



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

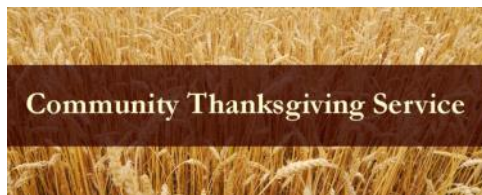
November 2017



Celebrating, Growing, and Serving

-- *Where do you want to take a step forward in this season of gratitude?*

Community Thanksgiving Worship Gathering November 19 @ 4:00 p.m. Wallace Methodist Church



This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by the Wallace United Methodist Church. We'll begin at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19.

This is a joint service with Wallace United Methodist Church, Wallace Presbyterian Church, Adoram Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church of Wallace. At our planning meeting, we decided to make this a rotating service, so we will take turns hosting. That allows the music leader to be on their own "home turf."

This year's speaker will be Rev. James Page. Stay tuned for information about a combined choir for this time of worship!

Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Our Wednesday night dinner just got so much better! For the last several months, we have had meals catered by Billy's, and they were great. But we have returned to having home cooked meals, prepared by our church member Felicia Dalton. And they are out-of-this world delicious.

The meals are served on regular plates, not Styrofoam containers. If you haven't been at a Wednesday night dinner lately, you really need to come and check it out.

Meals are just \$7.00, and reservations should be in the office by Monday at noon. Please pay in advance so that, if you are not able to come, the cost will still be covered.



Taking Your Place in Ministry for 2018

Peter wrote to those first followers of Jesus: "Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well." (Contemporary English Version).

It's that time of year when we ask each person in our church family, "Where has God prepared you and called you to serve?" If there is a particular ministry area where you would like to serve next year, please call the church office and they'll pass your info on to the Nominating Committee. And when that committee calls, be ready to help them find YOUR special place of service to Jesus in 2018.

Deacon Ministry

It is time for us to elect new deacon ministry team leaders. If you are willing to serve, or know someone who would be a great deacon, please call the church office and let us know of your availability or the name of the person you are recommending. (See page 2 for more!)



We start the month by wrapping up our series “Why” in which we have asked some of the tough questions that cause people to struggle in their connection to God.

November 5
Why Would God Want to Use ME?
Judges 6:11-16



For the two Sundays before Thanksgiving, we will be talking about the joy that God gives us for the journey of life. The series is called “Joy Ride.” If you need a booster shot of joy this Thanksgiving, roll up your sleeve because we’re ready for you!!

November 12
The Joy of Purpose from God
Philippians 1:12-18

November 19
The Joy of Peace from God
Philippians 4:4-7

Advent Season begins on Sunday, November 26. We have something engaging and familiar planned this year to shine a new light on the message of Christmas. You’ll hear more about this in a couple of weeks!

Is God Leading You to Take on the Role of Deacon?

What does it mean to be a deacon?

The word “deacon” comes from the Greek word “diakonos” which means “servant.” It’s a rather general term for someone who serves others in the church family.

The first appearance of deacons in the Bible is in Acts 6, where servants were needed to care for the daily food needs of widows in the church. These first deacons essentially ran the church’s food pantry for widows in need.

What do deacons do today in our church?

Our deacons are assigned a segment of the church family -- a number of families -- over whom they serve as a “shepherd.” The deacon keeps watch over these families to monitor their connection to the church family and their needs. When a need is discovered, he or she mobilizes the resources of the church to meet that need.

The most basic job is to encourage every single church participant on that deacon’s list to find and connect with a small group of believers (a Life Group, home fellowship, etc.). The small group is the best strategy for keeping people connected and cared for. No deacon can keep a check on people as well as a regularly meeting small group.

Beyond that, deacons minister in times of crisis (alongside that person’s small group members), pray over their assigned individuals and families, and meet monthly to coordinate the care needs of the congregation with the church’s pastoral staff.

Who should serve as a deacon?

If you have a heart for others, a willingness to make 2-3 phone calls each week, a passion to see people loved and cared for, and a desire to be a part of a team that advances our church’s unity and health, then you have the heart to be a deacon. The character of a deacon is described in 1 Timothy 3.

If you have questions about deacon ministry, or want to let us know of your willingness to serve, please contact Pastor Al at 910-282-8095, or Alan.FBCW@gmail.com, or call Kim in the church office.

