



# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

## First Family

January 2019



### Four Reasons FBC in 2019 Will Knock Your Socks Off

— We can and should expect that this is going to be an amazing year of growth!

A year ago, we launched our focus “A Place of Grace” here at First Baptist Church... pledging to let go of old grievances, speak in ways that build each other up rather than tearing down, elevating the positive rather than the negative.

Many people have remarked that they sense **our church is a completely new place** because you were so faithful to that “Place of Grace” commitment. A breath of sweet, fresh air has blown through our church, the joy and peace of the Spirit of God, and it has been a wonderful year.

Now, as we start 2019, I really believe that we are in for one of the most exciting years in our church’s history! *Here’s why...*

**1. Mission Growth!** We increased our missions giving in the last two budgets. Now it’s time to increase our missions *activity*. We are forming a partnership with a mission church in Pennsylvania that you’ll be hearing more about. We plan to take teams—both students and adults—on trips to assist this church in reaching the lost in their community.

As we go, we will grow as believers and leaders, but we will also learn more about how to reach those right here in our community.

**2. Growing Hunger for God!** The chaos and disruption in the world around us just seems to keep increasing. The people around us who don’t know our Savior live in that same world, but without the hope and peace that comes from knowing the Mighty God, the Solid Rock. People are searching!

The problem? They don’t know that what they are searching for is found in Christ and among His people! It’s our job to go next door with God’s life-changing love.

**3. Children’s Ministry!** We will be working to expand and grow our children’s ministry this year. It has been true for a long time that reaching children reaches whole families. It used to be that parents dragged children to church. But today, it’s often children who are dragging parents to church. And we want to support their efforts!

We are years behind in renovating our Children’s Wing, so that has to



be a priority. And we will need to provide the funding and *especially* the volunteers needed to provide excellent, exciting, effective ministry to children and their families.

**4. Outreach Focus!** I will be pushing every group, every ministry to look at their work with an outreach focus. We need to ask, “How do we do this in a way that connects with people who need Jesus?”

That means doing student ministry with a heart for the students who don’t know Jesus. That means doing Senior Adult ministry with an intentional approach toward those seniors who are outside of the church. That means the pastor’s sermons have to be clear and relevant to the person who doesn’t know Jesus as Lord.

Are you ready for an exciting, life-changing year of following Christ at First Baptist Church?

## **Worship**

**“The Full Life” series resumes!**



Last Fall, we began a journey through the Gospel of Mark, focusing on the stories of Jesus’ encounters with people in need... all kinds of needs. And we began seeing how, in every case, their need was met perfectly in Jesus.

And it’s no different today. Whatever the need, our Savior came to meet that need, fill that void, dispel that darkness. So we are resuming our series as 2019 begins. Who do you know who needs to experience The Full Life that Jesus came to give?

### **January 6**

Who Can Calm the Storms of Life?

Mark 4:35—5:20

### **January 13**

He’s Never Too Busy for You

Mark 5:21-34

### **January 20**

Who Do You Call When It’s Your Child in Need?

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

### **January 27**

The Myth of Scarcity and the God of Abundance

Mark 6:30-44

### **February 3**

Feasting on God’s Leftovers

Mark 7:24-30



## **Prayer Requests**



*Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Alex Boyette, Hatch Bryan, Joseph Bryant, Becky Carr, Jaxie Cavender, Carol Hawkins Fields, Michael Fields, Nancy Giordano, Novell Groves, Eddie Jernigan, Lawton Lewis, Sue Marshburn, Nancy Matthews, Gene Pierce, Barbara Rivenbark, Shirley Rivenbark, Susan Rowe, David Sikes, John Sorenson, Peggy Stallings, Stephen Thompson, Leroy Woodlief, Ed Woods, Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world, and those affected by the hurricane and all volunteers & workers.*

*Sympathy to: The family of Ralph Jernigan*

*New Members: Tina Stalnaker, 12-9-2018*

*Alexis Tiner, 12-9-2018*



*Birth: Evelyn Ann Carter, 12-4-2018*

*8 lbs., 10 oz., 21 inches long*

*Parents: Holly & Grant Carter*

*Grandparents: LaRue & Clem Faircloth*



## Senior Adults

January and February are typically cold and dreary months. But here at First Baptist, we have ways to warm and brighten it up! Invite a friend to join us in one of these upcoming activities!

January is one of our “get together” months! We will gather in the fellowship hall at 11:30 for a delicious covered dish lunch and to share some laughs together. Prepare one of your favorite dishes to share at our luncheon. We will follow this month’s meal with lots of laughter as we enjoy the comedy of Jeanne Robertson. She will make you laugh as she shares her humorous take on life. I know you will enjoy her. Bring a friend, a covered dish to share, and your sense of humor to the fellowship hall on Tuesday, January 15 @ 11:30. SonShine choir practice will follow. Maybe you have a friend who would want to join us for that as well!



