



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

April 2022



Spreading CIVOD-22 in Our Community

— See how many people you can infect with this good news!

Someone spread it to me as a teenager, and it changed my life. Who spread it to you, and will you pass it on to others?

CIVOD-22—Christ Is Victorious Over Death in 2022. The spread of this news brings life. It opens the doors to peace, hope, and joy. But just like that other disease which we will not mention, it doesn't spread by itself.

Easter Sunday we will be retelling the amazing news that Jesus' grave was empty. The Lord of Love arose, demonstrating His victory over sin and death. He showed that He is able to offer us a new life in which our sin is erased and our future in heaven is assured.

But there is only one way to truly express our joy and thankfulness for Jesus' resurrection: tell others, invite them to meet this Living Lord for themselves, urge them to join you in hearing the amazing news retold. For some, it will be as if they are hearing it for the very first time. Maybe they are!

How can we say it's the greatest news ever if we don't spread it? Our silence contradicts our words.

This Easter, we will still be in our Gospel of John worship series, and we will focus on that wonderful and familiar verse John 3:16, as well as some surrounding verses.



In your circle of friends, acquaintances, and family members, there is someone whose heart needs this good news... someone whose life could be transformed by this good news of forgiveness and life. Tell them how important Jesus is to you, then invite them to come to the celebration we'll have that Sunday morning.

On Easter Sunday, we will follow our normal schedule:

9:00am—Life Café worship
10:00am—LifeGroups for all ages
11:00am—Traditional worship

Some folks have suggested that we have a combined service for Easter. We understand that request. Getting everyone together multiplies the excitement. But because Easter Sunday is such a powerful outreach opportunity, we want those you invite to experience the very same thing they would experience if they choose to come back the next Sunday. We don't want a guest to come back the next Sunday and say "What happened to that service I attended last week?" Instead, we want them to have the comfort of being in the same routine as on their previous visit.

Also, this Easter part of our offering will help the refugees and victims in Ukraine. We will give all gifts in excess of our normal weekly needs to the relief organization Samaritan's Purse which is already there in Ukraine and also in the places to which these people are fleeing. They are providing food, clothing, medical care, and, most of all, the good news of God's love for them in Jesus.

We'll see you and those you bring to the celebration of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, April 17!

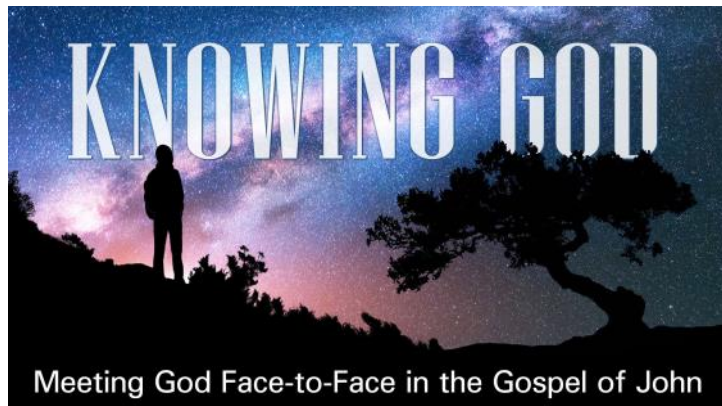
Worship

Our Journey Through the Gospel of John Continues

As Jesus encounters people, he sees past the externals right to their need. In these encounters and conversations Jesus has in John's gospel, many of the questions and concerns in our hearts today are addressed in what Jesus says.

This month, we move into chapter 4 and we meet a woman whose search for love had disappointed her time and time again. And we meet a man who was desperate to get help for his dying child. And in both cases, Jesus demonstrates his power and love.

On Easter Sunday, we'll step back into chapter 3 to visit that amazing, well-known verse John 3:16. Here is the week-by-week schedule:



April 3 — When Life Leaves You Thirsty
John 4:1-34

April 10 — What is Real Worship?
John 4:19-26

April 17 — Resurrection Day!
A Love That Sets You Free
John 3:16-17

April 24 — You Can Take Him at His Word
John 4:43-54

May 1 — Do You Want to Get Well?
John 5:1-15

Prayer Requests



Remember in Prayer:

Those in our community whom, God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Keith Allen, Mark Ballard, Tracy Bannon, Althea Blanton, Sergeant Johnson C. Blanchard, Joe Carr, Jennifer Cashion, DeAndria Davis, Frank Davis, Jan Evans, Michael Fields, Nancy Giordano, Ben Gonzales, Gunnery Sergeant Jonathan Hill, Mildred Jenkins, Allen & Jan Kelly, Riley Kisler, Wanda Marks, Jamie S. Johnson Moore, Frank Osborne, Mike Pate, Becky Rawls, Linda Rich, Jackson Stampe, Stephen Thompson.

