



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

March 2019



The Story You Are About to Read is True **—The names have been changed to keep you guessing!**

On Sunday, February 17, at about 7:00 a.m., one of our long-time members was leaving the gym where he exercises faithfully. As he exited the gym and headed to his car, another gym customer rolled down the car window and invited him to worship with him that morning.

What church did our member get invited to visit? First Baptist Church of Wallace. Yes, he was invited to his own church. At this point, I have to tell you that this gentleman is one of the most faithful attenders we have. I cannot remember a Sunday when he wasn't here for Bible study and worship.

So, with a bit of surprise and amusement, our invited member said, "What are you talking about? I already go to First Baptist Church!"

The member who got invited and the one doing the inviting were faithful participants in different worship services here at First Baptist Church, so they hadn't met.

I share this story with you first because it's a bit humorous... to be invited to your own church. But there's a bigger reason to tell it...

This story is exciting to me because it illustrates that our folks are so excited about their church family that they are inviting others to worship with them on Sunday.

It's exciting because it shows how simple it is to let someone know that they matter to us, that we care about their spiritual lives. It tells people that we are not an exclusive "Christian club" that others aren't invited to, but that we are a community ready to welcome new friends, to be a blessing to more and more people.



Another opportunity to invite?

It's exciting because it tells me our folks are asking an important question, "Is this someone who needs to know about God's love, God's grace, God's good plan for their lives?" Inviting people shows our love and concern for them.



So it's really quite a compliment to be invited to share something as personal and important as worship.

It's exciting because it reminds us that God has brought a lot of new people, new families to our church in recent months... to the point that we haven't had a chance to get to know all of the new (and not new) faces that make up the First Baptist Church family.

And I love the story because it shows me the wonderful sense of humor our folks have. At another church I had a member who was very offended that someone didn't know she had been a member for years. But not so in this case. Instead, our First Baptist Church member just laughed it off, and appreciated the humor of getting invited to your own church.

**Roll down that window,
and invite someone to worship!**

Worship

“The Full Life” final messages



We are near the end of our journey through Mark, looking at these stories of people’s encounters with Jesus in which their need was met, their emptiness filled, and they experienced Full Life in him.

March 3

Live It Out! (Speaker: Jacob Capps)

Mark 8:34-38

March 10

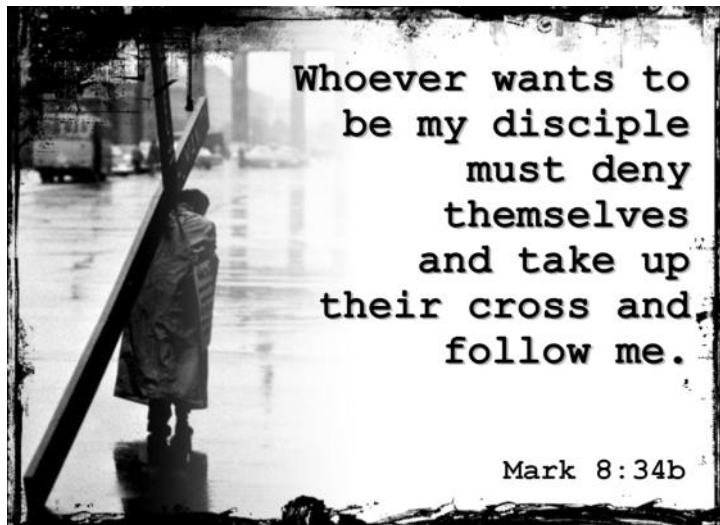
So Full He Was Empty

Mark 10:17-22

March 17

So Empty She Was Full

Mark 14:3-9



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, Alex Boyette, Anita Culler (daughter of Charles & Gloria Allard), Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Nancy Giordano, Dale & Lisa Hunt, Ivey Jones, Susan Long, Jayne McLean, Yvonne Merritt, Turner Rivenbark, Susan Rowe, David Sikes, Gladys Sikes, Melinda Stampe, Stephen Thompson, Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world, and those affected by the hurricane and all volunteers & workers.

