



# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

## First Family

January 2022



## On the Cruise Ship “Church of Jesus” Are You a Passenger or Serving Staff?



An older church leader said to me, “I’m so tired of the cruise ship mentality.” I asked her to explain.

**It’s nice to be a passenger** on a cruise ship. There is a small army of people who are focused on your comfort, your convenience, your entertainment, your desires. You come and go when you want, eat what you want when you want it, with no concern for the needs of others and no responsibility.

But what about in the church... this family of believers? Do you enter the church like a privileged passenger or like a servant? Are your expectations more self-centered, or others-centered?

Are you concerned with who is carrying your serving responsibilities when you are absent? Are you carrying your share of responsibility?

Do you take notice of who “makes over you,” or are you more concerned with whom you are loving and encouraging?

Do you love your fellow Christians enough to be there for them faithfully—listening and encouraging as an others-centered servant?

Knowing that Jesus called and equipped us all to serve, can the “passenger” say with honesty that they are doing what He expects of them?

People with a Cruise Ship Passenger mentality quickly fall out of love with their church. Those who are serving faithfully and carrying the load for these “privileged passengers” don’t have time to coddle the self-absorbed.

They have to know on some level that the Lord who gifted them and called them to serve cannot be pleased when they flatly refuse to do their part in the Kingdom. So worship loses depth, Jesus’ voice is harder to hear, our relationships with other believers grow cold.

When Paul says, in Philippians 2, “have the same mindset as Christ

Jesus,” he goes on to describe sacrificial service, not personal privilege. We cannot be like Christ and still approach the church with a “passenger” attitude rather than a “servant” attitude.

Are you an unhappy “passenger”? You can always change churches! The people in the new church will treat you like a passenger at first. They’ll make over you, stroke your ego, and expect nothing from you! But eventually, Christian, they will expect you to carry your part of the serving load every week, without constant coddling and attention. (Then it will be time to change churches again!)

In this new year, Christ calls us to **serve**, imitating Him, rather than to act like a privileged passenger on cruise ship “Church of Jesus.” And that’s where the joy is found!

**We have amazing servants** on this “ship” with great servant hearts! I hope you’ll plan to be one of them as we “cruise” through 2022!

## Worship

### New Year... Same God, Same Mission

You're sitting down with Jesus in your living room. From where you sit, you can see the lacerations in his brow where he bore the crown of thorns. You can see the nail scars in his hands.

As he looks at you, you can see in his eyes that love that died for you... that love that is still distressed over every lost and empty heart in this world. And he asks you, "Were you committed to my mission this past year, above all else? Did you faithfully serve my church? Did you boldly share me with others?"

Now God has given us the undeserved gift of a new year. Will you use it for yourself, or for Him?

"Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord! Lord! ...And I will say, 'Depart from me. I never knew you.'"

— Matthew 7:22-23



**January 2** — Pastor Al Thompson

**January 9** — Speaker: Joe Blanchard

**January 16** — Speaker: J.T. Hopkins

**January 23** — Pastor Al Thompson

**January 30** — Speaker: Penny Ross

**February 6** — Pastor Al Thompson

## Prayer Requests



### ***Remember in Prayer:***

*Those in our community whom, God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Fred Benton, Sergeant Johnson C. Blanchard, Gary Brown, Gregg Carlson, Warren Cavanaugh, Vicky Evans, Darret Ezzell, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Edie Flowers, Nancy Giordano, C J Hammond, Robin Henderson, Gunnery Sergeant Jonathan Hill, Andy Howard, Traci Howard, Dewey Inman, Amy Smith Johnson, Angela Kelly, Steve Mills, Rocky Mobley, Jamie Johnson Moore, Mike Pate, Milton & Lavonne Pittman, Potter's Wheel Ministries, Jeanette Ramsey, John Reade, Linda Rich, Bonnie Robinson, David Savage, Renee Stoppelbein, Stephen Thompson, and all those who are battling coronavirus.*

***Sympathy to the family of:***  
Shannon Sutton







## Alabama Theater, Dec. 7

Our Senior Adult Ministries (SAM) enjoyed a trip to **Myrtle Beach** for a Christmas show and dinner! On Tuesday, December 7 @ 9:45 am, we loaded up 2 vans and headed to **Alabama Theater** and saw a terrific Christmas show and then had a delicious meal over at the **Chestnut Hill Restaurant**! If you didn't manage to grab one of the tickets for this activity, don't worry! There will be future, equally fun activities planned!