Senior Adults

Senior Adult Ministries



I really love this time of year and the holiday season that we are about to enter. The beautiful colors of fall, followed by the bright, happy lights and decorations of Christmas and those cool days contribute to making it my favorite time of the year. At our Keenagers meeting this month, we are going to focus on all that we have to be thankful for and we'll make a Thanksgiving tree. This isn't a craft project so you gentlemen don't get nervous! Join us on Tuesday, November 14, at 11:30 as we share some of the



things we are most grateful for. We do still need some hostesses to volunteer to help set up, make tea, greet people as they come in, etc. Please let Dee know if you could help us with that!

Our trip to Myrtle Beach for the Christmas show at the Alabama theater on Tuesday, December 12, is full. If you want to go but failed to nab a spot, call the office and get your name on the wait list. We have already had a few people have to pull out and may have others, so there's still a chance you could join us. If you have already signed up, please pay for your ticket(s) as soon as possible. All money is due no later than Sunday, December 3. If you find you are unable to go, please let us know so we can have that spot available for those on our wait list. We look forward to a fun day together!



The dates for our Rose Hill Restaurant lunches falls on Thanksgiving day and a few days before Christmas for November and December, so we will temporarily discontinue those. We will pick them back up on January 25th. Mark your calendar now so you won't double book yourself!

Music Ministry

Save the date! On Sunday evening, December 10, at 5:00 p.m., we will present a Christmas and music drama entitled Finding Joy. This drama will be starring some of our church members and will include some beautiful pieces of music performed by our Chancel and Sunshine choirs. Want to be a part of it? There's still time to join one of the choirs and learn the music. And we would love to have you join us! The Sunshine choir rehearses on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and our Chancel choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:20 p.m. There's room for you, so don't hesitate! I hope to see you there!

Chancel Choir take note! We will have practice on Tuesday, November 14 @ 6:45 p.m. as church conference will meet on that Wednesday, November 15. This change is just for that week. Please make a note of this on your calendar.



Have you ever paused to think about everything God has done for you? He created a planet that's perfectly suited for otters and ostriches and you. Then, He sent His Son, Jesus, to that planet to die and be raised to life so He could have a forever relationship with you. Through the month, we'll help kids refocus on all that God has done for them. Because when you know what God has done for you, **YOU CAN BE THANKFUL—ALWAYS.**

GOD VIEW: the connection between Gratitude and God's character, as shown through God's big story **Gratitude is a response to the character of God.**

WEEK 1

Key Question: **What are you grateful for?** We kick off a month on gratitude by helping kids to refocus on their own life and discover reasons they can be thankful. We're so busy with life that we don't take the time to pause and notice what God has done for us. We hope kids take the time throughout the year to ask themselves this question.

We start our look at gratitude with Psalm 100 where we read, *Shout for joy to the Lord, everyone on earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come to Him with songs of joy, (NIRV).* God has done so much for us through the gift of Jesus, it's only fitting that we respond to Him with a heart of gratitude.

Bottom Line: **Celebrate what God has done.** We hope to give kids and families the opportunity to think about all the ways God has shown them love and faithfulness throughout the year. We want them to get excited and celebrate God's goodness.

WEEK 2

Key Question: **What do you do when you don't feel grateful?** Kids will learn soon enough, that sometimes it's hard to feel grateful. Through asking this question, we hope kids will come away with a plan to refocus on what really matters and discover how they can show gratitude.

In Matthew 20:1-15, we'll dig into a parable Jesus told one day about some vineyard workers. In the story, a few of the workers started making comparisons to what others were getting paid and became ungrateful and started complaining. Then, at the end of the day, they had a bad attitude because they thought it wasn't fair.

Bottom Line: **Adjust your attitude.** We can change our whole outlook on life if we take the time to refocus and think about all that we've been given. We pray that kids will see their own life differently and discover all the ways can show gratitude.

WEEK 3

Key Question: **What are creative ways to say thank you?** Saying thank you doesn't have to feel like a chore. Kids will discover all sorts of fun ways they can show gratitude to the people in their life.

We will take a look at a powerful story in Luke 17:11-19 about ten lepers who asked Jesus to be healed. But when their skin condition went away, they became so ecstatic about the miracle that they ran off and forgot to say, "thank you." All except for one who came back.

Bottom Line: **Say thank you.** We want kids to become the sort of people who take the time to go out of their way to show gratitude towards others.