Sympathy to the Families of:

*Susan Pricilla Dickerson Cavanaugh
Velma Kate (Branch) Spell
Roy Eugene Cottle, Sr.
Maggie Mae Smith Futrell
Mary Louise (Bradshaw) Hatcher
Vernon Hardison
James Worth Williams*

New Members:

J.T. & Lorrie Hopkins, 1-20-2019

Thank You:

Thank you for all the calls, cards, visits, prayers, food, flowers, and every act of kindness!

—The family of Shirley Rivenbark



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

invites you to join us for our

March Senior Adult Lunch

Tuesday, March 12 @ 11:30 a.m. with

Folksinger and Storyteller

John Golden

Mr. Golden is a resident of Wilmington and a member of the Story Tellers Guild. John is married to Mary Ellen Golden from Rose Hill who owns the Golden Gallery in the Cotton Exchange in downtown Wilmington. Join us to hear this talented storyteller weave entertaining tales of coastal Carolina folklore and history.

It's a covered dish lunch in our fellowship hall, so bring a dish to share. There is no cost for the program. These gatherings are planned for friendship and encouragement. And, by all means, bring a friend.



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Senior Adults



Have You Signed Up for Ark Encounter? Monday, May 13-Friday, May 17, 2019

Our May 13 departure date to Kentucky for the Ark Encounter and to tour the Creation Museum is fast approaching. If you haven't yet made a reservation to join us, there is still time! The deadline for all money to be turned in is Friday, March 29. If you have already made your reservation, your balance must be paid in full by that date. If you haven't made a reservation yet, but would like to join us, give us a call! Right now we still have a few seats left on the bus and we would love to see them filled. So check your calendar and give us a call! You won't want to miss this amazing adventure!

Music Ministry



SonShine Choir Rehearsal

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19 @10:30 a.m.

Kids Café

Kids Café

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. You can also call the church office at 285-2534. Be a positive role model for a child today!

Wallace Kids

Wallace Kids

As we progress through the 2019 year, we are looking to see what adjustments can be made within our ministries throughout the church. When looking at our Student's and Children's Ministries, we are praying about where God is calling us to go. Our Wallace Kids Ministry is all dependent on our volunteers and how we can equip them to lead our kids ministry. We are so thankful for the volunteers we have, and we could not do this ministry without them. The main focus for us as a church, is how can we advance the Kingdom in all that we do. I ask that you pray for our Wallace Kids volunteers, our kids, and our students, as we follow the path God has for us in 2019.

Cinderella's Closet

Prom Dress Donations Needed

Due to Hurricane Florence, a vast amount of our students are still recovering from storm related damage or still displaced. We are collecting prom dresses, jewelry, handbags and shoes. Items



need to be brought to First Baptist Church before March 15. Dresses can be hung on rolling racks provided in the Parlor. These donations are being distributed at an event called, "Cinderella's Closet", on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.



Wallace Students

2019 Wallace Students Schedule

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

CrossFit



CrossFit, Mondays @ 6:00 p.m.

Join the CrossFit Group on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall 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.

Women of Joy

Women of Joy 2019 Conference

Ladies who have paid their deposits for the Women of Joy 2019 Conference, May 3-5, please remember that your balances are due by **March 17**. The cost is 4 per room \$219, 3 per room \$249, and 2 per room \$299 (minus your deposit). Also, there is an additional charge of \$15 if you are riding in the church van. The trip is full, but you can have your name put on a waiting list in case of a cancellation.





WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship

Our Women's Missionary Union (WMU) Carolyn Powers Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for 2019 scholarships to be awarded during our early and traditional worship services on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Applications are due in our church office no later than April 10, 2019. 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.



An email with an updated 2019 application attached was sent 1/31/19 to last year's recipients. Any qualifying student who did not receive the email with the application form for this scholarship should request one from our church office.

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 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:
Tammy Patram 910-271-5695

Widows Banquet

Widows Banquet, March 10

All widows, widowers, singles and former Deacons & their spouses are invited to a Pork Tenderloin dinner with all the sides sponsored by the Deacons at First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 10**, at 12:30 p.m.

