



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

May 2018



Thanking God at Life's Milestones and Preparing for an Exciting Summer!



We start the month with our women traveling to the Women of Joy conference in Myrtle Beach, May 4-6. We hope to have some of these ladies share their experiences with us when they return.

And, um, what's that holiday we celebrate in May? Oh, right... Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13. We will be honoring the women in our church and the powerful role God has given them to play in our lives.

On May 20, we will be recognizing our graduates and awarding scholarships to those receiving the Powers Scholarship from our Women's Missionary Union.



May 16 to 18, our Senior Adult group is traveling to Charleston, South Carolina for several days of fellowship and fun.



And summer is coming!

This summer our children head to Campbell University for a week of worship, fellowship, and fun at CentriKid Camp. They'll be gone the week of June 18-22.



The theme of the week is "Blueprint" and our children will be discovering God's design for their lives. Because of the hard work you all did on the Barbecue Fund Raiser, our children will be able to go on this week-long camp for just \$50 per child.

Then there is the Motion Conference that our students (middle school and high school) will be attending in Birmingham, AL. This is a huge gathering of thousands of teenagers, worshipping together, listening for God's guidance for their lives, growing in discipleship, and getting lost in praise.



And, new for the summer of 2018, we will be having a Children's Adventure Camp here at First Baptist Church. Think of a cross between vacation Bible school and summer camp and you'll be close. We are planning the activities now that children will be able to choose for this exciting camp. We haven't nailed down the exact dates yet, but it will be during the week of July 9-13, from 6-8 p.m.

The purpose of our Adventure Camp is to connect with new families in the community. So if you have a heart for outreach and children, we would love to find you a place to serve for the (probably) 3 evenings of our Adventure Camp. Contact Jacob Capps for more info!

Worship

How Do I Know God's Will for My Life?

Many Christians have asked this question over the years. They want to follow God's plan for their lives. They want to go in the direction that God desires for them. But how do we know what God's will is in the choices of life, big and small?

Our worship series for May is called "God's Way." We will be sharing the truth from God's word that helps us know and go God's way each day. And we truly believe that God wants to do BIG things in your life. So how do we discover God's BIG plan?

Here are our week by week titles and passages:



May 6
Preparing — 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Proverbs 16:2

May 13
Discerning — 1 Corinthians 16:6-9

May 20
Trusting — Acts 20:22-24

May 27
Starting — Nehemiah 2:17-20



Prayer Requests

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Shannon Renee Amer-son, Bobby Batts, Wendy Bednarz, Forrest Cavenaugh, Willa Currie, Mi-



chael Fields, Betty Hull and family, Ben Jessup, Janet Pope, Ronnie Rich, Scott Rivenbark, Buddy Smith, Melinda Stampe, Stephen Thompson, Felicia Williams, Nina Williams, Louise Woods, Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world.

Sympathy to:

The bereaved families of Jeraldine Caison (Willa Currie's sister), Laverne Pickett, and Ben Oakes (Sue Marshburn's brother-in-law).

Kids Café



Our last Kids Café for the Summer is Tuesday, May 8. Kids Café will resume again in September. Thank you to all those who have volunteered this year!

Senior Adults

May will be a very busy month for our Senior adults here at First Baptist. There is so much for you to join in on so mark these days and dates on your calendar so you won't miss anything!

May is one of our lunch meeting months! This month's covered dish meal will be on **Tuesday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m.** Following our delicious lunch, we will hear from our own Cindy Hawes. Cindy is a physical therapist and has worked to help many of you recover from injuries or surgeries. She will be talking with us about ways to stay healthy and injury free, including exercises that will help with strength and balance. So whip up your favorite dish, call a friend to join you, and be in the church fellowship hall at 11:30 on Tuesday, May 15!



The next day, **Wednesday, May 16, we will head out for our trip to Charleston, SC!** This 3 day trip promises to be packed full of activities and fun! We will enjoy a guided tour of Charleston and Fort Sumter, walk through the Charleston City Market, tour the Magnolia Plantation and the Magnolia Gardens, sail on a harbor cruise, and just before heading home, we will tour the Charleston Tea Plantation. Don't forget to bring along some money to cover your lunches for the 3 days and any extras you might like to purchase.