Sympathy to the family of :

*Herbert Hodge
Tommy Herring
Carol H. Fields
Mother of Stephen Swanson*



Singles Banquet

Widows, Widowers & Singles Banquet, April 24 @ 5:30 p.m.

If you are a widow, widower, or single, sign up now for First Baptist Church Deacon Ministry's Widow, Widowers & Singles Banquet. The banquet is also for all Deacons, Former Deacons, and their spouses. The event is sponsored by your present serving Deacons. Join us on Sunday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 10, by signing one of the sign up sheets in our Sunday Morning Life Groups or by calling the church office at: 910-285-2534, or emailing: office.fbcw@gmail.com.

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir

Not sure that singing in the choir is for you? Here's what some of our Chancel choir members have to say about why they are in our choir, leading in worship on Sunday mornings, and how it blesses them to do so:



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Choir is one of the things I like best about this church. It feels good to sing out to the Lord even if it isn't

the greatest voice in the choir, it is my best.

- Louise Woods

I love coming to choir and also singing in the Sunday services because all the music is beautiful and the people are so lovely!

- Charmian Watson



I love the fellowship of the choir and having the opportunity to use my voice to praise our Lord in song.

- Kathy Ashburn



You can join us and experience these blessings for yourself! Chan-

cel choir rehearsals are Wednesday evenings @ 6:15 in the choir room. Let Dee know you are coming and she will have a folder ready for you!

Sound Board

Our 11:00 service could use another person or 2 for the sound board. We very much appreciate the hard work Sherry Aramini puts in each Sunday as she works behind the sound board each Sunday morning. But just one person doing such an important job isn't enough. We would love to have a whole team of people who help with this important part of our services. Wouldn't it be great to have 2 or 3 people who could fill in this position? Maybe God is calling you! If you are interested, please let Dee know. She can hook you up with the training you will need to do it! Don't miss out on the blessings to be given and received in helping out with this ministry!

Senior Adults

Other Up Coming Events:

Thursday, April 28: An afternoon at the movies with SAM - Meet us in the fellowship hall to view the movie Unbroken. This is the inspiring story of Louis Zamperini, an olympian who, along with several other crew members, survived a near fatal plane crash during WWII. They survived 47 days at sea only to be captured by the Japanese and sent to a POW camp. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Tuesday, May 10: Covered dish lunch @ 11:30 in the fellowship hall - Our guest will be Erika from Elite Fitness. She will let us know of a variety of ways seniors can join the gym, then will teach us some simple exercises that will help with balance and general healthiness.

Thursday, June 2: New Bern Trip to Persimmons for lunch followed by a trolley tour of the city. Reservations for this trip are closed, but if you would like to go, we will keep a waiting list in case someone who signed up is unable to attend.

Tuesday, July 12: Covered dish lunch @ 11:30 in the fellowship hall

As always, we encourage you to invite a friend, especially those who aren't involved in a church anywhere, to join you at one of these events.

Paint Party



Rehearsals for the month of April

Chancel Choir: (all ages and voice parts welcomed)
Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 6:15 in the choir room.

April Wallace Students Announcements

Here is a recap of March 2022. During Life Group, the students continued an in-depth study of the book of James while also learning how to utilize inductive bible study. The Students met at the Britton house on March 5th for a movie night and some time of fellowship.

Going into April, Student Life Groups will continue the study of James. They are currently in James 2. Students will continue to meet on Sunday's at 6pm for food, games, and further study of James, except for April 17th because that is Easter Sunday.

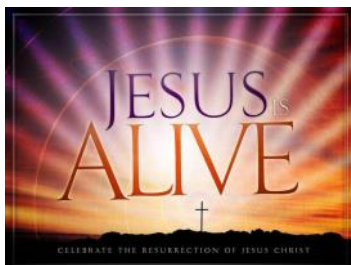
On Sunday, April 10th at 6pm during the normal youth meeting time, students and their families are invited to participate in a Student Family Game Night! We will have a quick snack dinner, and a few board and card games will be available. Families are encouraged to bring some of their own games to play with.

