



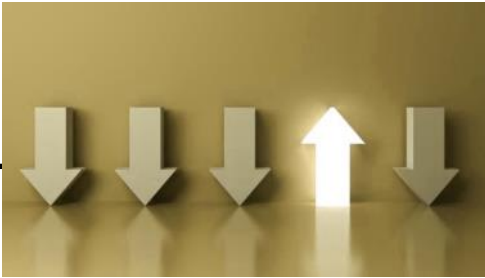
First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

October 2020



New Approaches for New Circumstances — *Two changes in how we do ministry for you to consider*



Do you feel like you've been through 100 years of change over the last few months? It's exhausting! So why are we talking about more changes??

It helps to keep in mind that a lot of changes are good. The change from our crumbling parking lot to our new, smooth, freshly marked pavement at church is a big change and a good change!

The freshly painted walls, the steeple that no longer leaks, the people who are new to our church fellowship... changes, but *good* changes!

So there are two changes that we think can help us work more successfully and could really simplify things at First Baptist Church. And you should be hearing about these in more detail very soon.

The first change is a new budget format. In our current format we have line items that we long ago stopped doing. And there are

things we do every year, but we never know where to take those expenses in our current budget. And sometimes it's hard to figure out where a line item is in our jumble of categories.

So the new budget format is built around 6 great priorities, and one "enabling" resource.

The 6 priorities are Missions, Worship, Discipleship, Outreach, Ministry, and Fellowship. These are the things God has commanded us to do as a church. So each one has a category in the budget.

And the one "enabling" resource is simply called "Support." Our office operations, properties, and personnel are sub-categories of this "how we get it done" section.

It will make a lot more sense when you see it, but we wanted to let you know it's coming for your study and comments.

The second big change was the new approach to deacon ministry

that we presented in last month's newsletter. Our deacons have discussed it and decided that they would like to see us move in that direction. So as soon as they sign off on the specifics, we'll share that approach with you... again for your study and comments.

Stay tuned for these two items, and please don't hesitate to ask questions or make suggestions before they are brought to the church conference for a vote!

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Worship

Re:Start — Wrap-up!

We started our journey through Genesis back in January of this year. This month we all but finish up, with the last message coming on November 1. We had a few weeks of interruption when the COVID restrictions started, but we will have spent almost 30 weeks in this amazing book. And then we'll be on the front edge of the Christmas season!

But the book of Genesis finishes as powerfully as it started. Don't miss a single week! If you do miss a week, remember you can catch up on our church website. All the messages are available under the "Media/Messages" tab as audio recordings.



October 4 — Re:Start

When God Flips the Script
// Genesis 41:14-16, 37-46

October 11 — Re:Start

It's Not What You Think It Is
// Genesis 42:29-36

October 18 — Re:Start

From Selfish to Sacrificial Servant
// Genesis 44:18-34

October 25 — Re:Start

The Big Reveal: Never Not on Track
// Genesis 45:4-15

November 1 — All Saints Sunday

Speaker: J.T. Hopkins

November 8 — Re:Start (final message in series)

The Foundation of Forgiveness
// Genesis 50:15-21

Prayer Requests



Remember in Prayer:

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Linda Brinkley, Clayton Brock, Gary Brown, Andrea Casteen, Grace Farrior, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Randy Futrell, Nancy Giordano, Irvin Graham, Amy Smith Johnson, A.C. Kenan, Hill Lanier, Maxine Lien, Leta Liles, Steve Mills, Daniel Patram, Mike Price, Robert Pruitt, John Reade, Geraldine Register, Bonnie Robinson, Erika Rodriguez, Melinda Stampe, Sharon Teachey, Stephen Thompson, Penny Tucker, Trecia Walter.

Sympathy to the families of:

Estelle Johnson, David Sikes, Dr. William "Bobby" Raymond Price, Bobby Gene Blanton, Joyce Mae Howell Aycock, and Doug Kennedy.

New Member:

8/23/2020-Leigh Anne Hesse

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).