Be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 12 @ 11:30. We will have our annual senior adult ministries Valentine’s Day party. We will bring back our photo booth, enjoy a delicious lunch

together, and play some Valentines games. Start getting friends to hold the date now!

Have you made your reservation for our Ark trip yet? We have been **taking reservations for our 2019 trip to the Ark and Creation museum** for months now, but there are still a **few** spots left. If you haven’t already made your reservation a **\$75 deposit** per person will hold your spot for this trip **scheduled for May 13-17, 2019**. The total cost for the trip is \$650, double occupancy but First Baptist members receive a \$25 discount. Single rooms are available but are priced higher. Please ask for price information if you wish to book a single room. Cost includes travel and hotels, entrance to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, breakfast each morning, 2 dinners, including a riverboat cruise, and a tour of Cincinnati before we depart for home. Extra money will be needed to cover meals not included in the price. Snap up one of the few remaining spots quickly! They won’t last!



## Music Ministry



It’s January - a new year and a fresh beginning for each of us! This new year is a great time for you to join one (or both!) of our choirs.

Our SonShine Choir will have their first rehearsal of the new year on Tuesday, January 15 immediately after our Senior Adult luncheon @ about 1:30 in the choir room upstairs over the offices. We try to keep our music to 1 or 2 parts and are usually accompanied by our pianist, LaRue Faircloth. This is a lively, fun group to work with and I’m betting you will love them! Why don’t you give us a try!

Our Chancel choir rehearsals restart on Wednesday, January 9 @ 7:15 in the choir room. We sing a variety of styles and parts. Each song chosen is picked to help stretch us in some way. We not only want to lead in worship, which is our most important mission, but we also want to learn new things. We have a seat and folder waiting just for you!

Our worship band will resume rehearsals on Sunday, January 6 @ 5:00. We lead in the early worship service each Sunday and are open for new members to join us. We are currently looking to have backups for each of our instrumentalists or to add new instruments (anyone play a banjo or fiddle/violin?) If God has gifted you, please share your talent with us!



Let our choir members and Worship Band members know how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication to learning the music and leading in worship. Our services are made so much better by their participation!

## Wallace Kids

### Self-Control: Choosing To Do What You Should Even When You Don't Want To

**SERIES DESCRIPTION:** As we follow Jesus, His love transforms us. His Spirit gives us the power to show self-control. We can follow His example and choose to do what we should do—instead of what we want to do.

**WEEK ONE:** Broken Down Walls — Proverbs 25:28  
**KEY QUESTION:** When do you lose control?

**WEEK TWO:** Slow to Anger — Proverbs 16:32  
**KEY QUESTION:** What can you do to keep your cool?

**WEEK THREE:** Choose your Words Carefully — Proverbs 12:18  
**KEY QUESTION:** Why are your words so important?

**WEEK FOUR:** Too Much of a Good Thing — Proverbs 25:16  
**KEY QUESTION:** How do you know when to stop?

“God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.” 2 Peter 1:3a, NIrV

## Wallace Students

### Wallace Students Upcoming Schedule 2019

Mar. 22: Winter Jam Tour – Raleigh, NC

April 22-27: Wallace Students Mission Trip to Sunbury, PA, Sunbury City Church

June 17-21: Beach Retreat 2019 to Garden City Chapel, SC



## Kids Café



### Kids Café Begins Tuesday, January 8

Looking for a way to make a difference? Do you want to be the hands and feet that Jesus calls us to be? Do you have just a few hours a week or a month to volunteer? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, then REJOICE! We have just the thing for you...

Volunteer at Kids Café. You will meet kids that just melt your heart. You will offer some help with homework, be there for arts/crafts/devotions/playtime. If your calling is to help with food prep and clean-up, then we will plug you in there.

You can help children in OUR community to succeed, and to SHOW them the love of Jesus. Believe me (ask any of our volunteers), you will be blessed by your participation more than you know.

We are here on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Call or email Donna Marshburn at 285-6341 or 289-8392 or [donnamars@hotmail.com](mailto:donnamars@hotmail.com). You can also call the church office at 285-2534. Be a positive role model for a child today!

## Thank You

*Dear First Baptist Church Family,*

*Thank you for your acts of kindness, cards, visits, and prayers during my Dad's illness and recent passing.*

*Love in Christ,*

*Lynn & Ricky Wood*



## The Spiritual Meets the Physical



Come January when all the holiday sweets and treats are behind us and we begin making the dreaded redundant New Year's resolution to eat better and exercise we have just the thing for you...

**Join the CrossFit ladies** on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for a high energy cardio workout followed with some target toning for abs, arms and legs. We close out our time together each evening with an uplifting Devotion on Spiritual Fitness.