WEEK 4

Key Question: **What's keeping you from being thankful?** As we continue to talk about how to refocus on what God has done for us, we help kids take a closer look at what gets in the way of gratitude.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, we read, *"Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus." There are many times we might not want to give thanks, but our hope in Jesus allows us to be thankful regardless of our circumstances, (NIRV).*

Bottom Line: **Always be grateful.** Kids will learn that no matter what is happening in their lives, they can always find a way to say thank you.

Girls' Afternoon Out **Sunday, November 12, 4 – 6 p.m.**

You were missed Sunday, October 15 at our Girl's Afternoon Out! We talked! We Ate! We Laughed! We had so much fun that we planned our next Girl's Afternoon Out! In November we will enjoy a speaker from the Beyond Beautiful Tour.

“Do you feel you fall short of other's expectations of how you should be, but you keep trying to meet those expectations anyway? The speaker will help us to see our self as God sees us – as gifted, wonderful, and beautifully made. We will learn how to safeguard our true beauty and worth against worldly expectations by focusing on our heart instead of our appearance.”



November 12th from 4 – 6pm in the fellowship Hall! Bring your favorite finger food or dessert and most important bring a girlfriend with you! See you there!

WMU International Missions Study: **Russia 2017**

You are invited to a WMU International Missions Study on Russia on **Monday, November 27, from 6:00-8:30 p.m.**, hosted at Poston Baptist Church. There is a sign up sheet in the church office for those who are interested.

Individually order and pay for your study magazine: *Missions Traveler: Russia* by calling 1-800-968-7301 **no later than November 9**. Cost is \$2.99 + tax and shipping.

Also, you are encouraged to bring one of the traditional Russian recipes available in the church office. **Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, November 15.**

Hearts of Hope Christmas Shoppers Needed

I will soon have our Children's names and sizes ready for our shoppers. If you would like to buy for one of the children on our list please see Gloria Andrews or let Kim in the office know.



Parent Link-Parenting Teenagers **For Positive Results**

Our new study will begin Sunday, November 5, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 308. This new study features real family situations played out in humorous family vignettes followed by words of wisdom by youth and family expert, Jim Burn, Ph.D. Parents will be equipped to parent their teen, encouraged and affirmed in their role so they can navigate the teen years with strength and confidence.

Session One: Attitude is Everything

Session Two: Self-Image Struggles

Session Three: Communicating With Your Kids

Session Four: Navigating Sexuality

Session Five: Developing Media Discernment

Session Six: Helping Your Teenager Grow Spiritually

Sunday, November 5
Remember to turn your clocks back
1 hour for Sunday morning!

Save the Date

Women of Joy Rescued 2018 Tour **Myrtle Beach, May 4 – 6**

"He reached down from heaven and rescued me; He drew me out of deep waters" Psalms 18:16

Mark your calendars!! Request vacation!!
Join us!! Awesome weekend!!

Church Conference **Wednesday, November 15, 6:15 p.m.**

We are having our Church Conference on Wednesday, November 15, at 6:15 p.m. Join us for a meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by prayer time and the conference. In order to register for the meal, simply fill out a pew envelope with your name and place \$7.00 cash in the envelope and be sure to mark it for Wednesday Night Supper for November 15. You can place your envelope in the offering plate or reservations for dinner can be accepted in the church office until Monday, November 13.

Wallace Community Thanksgiving Service-Sunday, November 19

4:00 p.m. at Wallace United Methodist Church



38th Annual Deaf Ministry **Thanksgiving Worship & Banquet** Saturday, November 4, at 5:30 p.m.



Community Outreach Bible Study **Wednesdays at Sensation Restaurant**

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. is Wallace Community Bible Study at Sensation Farmhouse Restaurant (by Walmart). Everyone is welcome! This gathering includes fellowship and prayer, followed by a study time ending around 11:45 a.m., allowing people to have lunch together if they wish.



We will have a break from our Bible Study at Sensations after the last one on November 15, 2017 and begin again in January 2018.

Help Needed to Decorate the **Chrismon Tree-Saturday, November 18**

Please come to the church for fun and fellowship time to decorate our beautiful Chrismon Tree on Saturday, November 18, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Kids Café Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for a way to make a difference? Do you want to be the hands and feet that Jesus calls us to be? Do you have just a few hours a week or a month to volunteer? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then REJOICE! We have just the thing for you.



