



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

May 2022



Students are NOT just the church of tomorrow!

(True, but this article is mainly about an offering for Student Ministry!)



You've heard it, and maybe even said it: "Our students / teenagers are the church of tomorrow!"

But I want to argue that students are the church of TODAY. The students of our church lead ministries, they provide physical labor, they help staff the nursery, they do missions locally and in places far away. They have led us in worship, and they have helped to reach new families for our church. And they have done all those things in the TODAY.

Now, I get it, these students will be around and serving and leading when we are no longer able to do these things due to the effects of aging. And, in that sense, they ARE the church of tomorrow. But I don't want us to discount how much our students add to our church today. In every church I've attended or served, VBS would have fallen apart if not for the aid and leadership of students alongside the adult volunteers. And

many of the strongest bonds that children form during children's ministry events are with the students who help in those events.

So, OK, let's compromise and say that students are the church of TODAY and TOMORROW. That tells us that we need to invest in them all the more, and that what we invest in our students will pay double dividends:

- We get more passionate leaders today, and MORE leaders as they bring their friends (which they are incredibly good at doing).
- We also get better leaders for tomorrow as they grow in faith, discipleship, and dedication to the Lord.

So, to invest in our students, we will be taking an offering to assist with our Student Summer Camp, just as we have for the last few years. The offering will center

around Mother's Day, but if you cannot be here that day, we will certainly be happy to let you invest in our students before or after Mother's Day.

Our Student Summer Camp offering in May helps to defray the cost of camp for all of our families, and provides extra help to families with multiple students attending, and to families whose students just couldn't attend if the whole cost fell on their family budget.

Your gift results in students growing closer in Christian friendship, going deeper in their understanding of God's word and God's plan for their lives, and their passion for the Lord and His church.

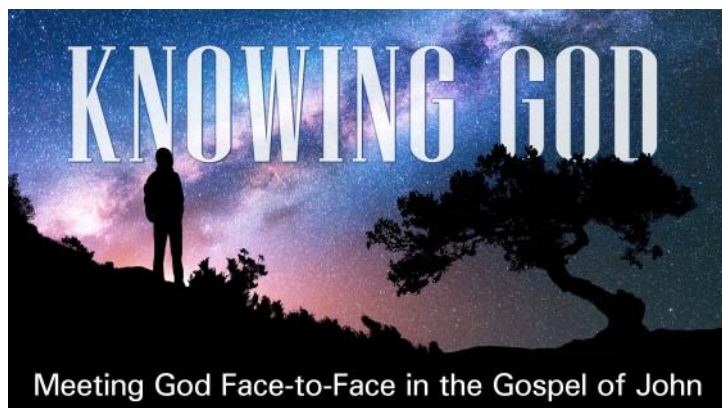
Sounds like a pretty great way to make a difference both TODAY and TOMORROW!

Worship

Our Journey Through the Gospel of John Continues

The Word became flesh, turning the water into wine, Nicodemus coming to Jesus at night, “You must be born again,” the Samaritan woman at the well... We’ve already revisited so many powerful verses and stories in our journey through John, and we’re just getting into chapter 5 after three months! That’s a sign of how overflowing the Gospel of John is with life-changing truth!

As we enter chapter 5 this month, the powerful truth and the amazing stories continue. Don’t miss a single week!



May 1 — Do You Want to Get Well?

John 5:1-15

May 8 — All You Have is More Than Enough

John 6:1-15

May 15 — Let Nothing Be Wasted

John 6:12-13

May 22 — The Only Bread that Fills the Emptiness

John 6:25-35, 48-51

May 29 — Where Do You Go When Jesus Offends You?

John 6:60-69

June 5 — Joe Blanchard preaching

Prayer Requests



Remember in Prayer:

Those in our community whom, God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Charles Allard, Kathy Ashburn, Tracy Bannon, Althea Blanton, Sergeant Johnson C. Blanchard, Joe Carr, Jennifer Cashion, Donna Davis, Frank Davis, Michael Fields, Nancy Giordano, Ben Gonzales, Gunnery Sergeant Jonathan Hill, Mildred Jenkins, Allen & Jan Kelly, Wanda Marks, Mike Pate, Charles Pierce, James Earl Rich, Linda Rich, Edna Taylor, Stephen Thompson.