710 AM & 100.5 FM



www.1005kixfm.com

Senior Adult Lunch, November 10

You are definitely going to want to sign up for our next senior adult lunch scheduled for Tuesday, November 10. We are going to have a wonderful time creating something special again this year! We will be making a sweet, small nativity set out of tiny flower pots that will include Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. You know you want one! We may have an alternate project as well, but this one is a "for sure." Our lunch will be amazing too! Smoked turkey (smoked for us at Mik's), mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, tea, and dessert. You won't want to miss it! **We will begin sign-ups on Monday, October 5 in the church office.** Why not invite a friend to join you? They will leave having had a great time and with a physical reminder of their time with you and your friends. Sign up soon!



Amish Country Trip, Oct. 19-21

Our Senior Adult Ministries is headed off to Pennsylvania Amish country Monday through Wednesday, October 19-21, 2020. Although we will see some fun and interesting sites, the main objective of this trip is to see Queen Esther at the **Sight and Sound Theater**. I know we are going to have a wonderful time traveling and being together! In a few weeks, I will be sending out a letter with additional information about our departure times, travel plans and an itinerary, along with luggage tags that need to be attached to each piece of luggage you bring with you. Be sure to keep a look out in your mailbox for this important information!

Alabama Theater Trip, December 8



We are fast approaching the **Christmas** season and you know what that means! Yes! We will be heading off to **Myrtle Beach to the Alabama Theater** to see their annual Christmas show! This year's trip will be on Tuesday, December 8. We will follow up our show with dinner at the fabulous Chestnut Hill Restaurant. You will be able to choose from a chicken option, a seafood casserole, a shrimp/flounder plate, or a ribeye steak as your entree. Each of these will be served with a vegetable, potato, a salad, rolls, dessert, and tea or coffee. We will be so full, we'll waddle out of there!



There are only 28 tickets for this fun and festive event, so **FBC members and regular attendees** will want to hop right on over to the church beginning **Monday, October 12** to make your reservation by paying for your tickets. **Non-members** can begin signing up on **Monday, November 2**. The cost for this year's trip is \$70.00 per person for FBC members and regular attendees, and \$75.00 per person for non members. When the tickets are all spoken for we will begin a waiting list. Be sure to sign up and pay early. Remember, your space isn't held until you have paid in full. I look forward to another fun Christmas celebration with you!



Music Ministries

Chancel Choir rehearsals this month: October 7, 14 only - No rehearsals on the 21 or 28 **NEW TIME: 6:15 IN THE CHOIR ROOM**

SonShine Choir rehearsal on Tuesday, October 13 @ 10:30 in the choir room

Chancel Choir

Chancel choir has a new start time!!! We are going to be starting practices at 6:15 on Wednesday evenings in the choir room. Starting an hour earlier will be especially good for our older members who aren't too keen on driving after dark. Young or not as young, we hope you will join us! We have a large choir loft and we want it to be full of volunteers who want to lead others to praise God and worship at His feet through song! Would that be you? If so, please talk with Dee about joining in on the fun, laughter, and, of course, some work as we learn the music together. Musical experience isn't necessary. We will help you learn the notes! We just need people who are willing to dedicate some of their time and their talent to serving Jesus! Since we sing first in the 11:00 service, those who attend our earlier service are able to slip out to head on home as the choir moves from the choir loft out to join the congregation. We hope we will see you there!

SonShine Choir

We are also looking to add members to our **SonShine choir**, our choir for senior adults. We sing once a month in the 11:00 service and practice one Tuesday morning each month, usually the 3rd Tuesday. We sing unusual or seldom sung hymns or choruses. At each rehearsal, we make sure we have the song for that month's service prepared, and start learning the songs for the following months. Due to our singers having older voices, we keep these rehearsals short - usually 45 minutes or less. I hope you will consider giving us a try. We really do have a good time together. And it is such a joy to lead others to worship Jesus and to be part of such a positive and fun group!



Christmas Program

I know Christmas is still several months away, but we have already started preparing our music for our Christmas program, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 6 @ 5:00. This year's program will be more of a lessons and carols type of format with a live nativity that our



children and youth will be doing. This format means our choir will need to learn a lot more music than usual, but the pieces we are going to sing are beyond beautiful! Some of them will be repeated from previous years. If you would like to try us out and be a part of this special service, join us for rehearsals! If after our Christmas program you decide that the choir just isn't your cup of tea, we will reluctantly let you go. But we are fairly sure you are going to love it and want to stay!