Become a volunteer with Kids Café. It is a wonderful way to spend your time. You will meet kids that just melt your heart. You will offer some help with homework, be there for arts/crafts/devotions/playtime. If your calling is to help with food prep and clean-up, then we will plug you in there.

You have the opportunity to help children in OUR community to succeed. You have the opportunity to SHOW them the love of Jesus. Believe me (ask any of our volunteers), you will be blessed by your participation more than you know.

We are here on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:30 PM. Call or email Donna Marshburn at 285-6341 or 289-8392 or donnamars@hotmail.com. You can also call the church office at 285-2534. Make a choice to be a positive role model for a child today!

Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child

The last day for shoeboxes is **Monday, November 20**. We will not be able to accept shoeboxes after 2:00 p.m. Thank you to everyone who participated in buying items for our shoeboxes. We ask that you now pray for these shoeboxes and the children who will receive them. Thank you.

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Bobby Batts, Wendy Bednarz, Forrest Cavanaugh, Election and all candidates, Grace Farrior, Gonzales family, Vernon Hardison, Ivey Jones, Aaron Pereira, Melinda Stampe, Stephen Thompson, Town of Wallace, Ashley Tucker, Nina Williams, Donna Marshburn & Melinda Stampe (death of an Aunt), and Amy Eakins-Cavanaugh & Michelle Blanchard (death of a relative), Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world.

Sympathy to:

The bereaved families of Nina Schwirian, Sarah Blanton, Anntilla Scott Oswald, Brenda Johnson Bowen, David John Farrior, Annie Helen Sholar Rivenbark, Vicky Bass.

Just for Laughs:

A Turkey Hunters' Tale

Tom and Bill were discussing their latest turkey hunting experiences. With a look of agitation on his face, Tom said, "One thing is for sure. I am *never* going to take my wife, Laura, turkey hunting with me ever again!"

"Yikes, it must have been really bad," Bill said. "So what went wrong?"

Tom said, "Laura did *everything* wrong. Instead of hunting quietly, she chattered constantly. She moved around too much and disturbed the undergrowth. She loaded the wrong gauge shot in the gun, and she used the wrong turkey call."

Bill said, "Wow, that does sound like a disaster."

Tom said, "And what's worst of all... she shot more turkeys than me!"

Happy Thanksgiving!



Volunteers

November Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

Donna & Sammy Marshburn
(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

11:00 a.m. Worship Hour Nursery

Morris Andrews
(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Sunday Ushers:

Hearing Impaired

Tellers: Reba Stone &
LaRue Faircloth



December Newsletter Submission Deadline: November 15, 2017

Please email articles to
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief !



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On the Record

Attendance



Life Groups

10-1	10-8	10-15	10-22	10-29
—	74	80	75	79

Worship

199	141	149	180	148
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Budget and Receipts

2017 Budget \$483,029.00

Offering Receipts To Date 10-31-2017 **\$353,853.62**

Nov. Birthdays

- 1 LuAnn Rivenbark
- 1 Catie Chrisco
- 2 Fran Brock
- 3 Carolyn Elias Cavanaugh
- 4 Willa Currie
- 5 Faye Wells
- 5 Sonny Driggers
- 9 Jim Russ
- 9 Steve Prescott
- 9 ElleRaegan Davis
- 10 Mark Evans
- 10 Josh Donnelly
- 10 Emily Donnelly
- 10 Makayla Stallings
- 11 Dorothy Blanton
- 11 Jim Hall
- 12 Daye Davis
- 12 Doreen Davis
- 13 Harriett Williams
- 14 Harold Hatcher
- 14 Wanda Raynor
- 15 Mark Jones
- 16 Tony Jenkins
- 16 Beth Moore
- 16 Ashlynn Patram
- 16 Maggie Sellers



- 17 David Hawes
- 17 Tommy Howard
- 17 Wayne Rich
- 22 Hazel Simpson
- 22 Mark Stampe
- 22 Brooklyn Nicole Bryan
- 23 Alvin Bryan
- 23 Debbie Williams
- 23 Brantley Hawes
- 23 Caleb Jack Salinas
- 25 Frankie Creech
- 25 Jim Cavender
- 26 Linda Anderson
- 26 Jamie Wells
- 26 Noah Gurganus
- 27 Bonnie Kraulik
- 29 Al Thompson
- 29 Donna Marshburn
- 30 Ben Hilliard

