



# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

## First Family

June 2020



### ***Unwavering Truth in the Age of Confusion***

***— We can add to the dismay, or point people toward the One who is true, unchanging, and forever faithful.***

When I (Pastor Al) lived in Florida, I had a fellow church staff member named Edd. One Sunday afternoon Edd invited me to go sailing with him in his small sailboat. Our wives stayed on shore, preparing lunch, while we took a quick spin in the sailboat.

That “quick spin” ended up lasting over an hour as the wind blew us farther and farther from shore and from our lunch. We could not get the boat to go in the right direction to save our lives! Finally, I had to jump out of the boat and push through chest-deep water, with my bare feet getting sliced up by oyster shells, as I pulled the boat back toward shore.

**What was the problem?** The keel of the sailboat had broken. The keel is the source of stability for a sailboat. It’s necessary for any control of direction and progress.

**Our whole world lacks a keel!** There is no keel of truth, no keel of morality. As a result, people are

blown around by every wind that comes: the winds of changing moral standards, the winds of “truth” that is created to suit our opinions.

**Have you noticed** the completely contradictory information and advice we have been given lately? Even in the current pandemic, the “experts” and professionals can’t agree on what the truth is and how to respond. And it’s produced even more confusion and division.

#### **How do you deal with the winds of life when you have no keel?**

This is one of the great gifts that we, as God’s people, can share with our world. We trust in a God who is the source of unchanging truth. We follow a Savior who calls us to “fear not” in a world that’s filled with panic and hysteria. We have a foundation for life that provides a rock solid base for our relationships and choices and identity.

BUT far too many so-called Christians don’t live their lives any different from the world around us. We give in to fear, we are blown

around by the winds of changing moral views, and we don’t have a biblical foundation for our thoughts and words and choices.

Because we live in a world full of people whose keel is broken, who are being blown about by every wind and are at the mercy of the Devil, there are two qualities we MUST pursue:

**The first is compassion.** It’s easy to get impatient, judgmental, self-righteous, and even angry at the world around us. But when Jesus looked over the lost people around him, he was moved with compassion. As his followers, we’re not in the condemnation business. We’re in the redemption business. How can you love the people around you who are adrift spiritually, mentally, and morally?

**The second is commitment...** to Christ, to one another, to worship, to love, to unity, to joy, and to serving others.

**Without these, we are no different than a world without a keel.**

## **Worship**

### **Re-Writing the Worship “Playbook”**

“You can’t teach an old dog new tricks.”

And yet, that’s exactly what’s been going on with your pastor here at First Baptist Church! That old dog has had to learn how to plan and lead worship in front of a camera with no congregation in the room. It’s quite a different experience preaching to a camera! Preachers take a lot of cues from the people. By watching and listening, you can tell...

...if your excitement for God’s word is being “caught” by those listening,

...if the statements you are making are being understood or not by others,

...if your humorous point or comment lightened the mood for a moment, or fell flat,

...if you’re losing people’s attention, or if they are still “tuned in” to what you’re saying.

And just as we were getting the hang of leading worship by video, things “loosened up” and we were able to gather outdoors for worship in the Sanctuary of God’s Creation. Preaching to a congregation scattered across the church yard, people sitting on their porches across the street... that was another very different experience. And your pastor’s sparsely covered head got a little sunburnt on that first outdoor worship Sunday.

Because things are changing so much, it’s been hard to pursue an organized series of sermons during this time. We will return to our journey through Genesis when we finally get settled back inside the church building and in our regular two-service-per-Sunday routine. But for now, each week’s message is a bit unpredictable. The good side of that is it makes each week’s message a surprise!

Please continue to lift up your church staff in prayer as we make adjustments week by week!