Our fitness leader, Angie Gurganus, is a great motivator and encourager who helps us identify our limits and personalizes each exercise with abbreviated alternatives to fit the need of individuals.

This time is not only about physically strengthening our hearts but also a spiritual strengthening of the heart, mind and soul with the perk of creating new friendships. Join us Monday evenings as we "Glisten" together and glorify God.

 **Update Info.**

### Update Your Information

Help keep us informed of any changes to your name, address, phone number, email, etc. There will be a church directory available in the Sunday school boxes and on the stands where the bulletins sit during the 11:00 a.m. service and at the 9:00 a.m. service during the month of January. Please look through one and update it with any changes. If it looks correct, simply place an, "OK" over it. Add yourself if you do not see your name. This will help us in the church office be able to keep you better informed. We appreciate your help with this. You can also contact Kim in the church office at:

**910-285-2534 or [office.fbcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.fbcw@gmail.com).**

### Just for Laughs:

A tough old preacher named Brother Jackson was called to minister at a church in the Ozark Mountains. But this particular church was being terrorized by a local man who would get drunk, disturb the services, threaten the members, and even beat up people going to or from church. He took delight in keeping these Christians living in fear.



In his first Sunday on the job, Brother Jackson called this bully out by name and declared that he and God would have no more of this bullying.

Well, that very week, Brother Jackson met this man on the road as he was walking to town. The bully said he was going to beat up Brother Jackson as he had so many others.

Brother Jackson told this bully that he would be happy to take him on, but he would just need a moment to pray. He got down on his knees and prayed...

"O Lord, you know when I was forced to kill Bill Hewitt, Jerry Smith, and Levi Battles, it weren't my fault. All three of them come at me at once, and it was only self-defense. You know that, Lord.

"And Lord, you know when I had to cut the heart right out of that crazy young Philip Yandy, he was gone berserk and needed to be put out of his misery, but I take no joy in having killed him.

"And now, O Lord, I'm fixin' to put this old bully in a coffin though I'd really rather not. But, Lord, you are the one what brung him here today. Have mercy on him and any family he's leavin' behind."

Then Brother Jackson got up, pulled out his knife, picked up a rock and started sharpening the blade. As he sharpened, he sang with joy, "Nearer, My God, to Thee, nearer to Thee..."

Then he turned to throw the rock aside. But when he turned back round, the bully was gone.





# Volunteers

## January Volunteers

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

1/6-DeAndria Davis 1/13-Hope Rich  
1/20-Robin Stone 1/27-Dorothy Williams

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

Emily Donnelly

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

1/6-Donna Marshburn 1/13-Kristy Bryan  
1/20-Angie Gurganus 1/27-Alexis Tiner & S. Tucker

**Sunday Ushers:**

Friendship Bible Class

**Tellers:** Doris Webb & Alvin Bryan



### February Newsletter Submission

**Deadline: January 15, 2018**

Please email articles to  
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief !



# Church Staff

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# On the Record

## Attendance

### Life Groups

12-2	12-9	12-16	12-23
88	57	78	58

### Worship

168	136	200	158
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## Budget and Receipts

2018 Budget	\$449,385.00
Offering Receipts To Date 12-23-2018	<b>\$394,422.49</b>

## January Birthdays

- 1 Roena Faircloth  
Jill Lefler
- 2 Kendall cave
- 3 Linda Rich  
Emilie Richardson  
Zella Farrior
- 4 Kristy Bryan  
Shelby Kilpatrick  
Carole Norris  
Mary Jo Robinson  
Ashley Bradshaw
- 5 Reba Stone  
Nancy Kelley
- 6 Eric Sloan  
Rebecca Judge
- 8 Jacob Hargrove
- 10 Greg Moore  
Anita Cavenaugh  
Mary Lila Blackburn



- 11 Doug Jones
- 12 Skylar Register
- 14 Louise Woods
- 15 Doris Ann Farrior  
Jaxie Cavender
- 17 Kimi Brock  
Glonda Futral  
Jackson Stampe
- 18 Jane Rich
- 19 Leroy Woodlief
- 20 Ester Pate
- 23 Jayne McLean  
Will Rivenbark
- 27 Theresa Elias  
Joey Williams
- 28 Jacob Capps
- 31 Kenny Brooks



# 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

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Day	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 The Lord's Supper 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	7 6:00 pm-CrossFit, R203 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH 6:30 pm-Properties, R303	8 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00 pm-Kids Café 7:00 pm-Stewardship, WR	9 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:00 pm-Financial Peace 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir	10	11	12
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27 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	28 Jacob's Birthday! 6:00 pm-CrossFit, R203 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH	29 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00 pm-Kids Café	30 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:00 pm-Financial Peace 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir	31		