Homecoming

Homecoming Cancelled for 2020

Due to all of the health concerns this year, concerns about eating dishes from multiple unknown homes, and the near impossibility that we can keep our distance on that Sunday, we have decided to cancel this year's Homecoming Celebration. Our planned guest speaker, Mark Teachey, has been asked to reschedule us for next year. And we are hoping to have an outdoor church Fall picnic (no date yet) to allow us some of the fellowship we'll be missing, but in a safer setting.





Homeroom has been a hit! We have been averaging between 10-15 students every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. This has been a wonderful ministry, and everyone should be proud of the perseverance that our students have demonstrated during this unusual school year. We will look forward to continuing to hold the event every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. as long as the students are participating in this hybrid style of education. We thank all of our church members for your continued prayers, constant mentorship, and generous tithing that continues to assist in the discipleship of our future generation!

Second Sunday Event



On September 13, a combination of 26 adults and youth participated in the Second Sunday event. The original plans of playing miniature golf in Surf City were altered due to a storm. Therefore, the first Second Sunday for the youth consisted of a quick round trip to Surf City, a visit to Pizza Corner, an

ice cream party and a highly competitive basketball game at the church.

We are in the process of planning for our second Second Sunday event which will be on October 11. As always, all will be welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship.

Healthier Air in Fellowship Hall

The Properties Committee has had iWave Commercial Air Purifiers installed in our Fellowship Hall air system. These air purifiers constantly clean the air, reducing and removing allergens, mold, bacteria, viruses, odors, and dust particles.

That space in our church is used more often and by more people than any other space in the church — student ministry, senior adults, worship, scout groups, etc. So we appreciate our Properties Committee working to make sure that the air there is the healthiest air we breathe!



Especially now, with our heightened concerns about airborne pathogens, this was a timely improvement to our ministry space!

Thank You

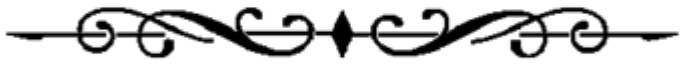
Thank you:

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the uplifting cards & calls, and especially for the prayers that brought us through Steve's illness. Our God is good!

Love in Christ,

Steve and Janice Mills



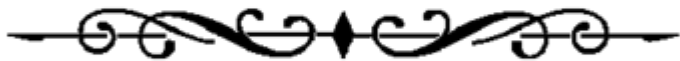
Thank you:

Dear First Baptist Church,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of prayers, support, and encouraging words during this difficult time in our lives.

Sincerely,

The Family of David Brian Sikes



Thank you:

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your cards and prayers.

God Bless You All,

Sue Marshburn



Support Group

Helping SELF: 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 October 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. 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: Halloween Jokes

Make your friends and family groan with these corny Halloween jokes:

Q: What do mummies listen to on Halloween?

A: Wrap music.

Q: How do you make a skeleton laugh?

A: You tickle his funny bone!

Q: Which Halloween monster is good at math?

A: Count Dracula!

Q: Why did the Cyclops give up teaching?

A: He only had one pupil!

Q: What did the boy say to the girl on Halloween?

A: "You are so BOO-tiful!"

Q: Why are ghosts terrible liars?

A: You can see right through them!

Q: Why don't mummies take vacations?

A: They're afraid to unwind.

Q: Where do scary creatures shop for clothes?

A: At a BOO-tique!

Q: What did the frightened child eat for dessert?

A: I scream.

Q: What do witches put on their bagels?

A: Scream cheese.

Q: What's a ghost's favorite yogurt flavor?

A: Boo-berry!

Q: Why do ghosts always trick-or-treat alone?

A: Because they have no body to go with.

Q: Why don't skeletons ever get irritated?

A: Because nothing gets under their skin.

Q: Why did the vampire buy mouthwash?

A: Because he had bat breath.



Matthew 18:10-11 “
Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.”



This year is quickly coming to a close please don't forget *“the little ones.* If you don't have the time or can't get out because of COVID, we would be happy to do the shopping and packing for you. Please hand either me or Ms. Marie \$30.00 and we will gladly take care of it.