Our church's Deacons want to treat you to a delicious lunch and time of great Christian entertainment. There is no cost for this event.

Our entertainment will be provided by Michael Rosander, a professional Christian magician from



Wilmington. Mr. Rosander has led numerous church events for Wilmington churches as well as events all over the country. His mix of humor and magic is very entertaining.

As an actor, Michael Rosander has appeared in TV series and commercials, and most recently has a leading role in the Christian movie, "Adrenaline" (also starring

John Schneider of "Dukes of Hazzard" fame).

Please don't miss this wonderful event...our Deacons' gift of appreciation to you! Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the sign up book outside the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. You can also call the church office at 910-285-2534 or email: office.fbcw@gmail.com.



Just for Laughs:



A man who worked as an efficiency expert in a huge factory was out for a Sunday drive. As he passed a field, he noticed an old farmer by an apple tree feeding apples to his pig. The old farmer was holding the pig over his head and moving him from one apple to another as the pig ate.

The efficiency expert drove a ways further, but the whole scene bothered him so much he turned around. He drove back to the field, parked his car, and walked over to the farmer. "Hey there, old timer," the expert said. "I've got a really good idea for you."

The farmer was curious and asked what he had in mind. The efficiency expert said, "If you just put the pig on the ground, get a stick, and knock the apples out of the tree, the pig can eat them off the ground. It will definitely save a huge amount of time."

The old farmer thought for a moment and then said, "Shucks, mister, why would a pig need to save time?"

One neighbor said to the other, "I hear you're having car trouble."

The other neighbor said, "Yep, I bought a new carburetor that saved thirty percent on gas. Then I got tires that saved another 15% on gas. I put in a new transmission that saved 25% on gas, and a new set of spark plugs that saved \$30% on gas."

"So what happened," asked the first neighbor.

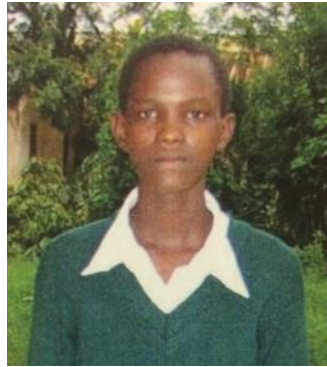
The second neighbor said, "I drove about 30 miles and the gas tank started overflowing."



Missions

Ana—Compassion International

In May of 2014, through Compassion International, our church began the sponsorship of Ana, a 12 year old impoverished girl who lives in Africa.



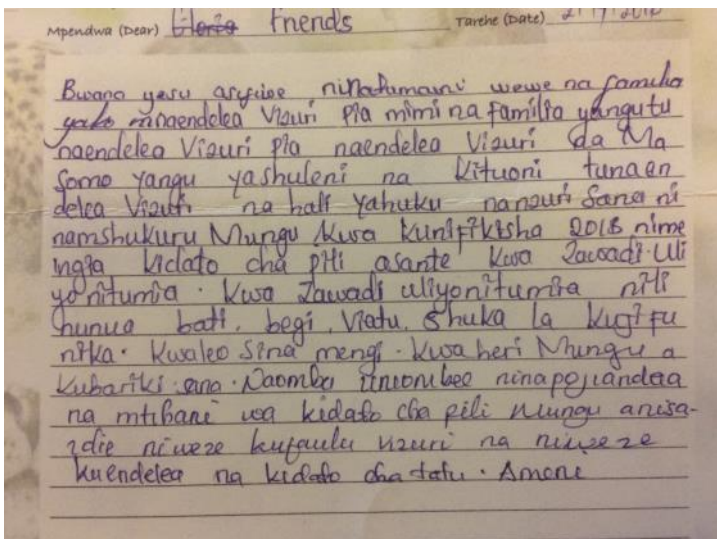
Our desire is to help Ana stay in school and break out of poverty. We want her to know that we care and believe in her.

