 13

Series: Grace and Truth
A Lonely Materialist - Luke 19:1-10

March 20 - Guest Speakers

9:00 a.m. - Bobby Cavanaugh
11:00 a.m. - Penny Ross

March 27

Easter Celebration - "Rise Up!"
Matthew 28:1-10



Senior Adults

Keenagers News: The next Meeting and dinner will be on Tuesday, March 15 at 11:30 am. Special guest will be Scotti Stringz Bartnett. Scotti is Praise Band leader at Life-walk Church, Surf City. He is also a member of the Christian Rock Trio, "Turnbridge Band". This will be an exciting program for our Keenagers.



Please invite a friend or family member to come with your who might not have the opportunity to visit and fellowship with other senior adults. We'll have a great time of fun and fellowship. Don't forget, "bring something good to eat, come and enjoy the fellowship of being a Keenager."

Merrie Gerries Head To New Orleans September, 17 - 23, 2016



We will load up on a beautiful tour bus, Saturday, September 17 and return home Friday, September 23. With this trip, we're offering members of First Baptist Church a small "members discount price."

\$850.00 double occupancy for FBC Members and \$860.00 double occupancy for Non-Members (Includes all Activities, Meals, Lodging and Tour Bus Transportation).



Cost for **private room is: \$1,137.00 FBC Members and \$1,147.00 for Non-Members.**

Sign up has begun for all members and non members. As of the printing of the March News Letter



we have **45 Travelers** signed up to go. We only have 7 more seats available, so what are you waiting for? Get on board! Trip Insurance is available upon request.

Children's Ministry



CentriKid 2016!

It's that time again! We're gearing up for an excellent summer with WallaceKids. One of the highlights of the summer is our annual trip to Campbell University for CentriKid Camp.

This year's camp is June 20-24 and will cost \$298 per student. We will have fundraisers to help with the cost, plus you can pay a little at a time if you need to. Payment deadlines will be published soon.

We need a \$50 deposit to sign your child up and sign up is happening NOW!

We want to make sure that money is not a reason that a child can't go this year, so if you would be willing to sponsor (or partially sponsor) a child, please see James. We had 11 teenagers accept Christ on our Winter Retreat, some of those would not have been able to go if it hadn't been for sponsors making sure they had the money. So let's make it our mission to be sure money doesn't stand in the way of someone possibly accepting Christ.

FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Family Conversations is our Sunday Morning program for families that starts at 10:00 AM in the Large Group Room on the Children's Wing. It's an alternative approach to the traditional Sunday School format where we give families some practical experience having the faith conversations that we believe are so important to becoming the family God desires us all to be.

We are growing! The last several weeks we have seen tremendous support for this class and we will be looking soon at splitting up into two groups: one for families with kids in our WallaceKids program and one for families with teens in Wallace Student Ministries.

If you would be interested in learning more about how to facilitate a group like this please contact James Copeland at the church (910-285-2534) or through email james@wallacefirstbaptist.org.

Student Ministry

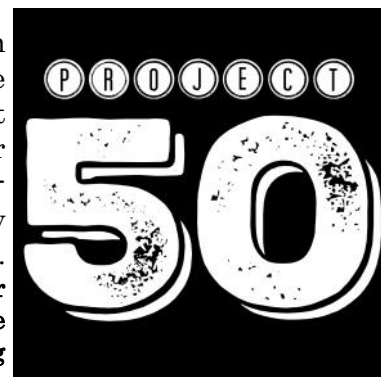
Winter Jam—March 25– Raleigh, NC

We will be going to Winter Jam in Raleigh on Friday, March 25. The cost is \$10 at the door. No advance tickets are sold and seating is all general admission. We will leave the church at 4pm. Doors open at 5:45 and the concert starts at 6:45. Students will need to bring money for something to eat. See the graphic below for the acts performing at this year's Winter Jam.



Project 50

We haven't given up on Project 50. We've come close, but we haven't quite made it yet. Our goal is to see 50 teenagers coming faithfully each Wednesday night. **Hint:** If all of our "regulars" came at the same time, we'd be talking about Project 75.



So, invite your friends. What are we saying, invite your enemies, too! God is doing some amazing things in Wallace Student Ministries and we want as many people as possible to experience it!



It's never too early to start building up community service hours for your college scholarship applications. The school year is quickly winding down. Summer will be here before you know it. That means that this amazing opportunity for you to get community service hours is quickly fading.

If you're interested, contact Charlie Blanchard at 910-284-3080 or email topsail118@charter.net and he will get you started!

Women on Mission

Restore – The Women of Joy 2016 Tour – “Be Still and Allow God to Rewrite the Story of Your Life” Myrtle Beach April 29 – May 1



Our body is not invincible, but God is! He restores our body, our mind, our emotions and our spirit when we are wiped out and provides healing just when we need it. The music, speakers and fellowship are all wonderful. For more information please see Wanda Powell, Gloria Andrews or call the church office.