During the Student Family Game Night on April 10th, we will also begin discussing where the students will be heading for camp this summer! We will be going to Hat Creek Camp in Brookneal, Virginia from June 19th-24th. During this time, we will discuss what one could expect at this camp, pricing, and we will also begin collecting deposits if any students wish to sign up early.

Coming soon, we may begin a special offering for the youth summer camp trip. If you wish to go ahead and begin to give towards the youth summer camp trip you may do so by writing in "Youth Camp" wherever you are giving (In Church, EasyTithe, or Church Website).

Thank you to all those who support the student ministry and to the faithful parents who encourage their students to participate in student events! We appreciate your investment into the next generation!

Grace and Peace,
Jon Britton



April Wallace Kids Announcements

Going into April, Joe and Lindsey Blanchard will lead kids from Kindergarten through 4th grade in Kids Camp during the 9am worship service. The Wallace Kids Life Group will continue as it has, engaging kids with a mix of physical activities and virtual curriculum for the purpose of learning the principles of scripture.

Our next Wallace Kids event will be a Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 8th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Any family children 5th grade and below are welcome to join us in this exciting event! A



hot dog dinner will be provided, followed by a quick message, and the glow in the dark egg hunt! Please feel free to invite friends and other families with children 5th grade and below!

WE NEED KIDS CAMP LEADERS! We currently **do not** have Kids Camp leaders signed up for the months of July, August, September, or October! If you have never served in kid's ministry, that is ok, we can help guide you and provide you with a clear curriculum outline. If there is a particular month that you would like to sign up for but you may have to miss a Sunday, that is ok, we can find substitutes for a week or two if need be. We are willing to be flexible with our Kids Camp Volunteers so that our committed Wallace Kids Life Group Leaders do not have to serve "double duty" by doing both Kids Camp and Wallace Kids Life Group. Please sign up at the church office or contact me if interested.

Looking ahead to this summer, we are currently planning a series of Star Wars themed activities and lessons for kids in our church and in the surrounding community to take place sometime during the month of July! More information is to come.

Thank you to our Wallace Kids Volunteers and all the parents who are actively investing in their children so that they grow up with a deeper understanding of the Bible!

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WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship

Our Women's Missionary Union (WMU) Carolyn Powers Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for 2022 scholarships to be awarded during our early and traditional worship services on May 15.

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 application from our FBC Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Kim Longenbach. **Applications are due in our church office no later than April 14, 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.

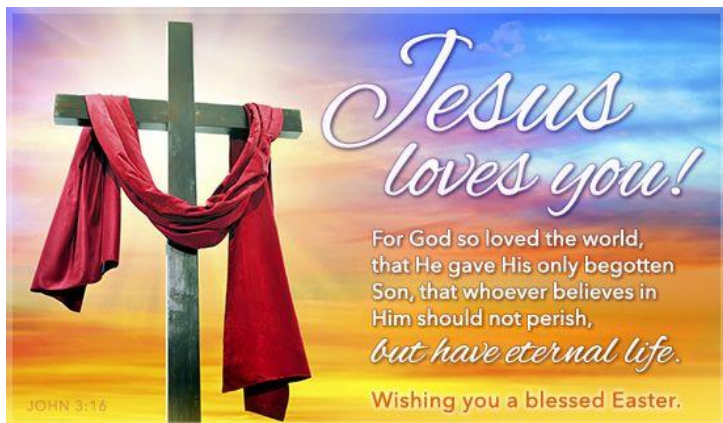


**If you are interested you can contact:
Kim in the church office: 910-285-2534**

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 **April 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.** Park in the back and follow the signs.

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



Just for Laughs:

Lord, Send More Rattlesnakes!



There was a farmer who had three sons: Jim, John, and Sam. No one in the family had ever shown the first sign of respect or devotion to God. The folks from the church had told them about God's love for them repeatedly, and had invited them to come worship, but this crusty old man and his sons always refused.

Then, one day, the youngest boy, Sam, was bitten by a rattlesnake. The doctor was called, and he did all he could, but he told them, “It's in the Lord's hands now.” So the old man called the pastor.

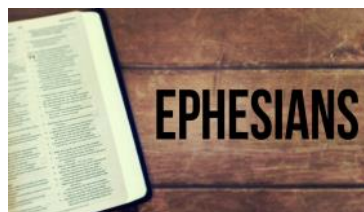
The pastor arrived and began to pray:

“O wise and powerful Father, we *thank* you that you sent this rattlesnake to bite Sam. For years now, we have been inviting this family to turn to You, to call on You, to seek Your face, but they had no interest in You and no time for You, O Lord. We doubt that anyone in this family has prayed the first prayer, or even acknowledged Your existence until today.”