The **last day** for shoeboxes is ***Friday, November 20, by 12 Noon.*** We will not be able to accept shoeboxes after this date.

END OF YEAR GAMES

TRIVIA GAME: There will be a trivia sheet on both OCC tables starting October 18th. If you would like to test your OCC knowledge please fill it out (back and front) and place in the shoebox marked 'Trivia Contest'. Be sure to write your name on your trivia sheet. At the end of October, we will choose the top two winners who get the most correct answers from both services. Winners will receive an OCC bag of goodies. NOTE: Trivia sheets with no name will be invalid.

SODA CAP GAME: The glass jar will be filled with bottle caps. Write down your best guess of how many caps are in the jar. Write down your name with your estimation and we will pick the two closest to the actual number at the end of the month. We will have a green basket with the jar so you can place your guesses in there. The two winners will receive an OCC water bottle. So...guess away!

THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone who participated in buying items for our shoeboxes, for those who gave donations, and to all those who participated in collecting soda bottle tops. We ask that you now pray for these shoeboxes and the journey that these shoeboxes will take to the children who will receive them. Thank you.

Volunteers

October Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery
 10/4-Debbie Williams, Dorothy Williams
 10/11-Robin Stone, Samantha Tucker
 10/18-Dorothy Williams, Lindsey Blanchard
 10/25-Samantha Tucker, Deb Lloyd

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery
 10/4-Samantha Tucker, Angie Gurganus
 10/11-Rhonda Cave, Kinsey Cave
 10/18-Susan Bradshaw, Rhonda & Kinsey Cave
 10/25-Susan Ayers, Susan Bradshaw

11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery:
 10/4-Kristy Bryan, 10/11-Angie Gurganus
 10/18-Alexis Tiner, 10/25-Janet & Alvin Bryan

Tellers: Louise Woods, Patsy Spell

Ushers: Connections Life Group





**Nov. Newsletter Submission
 Deadline: Oct. 15, 2020**
 Please email articles to
office.fbcw@gmail.com
 Please make articles brief!

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On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

9-6	9-13	9-20	9-27
61	74	66	69

Worship

9-6	9-13	9-20	9-27
113	137	138	133

Budget and Receipts

2020 Budget	\$433,490.00
Offering Receipts To Date 9-30-2020	\$313,624.84

October Birthdays

- 1 Clayton Brock
- 1 Hannah Evans
- 4 Sarah Beth Moore
- 7 Marie Casteen
- 7 Deb Lloyd
- 8 Gloria Driggers
- 9 Kathy Hendrickson
- 12 Lisa Boyette
- 12 Kevin Kenan
- 12 Olivia Bradshaw
- 12 Drew Hendrickson
- 14 Susan Ayers
- 14 Linda Sikes
- 14 Jackson Hall
- 15 Valerie Johnson
- 16 Roger Coombs
- 16 Sammy Marshburn
- 16 Katie Robinson
- 17 Jerry Teachey
- 19 Bertha Wise
- 19 Alan Baker
- 19 Maranda Ross
- 20 Kathy Herring
- 20 Lizzie O Blackburn
- 22 Tyler Brinkley
- 22 Lynne Castles
- 23 George Eakins-Cavanaugh
- 23 Ethan Carlson
- 24 David Godwin
- 26 Rhonda Cave
- 26 Steve Mills
- 27 Laura Brooks
- 29 Allison Brinkley
- 29 Robert McGowen
- 30 Amie Eakins-Cavanaugh
- 31 Peggy Stallings
- 31 Don Jenkins



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

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 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	5 Sign-Ups for 11/10 Senior Adult Lunch/Craft Begins Today 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	6 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 6:30 pm-Mission Cmte. 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	7 10:00 am-Home Room, FH 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir 7:00 pm-Helping Self, R303	8 	9 	10 
11 The Lord's Supper 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-Deacon's Mtg. 6:00 pm-Wallace Students-(Second Sunday Event)	12 Columbus Day Begin Christmas Show Sign Ups for Members 10:30 am-WMU III & IV, R303 6:00 pm-CrossFit 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	13 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 6:30 pm-Scouts, R203	14 10:00 am-Home Room, FH 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17  
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