**Outdoor Worship Service, May 17, 2020**

## **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, Tyler Bowman, Barbara Bradshaw, Linda Brinkley, Gary Brown, Arledge Castles, Rachel Dillard, Jenell Ezzell, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Gerald Hanchey, Herbert Hodge, Shirley James, Amy Smith Johnson, Doug Kennedy, Maxine Lien, Charlie Register, Geraldine Register, Bonnie Robinson, Melinda Stampe, Sharon Teachey, Stephen Thompson, Chris Watkins, Lofton Wirtz.*

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

*Nancy Kelley, Doris King, John David Cavanaugh, & T. Rex Pritchard.*

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### ***Thank you:***

*FBC Staff & Volunteers,*

*Thanks so much for the creative way of honoring women on Mother's Day with the drive through to receive the windshield cleaning, carnation, Italian Ice, card with candy, and the church cup.*

*Very clever! It was a pleasant way to observe Mother's Day and still be in cooperation with safety regarding coronavirus.*

*Again, a big thank you for your being so thoughtful in this unique way.*

*Love,*

*Babs Paul*



## Music Ministry

I have no idea when we will be able to worship together at Life Cafe, or in our sanctuary. Nor do I know when we will be able to join together for choir again. And it is very frustrating to me to be in limbo like this, as I'm sure it is for you as well. But as soon as we are able, we will begin having our rehearsals again and prepare to lead our congregation in worship. I'm praying that day will be very soon.

As I am writing this mid-May, I am thinking how very grateful I am for the people who have made it possible for us to worship online for the last 8 weeks. **Jacob Capps** spent hours recording and then editing the video into its final form, uploading it on to the websites when it was ready. I thank him for all the work and time that went into those services.

I want to thank **Ashley Bradshaw** and **Jacob Capps** for their tireless work in helping us record the music that was used in our online services. They have also spent many hours getting our sound system and instruments set up for our outdoor services that we will begin having this weekend, spending all day labeling speakers, mics, and wires before the worship team even arrived, making it possible for our worship team to set up, rehearse, and break down our system in just a couple of hours as we prepared, once again, to reshape our services and how we lead. **JT Hopkins** and **Travis Mantooth** added muscle to help us get everything moved out, set up and tuned up in record time.

I am thankful for our worship team, **Liz Mantooth**, **Mark Stampe**, **Alan Thompson**, **Mike Stallings**, and **Jodie Patram**, and for their willingness to spend the time recording, and re-recording, songs used in online worship, and their willingness to lead in the outdoor services as well. And I'm also thankful for their willingness to continue to learn new music during this down time. I'm thankful for **Roger and Michelle Coombs** who are loaning us a flatbed truck to use as a stage this weekend so that as our people spread out they will still be able to see. We are so blessed to have so many in our church that really do help make our church "work."

I pray that this mess will be over with very soon. But until then, I'm praying God will deliver some of the most beautiful weather we have ever seen every Sunday that we need to worship outside. Please plan to join us each week out in front of our church building. Bring someone with you who needs a church family. You know we have the best one, bar none!

## Senior Adults

### Covered Dish Lunch, July 14

Our next Senior Adult Ministries Lunch will be on Tuesday, July 14 @ 11:30. Thankfully, we were able to reschedule our local Wallace police chief, Chief Jimmy Crayton, to speak to us that day. He will be educating us on ways to stay safe both physically and electronically, whether on your phone, iPad, or computer.



Please invite some 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. Look up that favorite recipe, whip up something delicious to share, and drag a friend or 2 with you to this fun and informative time! I can't wait to see you and for us to get to be together again!



### 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**.

I'm so looking forward to seeing this amazing story come to life on stage, featuring talented actors/actresses, beautiful costumes, and live animals! And it is quite possible that we will have some beautiful fall foliage to enjoy along the way in addition to plenty of fun and fellowship.

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.

Don't waste another second! Come by or mail your check today! I look forward to traveling with you!

Church Family, we are living through an unprecedented time with things constantly changing and having a major impact on planning throughout the Spring and Summer. So far, we have had to cancel two major events, the Wallace Kid's Easter Egg Hunt, and the Wallace Student Mission trip. With that being said, we have made changes to our summer schedule for our Student and Kid's Ministries.