## Asheville & Charlotte Trip, April 25-29

There's still room on the bus for you for our April trip to Asheville and Charlotte! Reservations are now open for any one - member, regular participant, and non-member - for our fun filled trip next April 25-29, 2022 to Asheville and Charlotte.

This trip is packed with so much including the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, the Qualla arts and Crafts Mutual, The Billy Graham training center at the Cove, Biltmore Estate, tour of Asheville, NASCAR hall of fame, the Charlotte Motor Speedway, the Billy Graham library, and so much more! You will not want to miss a minute!

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. Lunches will be on your own each day.



A \$100 deposit will hold your seat on the bus. Full payment will need to be paid by Friday, February 25, 2022 @ noon when the office closes for the day. 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!



## Wallace Senior Adult Ministries (SAM)

January is often a big let down after all the busyness of the holidays. But we have a wonderful solution for your post holiday blues! Join your fellow seniors on Tuesday, January 11 @ 11:30 am for a covered dish lunch! As we enjoy each other's company around the table, we will eat delicious fried chicken provided by the church, and the delicious sides and desserts you bring to share! There are a lot of folks in our town who are also experiencing that post holiday let down, so invite one or two of them to join you for lunch with friends!



## Music Ministry



### Christmas Program

On Sunday evening, December 5 @ 5:00 in the sanctuary, we had our annual Christmas program. This year's event included videos, scripture readings, and songs from our Chancel choir. We celebrated God's great gift of Jesus through these different mediums!

## Sound Board

### 11:00 Sound Board Team

Our 11:00 service could use another person for the sound board. We have a new person working the sound board for our 11:00 worship services. 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!



## Music Ministry



### Rehearsals for the month of January

New year, new possibilities! Interested in giving your voice a workout with a fun and exciting group of people? Our choirs might just fit the bill for you! But don't just take our word for it! Give our choir a "try out" for the spring and see if it's something you enjoy. When summer arrives, if you have found it isn't your cold glass of lemonade, we will reluctantly let you go. However, we are betting that you will love it! Think you might be interested? We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the choir room upstairs. Let Dee know you are coming, and she will have a folder ready for your use. We hope to see you there!

### Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir: (all ages and voice parts welcomed)  
Wednesdays, January 12, 19, 26 @ 6:15 in the choir room

### SonShine Choir

SonShine Choir: (our choir for senior adults) Tuesday, January 18 @ 10:30 in the choir room





## Men's Chili Dinner



**Men's Chili Night**  
**January 23, 2022**  
**5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

### **First Baptist Wallace Fellowship Hall**

After inflicting mayhem on his community and himself, a man with an unclean spirit came face to face with the Son of God and Jesus Christ healed the demon-possessed man. As the story concludes, Christ tells the man, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you" (Mark 5:19). Like the man with the unclean spirit, many of us have wreaked havoc on our community, family, and selves. Yet, Christ still blessed us with a saving story to tell. On January 23, we will be hearing the powerful testimonies from guest speakers that can also attest to the same power of God in their lives. To heat up this night for community outreach, I would also like to encourage the loving people of First Baptist to consider making a pot of chili for the night. Furthermore, I ask that we illustrate the hands and feet of Christ to our speakers and guest by volunteering to serve and clean-up. There will be sign-up sheets sprinkled throughout the church. Lastly, since this will be a night of outreach for men, I highly encourage/challenge the First Baptist men to aim at bringing at least 5 friends. A night for fellowship, encouragement, revival, and salvation all for the glory of Christ.

In Christ's Love,  
J.T. Hopkins

\*please contact J.T. at (931)  
675-0524 for further information.