Please come and shop at our EBA

Faith-R-Us Store

(In support of our EBA Toy Store Ministry)

March 19, 2016
10:00 am until 2:00 pm
Warsaw Baptist Church
(Blackmore Center)
Warsaw, NC

Faith-based home businesses have been invited to set-up a booth and show you their wares! You will have an opportunity to meet ladies that live out their faith by supporting charity organizations through the sale of their wares. *Thirty-one, Mary Kay, Premier Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Origami Owl, Upper Case Living, Monogramming and More* are just a few you may already be aware of.

They will be providing door prizes and 10% of the sales will be given to our EBA Toy Store Ministry (to help provide Bibles, coats, toys, stockings, and a bag of food to the children and families that will be coming to our Annual EBA Toy Store).

Soooo, come and join the fun! Shop with us for those Easter, Mother's Day or birthday presents or a "for me" present. Like they say, "Shop till you drop!!"

FMI – Please call EBA @ 910-293-7077



Mark Your Calendars

Hearts of Hope Pig Pickin'
Sunday, March 20

First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

Adults \$8.00
Children \$4.00

To go plates at 10 or 11 a.m.
Sit down meal at 12:00 Noon

Menu coming soon!

*Sign up sheets available during Sunday School and
Wednesday nights or call the church office.*

WMU Powers Scholarship

Our Women's Missionary Union (WMU) Powers Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for the 2016 scholarships to be awarded during the worship service on "Graduate Recognition Sunday" on May 22nd. **Applications are due in our church office no later than April 21, 2016.**

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.

An email with an updated 2016 application attached was sent 2/03/16 to our graduating high school seniors and last year's recipients of this scholarship. Any qualifying student who did not receive the email with the application form for this scholarship should request one from our church office.

The WMU 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.

Sutton Scholarship

Any First Baptist 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:
 Charlie Blanchard 910-284-3080
 Donna Marshburn 910-289-8392



A New Way of Giving

- 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 receive annual statements from the office.

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

Together, we can make a difference



SAVE THE DATE

*The North Carolina Baptist Singers and Orchestra
 In Worship Concert, Monday, May 2, 2016
 Wallace First Baptist Church-6:45 PM*

Prayer Requests

Remember In Prayer

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Steven Braz, Bob Carter, N. H. Carter, April Colie, Nancy Giordano, Larry Hicks, Dewey Inman, Rose Jenkin's family, Candace Larson, Karen Levings, Matthew and his mother, Carol & Gil Norris, Stacey Novotney, Peachie Rivenbark, Shirley Rivenbark, Jack Robinson, Cindy Schmitt, Helen Sholar, Robbie Stallings, Stephen Thompson, Bert Wells, Marshall Williams, Charlie Wood, Justin Wood, and all service members deployed around the world.

Notes of Appreciation

Helen Sholar would like to thank everyone for all the calls, cards, prayers and visits.

Wingate University, and Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries.



New Members

2-17-16: Kendall Cave, Jackson Stampe, Kaylee Gavin, Ashley Davis, Lendell Kenon, Kiki Jenkins, and Jamie Wright.

2-21-16: Jonathan Gonzales, Gene Pierce, Charles Williams, and Felicia Little Williams.

Baptisms



2-17-16: Kendall Cave, Jackson Stampe, Kaylee Gavin, Ashley Davis, Lendell Kenon, Kiki Jenkins, and Jamie Wright.

2-21-16: Jonathan Gonzales

You're Invited

The family of Velma Jenkins invites the congregation to celebrate Velma's 90th Birthday on Saturday, March 19, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall!

Sanctuary Flowers

Please contact Jaxie Cavender or the church office at 285-2534 if are able to donate flowers for the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.



Just for Laughs:

A priest who was driving east and a Rabbi who was driving west both swerved to avoid an animal in the road and ran right into each other. Their cars were severely damaged but, miraculously, neither one was injured.



After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "So you're a priest. That's interesting; I'm a rabbi. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're both unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and become friends."

The priest replied, "Oh, yes, I agree. It's a miracle that we survived and are here together. God must have plans for us to get to know one another!"

"And here's another miracle," says the rabbi. "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune." And with that, he opened the bottle of wine and handed it to the priest.

The priest nodded in agreement, took the wine and drank down about half the bottle, then he handed the bottle back to the rabbi.

The rabbi took the wine bottle, and put the cork back in the top. The priest saw that and asked, "Aren't you going to have some wine, too?"

The rabbi replied, "Not right now. I think I'll wait until after the police have spoken to us and written their report."

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages.

Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What is it, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"



March Volunteers

Worship Hour Nursery Team Leaders

Team 10, March 06 Brenda Merritt
 Team 11, March 13 Sarah & Jim Perry
 Team 12, March 20 Janet & Alvin Bryan
 Team 01, March 27 Susan Bradshaw

Wednesday Night Serving Team Leaders

Team 04, March 02 Louise Woods
 Team 05, March 09 Janet Bryan
 Team 06, March 16 Fay Hedgpeth
 Team 07, March 23 Donald Brooks
 Team 01, March 30 Penny Blanchard

Sunday School Greeters and Offering: Hearing Impaired
Tellers: Judy Jackson and Patricia Levitan

Church Staff

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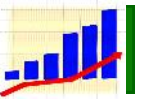
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Mr. Morris Andrews, Church Administrator

Mr. Ivey Jones, Custodian



Attendance

Sunday School

1-31	2-7	2-14	2-21	2-28
95	82	108	123	125

Worship

226	127	184	229	206

Budget and Receipts

2016 Budget \$483,029.00

Offering Receipts To Date 01-24-2016 \$69,603.31

What we need to be measuring:

New followers of Jesus	14
Changed lives	??
Christians being mentored	??
New leaders developed/activated ...	00

Called Meeting

*To vote on By-Laws
 and 2 interim Deacons*

Wednesday, March 2, 6:15 p.m.



March Birthdays

2. Leta Liles
 4. Robin Stone
 5. James Powell
 8. Karen Watkins
 Gloria Andrews
 10. Turner Rivenbark
 11. Brad Rivenbark
 13. Faye Jones
 14. Nina Schwirian
 Chloe Brown

16. Fay Hedgpeth
 Clair Bradshaw
 Maggie Bradshaw
 17. Velma Jenkins
 18. Alex Powell
 Lindsay Quinn
 19. Charlie Register
 21. Carolyn Wood
 23. Steven Farrior
 30. Alex Farrior
 31. Keith Farrior

April Newsletter Submission

Deadline: March 16, 2016

Please email articles to
Office@WallaceFirstBaptist.org
 Please make articles brief !



First Baptist Events

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule: 9:00 am-Life Café Worship 9:45 am-Bible Study Classes 10:00 am-Bible Study Classes 11:00 am-Traditional Worship		1 10:30 am-SonShine 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:30 pm-Kids Café 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:15 pm-Handbells	2 5:20 pm-Family Supper 6:15 pm-Vote on By-Laws and 2 interim Deacons	3 12:05 pm-Comm. Lenten, WUMC-Lunch Afterwards 3:30 pm-Kids Café	4	5
6	7 6:30 pm-Properties, R303 7:00 pm-Yoga, FH	8 9:30 am-WMU IV 10:30 am-SonShine 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:30 pm-Kids Café 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:15 pm-Handbells	9 5:20 pm-Wednesday Night Activities	10 12:05 pm-Comm. Lenten, WUMC-Lunch Afterwards 3:30 pm-Kids Café	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins 7:00 pm-Deacon's Mtg.	14 10:30 am-WMU III, R303 6:30 pm-WMU V, Rosemary's 6:30 pm-Stewardship 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH 7:00 pm-Yoga, R203	15 11:30 am-Keenagers 1:30 pm-SonShine 2:30 pm-Staff Meeting 3:30 pm-Kids Café 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Paint Night, FH 6:15 pm-Handbells	16 Newsletter Deadline 5:20 pm-Wednesday Night Activities	17 St. Patrick's Day 12:05 pm-Comm. Lenten, WUMC-Lunch Afterwards 3:30 pm-Kids Café	18	19 10:00 am-2:00pm- Faith R Us Store, Warsaw 2:00-4:00 pm Velma Jenkins' 90th Birthday Party Fellowship Hall
20 Palm Sunday 12:00 pm-Hearts of Hope Pig Pickin'	21 7:00 pm-Yoga, FH	22 10:30 am-SonShine 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting NO Kids Café 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:15 pm-Handbells	23 NO Wednesday Night Activities 7:00 pm-Choir Practice	24 NO Kids Café 6:30 pm-Missions	25 Good Friday Office Closed 4:00 pm-Youth: Winter Jam, Raleigh	26
27 Easter Sunday 7:00 am-Community Easter Service/Breakfast 9:00 am-Life Café 9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am-Worship	28 Easter Monday Office Closed 7:00 pm-Yoga, FH	29 10:30 am-SonShine 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:30 pm-Kids Café 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:15 pm-Handbells	30 5:20 pm-Wednesday Night Activities	31 3:30 pm-Kids Café	Wednesday Schedule: 5:20 pm-Family Night Supper Begins 6:00 pm-Prayer Time 6:15 pm-Classes Begin, All Ages 7:20 pm-Adult Choir Practice	