



# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

## First Family

December 2022



### To whom has God called you to deliver a box of love?

To the father's surprise, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought this gold-wrapped gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!"

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. One year, a few days before Christmas, he found his little six-year-old daughter wrapping a present using the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Feeling the pressure of the family's finances, he lashed out in anger at his little daughter and sent her to her room.

He was reminded of his angry outburst when, looking under the tree on Christmas Eve, he saw that she had used that expensive paper to wrap a beaten-up shoebox. The paper was crudely and wastefully wrapped around the box. The gaps in the wrapping were big enough that he could see the dilapidated shoebox beneath the expensive paper. This father was also concerned about where she had gotten the money to buy what was in the shoebox.

He saw the joy and excitement on her face as she handed him the box. And as he began unwrapping it, he felt embarrassed by his earlier anger, now regretting how he had punished her.

But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger driven by financial stress resurfaced. With disapproval in his voice, he said, "Honey, you used all this expensive paper to wrap an empty box?"

His daughter looked at him as hurt filled her face, tears began to well up in her eyes. She whimpered, "It's not empty, Daddy. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his short-tempered outbursts. And he

reached into the box to take out some kisses and put them on his cheek.

Before the next Christmas could arrive, an accident took the life of this father's child. It is told that the father kept this little box, with its messy gold wrapping paper, by his bed for the rest of his life. Whenever he felt his problems getting the best of him, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of his little girl that had helped him see past his problems.

You have a gift of love to share with those around you -- the very love of God that flows from God. It's a love that could transform a weary, stressed soul. It might even last them the rest of their lives!

### Wallace First Baptist Church Christmas Choir Concert and Children's Drama

Sunday, December 4 @ 5:00 pm

*Bring your friends and neighbors!*



## **Worship**

### **Bad Songs with a Good Message**

This Christmas season our worship series is called “Good Christmas News from Bad Christmas Songs.” We are using the Christmas songs we love to hate, and finding God’s joyful, uplifting Christmas truth even in these unlikely places.

One of our hopes is that, every time you hear these songs in the future, rather than just grating on your nerves, they will remind you of an important part of the Christmas story, the true meaning of Christmas, and how we can better live for Jesus in this season of celebration.



**Nov. 27 — Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer**  
Isaiah 53:1-3

**Dec. 4 — I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas**  
John 1:9-14; Matthew 11:16-19

**Dec. 4 -- Evening Service @ 5:00 pm**  
Adult Choir and Children’s Program

**Dec. 11 — Wonderful Christmastime**  
Luke 2:1-7

**Dec. 18 — Last Christmas**  
John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:10

**Dec. 18 — Early Candlelight Worship @ 6 pm**  
with Worship Band, in Fellowship hall

**Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight @ 5 pm**  
Carols, Scripture, Communion, and Candlelight

**Dec. 25 — No In-Person Services**

Christmas Day Worship Service will be available online:  
Visit our website: [www.WallaceFirstBaptist.org](http://www.WallaceFirstBaptist.org)  
Then click the Christmas Day worship banner.

## **Prayer Requests**



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

*Those in our community whom, God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Susan Adkins, Alan Baker, Jennifer Bass, Sergeant Johnson C. Blanchard, Vivian Brookshire, Laura Calvallo, Annette Casey, Finn Cusick, Wesley Hairr, Dawn B. Hallman, Joyce Hudson, Teresa Hurst, Jessie (11 month old), Shelby & Graham Kilpatrick, Gloria Morrison, Mike Pate, John Reade, Renee Stoppelbein, Edna Taylor, Sharon Teachey, Stephen Thompson, Myrtle Toler, Janet Walker, Jamie Wells, Charles Williams, Dr. Keven Zibelin.*

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

*Bobby Teachey  
Frances Howell  
Willa Currie  
Roena Faircloth’s sister passed away*

### ***Welcome New Members:***

*11-13-2022: Atalie Henson  
(Avery, Andrew, & Andre Henson)*



### ***Birth:***

*10-30-2022: Esme Marie Elias (Girl)  
7 lbs., 3 oz.  
Parents: Charles & Angie Elias  
Grandparents: Theresa & AJ Elias*

### **Thank You from Kim**

Thank you so much for all the cards, notes and gifts on my 7 year work anniversary! I was so surprised! I’m so blessed and it is such a pleasure to work in the office at First Baptist Church!