Call a friend to join us at our **monthly lunch out at the Rose Hill Restaurant**, scheduled this month for **Thursday, May 24, at 11:30.** Lunch is on your own/order from the menu, and is always

filled with lots of laughter and fun! Get your reservation in to Dee by Monday, May 21. We look forward to meeting your friends and enjoying your company over a delicious lunch.



Our **next day trip will be on Thursday, June 14!** We are headed to Pittsboro to the **Tiger Sanctuary** where we will see the beautiful big cats and learn about the rescue efforts of this organization. Before the tour, we will enjoy a delicious **seafood lunch at the Farmers' Market Seafood Restaurant.** The cost for this trip is \$25 plus whatever you spend on your lunch (prices range from \$8.50 to \$13.00 for lunch plates, more if you get a medium or large platter.) The \$25 must be turned in with your reservation and all reservations must be in by Sunday, May 27. I have been warned that this tour involves a lot of walking and the terrain can be a bit rough, so keep that in mind when making your reservation.



Looking Ahead: We will begin **taking reservations for our 2019 trip to the Ark and Creation museum** on Tuesday, June 5, for First Baptist members and on Tuesday, June 26, for non-members. A \$75 deposit will hold your spot for this trip **scheduled for May 13-17, 2019.** The deposit goes toward the total cost of \$625 for members and \$650 for non-members, based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available and are priced higher. Cost includes travel and hotels, entrance to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, breakfast each morning, 2 dinners, including a riverboat cruise, and a tour of Cincinnati before we depart for home. Don't miss out because you waited too long! We want the pleasure of your company on this fun, educational trip!

Music Ministry

Often, when I approach people about joining one of our choirs, I hear - "Well, I don't read music!" That is not a problem! We have choir practices to help everyone learn their parts and there are many other people for you to sing with who know the part and will help you along. Reading music is not a necessary skill to join us and help us lead in worship on Sunday mornings. You are needed! If you enjoy singing, you will love being a member of one of our choirs. Please join us for Chancel choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:20 or for SonShine choir rehearsals at 10:30 on Tuesday mornings. We look forward to seeing you and having you join us in praising God through song!



Chancel choir members, please note that practice on the week of May 13, and 20, will be on Tuesday, May 15, due to the Charleston trip, May 16-18, and on Tuesday, May 22, due to the Church wide conference on Wednesday evening, May 23. Both rehearsals will be at 6:45 p.m. Change those dates and times on your on your calendar! You won't want to miss it as we learn some exciting and fun new music!



Merry Christmas!

Christmas is coming and we are already getting ready for our Christmas program here at First Baptist Church. Want to join us? We are looking for people who like to act, sing, or help with staging and sets. Our actors and singers will begin weekly rehearsals in early September so we will have plenty of time to be ready for our December 9th performance. So let Dee know if you want to join us and what jobs you might be interested in! Or if there is some other way not listed that you think you might be able to help, let her know that too!

WallaceKids

The summer is quickly approaching and full of amazing trips for both our students, and children. Our children will be traveling to Campbell University in June to spend the week learning about who we are in Christ. Our students will be traveling to Alabama in July for a student conference, with other youth groups around the nation. I want to ask everyone to please pray for these trips. Not only to pray for our kids and chaperones, but for the speakers and staff members of this conference, other groups that will be attending, and the planning all around.

CentriKid 2018



"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

This summer at CentriKid Camp, we will be learning about God's design for us and who we are in Christ. We will learn how we are His workmanship and how we are created in His image. God's blueprint shows us that we are truly loved, completely forgiven, and prepared for a purpose to share the gospel.

Our campers will be learning how they are made in the image of God and how they can use their gifts.

Wallace Students



**Student Worship & Discipleship
Conference - July 26-28, 2018**
Birmingham, Alabama

Scholarships



Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 20

We will recognize and celebrate the graduates who are active members in our congregation on Sunday, May 20 (Both services). The WMU Scholarships Awards are being given as well.