We have 26 members that have given \$50 annually to support Ana. Her birthday is April 10th and she will be 17 yrs old. Her most recent letter to us (picture below) is written in her native Swahili, and translated as follows:

Dear friends,

Praise Lord Jesus. I hope that you and your family continue well. Also my family and I continue well. I am still doing well with my studies at school and at the center. The weather here is very good. I thank God for allowing me to reach 2018. I have entered part two of my studies.

Thank you for the gift you sent. I bought a bag, shoes, and a bedsheet. Goodbye and God bless you so much. Please pray for me as I am preparing for my school part two examinations. May God help me so that I can pass well and continue on to part three. Amen.



Hearts of Hope

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"Love Thy Neighbor" is the name we have given our "free store" ministry to flood victims. We have all types of bath and bed linens, including comforter set, blankets and pillows. Also available is furniture, household and kitchen items. We will continue to collect all of these items along with children's clothing and lovingly distribute to individuals and families who have lost so much.



Please help us spread the word to families who flooded in our area that we are here to help and walk along side of them as they walk this long journey! Ask them to share their needs with you or to call the church....we might just have what they need...for free.

If you would like to help with "Love Thy Neighbor" please give your name to Kim in the church office.

Simulcast

**Community Event @ FBC
Going Beyond Simulcast
With Priscilla Shirer, April 6**

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with PRISCILLA SHIRER

First Baptist Church invites the community to join us on Saturday, April 6, from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for the Priscilla Shirer "Going Beyond" Simulcast. This is for ladies age 12 and over (childcare will not be available). Registration ends March 23. Tickets are \$15.00 and lunch & snacks are included! You can sign up online, in the church office or see our website or facebook page for details.

Volunteers

March Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery
 3/3-Gloria Andrews, 3/10-Beverly Benton
 3/17-Lindsay Blanchard, 3/24-Angie Gurganus
 3/31-Skylar Register

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery
 Emily Donnelly

11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery:
 3/3-Donna Marshburn, 3/10-Kristy Bryan
 3/17-Angie Gurganus, 3/24-Alexis Tiner &
 Samantha Tucker, 3/31-Janet & Alvin Bryan



Sunday Ushers:

Connections Sunday School Class

Tellers: Sue Baker & Patti Nicol

April Newsletter Submission Deadline: March 15, 2018



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

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On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

2-3	2-10	2-17	2-24
91	95	103	88

Worship

169	154	196	172
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Budget and Receipts

2019 Budget	\$444,390.00
Offering Receipts To Date 2-24-2019	\$54,145.55

March Birthdays

- 1 Gary Kraulik
- 2 Leta Liles
- 4 Robin Stone
- 5 James Powell
- 8 Karen Watkins
- 8 Gloria Andrews
- 9 Judy Sterbach
- 10 Turner Rivenbark
- 11 Brad Rivenbark
- 12 Kim Longenbach
- 13 Faye Jones
- 16 Fay Hedgpeth
- 16 Clair Bradshaw



- 16 Maggie Bradshaw
- 17 Velma Jenkins
- 18 Alex Powell
- 18 Lindsay Quinn
- 19 Charlie Register
- 20 Kaylee Gavin
- 21 Carolyn Wood
- 23 Steven Farrior
- 30 Alex Farrior
- 31 Keith Farrior






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

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30-10:00 am Fellowship Hall Reserved	2
3 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	4 6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	5 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00 pm-Kids Café	6 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir	7	8	9 
10 Daylight Saving Time 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 12:15 pm-Widows Banquet, FH 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	11 10:30 am-WMU III & IV, R303 6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH 6:30 pm-WMU V, The Gardens of Rose Hill 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	12 11:30 am-Senior Adult Lunch in Fellowship Hall 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00 pm-Kids Café	13 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir	14 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Cinderella's Closet	15 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Cinderella's Closet Newsletter Deadline	16 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Cinderella's Closet 10:00 am-3:00 pm
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24 Regular Activities 31 Regular Activities	25 6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	26 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00 pm-Kids Café 7:20 pm-Missions, WR	27 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir	28	29 Ark Trip Balances Due	30