



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

February 2021



How to Find a Great New Student Pastor for Our Church — It's not as easy as "swiping right."

On the smartphone dating app, if you like the looks of some guy's or girl's profile, you just swipe right to show you're interested. If only finding the right Student Pastor was that simple!

We have sorted through 50+ resumes and profiles looking for the next Student Pastor that's just right for First Baptist Church. Many are obviously the wrong person. Others get quickly eliminated after additional research. And a few make it to the "conversation stage."

There have been only two that have been invited to come check us out, and to let us see them in action. The first young man was here back in November, and the second comes to visit this month!

What are we looking for? This leader needs to have a clear testimony of how they became a follower of Christ, and what that means to them. They need to have a good grasp of the Bible and solid Baptist-friendly theology. They need crea-

tivity and a reputation for being a hard worker—so you don't have to be looking over their shoulder all the time.

We need someone who has good relationship skills, who relates well to people of all ages—children, teens, young adults, senior adults, etc. This leader needs a good sense of humor and a bit of playfulness.

And it's critically important that our students feel a connection to this person as someone they trust, admire, and enjoy.

So how can we tell all that from an interview? We can't.

So when we find a really good candidate, we bring them in to actually lead an event with our students. Then we can see how well they planned, how flexible they are, how comfortable they are leading our group. We can watch them as they handle off-the-wall questions and the group member who talks too much or doesn't talk at all.



And after the event, our students can answer the question, "Is this someone you would be excited to introduce to your friends?"

On February 20-21, Jon Britton will be with us. Jon grew up in the small town of Rustburg, Virginia. He loves the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and has been a leader at a Christian camp. He is due to get married to a sweet, committed Christian young lady named Mary in May of this year.

We'll have a "meet and greet" time on Saturday night, February 20. And he'll be with us in worship on Sunday, February 21, then he will lead a "mini-retreat" for the students that Sunday afternoon and evening, from 4:00p to 8:00p.

Then we'll pray, seek God's Spirit, and ask, "Is this the one, Lord?"

Worship

Jesus' Stories of Surprising Grace

The Gospel writer Luke was especially good at collecting the parables of Jesus — these powerful stories that illustrate what the Kingdom of God is like. And, for people living in a broken world, these stories surprise us with extravagant grace, miraculous growth, and spiritual challenges.

For the next several weeks, we will be looking at these parables of Jesus, one at a time, in our worship gatherings. We'll let Jesus' stories of surprising love and grace surprise us and challenge us. And, if we put these truths into practice, maybe others will get a better glimpse of God's blessing filled kingdom through us!



January 31

No Need to Beg for Blessing — Luke 11:1-13

February 7

A Devil of a Success — Luke 12:13-21

February 14

Guest Speaker, Derek van Ruler
Pastor of Sunbury City Church, Sunbury City, PA
(The church with which we have a mission partnership)
“What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?”
2 Timothy 2:1-13

February 21

Following Jesus is Not a Part-Time Job
— Luke 12:35-48

February 28

Bearing Fruit or Just Taking Up Space?
— Luke 13:6-9



Prayer Requests



Remember in Prayer:

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. James Baker, Fred Benton, B.J. Blackburn, Clayton Brock, William Brooks, Gary Brown, John Dixon, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Andy Howard, Amy Smith Johnson, Harvey Jones, A.C. Kenan, Hill Lanier, Rocky Mobley, Pam Nelson, Mike Price, Geraldine Register, Bonnie Robinson, David Savage, Stephen Thompson, Marshall Williams, and all those who are battling coronavirus.

Sympathy to the families of:

Linda Ogden, Andrea Casteen, Floyd Mattoon, Douglas Bradshaw, Ben Jessup, John Willis Peterson, Leta Liles, Elsie Lane, Melburn Rich, Sr., Toby Johnson, Tina Cavanaugh Batts, Brenda G. Brown, Joe Eason.

Welcome, New Members :

*12/20/2020: Janet & Lon Voisey
1/17/2021: Patti & Barney Nicol
1/24/2021: Lynn & Randy Futrell
1/24/2021: Debbie & Joey Piner*



Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Wed., February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m.

Our Chancel choir has some amazing and hard working people who love leading others to worship Jesus! Want to join them? We would love to have you! No experience necessary and all voice parts are needed and welcomed. Meet us in the choir room upstairs @ 6:15 on Wednesday evenings. We'll save you a seat!