Sympathy to the families of:

*Becky Rawls
Clayton Brock
Charles Knowles
Tim Mills
Mildred Hussey*



Marriage :

*4-9-2022: Michelle Jones
& Mark Stampe*

Ukraine Gifts from First Baptist Church

The following gifts are going to the relief organization, Samaritan's Purse, which is meeting needs in Ukraine and among refugees. They are providing food, clothing, medical care, and, most of all the good news of God's love for them in Jesus:

\$12,500

Chancel Choir

Not sure that singing in our choir is your glass of sweet tea? Here's what some of our members have to say about why they work so hard in practice, and join together to sing and lead in worship on Sunday mornings.

Church choirs have been a part of my life since I was a teenager in a youth choir. The Sunday I made my profession of faith, I was singing in an adult choir at 33 years of age. Singing with people who love to sing and who love the Lord are a part of my worship now. "As long as there is life and one breath left in me, there will always be one more song for you," is one of my favorite lyrics. - Beverly Benton



Why do I like to sing in the choir? "Praise ye the Lord, sing unto the Lord a new song and His praise in the congregation of saints." - Psalm 149:1 - I count it all joy to gather with fellow believers and sing unto the Lord, and share those songs with the congregation. - Ray Spell



It doesn't matter how tired I am on Wednesday afternoons, I show up to choir practice. I love going to worship our Lord with my "peeps" by working hard to learn new songs while sending praises up to Him! Regardless of the fatigue I was feeling when I arrive, I am always lifted up and experience a true burst of energy by the end of our practice. This is my mid-week worship service that fills my cup! - Lynn Futrell



Want to give it a try? Chancel choir practices are on Wednesday evenings @ 6:15. Let Dee know you are coming and she will have a folder ready for you. Hope to see you there!

Rehearsals for the month of May

Chancel Choir: (all ages and voice parts welcomed) Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 25 @ 6:15 in the choir room (Note: no choir practice on May 18!)



SonShine Choir News!

SonShine choir, our choir for our senior adults, is going to be making some changes! In order to try to make rehearsals more convenient for more people, we are going to be moving rehearsals to Wednesday evenings @ 5:30 beginning in September! We are hoping that this time will be better for our current members, and might even get some new folks to join us! So we will begin our summer break a month early, so no rehearsal in May, and will meet again on Wednesday, September 21 @ 5:30 pm. We hope you will consider joining us then!

Sound Board

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Our 11:00 service could use another person or 2 for the sound board. We very much appreciate the hard work Sherry Aramini puts in each Sunday as she works behind the sound board each Sunday morning. 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! Don't miss out on the blessings to be given and received in helping out with this ministry!

Happy Mother's Day

Graduate Sunday



Graduate/Scholarship Sunday, May 15

We will recognize and celebrate the graduates who are active members in our congregation on Sunday, May 15 (Both services). The WMU Scholarships Awards are being given as well.

Please contact the church office no later than Monday, May 2, at 910-285-2534, with your graduate's information who are active members in our congregation and which service they would like to be recognized in.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate with our graduates and to give them our blessing as they move to the next challenge God has for them.

Happy Mother's Day

Senior Adults

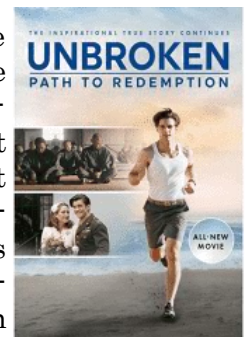
Other Up Coming Events:

Tuesday, May 10: Covered dish lunch @ 11:30 in the fellowship hall - Our guest will be Erika from Elite Fitness. Erika is a mom, student, and works full time @ Elite Fitness in Wallace. She will let us know of a variety of ways seniors can join the gym, then will teach us some simple exercises that will help with balance and general healthiness. Be sure to put an extra potato in the pot and bring a friend with you! We can't wait to meet your friends and you know you want them to stay healthy too!