*thank you*



## Music Ministry

It's hard to believe that it is the last month of another year already! Where has the time gone??? December is a busy month as we spend time with family and friends, and participate in so many extra activities. But let's not forget why we are celebrating. Jesus birth was the beginning of the fruition of God's plan of salvation for us, sinners saved by His grace alone. As we prepare for Christmas, let's prepare our hearts for Him.

We can help you and your family prepare your hearts and lives for Christ's birthday celebration. This month, our worship services will be filled with the celebratory music that will remind you of the "reason for the season." In addition, we will have a special program of music and a sweet play performed by our teens and children that will have you filled with the spirit of Christmas in no time! Reserve an hour of your time on Sunday afternoon, December 4 @ 5:00. The hour will begin with a mini concert of Christmas music performed by our Chancel choir followed by the children's Christmas play "Follow the Star" and concluded with a few more musical numbers. This time will be filled with music, joy, and laughter! What better way to begin your Christmas celebration. So mark your calendars or set a reminder on your phone so you won't miss this special time together. And bring a friend or neighbor with you!

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** for the month of **December 7, 14 @ 6:15** in the choir room! **Note that there will be no rehearsals from December 21 - January 4.** We will resume regular rehearsals on Wednesday, January 11. I look forward to seeing you there!

**SonShine Choir!** There will not be a rehearsal this month. But remember we will have lunch together on Sunday, December 4 immediately following the 11:00 service. We will meet at Mik's @ 12:15.

## Senior Adults

### Up Coming Events:



**Tuesday, December 6:** The vans will depart the church parking lot at 9:45 for our annual trip to the Alabama Theater's Christmas show. We will stop on the way at Chick-fil-a for a quick bite before getting to the theater. Following the show, we will enjoy a delicious dinner at the Chestnut Hill Restaurant. This will be a great time of fun, entertainment, food, and friends!

**Tuesday, January 10:** We will gather @ 11:30 for a covered dish lunch! This special time will, as always, be filled with lots of laughs, fun, delicious food, and friends! Be thinking about that special recipe you've been meaning to try. And invite a friend to join us!

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. We want them to know what a great fellowship of believers we have here and that we would love for them to join us!



**Merry Christmas  
From the First Baptist  
Church Office Staff!**



## Prom Glitz



Prom Glitz is back!! On Saturday, February 4<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 4<sup>th</sup> spread the word, ask friends if they have any gently worn prom dresses, jewelry, shoes 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.



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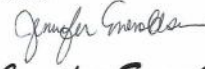
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November 7, 2022

Hello Wallace First Baptist Church!

We wanted to pass along sincere thanks to you for your help in purchasing a new cargo trailer. As you know, Jerry modified an inexpensive trailer early on in this ministry to assist in moving dresses to those in need as so many weren't able to come to our home or to the venues. While the trailer worked, we were constrained by size and were approaching being unsafe due to weight. The new trailer will allow us to serve more girls in need with less setup and prep time. For those that saw how packed our old trailer was, it was a bit of a Tetris game. Your church partnered with us in some of our earliest days and the outpouring has been overwhelming. We always look forward to pulling into your church parking lot as there are so many caring and committed people that make the job easier. Your cards and donations beyond that make it so much easier to serve. Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you all in the Spring!

Thanks,

  
**Jennifer Enevoldsen**  
Jennifer Enevoldsen, President

  
**Jordan Enevoldsen**  
Jordan Enevoldsen, Secretary





# Wallace Kids



Why are there so many Christmas songs about angels? Because angels show up all throughout the Christmas story with great news! In this four-week series, kids will explore the foundational stories of Jesus' birth with a focus on the angels who were there to witness them! From the city where Jesus was born, to the cities we live in today, the angels' message is just as important now as it was then! Jesus is God's plan, calms our fears, makes everything new, and is God's love for everyone.



# Wallace Students



Christmas is here, and time does not slow down in December, especially with the business of all that is going on at First Baptist. Our Students will have a Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec.11th, during our usual 6pm Night Gathering.

On January 21st, our students will travel to New Bern for a night of worship at Temple Church. The cost is \$45/student unless they helped with our Deer Corn sale, which tickets will only cost \$35. This concert will be a fantastic night of worship with Matt Maher, Phil Wickham, Leeland, and Hillsong United's lead singer, Taya. The sign-up and payment deadline is December 11th. If you're interested in going, please see Jacob and sign-up in the student room.

Finally, as a Student Ministry, we would like to thank Jon Gurganus and Buddy King for donating our Deer Corn, which we sold on November 20th, as a fundraiser for our Students. This fundraiser helps benefit our students and allows us to not only purchase more resources needed for our growing student ministry but also enable our students to attend trips and events at a reduced cost.

In Christ,

Jacob





*First Baptist Church packed 232 boxes and also donated some toys left over to help fill other boxes! Much thanks to all who participated this year!*  
-Robin Stone





## Maximize Giving

**Support ministry as you wrap up your 2022 tax planning and charitable giving!**



As you maximize your giving and take advantage of the deductions the government allows, please remember the ministries of First Baptist Church! What we are able to accomplish in children's ministry, student ministry, music, senior adult ministry, and in meeting the needs of hurting people grows from the giving and generosity of you, God's people.

If you have a tax planner or CPA, please remind them that you want to make the most of your opportunity to give. If you have had any large financial transactions this year, charitable giving could greatly reduce your tax burden... while at the same time making a big difference for God's kingdom!

## Playground

### New Playground

We're planning a new, bright, low-maintenance playground for our church. A new, fun, modern playground attracts families from the local community and that makes it easy for us to meet them, talk with them, and tell them more about our church without having to go find them. And it's a great tool for all of our existing children's ministries.

**Total funds given so far are: \$29,514.55** toward the \$30,000 + we need to put in a beautiful new structure that will be maintenance-free for 25 years or more. There are few things a church can do to reach new families that are as powerful as catching the attention of children and attracting them!

**Thank you to all those who have already contributed to this project!**

The picture above is a sample of the kind of equipment we hope to install.

## Just for Laughs:

It was the Christmas Eve Candle-light service, and they had come to that point in the service when the candle light is passed from one person to another. In reverent silence the pastor waited for everyone present to receive the "light of Christmas."



But the congregation burst into laughter when he finally broke the silence and said, "Now that everyone is lit, let's sing 'Joy to the World!'"

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The Sunday before Christmas, the children's Sunday School teacher had her Kindergarten students draw pictures of the people in the Christmas story. But one parent was puzzled when her child handed her a picture of Joseph, Mary, the baby Jesus, the shepherds, with a large airplane flying overhead and a man's head sticking out of the window. "What is this plane doing in the Christmas story?"

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Her son answered with confidence, "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot."

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Little Jimmy was in the church Christmas drama, but when it came time for him to say his lines, he went blank. All eyes were fixed on him as he struggle to remember what he was supposed to say.

On the front row, his mother was gesturing and mouthing his forgotten line, but he couldn't understand. So she got up, and whispered in his ear, "I am the Light of the World."

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So Jimmy stood tall and said loudly, "My Mom is the Light of the World!"



## 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.



## 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](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

### December Volunteers

**9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery**  
 12/4-Janet Voisey, Robin Stone  
 12/11-Allie Higgins, Hope Rich  
 12/18-Jessica Higgins, Deb Lloyd  
 12/25-Online Worship Service

**9:30-11:00 a.m. Wallace Kids, R203 (5 yrs-5th grade)**  
 12/4-Doug & Deb Lloyd  
 12/11-Amie Cavanaugh, Michelle Blanchard  
 12/18-Doug & Deb Lloyd  
 12/25-Online Worship Service

**10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery**  
 12/4-Virginia Edwards, Michelle Coombs  
 12/11-Angie Gurganus, Susan Bradshaw  
 12/18-Michelle Coombs, Susan Ayers  
 12/25-Online Worship Service

**10:00 a.m. 3 & 4 Year Olds**  
 12/4-Donna Marshburn  
 12/11-Donna Marshburn  
 12/18-Donna Marshburn  
 12/25-Online Worship Service

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

**Tellers:** Kathy Ashburn,  
 Beverly Benton



## Church Texts

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

## Newsletter



**Jan. Newsletter Submission**  
**Deadline: Dec. 15, 2022**  
 Please email articles to  
 office.fbcw@gmail.com  
 Please make articles brief !