SonShine Choir Rehearsal

Tues., February 16 @ 10:30 a.m. in the choir room

Our SonShine Choir is a great group of senior singers who love Jesus and leading others to worship Him. We rehearse once a month at 10:30 am in the choir room. Since our voices in this choir are older, we usually keep rehearsals short, about 30-45 minutes. Keep an eye on the announcement slides in the 11:00 service, the newsletters, and the bulletin's calendar for the rehearsal announcements. Don't miss out on worship leadership and the fun to be had with this wonderful group of people!

Soundboard Operator Needed:

Sunday Mornings @ 11:00 a.m.

Greg Moore has faithfully served as the sound man for our 11:00 worship services for many years now. He has made the decision to retire, and is leaving some big shoes to fill. First, we want to thank Greg for his many years of service. We so appreciate not only the many Sunday mornings you have been here, but also all the extra services (weddings, funerals, Christmases, etc) you have been behind that soundboard! If you think you might like to serve as our sound man/woman for our 11:00 services, please let a staff member know and we will hook you up with some training! What a great way to serve your church and your God!

Movie Day, Tues., Feb. 9 @ 2:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day! It is right around the corner! And do we ever have a fun and exciting idea for you! We are going to have a day at the movies for you and your friends! We will have a fun movie, popcorn, and sodas for you to enjoy on Tuesday, February 9 starting at 2:30 in the fellowship hall. As much fun as we are going to have, we don't want to keep it all to ourselves! So get on the phone or walk next door and ask a friend to come with you! Let them know how much we would love to meet them. Watch the weekly bulletin for an announcement about the movie title!



Luncheon, Tues., March 9 @ 11:30 a.m.

If you missed our January lunch and games day, you really missed out on a lot of fun! Good food with great friends and LOTS of laughter as we played inflatable bowling and corn hole. My stomach still hurts from all that laughing! Make sure you don't miss the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 @ 11:30 in the fellowship hall. Be sure to check next month's newsletter for more information, but you can start asking friends to join you! This has been a lonely season for many. Don't let your friends be lonely! Call and invite them to join us today!



Baby Shower

It's a Girl!

CELEBRATING MOM-TO-BE

Caitlin Rich Miller

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
1:00-3:00 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
408 WEST MAIN STREET
WALLACE, NC 28466

Hosted by Family

*RSVP by February 1st to Hope Rich
910-289-8741*



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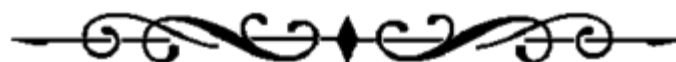
Thank You:

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, messages, calls, gifts, visits, prayers, plants, flowers, food, and acts of kindness and sympathy you showed to our family during Mom's (Linda Ogden's) illness and recent passing. I feel so loved and blessed to serve as Secretary of such a wonderful church family! May the Lord bless each and every one of you!

With Love,

Kim Longenbach & Family



Dear First Baptist Church Family,

I wanted to thank you for the love and kindness you have shown to us. It is wonderful to see God's people sharing the love of Jesus with others. God bless each of you.

In Christian Love,

Marie & Maggie Casteen



OCC Shoeboxes



**Operation
Christmas Child
Shoeboxes**

First Baptist Church
collected **452**
shoeboxes for 2020!

Our shoeboxes went to:

Madagascar

Honduras

Bundi, Africa



Congratulations

Congratulations, to our church member and author, Maggie Casteen, on your new book being published!
(details on how to purchase her new book below)!

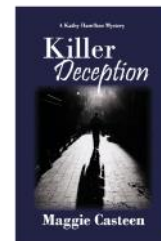
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Go to "Books"

Click on "Go to Book Shop" link

(It takes you to Book Shop page)



Or go to Facebook and search, "Author, Maggie Casteen", find "Book Shop" post, and click link.



WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship

Our Women's Missionary Union (WMU) Carolyn Powers Scholarship Committee will start accepting applications February 1, for 2021 scholarships to be awarded during our early and traditional worship services on May 16.

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 2021 application from our FBC Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Kim Longenbach. **Applications are due in our church office no later than April 15, by 3:30 p.m.**

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**

Support Group

Helping SELF: Helping to Support and Encourage Lost Families

Purpose: to support and encourage families dealing with drug or alcohol addiction.

This is not a 12 Step program or a how to group. We simply want to let families dealing with addiction know that they are not alone. Are you feeling lost and alone? Are you feeling isolated? Do you feel like “no one can possibly understand”?



We have been and still are experiencing these very feelings. We are stepping forward to share our experiences, vent to each other, and pray for one another and our families. We can learn together what enabling and co-dependency are and how to avoid those behaviors.