“So, now, Father, we call on you to send another rattlesnake to bite Jim, another to bite John, and a really big, mean one to bite the old man. For years we have tried everything we can think of, loved this family every way we could, shared our faith at every turn, but this rattlesnake has done in one afternoon what we have failed to do in years of effort. So we can only conclude that the only thing that will do this family any eternal good is rattlesnakes. So Lord, send us bigger and better rattlesnakes. Amen.”

Young Adults

Young Adult Life Group



All Young Adults are invited to meet Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in R305, through May 22, for Life Group led

by J.T. Hopkins. The class is also being repeated on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. through May 25. It is a study in Ephesians.

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Office Hours

Monday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Worship Services

First Baptist Church Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Life Groups for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday Sermons

Sunday Sermons

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).



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.

Easy Tithe

EasyTithe Instructions:

- 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 answering 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

Volunteers

April Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Kids Camp, R203 (K-4th)
Joe & Lindsey Blanchard

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

10:00 a.m. Wallace Kids
4/3-Amie Cavanaugh & Michelle Blanchard
4/10-Doug & Deb Lloyd
4/17-Amie Cavanaugh & Michelle Blanchard
4/24-Crystal Stallings & Lindsey Blanchard

11:00 a.m. Ushers: Connections Life Group

Tellers: Sue Baker, Sharon Teachey, Lynn Futrell



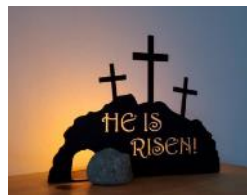
Prayer Garden Project, April 9

All are encouraged to attend the Prayer Garden Project on Saturday, April 9 @ 8:00 a.m. at Charity Rebuild Center in Rose Hill to assist the WMU Circle Ladies with their efforts to dig a garden area and add plants to beautify their center courtyard! Free pizza & snacks provided! See Gail Cavanaugh for more details.

Church Texts

Text the word, "update" to 910-285-2534 to receive general church text updates.

Newsletter



May Newsletter Submission Deadline: April 15, 2022

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

On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

3-6	3-13	3-20
89	89	72

Worship

3-6	3-13	3-20
165	157	162



Budget and Receipts

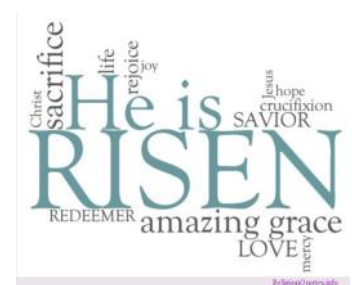
2022 Budget	\$455,789.00
Offering Receipts To Date 3-23-2022	\$99,813.90

April Birthdays








13 Tammy Patram
16 Ashley Davis
19 Charles Jones
20 Judy Marshburn
25 Landon Cavanaugh
28 Dale Watkins
29 DeAndria Davis
30 Bryan Bradshaw
30 Jennifer Knowles

1 Arledge Castles
1 Sarah Perry
4 Michael Judge
5 Lisa Gurganus
5 Casey Knowles
6 Linda Herring
7 Elizabeth Hall
10 Andrew Farrior
12 Patricia Levitan
13 Wade Farrior



First Baptist Events

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222
3 9:00 am-Life Café 9:00 am-Kids Camp 10:00 am-Wallace Kids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Scouts, R203 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	4 6:00 pm-CrossFit	5 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 7:00 pm-Bible Study, FH Lesson 5	6 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:00 pm-Ephesians, R305 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222	7 6:30-8:00 pm-Glow In the Dark Egg Hunt	8 6:30-8:00 pm-Glow In the Dark Egg Hunt	9 8:00 am-Prayer Garden Project @ Charity Re-build Center, Rose Hill 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene,
10 Lord's Supper/Palm Sunday 9:00 am-Life Café 9:00 am-Kids Camp 10:00 am-Wallace Kids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 12:15 pm-Deacon's Mtg. 5:00 pm-Scouts, R203 6:00 pm-Students Game Night 6:00 pm-Missions	11 10:30 am-WMU 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:00 Men's Fellowship Dinner @ Mi Finca	12 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 7:00 pm-Fellowship Hall Reserved-DCOM 7:00 pm-Bible Study in Children's Wing (Last One) Lesson 6	13 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:00 pm-Ephesians, R305 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222	14 Scholarship Deadline @ 3:30 p.m. today	15 Good Friday Newsletter Deadline 	16 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222
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