Please contact the church office no later than Monday, May 14, 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.

OCC Shoe Boxes

It's that time again...our kickoff of Operation Christmas Child. Yes, it is May so Christmas is still a long way off, BUT, now is the time to start thinking about the power of a simple gift.



Last year, we collected 310 shoeboxes! Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this goal. Please consider the effect a shoebox can have on the life of a child that needs the love of Jesus. Shoeboxes will be in the foyer, don't pass them by. There is also other shoebox information available on the table as well.

If you are doing our item-of-the-month list, you can drop off your stuffed animal in the clear plastic container. We will be collecting this item for the whole month. If you have any questions please ask Maggie or Marie Casteen. Thank you.

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Women of Joy



Please pray for our ladies as they travel to the Women of Joy Conference in Myrtle Beach for this life changing weekend, May 4 - 6.

Child Dedication

Child Dedication Sunday, May 13

A Child Dedication Service is where parents dedicate themselves to raising their children with God's help and wisdom. We acknowledge that our children belong to God, and receive the support of a community of faith-filled friends called "the church."

If you have one or more children whom you would like to dedicate to the Lord, we'd love to include your family in our next Child Dedication service on Sunday, May 13 (which is Mother's Day).

Please contact the church office at 910-285-2534, if you would like your family to be included in that service. (If this date doesn't work for you, contact Pastor Al to find an alternate date for your family.)

Conference

Spring 2018

Church Conference

Wednesday, May 23

6:15 p.m.

Urgent Needs

Right now, our church has **two urgent priorities** in our giving. The Stewardship Committee is asking all of us to unite behind these two top priorities with single-minded commitment.

The first of these is, as always, our church's ministry budget. Without the ministries of our church, and without the ongoing resources of study materials, lights, heating and cooling, ministries to children, teenagers, and adults, we really have no reason to exist. Without these, we don't have a church; we only have a museum that will soon be closed. God has called us to life-changing ministry, which is what our budget helps us accomplish.

The second urgent priority is the repair of our steeple. The picture below shows the rotted wood of the steeple. This damage is allowing large amounts of water to flow into our balcony area every time it rains. The building that previous generations have provided for us is being repeatedly damaged by this hole in the roof that the damaged steeple creates.



If this were our home, we would still pay the mortgage, pay the electric bill, water and sewer, buy food for the family, school supplies, pay doctor bills, etc. But beyond these essentials, we would focus on repairing our roof with urgency.

So that is what we are inviting our whole church family to do. Let's make sure the ministries that are our reason for existing are fully funded, and then, in appreciation for those who have gone before us, but even more in commitment to the Lord, let's tackle this repair project.

The estimate we have received is good for a limited time, so let's take care of this need soon to avoid an increase in repair costs!

Just for Laughs:

A woman phoned her insurance company to update the details of her policy. The phone connection wasn't good so she tried to speak very clearly, "I've just given birth to twin boys," she said.



The agent on the other end said, "Will you repeat that, please."

And she replied, "Not if I can help it!"

Grandma was tucking in her granddaughters for the night. She said, "I hope you don't mind me tucking you in, but your Mom and Dad are busy tonight."

Six-year-old Beth remarked, "We know. They are entertaining some very important people down there."

Grandma asked, "How do you know they are very important people?"

Beth answered, "They must be. Just listen. Mommy is laughing at all of Daddy's old jokes."

Windows



History Room Stained Glass Windows

If you would like to contribute to the Stained Glass Windows fund for the three windows in the History Room, mark your church envelope **Other: History Room/Windows**. To give a contribution in **Honor or in Memory** of a special someone, please contact Theresa B. Elias at tbeart@gmail.com or call her at 910-289-0979. Please include the name(s) of the person and who is making the contribution. There will be plaques with names and contributors included after the windows are installed.