## Kid's Camp Event Cancelled

We have decided that it is best for us not to host a Kid's Camp this summer with all of the unknown going into it. A lot of heavy lifting and planning goes into this event, not only for me, but for our amazing volunteers.



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.



## Summer Family Movie Nights

This summer we will host our Summer Family Movie Nights again! The dates for these two events are:

**July 15  
& August 12  
@ 6:00 p.m.**

We will be announcing the movies for this summer soon, so keep an eye out!



## Beach Retreat, June 21-26

After the cancelation of the Student Mission Trip in April, it is a relief that we are still able to go on the Beach Retreat this summer. Our students will travel to Garden City Chapel on June 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, where we will spend the week digging into the book of Romans and discovering what it means to be transformed.

This trip is a huge undertaking with all of the planning that goes into it, but I couldn't have done it without the help of our awesome chaperones, and the support from the church. The students will be sharing about the trip on June 28<sup>th</sup>, which is always amazing to see how God has worked through them during the week.

Thank you again to all who have sent in financial support to help our students, it is truly a blessing to have such a supportive church.

## Save the Date

- June 21-26: Wallace Students Beach Retreat  
Garden City Chapel, SC
- July 15: Family Movie Night
- August 12: Family Movie Night

## Graduates



**2020 Graduate Recognition**  
First Baptist Church of Wallace  
*Sunday, May 17, 2020 @ 10 a.m. Outdoor Service*

### High School Graduates

**Josh Barber** - Graduating from Harrells Christian Academy. Son of Kim Barber and Philip & Shannon Barber.

**Mary Lila Blackburn** - Graduating from Harrells Christian Academy. Daughter of Michael & Mary Hart Blackburn.

**Suzanna Creech** - Graduating from Wallace Rose-Hill High School. Daughter of Frankie Creech and Ashley Jones.

**Megan Evans** - Graduating from Wallace Rose-Hill High School. Daughter of Gene & LeAnn Evans.

**Kaylee Gavin** - Graduating from Wallace Rose-Hill High School. Daughter of Lee & Shannon Gavin.

**Benjamin Gonzales** - Graduating from Wallace Rose-Hill High School. Son of Benjamin & Stephanie Gonzales.

**Skylar Register** - Graduating from Harrells Christian Academy. Daughter of Charlie & Devon Register.

### College Graduates

**Rachel Bland** - Graduating from NC State.

**Jacob Capps** - Graduating from Clear Creek Bible College.

**Hope Cooper** - Graduating from Meredith College.

**Anna Russ** - Graduating from Wake Tech in July 2020 as a Dental Hygienist.

## Scholarships

**2020 WMU**  
*Carolyn Powers Scholarship*  
First Baptist Church of Wallace  
*Sunday, May 17, 2020 @ 10 a.m. Outdoor Service*

### Award Recipients

**Sarah Williams** - Attending Campbell University this Fall as a Third Year Graduate Student School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

**Josh Barber** - Attending North Carolina State University this Fall as a Freshman.

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

## OCC Shoeboxes

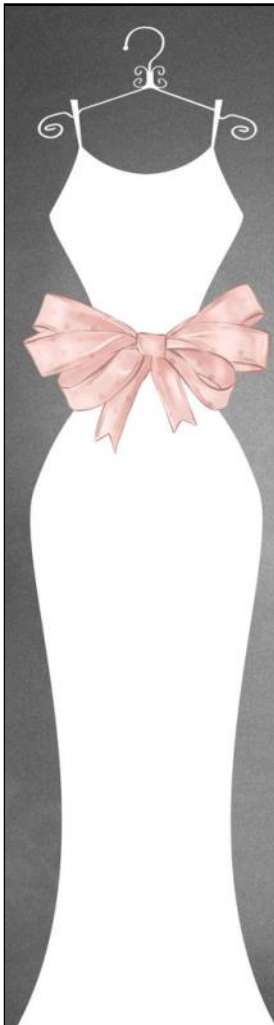
This year has really been one for the books....hopefully we will be back in church soon. OCC is still pressing on and hopefully our OCC table will be in the foyer soon. If you don't have the time to do a shoebox or would rather not go out, we will be happy to do the shopping and packing for you. Please hand either me or Ms. Marie \$30.00 (cash or check made out to us) or you can leave it at the church office, and we will gladly take care of it. Either way I pray that you will consider being a part of the power of a simple gift. Last year we collected 385 shoeboxes, this year we would love to reach 400. If you have any questions, please ask either Marie or Maggie Casteen. Thank you.



