



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

July 2020



Responding to Racial Inequality, Injustice, Blame, and Violence ***— How can an individual believer address the huge social problems of our country?***

The problems and brokenness we see in our country today, plastered non-stop across the TV screen, seems unfixable.

It is undeniable that black Americans, on the whole, receive a poorer education. When charged with a crime, they receive harsher sentences. The welfare system has in some ways done more harm than good to black people in poverty.

And many of these problems “snowball” into bigger problems: Poor education means fewer job prospects, which creates hopelessness, which contributes to crime, which brings blight and decay to entire neighborhoods. The declining property values means even less money for schools, and even more hopelessness.

And I know it is far more complicated than that, and the problems have deep roots.

Our grief is deepened when we see the looting and destruction that is tearing up the very neighborhoods where struggling people live. And we grieve when we see our many police officers, who care deeply for the people they serve, demonized and attacked because (as is true in all professions) there are a few who should not be wearing a badge.



The problems are as far-flung as Detroit and Minneapolis, Los Angeles and Chicago. What can a Duplin County Christian do to show love and bring healing and improvement?

If the world looked like the Kingdom of God, we would not

have these problems. But how do we advance the Kingdom of God in a broken world?

Some people think the answer is to elect the right candidates. But both parties have completely failed on these issues. Making speeches, putting on kneeling shows, and attending rallies is not the same as bringing justice, improving education, strengthening the family, and providing good jobs.

Maybe it’s time to bring Christians of different races together in fellowship and conversation... to build relationships, to listen deeply, to advance the Kingdom of God on MY street and in MY town, even if I can’t fix the world.

Maybe this “mustard seed” of love would move mountains!

Re:Start — The Too-Relevant Series!

Little did we know when we began our Re:Start series that our whole nation and world would be faced with the task of restarting this year. Business owners are figuring out how to restart. Some are having



to start from scratch or change careers. Families are reshaping their routines. People are reworking their finances. Parents and students are reimagining education. And the schools and teachers are trying to figure out what restarting in the Fall looks like and if it's even possible. And churches... well, we know all the new starts we've been through already and those we're still waiting on.

And in all of this, Genesis—the book of new beginnings—calls us to trust and follow the God who knows what's coming, the God who empowers and oversees our new beginnings. So here's what's coming up this month...

June 28 — Student-Led Worship

Our students share how God was moving and speaking to them on their Beach Retreat.

July 5 — Re:Start

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

July 12 — Re:Start

The Victorious Underdog // Genesis 14:8-24

July 19 — Re:Start

The Disaster of DIY Faith // Genesis 16:1-16

July 26 — Re:Start

Getting the Last Laugh // Genesis 21:1-7



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, Scot Bloodworth, Tyler Bowman, Barbara Bradshaw, Linda Brinkley, Clayton Brock, Gary Brown, Rachel Dillard, Jenell Ezzell, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Gerald Hanchey, Herbert Hodge, Shirley James, Amy Smith Johnson, Shelby Kilpatrick, Harvey Knowles, Doug Kennedy, Hill Lanier, Maxine Lien, Skylar Parker, Aldrin Patrick, Charlie Register, Geraldine Register, Bonnie Robinson, John Stallings, Melinda Stampe, Rebecca Stout, Sharon Teachey, Stephen Thompson, Chris Watkins, Lofton Wirtz.

Sympathy to the families of:

R.L. Pickett, Linwood Maready



Ripley's Aquarium & Paula Deen's Restaurant Trip, August 11

If 2020 were a movie, it would be a horror film! But hopefully we are pulling out of all this mess and can resume a bit of normalcy soon. We haven't been able to go on any of our usual day trips this year, so I'm planning something extra special! On Tuesday, August 11, we will board the van @ 9:00 a.m. to head to Myrtle Beach to have a delicious lunch at Paula Deen's Restaurant and to visit the Ripley's Aquarium, located adjacent to each other at Broadway at the Beach.



At Paula Deen's, you and your tablemates will be able to choose 2 meats (southern fried chicken, chicken fried pork chops, and fried catfish, to name a few) and 4 sides to be served family style at your table. After stuffing yourself with this feast, you will choose from 3 delicious desserts! Everybody gets to choose one! After we are adequately stuffed, we will waddle next door to the aquarium where we will see penguins, sharks, rays, and so much more!



To get the group rate at the aquarium, we will need at least 12 people to sign up. The \$60 cost covers your lunch, aquarium ticket, and your travel on a comfortable rental van. So come by the church office, make your reservation, and pay the \$60 fee by Friday, July, 24 @ noon when the office closes. And ask a friend to join us! You know there is someone who needs the laughter and love we share on these fun trips together!

Senior Adults

Covered Dish Lunch, July 14

On Tuesday, July 14, we are fortunate to have our local police chief, Jimmy Crayton, join us for our Senior Adult Ministries lunch. He will speak to us about ways to keep ourselves safe, both in the physical sense and electronically. We are hoping that we will also have as our guests some of the other officers who serve our town, so plan to add a few extra potatoes to the pot and slice up a few more tomatoes and cucumbers! We want to have plenty! And invite that friend you know needs to find the kind of love and support they would receive here at First Baptist and give us the chance to introduce them to Jesus!



