



# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

## First Family

June 2021



***I don't know, care, or believe that God exists.  
— a recent survey of young adults calls us to deeper  
commitment and greater witness as God's people.***

"I don't know, care, or believe that God exists." — that was the answer given by 43% of young adults in a recent survey. And, no surprise, this same group also indicated they have growing intolerance for those with different opinions.

Only 48% of this group believes that you should "treat others as you want them to treat you." And 38% of them agree that "you should try to get even with people who have wronged you."

Meanwhile, many churches in America are carrying on with "business as usual," and doing very little to connect with this growing group of lost young adults all around us.

And, if we want to be selfish about it, we still have reason for concern. Our children and grandchildren will be growing up in the culture this group is creating, and those

values are sure to affect them. They will be surrounded by these beliefs in their school classrooms, taught by teachers and professors, working for bosses and managers who are in that 43% and growing segment of our nation.

But our real motivation ought to be the tragedy of daily life not knowing Christ:

- not being sure of His love for us,
- not having that forgiveness that makes us innocent before God,
- not having the assurance that we have eternal life and the promise of heaven,
- not knowing our true value and purpose.

That's one of the reasons we know it's important to have Jon Britton on our staff, providing our students and children with a solid Christ-centered foundation for life.

But Jon can't do it alone. The staff can't do it for us. It will take our entire church being committed to doing **WHATEVER IT TAKES** to

reach the young adults around us. Whatever it takes in worship, whatever it takes in outreach, whatever it takes in mission and service. Wherever we have to go, and whatever we have to do.

The Apostle Paul wrote to his friends in the church in Corinth:

I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. — *1 Corinthians 9:19-22*

Will we, like Paul, become whatever we need to become to reach this increasingly lost generation, or will it be "business as usual"?

## **Worship**

### **Sunday School Stories**

If you grew up attending children's Sunday School, you learned those great stories of the Bible: David and Goliath, Noah and the Ark, Peter walking on the water, Jesus feeding 5000 from one boy's lunch.

But these are definitely NOT just children's stories! They are filled with eternal truth and deeper meaning, challenging insights and comforting assurances for adults. So this summer, we will spend several weeks of worship focusing on these stories and allowing them to speak to us today. It's going to be exciting and fun. Who doesn't love a great story?

So we finish our series on Luke's parables on June 13, then begin "Sunday School Stories" on June 20.



**June 6** — God Sees Your Heart  
Luke 18:9-14

**June 13** — Show Me Your Performance Chart  
Luke 19:11-27 (end of parables series)

### **Summer Worship Series begins: "Sunday School Stories"**

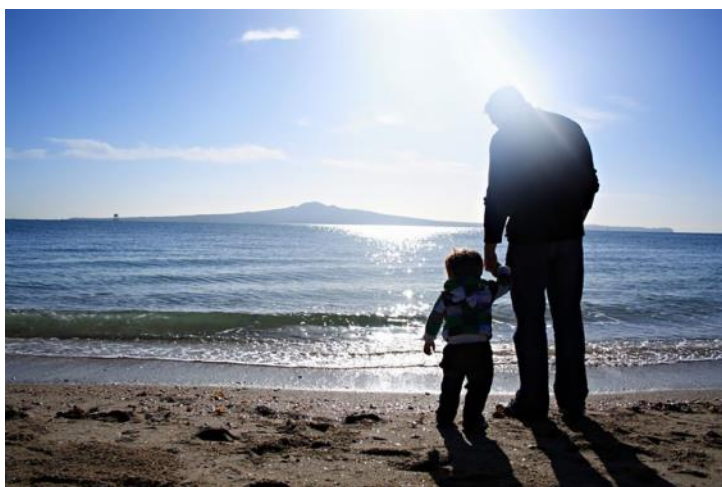
**June 20** — The God Who Can Burn Wet Wood  
1 Kings 18:30-39 (Father's Day!)