Thursday, June 2: New Bern Trip to Persimmons for lunch followed by a trolley tour of the city. We will leave the church parking lot @ 9:15 for our 11:00 reservation for lunch @ Persimmons located on the water in beautiful New Bern, NC. Following our lunch, we will be picked up for our trolley tour. We will return home by supper time! Reservations for this trip are closed, but if you would like to go, we will keep a waiting list in case someone who signed up is unable to attend.

Tuesday, July 12: Covered dish lunch @ 11:30 in the fellowship hall - Remember the show, The Price is Right? Well, we are going to play that at our July meeting! There will be laughs, fun, and, of course, prizes! Be sure to invite a friend to join you at this fun and exciting time.

Thursday, August 18: Movie date @ 2:00 in the fellowship hall. We will see the rest of the story - Unbroken: Path to Redemption! But don't worry if you missed the first part, this part of the story will inspire and encourage you all on it's own! Reserve the date on your calendar and invite a friend to join you!



Tuesday, September 13: Covered dish lunch @ 11:30 in the fellowship hall.

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.

Student Ministry Planning Meeting Sunday, May 1 @ 6:00 pm

We want ALL of our parents and students to come for our Student Ministry Planning Meeting on Sunday, May 1. We'll start by eating together, and maybe we'll have a few minutes of fun, then get started on sharing, discussing, and shaping the future of our Student Ministry.

Your presence really is incredibly important. If you plan to attend, send a text to Pastor Al (910-282-8095) so he'll know how much food to have ready!

New Dates and Location in the works for Student Summer Camp 2022

We've made an adjustment in our summer camp plans. We hope it doesn't mess up anyone's summer calendar, because we want our all of students and as many of their friends as possible to participate. The dates are only a couple of days different from what we originally planned, but not exactly the same.

We have a couple of great possibilities that we are looking at, and we need our students and parents to help us decide what the best opportunity is for our students. We will have more details at the Student Ministry Planning Meeting (see above). We will make sure that the cost be the same as what we were planning for Hat Creek Camp, with the same "bring a friend" discounts!

We are also looking at the possibility of a Beach Mini-Retreat in the fall, like a Friday, Saturday, Sunday student group get-away and Bible study time. Stay tuned!

Happy Mother's Day

May Wallace Students Announcements

Here is a recap of April 2022. During Life Group, the students continued an in-depth study of the book of James while also learning how to utilize inductive bible study. The Students helped to set up and lead the Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th.

Going into May, the students will look at scripture and discuss various aspects of what it means to be a Christian.



On Sunday, May 15th at 2:30 p.m., the students are invited to meet in the church parking lot to then travel to Topsail Beach for Bible study on the beach and dinner afterwards!

Thank you to all those who support the student ministry and to the faithful parents who encourage their students to participate in student events! We appreciate your investment into the next generation!

Grace and Peace,
Jon Britton

Happy Mother's Day

May Wallace Kids Announcements

Going into May, Ellen Cooper will lead kids from Kindergarten through 4th grade in Kids Camp during the 9am worship service. The Wallace Kids Life Group will continue as it has, engaging kids with a mix of physical activities and virtual curriculum for the purpose of learning the principles of scripture.

Our Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 8th was a success! We had many new families come and we had about 30 children who came to eat, hear about Jesus, and hunt through the dark to find eggs. Thank you to all the volunteers and leaders who helped to make this event happen.

WE NEED KIDS CAMP LEADERS! We currently **do not** have Kids Camp leaders signed up for the months of July, August, September, or October! If you have never served in kid's ministry, that is ok, we can help guide you and provide you with a clear curriculum outline. If there is a particular month that you would like to sign up for but you may have to miss a Sunday, that is ok, we can find substitutes for a week or two if need be. We are willing to be flexible with our Kids Camp Volunteers so that our committed Wallace Kids Life Group Leaders do not have to serve "double duty" by doing both Kids Camp and Wallace Kids Life Group. Please sign up at the church office or contact me if interested.

Thank you to our Wallace Kids Volunteers and all the parents who are actively investing in their children so that they grow up with a deeper understanding of the Bible!