Amish Country Trip, Oct. 19-21

Our Senior Adult Ministries is headed off to Pennsylvania Amish country Monday through Wednesday, October 19-21, 2020. Although we will see some fun and interesting sites, the main objective of this trip is to see Queen Esther at the **Sight and Sound Theater**.



This trip promises to be filled with lots of fun and laughter! If you would like to go with us, all you need to do is drop off or mail your \$75 deposit to the church office. The total cost for FBC members/regular attenders is \$390 and for non-members is \$410. Final payments must be paid by Friday, August 21 @ noon when the office closes for the day. There's still space left for this amazing and fun time! But don't wait too late! Sign up today!

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir

The current plan is to restart Chancel choir rehearsals at the end of August or early September! Keep your eyes on the bulletin and August newsletter for further information. And if you are thinking about joining us, we would love to have you! Musical experience not necessary!

Summer Family Movie Nights



July 15
& August 12

@ 6:00 p.m.



Our focus this summer will be the Family Movie Nights, where we will continue to build upon the past two years of Movie Nights. Take note of the dates listed and start inviting family and friends. We will announce the upcoming movies on Facebook and the church website in the coming weeks.

Just for Laughs:

A mother was having a hectic day trying to keep up with her children. Her youngest son, who had been playing outside, came in with a large rip on the right knee of his newest pair of pants.



The mother was peeved to say the least. She fussed, "You go right in there, take off those pants, and sew them up yourself. I'm not buying you another pair of pants!"

Some time later, she went in to see how he was getting along. The torn pants were lying across the chair, and the door to the cellar, usually kept closed, was sitting open. She called down the stairs loudly and sternly, "Are you running around down there with no pants on?"

"No ma'am," was the deep-voiced reply. "I'm just down here reading your gas meter."



Wallace Students Beach Retreat Pre-Trip Meeting

OCC Shoeboxes

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."
Proverbs 18:16



We are playing catch-up with our item-of-the-month. You can place any or all of these items in our container: stuffed animals, spiral notebook, 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. There is now an app for OCC for your smartphone or iPhone. You can also build a shoebox online at samaritanspurse.org.

OCC Church Project Opportunities:


1. Soda bottle tops > 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. You can place your bottle tops in the container on the OCC table.
2. DIY pencil cases > These pencil cases are made from fuzzy socks. A no-sew craft, all you need is a zipper and a hot glue gun. The video is called Easy DIY NO-SEW Fluffy Pencil Case or Make Up Bag!! The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hzd5As3XZuQ>

If you have any questions about these OCC church projects or about OCC shoeboxes in general, please ask Maggie or Marie Casteen. Thank you.

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.




August Newsletter Submission Deadline: July 15, 2020
 Please email articles to office.fbcw@gmail.com
 Please make articles brief !

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On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups - 10:00 a.m. (Did Not Meet)

5-31	6-7	6-14	6-21
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Worship - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

5-31	6-7	6-14	6-21
96	100	88	120

Budget and Receipts

2020 Budget	\$433,490.00
Offering Receipts To Date 6-24-2020	\$200,969.33

July Birthdays

- 1 Maddox Hawes
- 2 Charles Elias
- 4 Steve Murphy
- 6 Stratton Rich
- 7 Lorrie Hopkins
- 7 Mason Hawes
- 8 Gene Pierce
- 8 Andy Jones
- 9 Katherine Bunch
- 9 Janet Walker
- 10 John Peterson
- 10 Becky Judge
- 11 Linda Dees
- 12 Michelle Coombs
- 13 Michael Stallings
- 14 Larry Batchelor
- 14 Ethan Stone
- 15 Luke Davis



- 16 David Worsley
- 17 Carries Marshburn
- 17 Glenn Sellers
- 19 Janice Mills
- 22 Alexis Tiner
- 24 Dakota Stallings
- 25 Grace Perry
- 26 Dwight Hall
- 27 Margaret Hodge
- 28 Jimmy Powell
- 31 Anna Russ



First Baptist Events

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>God Bless A M E R I C A ...land that I love.</p>			1 10:00 am-Bible Study	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 <p>Happy 4th of July</p>
5 9:00 am-Life Café 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	6 6:00 pm-CrossFit	7 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Missions	8 10:00 am-Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:00 am-Life Café 11:00 am-Worship 12:15 pm-Deacon's Mtg. 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	13 6:00 pm-CrossFit	14 11:30 am-SAM Lunch 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	15 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Movie Night	16	17	18
19 9:00 am-Life Café 11:00 am-Worship 3:00 pm-Growth Team Mtg. 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	20 6:00 pm-CrossFit	21 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Stewardship	22 10:00 am-Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:00 am-Life Café 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	27 6:00 pm-CrossFit	28 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	29 10:00 am-Bible Study	30	31 Fellowship Hall Reserved July 31 & August 1	