We are willing to laugh with you, cry with you, encourage you, support you, pray with you and help you find your way out of isolation. You are NOT alone.

Our next meeting is at First Baptist Church in Wallace on **February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** Park in the back and follow the signs.

Future meeting times and dates to be determined and announced as we find out when we are needed. If you have a different time or day, call 910-284-7101.



Just for Laughs:

Love and Marriage...



A couple who lived out in the country were driving down the town's Main Street on hot summer day. As the car got hotter and hotter, the wife said to her husband, “John, can we please roll down the windows. It's sweltering hot in here!”

“Are you crazy?” he said. “Then everyone will know our car doesn't have air conditioning!”

A couple had friends over for dinner one night. When dinner was over, they were sitting in the family room and the man of the house was telling one story after another while his wife sat quietly knitting in her chair.

After a while, the visiting couple asked her, “What are you knitting?”

She said, “Oh, nothing really. But if I didn't do something to keep my hands busy, I'd choke him to death.”

A couple out in the Midwest was caught in a wildfire that swept across their fields and burned down the barn. The wife called the insurance company and asked them to send her a check for the \$250,000 it would take to replace the barn and equipment.

“We don't give you the money,” the agent explained, “We replace the barn and equipment for you.”

“In that case,” the wife replied, “cancel the policy I have on my husband.”



March Newsletter Submission Deadline: February 15, 2021

Please email articles to
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief !

♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥

Volunteers

February Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery
 2/7-Samantha Tucker, Debbie Williams
 2/14-Lindsey Blanchard, Hope Rich
 2/21-Deb Lloyd
 2/28-Hope Rich, Samantha Tucker

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery
 2/7-Angie Gurganus, Samantha Tucker
 2/14-Michelle Coombs, Rhonda Cave
 2/21-Susan Ayers, Susan Bradshaw
 2/28-Susan Bradshaw, Susan Ayers

10:00 a.m. 3 & 4 Year Olds
 Donna Marshburn

10:00 a.m. Wallace Kids
 2/7 & 2/21-Doug & Deb Lloyd
 2/14 & 2/28-Crystal Stallings &
 Amie Eakins-Cavanaugh



11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery:
 2/7-Kristy Bryan, 2/14-Angie Gurganus
 2/21-Alexis Tiner, 2/28-Janet Bryan

Tellers: Gail Cavanaugh & Ann English

Ushers: Connections Life Group

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Mrs. LaRue Faircloth, Organist/Choir Accompanist

On the Record

Attendance



Life Groups

1-3	1-10	1-17	1-24
60	79	78	73

Worship

1-3	1-10	1-17	1-24
112	140	125	132

Budget and Receipts

2021 Budget	\$433,490.00
Offering Receipts To Date 1-24-2021	\$27,398.00

February Birthdays

1 Steve Robinson
 2 Scott Teachey
 3 Jim Perry
 7 Lynn Wood
 7 Glenn Powell
 8 Ray Garriss
 10 Alexis Brown
 11 Bobby Cavanaugh
 11 Camden Christopher
 12 Chandler Batchelor
 12 Sarah Brinkley
 13 Sharon Boney
 13 Jordan Parker
 14 Jeff Hargrove
 15 Sallie Davis
 15 Tonya Prescott
 15 Joey Williams
 15 Hailey Chrisco
 17 Anne Russ
 17 Morris Andrews, Jr.



17 Alyssa Bielby
 18 Tommy Herring
 19 Trevor Padgett
 19 Dale Stone
 19 Emily Barnette
 20 Jerry Boney
 20 Donald Brooks
 20 Harry Bradshaw
 20 Jodi Sparks
 21 Smithie Tobin
 21 Sandy McIntyre
 23 Irene Rivenbark
 23 Grace Farrior
 23 Michael Blackburn
 25 Cindy Farrior
 26 Grace Russ
 27 Sarah Lefler
 28 Emily Jessup
 28 Angela Richardson

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

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203 7:00 pm-Bible Study	2 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203 6:30 pm-Mission Cmte.	3 10:00 am-Home Room, FH 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	4	5	6
7 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 1-3 pm-Caitlin Shower, FH 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	8 10:30 am-WMU III, R303 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203 7:00 pm-Bible Study	9 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 2:30 pm-SAM Movie Day 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	10 10:00 am-Home Room, FH 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Helping Self, R303	11	12	13 
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21 First Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 12:10 pm-Deacon's Mtg. 4-8 pm-Students Mini-Retreat	22 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203 7:00 pm-Bible Study	23 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	24 10:00 am-Home Room, FH 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	25	26	27
28 Second Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	