FALL ADULT RETREAT Nov. 9-11

@ Fort Caswell

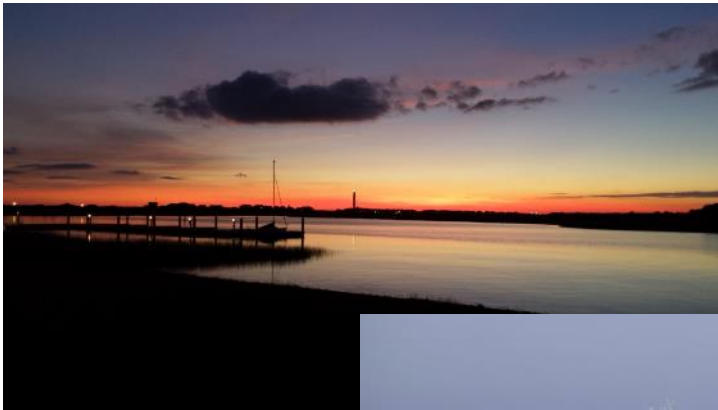
“Listening to God, Listening to One Another”

This Fall, our church will be having a retreat for the adults in our church. The dates are November 9-11, a Friday night through Sunday morning. We will be at Fort Caswell Conference Center on Oak Island.

The focus of the retreat will be “Listening to God, Listening to One Another.”

In this over-busy, noisy world, we will be taking time to get quiet and listen for God’s voice, and then to sit and listen to our fellow believers as they share how God is speaking to them.

Of course, you will also have time to enjoy the beauty, history, and scenery of Fort Caswell.



The meals will be provided by the conference center. Rooms are double occupancy, with two double beds in each room.

We have booked 15 rooms, so we have openings for 30 people on this retreat. The cost is \$139 per person for the weekend.

This is going to be a powerful experience, and a time of wonderful renewal and inspiration!

If you know now that you want to attend, sign up now on the sign-up sheet on the office window. If you know who you’d like to room with, indicate that on the sheet, too. To hold your spot, a deposit of \$50 is **due by May 1**, with the balance due on August 1.

Jesus said, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” - John 10:27

Elijah heard God and described it as a “still, small voice.” - 1 Kings 19:12

After God’s challenging words to the people that the prophet Malachi delivered, we read, “Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them.” - Malachi 3:16



New Sunday Morning Small Groups

New small groups have started for those not currently in a small group.

Wayne Rich and Penny Ross started a group studying “The Sermon on the Mount,” in room 222.

Joe Blanchard started a small group for young adults in the Church Parlor.

We have also re-ignited our small group for students in the Youth room.

Volunteers

May Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

Lisa Hunt

11:00 a.m. Worship Hour Nursery

Angie Gurganus

Sunday Ushers:

Hearing Impaired Class

Tellers: Sharon Teachey &
Fay Hedgpeth



On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

3-25	4-1	4-8	4-15	4-22
74	91	117	104	101

Worship

177	239	203	189	191
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Budget and Receipts

2018 Budget \$449,385.00

Offering Receipts To Date 4-23-2018 **\$125,003.02**



**June Newsletter
Submission Deadline:
May 15, 2018**

Please email articles to
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Please make articles brief !

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May Birthdays

- 1 Matt Moore
- 3 Hazel Tucker
- 4 Robert McNally
- 4 Megan Evans
- 6 Betty Blanton
- 11 Felicia Dalton
- 12 Blair Davis
- 13 Mack Horrell
- 13 Courtney McIntyre
- 15 Crystal Stallings
- 15 Sarah Williams
- 16 Brittany Turner



- 19 Helen Saylor
- 20 Elaine Johnson
- 20 Melinda Stampe
- 21 Weston Padgett
- 23 Linda Carr
- 23 Clem Faircloth
- 24 Lillian Wood
- 24 Sharon Hall
- 25 Betty Price
- 29 Ethan Hall
- 31 Hollie Russ
- 31 Donna Jones




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.

First Baptist Events

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00-5:30 pm-Kids Café 5:30 pm-Worship Band	2 10:30 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Dinner 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:15 pm-Bible Study 7:20 pm-Chancel Choir	3 7:00 pm-Bible Profilers	4 WOMEN OF JOY	5 WOMEN OF JOY
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