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Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt



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 **May 18, 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:

In Washington DC, a Catholic Priest was retiring and was being honored for his many years of service and his many accomplishments as a church leader there in the D.C. area.



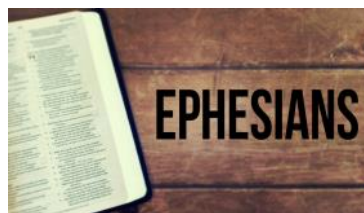
A prominent Senator was the main speaker for the event, but he was detained and was going to be late for the event. So the event coordinator had others speak while they were waiting. Person after person spoke glowingly of the priest, his accomplishments, and his impact on their city.

Then the coordinator allowed the priest to respond to all the kind words. The priest walked to the podium and began, “Of course, the confidentiality of the confessional can never be broken... But I’ll never forget my first day as a priest here in Washington. I thought I must have wandered into the most sinful place in the world. The first man who entered my confessional booth told me a hair-raising tale of his corruption, greed, bribery, and immorality. Thankfully, it got better after that, and I began to see the many dedicated Christian people in this community.”

Just then, the Senator finally arrived. He rushed to the podium, and began: “I’ll never forget the first day our priest friend arrived in Washington D.C. In fact, I had the honor of being the very first person to enter his confessional booth!”

Young Adults

Young Adult Life Group



All Young Adults are invited to meet Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in R305, through May 22, for Life Group led

by J.T. Hopkins. The class is also being repeated on Wednesdays for all ages at 6:00 p.m. through May 25. It is a study in Ephesians.

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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.

Happy Mother's Day



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

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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.

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 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

May Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery

5/1-Jessica Higgins, Allie Higgins
5/8-Robin Stone, Deb Lloyd
5/15-Lindsey Blanchard, Debbie Williams
5/22-Janet Voisey, Lindsey Blanchard
5/29-Debbie Williams, Robin Stone

9:00 a.m. Kids Camp, R203 (K-4th)

Ellen Cooper

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

5/1-Michelle Coombs, Susan Ayers
5/8-Susan Bradshaw, Michelle Coombs
5/15-Susan Bradshaw, Angie Gurganus
5/22-Susan Ayers, Michelle Coombs
5/29-Angie Gurganus, Susan Ayers

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

5/1-Donna Marshburn
5/8-Donna Marshburn
5/15-Devin Faw
5/22-Donna Marshburn
5/29-Angie Gurganus



10:00 a.m. Wallace Kids

5/1-Crystal Stallings & Michelle Blanchard
5/8-Lindsey Blanchard & Amie Cavanaugh
5/15-Deb & Doug Lloyd
5/22-Crystal Stallings & Amie Cavanaugh
5/29-Lindsey Blanchard & Michelle Blanchard

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

Tellers: Gail Cavanaugh, Ann English

Church Texts

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

Newsletter



June Newsletter Submission Deadline: May 15, 2022

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

On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

4-3	4-10	4-17	4-24
74	92	72	85

Worship

4-3	4-10	4-17	4-24
132	152	229	140

Budget and Receipts

2022 Budget	\$455,789.00
Offering Receipts To Date 4-26-2022	\$156,225.77

May Birthdays

- 12 Beverly Benton
- 13 Courtney McIntyre
- 15 Crystal Stallings
- 15 Sarah Williams
- 18 Gail Cavanaugh



- 23 Clem Faircloth
- 24 Lillian Wood
- 24 Sharon Hall
- 30 Ellen Cooper
- 31 Donna Jones
- 31 Emma Blanchard



First Baptist Events

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 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 & Parents Meeting	2 6:00 pm-CrossFit	3 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	4 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:00 pm-Ephesians, R305 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222	5	6	7 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222
8 Mother's Day-Student Offering 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	9 10:30 am-WMU 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:00 Men's Fellowship Dinner @ Mi Finca	10 11:30 am-SAM Lunch 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	11 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:00 pm-Ephesians, R305 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222	12	13 Newsletter Deadline Fellowship Hall Reserved	14 Fellowship Hall Reserved 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene, R222
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