**June 27** — Hold My Beer Bible  
1 Samuel 14:1-15

**July 4** — Forced to Attend a Barbecue  
Daniel 3:12-30

*Happy Father's Day*

## **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, Clayton Brock, Gary Brown, Gregg Carlson, Riley Palmer Dean, Vicky Evans, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Edie Flowers, Robin Henderson, Andy Howard, Amy Smith Johnson, Kathy Landolia, Jennifer Minter, Rocky Mobley, Whitney Murphy, Charles Pierce, Mike Price, Geraldine Register, Linda Rich, Bonnie Robinson, David Savage, Harold Simpson, Hazel Simpson, Margaret Stallings, Renee Stoppelbein, Stephen Thompson, Bert Wells, Nick & Heather Wells, Marshall Williams, Monica Williford, David Wood.*

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

*Jane Rich, Helen Saylor, Linda Eakins, and David Henderson*

### ***Marriage:***

*5-8-2021: Sarah Williams & Scott Miller*

## **Sunday Sermons**

**Sunday Sermons** **710 AM & 100.5 FM**  
**KIX-FM**  
First Baptist Church Sunday Sermons are broadcast every Sunday on our local radio station KIX-FM 100.5 at 11:00 a.m. (Previous week's message).  
**www.1005kixfm.com**

**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.



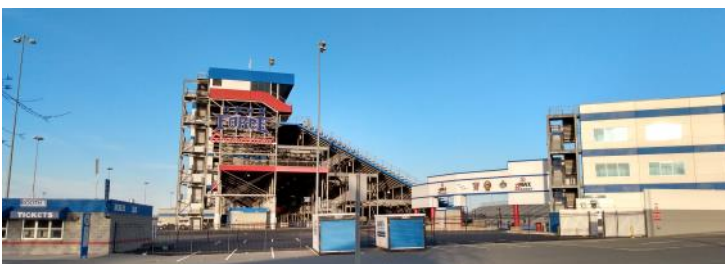


## Senior Adult Trip, April 25-29, 2022

Get your luggage out and dust it off! We are packing up to head out on a 5 day, 4 night trip to Charlotte and Asheville, NC from April 25-29, 2022! This trip is packed with so much to see and do! Some of the highlights include the Billy Graham training center and the Billy Graham library, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and the Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, the Biltmore Estate, the NASCAR Hall of Fame, and the Charlotte Speedway! And there is much more!



The \$800 cost covers 4 nights double occupancy lodging (add \$260 if you room alone) 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners including 2 dinner/show combos, entrance fees, gratuities, and travel. Lunch will be on your own each day.



We began sign ups Monday, May 17, for First Baptist members and regular attendees. We will begin sign ups for non-members on Monday, June 28. A \$100 deposit will hold your seat on the bus. You will not want to miss this fun and exciting trip, so come into the office, fill in the reservation form, and pay your deposit ASAP! I look forward to traveling with you again!



## Senior Adults

### Luncheon, Tues., July 13 @ 11:30 a.m.

Our next Senior Adult covered dish lunch will be on Tuesday, July 13. Our special guests will be from the Fresh Start Rescue group out of Jacksonville. After retiring, Nicole and Mike Spencer started the Fresh Start rescue and farm. They rescue and care for iguanas, snakes, chameleons, geckos, and other exotic wildlife. It takes a lot of years to learn to care for these animals! In addition to the reptiles, they also have goats, chickens, ducks and turkeys on their 5 acre farm. I hope you will whip up a delicious recipe to share and join us as we learn about this rescue effort and meet some of the reptiles. And yes, we will probably see a snake or 2! But don't worry! You won't have to hold them for us! So grab a friend and your covered dish to share, and I will see you on Tuesday, July 13 @ 11:30 for lunch and an exciting program!

## Music Ministry

### Chancel Choir Rehearsals

*Wed., June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 @ 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 Break for Summer

SonShine Choir will be taking a break for the summer months of June, July, and August. We will meet again on Tuesday, September 21. I hope you will consider joining us then! Enjoy your break!

## Senior Adults



### Aquarium Day Trip, June 17

We are about to hit the road again! Our departure for our day trip to the Salt Water Grill and Pine Knolls Aquarium will be @ 9:30 am on Thursday, June 17. Remember lunch is dutch treat so bring some money. If you didn't sign up for this trip, don't worry! There will be others in the future, so you will have plenty of opportunities to join us! Just keep your eyes on this section of future newsletters and on the announcements in the bulletins for updates!



## Soundboard

### Soundboard Operator

*Sunday Mornings @ 11:00 a.m.*

We have one person who has volunteered to try learning how to work our sound system for the 11:00 worship services. But this job really needs another person or 2! Won't you consider learning how this system operates and join us in ministry through the sound board? You will get some training and, with multiple people trained, only have to help out a few Sundays a month, or we could schedule a month on and a month off. It just depends on what the operators decide! Give it some thought! We would love to add you to our ministry team!



## Wallace Students



### Beach Retreat, June 21-25

Our Wallace Students are traveling to Garden City Chapel in Myrtle Beach, SC, June 21-25, for their 2021 beach retreat.