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
(Closed 12-1 p.m. CHURCH LOCKED)
Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



We are so thankful for the invitation back in October to come and worship with you and share a message that I still believe was given specifically for you. I just want to reiterate that God has a purpose for your life and I believe that there is something big that He wants to accomplish through you. Don't settle for good enough, when great is on the horizon. It is so easy to look at where we are and compare it with where we have been and allow that to cause us to stop pushing forward, but that can never be the way we approach our service to God and our pursuit of His purpose in our lives. As long



as there is breath in our lungs, there is a mission He has for us on this earth. Don't settle. Keep pushing.

When I was there, I told you that we were very near to the point where we would start having some meetings with people in Wilmington that would help us to start building our teams. There

are two very vital needs we have at this point in the planting process—people and money. We've been talking about fundraising now for a couple of months, but this is our first shot to really have some meaningful connection with people when it comes to giving an invitation to join us on this journey.

At the time I'm writing this, we are about a week away from having the first of what we hope are many dinner parties at our apartment with students from UNCW. The way we see it, so many of those students are away from home and have been forced into a fast food/junk food diet, so why not

offer them a good home-cooked meal from time to time? This is just one area where your giving is helping us out. We are able to serve the students in this area in the name of Christ, and hopefully build a team that will help us build Coastal Plains Church at the same time.





If you haven't been to our website, we would love for you to visit and check things out. You can find it at www.coastalplainschurch.com. You can also find out there how you can give to help us along in the planting process. You have the option of giving online, text to give, finding one of our Amazon wish-lists and purchasing goods from there and having it shipped to us, or you can do it the old fashioned way and put a check in the mail. All of the information you need for that will be on the website. We are also active now on Facebook. We would love for you to follow us there. Just look up Coastal Plains Church on Facebook and then like, comment, and share the things you see there (A little secret... Facebook will automatically show our stuff to more people when it's liked, commented on, and shared... so it's a very easy way for you to help us expand our reach). And, of course, if you know of anyone in the Wilmington area that might like to be a part of helping us get started, please tell them to look us up and get in touch.

We are so excited for the future of Wilmington, and we can't wait to see what God is going to do in this city!

James Copeland is our former Student and Children's Pastor. James, Emily, and their children followed God's call and launched out from First Baptist in September of this year to plant a new church in Wilmington. We've asked James to keep us informed of what God is doing as we pray for them.

First Baptist Events

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Dinner 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:15 pm-Bible Study 7:20 pm-Chancel Choir	2 10:00 am-REACH	3	4 5:30 pm-Deaf Ministry Thanksgiving Worship & Banquet in Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00 am-Life Café 10 am-11 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	6 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH 6:30 pm-Properties	7 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00-5:30 pm-Kids Café 5:30 pm-Worship Band	8 10:30 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Dinner 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:15 pm-Bible Study 7:20 pm-Chancel Choir	9 10:00 am-REACH 7:00 pm-Bible Profilers	10 6:00 pm-REACH, Children's Wing	11 Veteran's Day
12 9:00 am-Life Café 10 am-11 pm-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 12:00 pm-Deacon's Meeting 4-6 pm-Girls' Afternoon, FH 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	13 Chrismon Tree goes up this week 10:30 am-WMU III, R303 6:30 pm-WMU V, Wallace Gardens 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH	14 11:30 am-Keenagers 1:30 pm-SonShine Choir 2:30 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00-5:30 pm-Kids Café 5:30 pm-Worship Band 6:45 pm-Chancel Choir	15 Newsletter Deadline 10:30 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Dinner 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:15 pm-CONFERENCE	16 10:00 am-REACH	17	18 9:00 am-12:00 pm-Decorate Chrismon Tree in Sanctuary 1:00-4:00 pm-Parking Lot Reserved
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26 Regular Activities 6:00 Wallace Students	27 6-8:30 pm-WMU Russia Bible Study, Poston Baptist 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH	28 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00-5:30 pm-Kids Café 5:30 pm-Worship Band 7:20 pm-Missions	29 Pastor Al's Birthday 5:30 pm-Dinner 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:15 pm-Bible Study 7:20 pm-Chancel Choir	30 Kitchen/FH Reserved ALL DAY 10:00 am-REACH	