**PROJECT:** We are still collecting soda bottle tops for our tic-tac-toe games. Thank you to all who have already participated.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our church packing party will be on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. We will have refreshments, videos and plenty of boxes to pack. Please bring a friend or two.

# Wedding Shower



JOIN US FOR A

## Bridal Brunch

HONORING

*Hope Cooper &  
Jacob Capps*

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH  
11:00 AM

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

REGISTERED AT TARGET  
AND AMAZON

You can also check out their registry at:

<https://www.theknot.com/us/hope-cooper-and-jacob-capps-aug-2020/registry>

## Just for Laughs:

*Groaners.* These jokes appeared on Facebook in recent days.



I went for a job interview and they said they were looking for someone “responsible.”

“Well, I’m your man,” I said. “In my last job, whenever anything went wrong, they said I was responsible.”

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I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug.

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My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline.... She hit the roof!

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Did you see that the inventor of the Knock Knock Joke is being honored? They’re giving him the “No Bell” Prize.

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Q: How do you cut the ocean in half?

A: With a sea saw.

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Breaking News: A Police van carrying 12 convicts crashed into a cement mixer.

Police are now looking for a dozen hardened criminals.

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Q: What did the bald man say when he received a comb for his birthday?

A: “Thanks! I’ll never part with it!”



*It's A  
Girl!*

**Name:** Adeline Pollard Williams, “Addie”

**Date:** May 10, 2020 @ 2:52 p.m.

**Weight, Length:** 6 pounds, 15 ounces, 21 inches

**Parents:** Kelly Mobley & Joey Williams

**Grandmother:** Debbie Williams

## 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.



### July Newsletter Submission Deadline: June 15, 2020

Please email articles to  
office.fbcw@gmail.com  
Please make articles brief !

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## On the Record

### Attendance

\*Outdoor Service

### Online Sunday Worship-Household Views

4-26	5-3	5-10	5-17	5-24
140	97	72	150*	150*

### Online Wednesday Bible Study Participants

4-29	5-6	5-13	5-20
14	14	12	12

### Budget and Receipts

2020 Budget	\$433,490.00
Offering Receipts To Date 5-24-2020	<b>\$166,364.33</b>

## June Birthdays



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


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



Spring 2020  
**Church Conference**  
To Be Determined

# First Baptist Events

# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm-CrossFit	2 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting	3 Bible Study-TBA	<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> All events on this calendar may be postponed or cancelled. You will be updated by the phone tree.</p>		
7 9:00 am-Worship, Sanctuary 10:30 am-Worship, Sanctuary 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	8 6:00 pm-CrossFit	9 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting	10 Bible Study-TBA	11	12	13
14 9:00 am-Worship, Sanctuary 10:30 am-Worship, Sanctuary 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	15 Deadline Newsletter 6:00 pm-CrossFit	16 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting	17 Bible Study-TBA	18	19 FH Reserved	20 FH Reserved  11:00 am-Bridal Brunch Wedding Shower for Hope & Jacob in Fellowship Hall
21 Youth Beach Retreat <b>Father's Day</b> 9:00 am-Worship, Sanctuary 10:30 am-Worship, Sanctuary	22 Youth Beach Retreat 6:00 pm-CrossFit	23 Youth Beach Retreat 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting	24 Youth Beach Retreat Bible Study-TBA	25 Youth Beach Retreat	26 Youth Beach Retreat	27
28 Youth Share About Beach Retreat 9:00 am-Worship, Sanctuary 10:30 am-Worship, Sanctuary 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	29 6:00 pm-CrossFit	30 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting	