



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

September 2021



“...as each part does its work.”

— God has a simple plan for church-wide confidence, growth, unity, and love.

Football season is upon us! And whether you're a football fan, or prefer some other sport, there is something wonderful about watching great teamwork. When each person performs their role with passion and excellence, when everyone is where they are supposed to be, it's a thing of beauty.

And God's plan for the church is that we work as a harmonious, unified team... with each person carrying out their part of the church's mission in unity with their fellow Christians.

Following God's teamwork plan comes with blessings! Ephesians 4:14-16 tells us that we will “no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves,” but that we will grow in maturity, unity, and love.

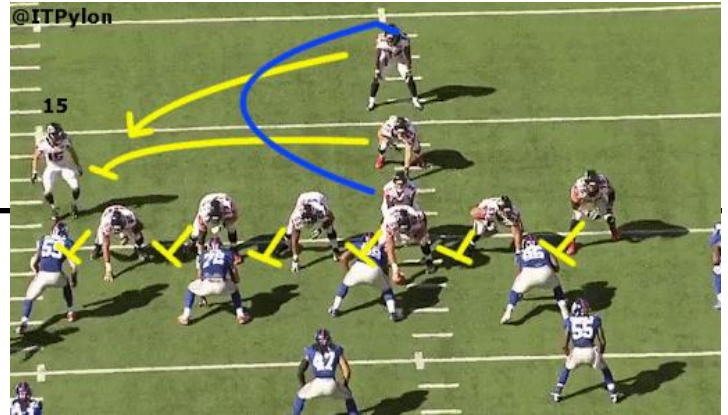
Churches where people “do their own thing,” where there is no sense of teamwork, are *busy*, expending lots of energy, but getting nowhere. They miss God's blessing.

And, like a football team, it only takes one or two not doing their job for the whole team to suffer defeat. If the blocker doesn't block, or the runner doesn't run, or the center fumbles the snap, or the quarterback is distracted... it's a disaster.

So what are the “positions” on the church's team?



We have people who teach us what God's word says and means. We have people who care for those who are hurting or have other needs. We have people who keep us organized and oversee the details. And



we have people who dream big dreams — dreams inspired by God — for us to pursue together.

This month we will be distributing a “Spiritual Gifts and Passions Inventory.” That's a long name for a simple thing: a guide for determining where God has designed you to serve. How has he gifted you to serve on this team? What interests and passions do you have that will help you determine where to invest those spiritual gifts?

We hope you will take the time to fill out that inventory and turn it in. We'll take note of how God has shaped you for ministry, and pass that information on to our Nominating Committee... so that we can build our church “team” according to God's plan... and reap God's blessing!

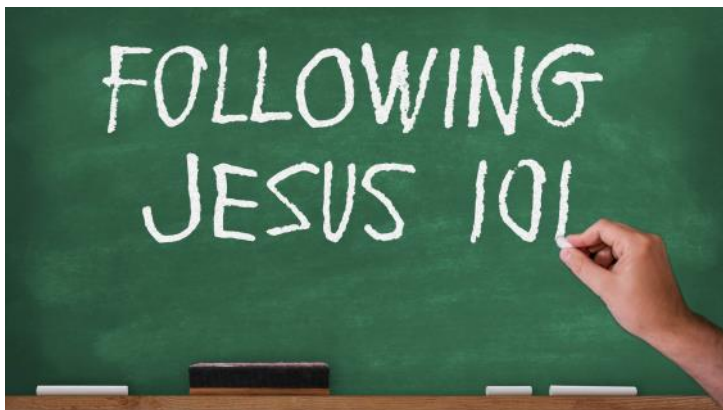
Worship

Back to School... Spiritually!

It's back to school time. Students are starting new classes, studying new subjects. Some of you may remember those introductory college courses: History 101—Western Civilization, English 101—Writing and Research, Basket Weaving 101 (Football Players Only).

That number “101” has become synonymous with the basics, the foundations. So this fall, as students head back to school, we’re going to spend a few weeks going “back to basics” in our spiritual lives.

With all of the upheaval in our world today, it’s easy to get distracted, to let the confusion around us become confusion IN us. So we’re pushing back! Our series is “Following Jesus 101” and in it we will be reviewing the foundations of living for Christ.



September 5 — Our Mission: Reach
Matthew 28:18-20

September 12 — Our Character: Grow
Hebrews 5:11—6:1

September 19 — Our Calling: Serve
Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:11-16

September 26 — Our Heart: Passion
Revelation 3:14-22

October 3 — Homecoming Sunday
Guest Speaker: Mark Teachey

Prayer Requests



Remember in Prayer:

Those in our community whom, God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Marilyn Brooks, Gary Brown, Kelly Cahill, Gregg Carlson, Arledge Castles, Willa Currie, Riley Palmer Dean, Joel Demio, Vicky Evans, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Edie Flowers, Andy Howard, Amy Smith Johnson, Shelby Kilpatrick, Susan King, Hill Lanier, Steve Mills, Rocky Mobley, Whitney Murphy, Charles Pierce, Geraldine Register, Linda Rich, Bonnie Robinson, David Savage, Renee Stoppelbein, Stephen Thompson, Trecia (sister of Mary Grady), Marshall Williams, Monica Williford, Stephen Wilson, David Wood, and all those who are battling coronavirus.

Sympathy to the families of:

Garland Fry and Mitchell Heath.

RIZEN Concert



RIZEN, the Student Worship Band of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, NC, led a Sunday night worship gathering on August 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Their student group also did mission projects in our area all that week.



Asheville & Charlotte Trip, April 25-29

If you haven't already signed up for our trip to Asheville and Charlotte, time's a wasting! 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, NAS-CAR 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!

Zoo Life, Lunch, & Ice Cream, Oct. 21

In October, we will be heading off for an amazing and fun trip to the wide spot in the road, Macclesfield, NC, where **It's a Zoo Life** is located! There we will have an up close and personal experience with some fun, interesting animals as we get a guided tour of the zoo and it's residents. Following our 1 1/2 hour tour, we will head off to Greenville, a short drive away, to have a delicious lunch at McAlister's Deli. But don't eat too much as our next (and last) stop will be at the Simply Natural Creamery for an ice cream treat before heading back home. Sign ups will begin on Monday, September 13. The cost of this trip is \$15 plus your lunch and ice cream. Plan to join us for this fun outing, and be sure to invite a friend to join you!



Alabama Theater, Dec. 7

Christmas is still 5 months away, but it is already time for us to begin thinking about our annual Christmas trip to **Myrtle Beach to a Christmas show and dinner!** On

Tuesday, December 7, we will load up in the vans (they are already scheduled) and head to **Alabama Theater** to see a terrific Christmas show and then head over to the **Chestnut Hill Restaurant** to enjoy a delicious dinner. There are only 23 tickets available for this fun and exciting time together, so don't wait! Members/regular participants can begin purchasing tickets on Monday, September 13 and non-members can purchase tickets beginning Monday, October 4. The cost for members/regular participants is \$70 per person, and for non-members is \$80 per person. Tickets are limited, so don't miss out because you waited too long!

Luncheon, September 14 @ 11:30 a.m.

Our next luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 14 at 11:30. I am delighted that **Duplin Dulcimers** will be playing a wonderful concert for us again! It's been about 4 years since we last got to listen to this amazing group as they presented a Christmas concert for us, so I'm sure that you, like me, are really eager to hear them again. Be sure to invite some friends to join you! And add some extra potatoes to the pot so that we will have plenty of food for your friends and our guest musicians!

Music Ministry

Chancel & SonShine Choirs

The Chancel choir is back in regular rehearsals on Wednesday evenings @ 6:15 in the choir room. And we would LOVE it if you would join us. We are currently preparing not only for the fall, but also for our Christmas program. The music this year is the best ever! Not sure that singing in a choir is your glass of sweet tea? You'll never know until you try it! How about giving us a try for the fall/Christmas season to see what you think. If at the end of the season you find you really aren't a fan, then we will reluctantly let you go. But we are betting on you loving it. You will find rehearsals filled with so much laughter and fun, you won't realize you have worked so hard. Let Dee know if you want to give us a "try out" and she will have a folder filled with music with your name on it. We hope to see you there!

SonShine choir for senior adults rehearsal on Tuesday, October 19 @ 10:30! We will go to lunch together following rehearsal. We hope you will plan to join us

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.

Sunday Sermons

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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.

Wallace Students



September Student Announcements

The 2021-2022 school year has begun and that also brings a change of seasons for the student ministry.

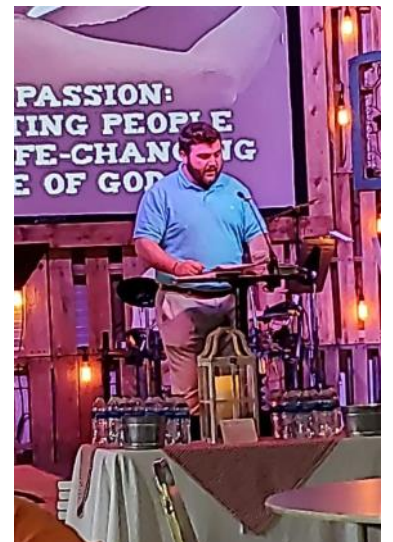
Beginning the first Sunday of September, the student life group will be taking a closer look at spiritual beings mentioned within the Bible. To guide our study and discussion, we will be utilizing a video series from an organization called the Bible Project.

Students will continue to meet on Sundays at 6pm for food, fun, and biblical encouragement. During this school year, we will aim to host a fun group activity for all the students once a month.

We have constructed a volunteer leadership team for the student ministry and we will meet on Thursday, September 9 @ 6:30 p.m. to discuss our plans for the student ministry. The date for the children's ministry meeting is Wednesday, September 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for supporting and loving our students and we know that God will do great things this school year!

Grace and Peace,
Jon Britton



Tuesday Evenings at 6:30pm
September 28 - November 23
Hosted by First Baptist Wallace

408 West Main St. #2910, Wallace, NC 28466

Financial Peace University is a 9 lesson class by Dave Ramsey that will teach you how to pay off debt, save, and invest for your future. Sign up to join us! Registration is required.

REGISTER TO JOIN

**FINANCIAL
PEACE**
University



<https://www.fpu.com/1138115>



Financial Peace University

Leave money stress behind! You shouldn't have to live paycheck to paycheck. If your bills are suffocating you, we've got a plan to help. Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will show you how to beat debt and never worry about money again.

First Baptist Church is hosting Financial Peace University on Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m., September 28 - November 23, coordinated by Joe Blanchard. Each class is approximately 2 hours.

Financial Peace University is a 9 lesson class by Dave Ramsey that will teach you how to pay off debt, save, and invest for your future. Sign up for this Financial Peace University group today! Registration is required. See flyer above on how to register: <https://www.fpu.com/1138115> or by using your smartphone.

Full Schedule:

09/28: Lesson 1-Baby Step 1 & Budgeting
10/05: Lesson 2-Baby Step 2
10/12: Lesson 3-Baby Step 3
10/19: Lesson 4-Baby Steps 4, 5, 6, & 7
10/26: Lesson 5-Buyer Beware
11/02: Lesson 6-Understanding Insurance
11/09: Lesson 7-Building Wealth
11/16: Lesson 8-Real Estate & Mortgages
11/23: Lesson 9-Outrageous Generosity

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 an-

swering 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

OCC Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child

We have been encouraging our Small/Life Groups to head up our Operation Christmas Child collection. We've been getting some good news from some members of those groups who are excited about gathering and packing shoeboxes.



This month we want to address those that attend a worship service (9 or 11 o'clock) but are not in a small group. Looking at the numbers for last month we averaged 79 present for the study groups. But, there was an average of 131 attending one of the worship services. That means that on average 52 of you are not involved in a small group for the fellowship and study. We want you all to be involved in this ministry in some way.

Those that are willing and desire to help, please contact Robin Stone or Beverly Benton to discuss ways to include you in this ministry. You may want to talk with someone you know that is in a small group and offer to help their effort. You may want to talk to others that only attend worship services and join with them to have your own group during this time of gathering items and packing shoeboxes.

Like the wells we have just funded, this ministry not only meets a material need but will provide exposure to the Gospel. Please join us in reaching these children for Christ.

Robin Stone and Beverly Benton

Newsletter



Oct. Newsletter Submission Deadline: Sept. 15, 2021

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

Water Well Project



Clean Water + Living Water

Samaritan's Purse will be drilling wells in ten countries in 2021. **Great News....our church will be partnering with Samaritan's Purse to pay for two of the community wells!!** Clean water is a blessing many of us take for granted. It flows freely from the faucets in our homes for drinking, brushing our teeth or washing dishes or clothing. Sadly, this isn't the case for 750 million men, women and children around the world. Millions depend on water sources that are contaminated, sporadic or many miles away from where they live. Lack of access to clean water causes a vicious cycle of disease and poverty in struggling countries around our world.

The cost of drilling a community well in one of these countries is approximately \$10,000. **Our Missions Committee, through the church budget for foreign missions, and your donations raised a total of \$21,123.17. We exceeded our goal! That is enough for 2 wells and to purchase household filters with the extra money!**

And the best news of all, not only will we be helping Samaritan's Purse provide communities clean water wells, we will be helping them refresh their thirsty for hope by sharing the sustaining love of Jesus Christ with every person they meet! **Thank you to all those who gave to the Water Well Project!**



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 **September 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor**. Park in the back and follow the signs.

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

Just for Laughs:



During the silent prayer time in worship, the pastor invited everyone to take their requests to God.

In the silence, one little boy produced an ear-splitting whistle that startled everyone. His mother's head jerked up, and she whispered to him, “Gary, what on earth do you think you are you doing?”

Little Gary explained, “In my prayer, I asked God to teach me to whistle, and, just like that, He did!”

R. G. LeTourneau was an inventor and manufacturer of huge earth-moving equipment. At a meeting he told this story:

“We used to have a huge scraper known as the Model G. One day a potential customer asked one of our salesmen, ‘What does the G stand for?’ The salesman thought for a second, then said ‘Well, I guess the G stands for gossip, because like gossip, this machine moves a lot of dirt and moves it fast!’”

Thank You

Thank You:

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for your recent gift to Caring House in honor of Linda & James Earl Rich. Your kindness provides peace of mind to Duke Cancer Institute patients and their caregivers.

Sincerely,

Caring House

Thank You:

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the bulletins, cards, and prayers. Also, thank you to the Senior Adult Ministries; the cards are wonderful and thank you for remembering me.

Sincerely,

Volunteers

September Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Greeters

9/5-Angie Gurganus, Robin Stone
9/12-Lon & Janet Voisey
9/19-Amie Cavanaugh-Eakins, Hope Rich
9/26-Wayne & Sherry Aramini

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery

9/5-Hope Rich, Lindsey Blanchard
9/12-Debbie Williams, Deb Lloyd
9/19-Robin Stone, Lindsey Blanchard
9/26-Deb Lloyd, Hope Rich

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

9/5-Susan Ayers, Michelle Coombs
9/12-Angie Gurganus, Susan Bradshaw
9/19-Michelle Coombs, Susan Ayers
9/26-Susan Bradshaw, Angie Gurganus

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

9/5-Tammy Patram
9/12-Donna Marshburn
9/19-Debbie Williams
9/26-Donna Marshburn



10:00 a.m. Wallace Kids

9/5-Crystal & Lindsey
9/12-Michelle & Amie
9/19-Doug & Deb Lloyd
9/26-Michelle & Amie

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

Tellers: Louise Woods & Patsy Spell

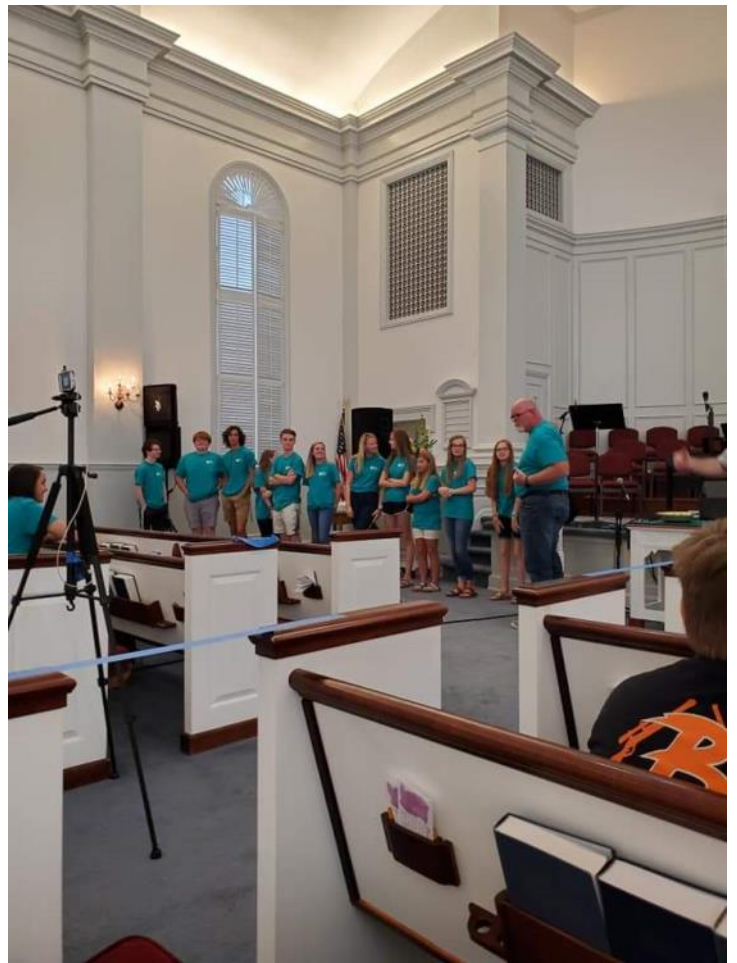


Worship Services



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



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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.



On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

8-1	8-8	8-15	8-22	8-29
84	96	43	00	77

Worship

8-1	8-8	8-15	8-22	8-29
144	164	102	000	113

Budget and Receipts

2021 Budget	\$433,490.00
Offering Receipts To Date 8-30-2021	\$301,002.78

September Birthdays

1 Janet Bryan
5 Arnold Duncan
5 Doris Webb
5 Harris Rivenbark, Jr.
5 Ray Spell
8 Sarah Longenbach
8 Nate Longenbach
9 Lindsey Blanchard
9 Tyler Ross
10 James Earl Rich
10 Jordan Dees
14 Randy Brock
15 Gladys Sikes
15 Gilbert Norris
17 Pat Spell
17 Tami Donnelly
18 Ann English



20 Doug Lloyd
21 Lois Carter
22 Dickie Jones
23 J.T. Hopkins
24 Jason Bryan
26 Bertha Mae Rogers
27 Gordie McIntyre
29 Nadine Bradshaw
29 Leigh Anne Hesse
30 Joe Blanchard



First Baptist Events

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	2	3	4 
5 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	6 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	7 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	8 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	9 6:30 pm-Student Volunteer Meeting, Fellowship Hall	10	11
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