## Prom Glitz



### **Prom Glitz**



Prom Glitz is back!! On Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> our fellowship hall will be filled with hundreds of beautiful prom dresses and accessories. But what will be even more beautiful are the young girls who will be coming to shop. We want them to feel special, loved and told they are beautiful. Everything the girls chose is free even down to the onsite alterations. Prom Glitz is open to W-RH, East Duplin, Duplin County Early College High School and Pender High.

Between now and February 5<sup>th</sup> spread the word, ask friends if they have any gently worn prom dresses, jewelry, dressy shoes (for a wedding or prom) or purses they would like to donate. All dresses are carefully checked and taken to the dry cleaners. Also, look for great buys on any of the above items. You can donate or be reimbursed for your great finds!



Each girl who comes registers when they first arrive. We can use their contact information to share and invite them and their friends to upcoming youth events. We have heard over and over, "my child could not have gone to the prom if they had not received a dress from your church!" And all the hard work is worth it, when you see a young girl smile at her reflection in a mirror.





### January Wallace Kids Announcements:

On December 12th, the Wallace kids had their Christmas Party during their Life Group time. Many children participated and received snacks, drinks, and a gift bag. A push up contest was proposed at one point between many of the children and a few of the leaders. Leader Donna Marshburn left her competition in the dust to claim her place as push up champion.



Going into January, the Wallace Kids from ages 4-11 are invited to participate in the new "Kids Camp" program. This takes place during the 9am service after the worship time and until the beginning of the Life Group time. During Kids Camp, the children will be involved in interactive games and challenges with a short processing time afterwards. The volunteer leaders will use a series of discussion questions to lead the children from the purpose of the game or challenge to an application to life and scripture. Volunteer leaders for this program are needed! Please contact Jon Britton for more information at [jon.fbcw@gmail.com](mailto:jon.fbcw@gmail.com) or (434) 444-1482.

For those who have not seen the Wallace Kids room, it is a must see for it has recently begun its transformation into the Wallace Kids Cabin! A huge thank you goes out to the Wallace Kids Leaders who planned and decorated the room to give it a more camp-like feel.

Grace and Peace,  
Jon Britton







## January Student Announcements

Here is a recap of December 2021. During Life Group, the students have studied an overview of the Christmas story and how it has been weaved throughout the entire biblical narrative. The students had their Christmas Party on December 5th and 19 students, including several new students, showed up and had a great time of food and fellowship. We hope the students enjoyed a Merry Christmas with the proper knowledge of what Christmas is really all about!

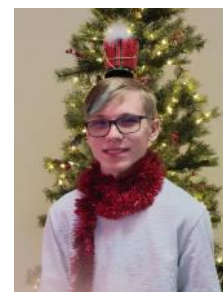
Going into January, Student Life Groups will continue with students engaging in discussions about practical practices every Christian their age should learn. Sunday Evening Student Meetings will continue at 6pm on Sunday evenings except for January 23rd because of a men's event in the fellowship hall.

We pray that the students and leaders take advantage of the new year to grow in personal faithfulness so that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit! Thank you to all who willingly give their time, prayer, and resources to support and uplift the FBC Wallace Student Ministry!

Grace and Peace,  
Jon Britton



*Another fun gathering was enjoyed by the Bible Learners Life Group as they celebrated December birthdays!*





# 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 **January 19, 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:

At a certain company, one of the managers took it upon himself to go around to all the other employees and explain the new company policy: All lighting in non-essential areas would be turned off to save money.



When he finished making his rounds, he found that the light over his desk had been turned out.

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William's grandfather died and, to his surprise, left him an inheritance of \$20 million. Shortly after that, the young lady he had been trying to date began accepting his invitations. After just a few weeks, when he proposed, she agreed to marry him.

But after just a few weeks of marriage, William felt that his new bride was growing more and more distant and less affectionate. After a few months of marriage, she seemed completely indifferent to him. Finally he decided he needed to confront her.

When William finally succeeded in getting his wife to spare some time for him, he said, “I’m beginning to think that the only reason you married me was because I inherited that \$20 million from my grandfather!”