Here are the details you need to know:

Total Cost:    \$125/1 student  
                       \$200/2 students  
                       \$250/3+students

Deadline: If you have not paid your \$50 deposit, please do so now. The remaining balance is due by Sunday, June 6, with financial discounts and scholarships available.

This trip is going to be amazing and we know that God will do great things through it.



## OCC Shoeboxes

### Operation Christmas Child

Mother's Day was our kick off for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. We're encouraging each of our Small Life Groups to be leaders in collecting items, packing boxes and providing shipping (\$9/box). We know that not everyone is in a small group and we want everyone to be involved. So, look for our displays to get the boxes and labels, instructions of how to pack a shoebox, lists of items by age group and a list of things NOT to send. You may contact our project leader, Robin Stone, or assistant, Beverly Benton, with any questions. If you have any ideas of ways to encourage others to be involved, share them. Remember that, **"Each One Reaches One"**.



## Thank You

*To Our Church Family,*

*We would like to thank you for your acts of kindness as we went through the fox attack. Your cards, food and prayers were felt and I'm back in the yard again working in my flowers - give God the praise and glory for what He has done and is doing!*

*Love in Christ,*

*Alan & Sue Baker*

*Dear First Baptist Church Family,*

*Thank you so much for all of the prayers and all of your love and support during Harvey's surgery. Everything went very well. God is good! We appreciate each of you!*

*Love in Christ,*

*Harvey & Candace Knowles*



## 2021 Graduate Recognition First Baptist Church of Wallace Sunday, May 16, 2021

### Graduates

**Olivia Bradshaw** - Graduating from East Duplin High School. Daughter of Susan & Ashley Bradshaw.

**Evan Dixon** - Graduating from Wallace Rose-Hill High School. Son of Vicki Taylor & Jason Dixon.

**Tyler Brinkley** - Graduating from Wallace Rose-Hill High School. Son of Allison & Frank Brinkley.

**Madelyn Coombs** - Graduating from Pender Early College. Daughter of Roger Coombs & Vera Simpson.

**DeAndria Davis** - Graduating from Duplin Early College. Daughter of Sallie Davis & Granddaughter of Dorothy Williams.



We recognize the accomplishments of our graduates and are so happy to celebrate the plans God has for them in the future. The prayers, love and support of your First Baptist Church family are with them. We thank God for the time we have had to help them grow and look forward to the future of our church under their leadership.

## 2021 WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship First Baptist Church of Wallace Sunday, May 16, 2021

### Award Recipients

**Olivia Bradshaw** - Attending Campbell University this Fall as a Freshman (Pre-Pharmacy).

**Sarah Williams** - Attending Campbell University this Fall as a Graduate Student School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (completing her clinical rotations).

*The WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship was established in 1962 in memory of the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Powers.*

Thank you to our WMU Scholarship Committee: Glonda Futral, Gail Cavanaugh, and Sue Baker. Thank you also to Susan Bradshaw for presenting the awards.

God uses higher education to equip Christians to be more effective servants for him. Our WMU scholarship is funded with contributions in memory of or in honor of special people in the life of the contributor. **Please consider making a contribution** to help us keep this scholarship available to our students, and to let the students know that their church family is supporting them financially and with prayer.

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God."*

*Philippians 1:9-11*





## Find Your Life Group

If you want to experience all the support, encouragement, and friendship that First Baptist Church has to offer, being in a Life Group is essential. We have a number of Life Groups at First Baptist that meet between our two worship gatherings (10:00 - 11:00 a.m.), and others that meet at other days and times. And new groups start regularly! There are ongoing groups, short-term groups, topic-focused groups, exercise-focused groups, and more. Call, text, or email Pastor Al to find a group that's right for you! (mobile: 910-282-8095 or email: Alan.FBCW@gmail.com)



Another fun gathering was enjoyed by the Bible Learners Life Group as they celebrated May birthdays at the Mad Boar Restaurant!



Congratulations, Maggie Casteen, on your new book, "Hush Now, Don't Cry"!

Maggie is also the author of the book, "Killer Deception".

We are so proud of you, Maggie!

Title: Hush Now, Don't Cry

<https://store.boobaby.com/book/Hush-Now-Dont-Cry>

<https://authormaggiecasteeen.weebly.com>

To find out about book releases and other information sign-up for my On-the-Scene monthly newsletter. Those who sign-up will have access to FREE phone wallpapers that I have designed for you to download and enjoy! You can use this link to get to the sign-up form: <https://authormaggiecasteeen.com/weebly.com/newsletter>





"Come, follow me,  
and I will make you fishers of men."  
Matthew 4:19



## Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed, July 24

Kids One-Day Bible Camp  
**"GONE FISHING"**

We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS. Is God calling you to minister in this way?