## On the Record

### Attendance

#### Life Groups

11-6	11-13	11-20	11-27
91	68	94	70

#### Worship

11-6	11-13	11-20	11-27
183	149	197	132

### Budget and Receipts

2022 Budget	\$455,789.00
Offering Receipts To Date 11-30-2022	<b>\$384,818.07</b>

## Dec. Birthdays

- 1 Rick Donnelly
- 1 John Cavanaugh
- 2 Harold Simpson
- 3 Tripp Perry
- 4 Clayton Davis
- 4 Mark Myers
- 5 Sandra Rogers
- 8 Sharron Batchelor
- 9 Clay Davis
- 9 Kirsten Griffin
- 10 Brianna Davis
- 10 Edith Merritt
- 11 Joanne Lasseter
- 13 Savannah Gurganus
- 14 Sharon Teachey
- 15 Mary Hart Blackburn
- 16 Dixon Lefler



- 20 John Stallings, Jr.
- 20 Marcelle McGowen
- 21 Preston Russ
- 23 Caitlin Miller
- 26 Devon Register Faw
- 27 Jon Gurganus
- 27 Daniel Padgett
- 27 Caitlin Hale
- 28 Nicholas English
- 29 Chenara Cavanaugh
- 30 Helen Brinkley
- 30 Abby Evans
- 30 Randy Futrell
- 31 Babs Paul



# First Baptist Events

# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 12:00 pm-Advent Serv. And Luncheon @ Wallace Presbyterian</p> <p>5:30 pm-Children's Christmas Play Practice</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH</p>
<p>4 Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:00 am-Life Café</p> <p>9:20 am-Wallace Kids</p> <p>10:00 am-Life Groups</p> <p>10:35 am-Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship</p> <p>12:15 pm-SonShine Choir, Miks</p> <p>5:00 pm-Scouts</p> <p>5:00 pm-Christmas Program</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm-CrossFit</p>	<p>6 9:45 am-SAM Myrtle Beach Trip to Alabama Theater &amp; Chestnut Hill Restaurant</p> <p>2:00 pm-Staff Meeting</p>	<p>7 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner</p> <p>6:15 pm-Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH</p>	<p>8 Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day</p> <p>12:00 pm-Advent Serv. And Luncheon @ Wallace Presbyterian</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Parking Lot Reserved For Parade in morning</p> <p>7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH</p>
<p>11 Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:00 am-Life Café</p> <p>9:20 am-Wallace Kids</p> <p>10:00 am-Life Groups</p> <p>10:35 am-Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship</p> <p>5:00 pm-Scouts</p> <p>6:00 pm-Wallace Students' Christmas Party</p>	<p>12 6:00 pm-CrossFit</p> <p>6:00 Men's Fellowship Dinner @ Mi Finca</p>	<p>13 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting</p>	<p>14 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner</p> <p>6:15 pm-Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>12:00 pm-Advent Serv. And Luncheon @ Wallace Presbyterian</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH</p>
<p>18 Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:00 am-Life Café</p> <p>9:20 am-Wallace Kids</p> <p>10:00 am-Life Groups</p> <p>10:35 am-Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship</p> <p>5:00 pm-Scouts</p> <p>6:00 pm-Candlelight Service, FH</p>	<p>19 6:00 pm-CrossFit</p>	<p>20 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm-Stewardship</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH</p>	<p>22 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>23 OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>24 Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day/Night</p> <p>5:00 pm-Candlelight Service in Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 pm-Cristo Viene</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day</p> <p>No In-Person Services</p> <p>Christmas Day Worship Service will be available online:</p> <p>See page 2 for details</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day/Night</p>	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:00 pm-CrossFit</p>	<p>27 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, FH</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 7:00 pm-12:00 pm-Fellowship Hall Reserved: Cristo Viene</p>