His wife laughed with amusement and assured him that he was completely wrong. “William, that’s the most ridiculous thing I’ve ever heard!” she said. “It doesn’t matter to me *at all* where the money came from!”



## Church Staff

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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.



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## Worship Services

### First Baptist Church Worship Services

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](http://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

***Together, we can make a difference***



## Volunteers

### January Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Kids Camp, R203

Jon & Mary Britton

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

Donna Marshburn

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

Tellers: Fay Hedgpeth & Glonda Futral



*First Baptist Church Tellers, Sharon Teachey and Fay Hedgpeth (pictured above). Our faithful tellers volunteer their time each week for two months at a time along with Glonda Futral, Sue Baker, Gail Cavanaugh, Ann English, Barney Nicol, Louise Woods, Patsy Spell, Beverly Benton, and Lynn Futrell. Thank you all so very much for your service and ministry at First Baptist Church.*

## Church Texts

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

## Newsletter



**Feb. Newsletter Submission**

**Deadline: Jan. 15, 2021**

Please email articles to  
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief !

## On the Record

### Attendance

#### Life Groups

11-28	12-5	12-12	12-19
79	102	112	

#### Worship

11-28	12-5	12-12	12-19
162	159	154	

### Budget and Receipts

2021 Budget \$433,490.00

Offering Receipts To Date 12-16-2021 **\$422,085.76**

## Jan. Birthdays

- 1 Roena Faircloth
- 1 Jill Lefler
- 2 Patricia Nicol
- 2 Kendall Cave
- 3 Linda Rich
- 3 Emilie Richardson
- 4 Kristy Bryan
- 4 Shelby Kilpatrick
- 4 Carole Norris
- 4 Mary Jo Robinson
- 4 Ashley Bradshaw
- 5 Reba Stone
- 6 Eric Sloan
- 6 Rebecca Judge
- 8 Jacob Hargrove
- 8 Ann English
- 10 Greg Moore
- 10 Anita Cavanaugh
- 10 Mary Lila Blackburn



















- 11 Doug Jones
- 12 Kenneth Fountain
- 12 Skylar Register
- 14 Louise Woods
- 15 Doris Ann Farrior
- 15 Jaxie Cavender
- 17 Kimi Brock
- 17 Glonda Futral
- 17 Jackson Stampe
- 18 Jane Rich
- 18 Nancy Giordano
- 20 Esther Pate
- 23 Jayne McLean
- 23 Will Rivenbark
- 24 Matt Higgins
- 25 Michelle Blanchard
- 27 Theresa Elias
- 27 Joey Williams
- 29 Angie Gurganus



# First Baptist Events

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1 New Year's Day</b> <i>Happy New Year!</i>  7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222
<b>2</b> 10:00 am-Combined Worship 11:00 am-Life Groups 5:00 pm-Scouts, R203 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	<b>3 OFFICE CLOSED</b> New Year's Holiday  6:00 pm-CrossFit	<b>4</b>  2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	<b>5</b> 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner <b>NO CHANCEL CHOIR</b> 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222 7:00 pm-Helping Self	<b>6</b>    	<b>7</b>  	<b>8</b>  7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222
<b>9 The Lord's Supper</b> 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-Wallace Students	<b>10</b> 10:30 am-WMU 6:00 Men's Fellowship Dinner @ Mi Finca  6:00 pm-CrossFit	<b>11</b> 11:30 am-SAM Lunch 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	<b>12</b> 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222	<b>13</b>  	<b>14</b>  	<b>15 Newsletter Deadline</b>  7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222
<b>16</b> 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	<b>17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>  6:00 pm-CrossFit	<b>18</b> 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Stewardship	<b>19</b> 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222 7:00 pm-Helping SELF	<b>20</b>  	<b>21</b>   	<b>22</b>  7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222
<b>23 Regular Activities</b> 5:00-8:00 pm-Men's Chili Dinner <b>NO WALLACE STUDENTS</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm-CrossFit	<b>25</b> 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	<b>26</b> 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222	<b>27</b>  	<b>28</b>   	<b>29</b>  7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222
<b>30 Regular Activities</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00 pm-CrossFit					