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please contact Donna Marshburn: 910-289-8392, or you can call Kim in the church office: 910-285-2534.

## Vacation Bible School, July 24

Kids One-Day Bible Camp  
**"GONE FISHING"**

*Jesus fished for us - we fish for others*

Preschool through Grade 6

Estimated Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost is: FREE

A Saturday of Fun & Learning Complete With:  
**Bible Lessons! Activities! Snacks! Songs!**  
**Games! Lunch! Crafts and More!**

First Baptist Church  
408 West Main Street  
Wallace NC 28478

Pre-register online: [www.wallacefirstbaptist.org](http://www.wallacefirstbaptist.org)  
or call 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 **June 17, 2021 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:



The Pastor's daughter had been complaining of a tummy ache, and seemed extra tired, so mom put her to bed early. But that meant she missed her usual “tickle time” with her daddy. So a few minutes later, she called out to her mom, “Mom, I want to see Dad-  
dy before I go to sleep!”

Her mother replied, “No, my dear. Not tonight. You need to get to sleep.”

“Please, Mom! Send Daddy to kiss me goodnight.” the daughter said.

Her mother sternly replied, “I said ‘no’ and that’s final.”

The little girl tried one last trick: “Mother, I’m a very sick woman, and I really need a visit from the pastor.”

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The family asked Dad what he wanted for Father’s Day. He said, “Don’t get something just for me. I want you to get something that the whole family will be able to get something out of.” So they bought him a new wallet.

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During the football game half-time, the school marching band performed. One of their songs had a trumpet solo. As the trumpet player marched forward, a man spoke up: “Hey, that’s my son!” Then the trumpet player began to make mistakes and play out of tune. The man said, “Well, maybe not. They all look alike from up here.”



### July Newsletter Submission Deadline: June 15, 2021

Please email articles to  
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief !

## Volunteers

### June Volunteers

#### 9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery

6/6-Lindsey Blanchard, Robin Stone  
6/13-Deb Lloyd, Debbie Williams  
6/20-Hope Rich, Lindsey Blanchard  
6/27-Debbie Williams, Deb Lloyd

#### 10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

6/6-Rhonda Cave, Kinsey Cave  
6/13-Angie Gurganus, Susan Bradshaw  
6/20-Michelle Coombs, Susan Ayers  
6/27-Susan Bradshaw, Angie Gurganus

#### 10:00 a.m. 3 - 5 Year Olds

Donna Marshburn

#### 10:00 a.m. Wallace Kids

6/6-Lindsey Blanchard, Amie Eakins-Cavanaugh  
6/13-Crystal Stallings, Amie Eakins-Cavanaugh  
6/20-Doug & Deb Lloyd  
6/27-Crystal Stallings, Amie Eakins-Cavanaugh

#### 11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery:

6/6-Kristy Bryan  
6/13-Angie Gurganus  
6/20-Alexis Tiner  
6/27-Janet Bryan



**Tellers:** Fay Hedgpeth & Glonda Futral

**Ushers:** Connections Life Group

## Church Staff

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#### Mrs. LaRue Faircloth, Organist/Choir Accompanist

## On the Record

### Attendance

#### Life Groups

5-2	5-9	5-16	5-23
100	76	79	79

#### Worship

5-2	5-9	5-16	5-23
138	146	154	125

### Budget and Receipts

2021 Budget	\$433,490.00
Offering Receipts To Date 5-25-2021	<b>\$185,958.74</b>

## June Birthdays



1 Robbie James  
1 Laura Beth Russ  
4 Maggie Casteen  
5 Cathi Hale Bulla  
8 Michael Pate  
9 Bobby Teachey  
13 Cindy Hawes  
14 Ricky Wood

15 Charles Williams  
15 Chance McIntyre  
15 Sara Hughes  
16 J. Herring  
21 Whitney Boyette  
21 Mason Stone  
23 Sue Baker  
23 Mimi Powell  
28 Judy Jackson



## 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

# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting	2 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	3 6:15 pm-Sign Language, R303	4 3:30 pm-FH Reserved	5
	6 Jon Britton's First Day! 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	7 6:00 pm-CrossFit	8 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting	9 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	10 6:15 pm-Sign Language, R303	11
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