



First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

First Family

May 2019



The Power of a Personal Invitation

— Who might be waiting for you to invite them to share the joy of worship with friends?

A special thanks to Herman Sikes, Harry Bradshaw, Jerry Teachey, and Alan Baker for creating the Sound and Projection Booth in the Fellowship hall. That allowed us to move the sound equipment and wires behind the wall and create more space for people in our early service...

...and just in time, too, because we had 149 people in our 9:00am Easter worship gathering. Thankfully we had just purchased four more tables, so we had room for everyone.

But as you look around that worship gathering, you see so many faces that are new to us. And if you know their stories, you can “connect the dots” on how they became a part of the First Baptist family. It was all through relationships and invitations:

- A co-worker was invited,
- A family member was invited,
- A neighbor was invited,
- A friend was invited,
- An acquaintance was invited...

And they came once or twice and found the joyful worship, the caring friends, and the Bible truth their hearts were hungry for.

What are the ingredients of a good invitation?

1. **You must be genuinely excited** about what you are inviting them to experience. If you look half-dead, dissatisfied, and bored when you're there, why would they get excited about it? Some people who say they love their church forgot to tell their face!

2. **You must genuinely love them.** If your invitation is to benefit you, not them, they won't be interested. In another church, a lady lamented, “I wish people would come to sing in our choir.” So her main motivation was not their benefit, but to improve her worship experience. No surprise that she didn't succeed in reaching anyone!

3. **Let your first invitation be not “to your church” but “into your life.”** If you want this person to be in heaven with you for eternity, then invite them to come to your house for a slice of pie or a cookout. Invite them out for a pizza dinner. Invite them to go fishing. Show them that you care about them *outside* of church so they will know you'll care about them *inside* of church. Jesus spent time with those in spiritual need.

4. **Take advantage of special celebrations.** “Why is he/she inviting me NOW?” they might ask.

There are special times that we want to share with others. Baptisms, recognitions, graduation, parent-child dedication services, Mother's Day, Father's Day, fun events and trips... One reason why we have sermon series in worship is so that, if that topic might help you invite someone, you have another good opportunity!

If you need a special recognition to help you invite someone, by golly, we'll create one just for you!

And we have a lot of things coming up that are wonderful opportunities to invite others:

May 12 (Sunday)
Mother's Day and
Parent-Child Dedication

May 19 (Sunday)
J.T. Hopkins, Guest Speaker
Graduate Sunday

May 21 (Tuesday)
Senior Adult Ministries Lunch

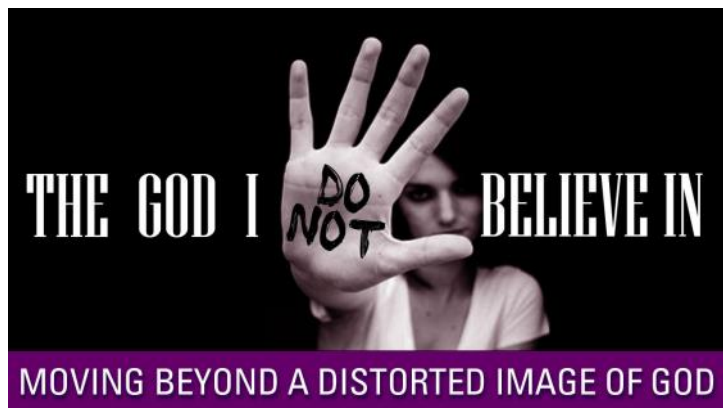
June 12 (Wednesday)
Family Movie Night

You're Disliking the Wrong God!

Have you ever avoided someone because you believed they were mean-spirited, or uncaring, or had some other undesirable quality... only to find out later you were totally wrong, and now they are a dear friend? What if that kind of wrong assumption is keeping someone from closeness to God?

Our latest worship series looks at the wrong ideas we have about God, and how those ideas can lead us to be disappointed with God. If we misunderstand how God wants to work in our lives, or don't understand how he loves us, we can miss out on life's greatest blessings. So join us for "The God I Do Not Believe In."

Note also that, on May 19, one of our newer members, J. T. Hopkins, will be preaching! God has been at work in his life, and we are excited to hear what God has placed on his heart!



April 28

The God I Do Not Believe In: *On-Demand God*

May 5

The God I Do Not Believe In: *Killjoy God*

May 12

The God I Do Not Believe In: *Goosebumps God*

May 19

Guest Speaker: J. T. Hopkins

May 26

The God I Do Not Believe In: *Heartless God*

Remember in Prayer:

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Thomas Bennett, Alex Boyette, James Brock, Joseph Bryant, John Cooper, Linda Eakins, Shella Farrior, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Nancy Giordano, Headren Gurganus, Susan Long, Wayne Reynolds, Turner Rivenbark, Susan Rowe, Jimmy Shuffler, David Sikes, Gladys Sikes, John Stallings, Melinda Stampe, Mayra Tadeo, Sharon Teachey, Stephen Thompson, Steve Wilson, those in recovery from addiction, those in active addiction and their families, Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world, and those affected by the hurricane and all volunteers & workers.

Sympathy to the Families of:

Marquita Robertson Duncan

David Copeland (Father of James Copeland)

Barbra Shivar (Daughter of Lola Shivar)

Those who are homebound:

Jaxie Cavender, Betty Rivenbark, Estelle Johnson, Inez Rivenbark, Irvin Graham, and John Peterson, Irene Rivenbark, and Robbie James.

Those who are in Nursing Homes:

Barbara Rivenbark

Morningside of Wilmington

2744 S 17th Street, Apt. 111

Wilmington, NC 28412

Lois Judge/Elsie Lane/Janet Pope

The Gardens at Rose Hill

PO Box 928

571 S Sycamore Street

Rose Hill, NC 28458

Grace Farrior/Velma Jenkins/Leroy Woodlief

Dayspring Nursing Home

4026 NC 11 S

Wallace, NC 28466



Senior Adults

There is a lot going on over the next few months with our Senior Adult Ministries and we want you to join us for the fun! Please take note of the activities, sign up dates, and registration/ticket/transportation fees. Your reservation isn't guaranteed until you have signed up and paid for the trip with Kim in the office. All trips are first come, first served.



Our Ark trip leaves Monday, May 13 @ 7 am! We are so excited to see this amazing reproduction and learn so much at both the Ark and the Creation Museum. Pray for our group's safety and that this will be a time of learning, friendship, and spiritual renewal.



Our next covered dish luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21. Jacob Capps, our minister to youth and children, and other adults who accompanied the youth on their mission trip in April, will be

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recapping their trip to Sunbury, PA to help Sunbury City Church, a new church start up. I am excited to hear about their experience and learn of ways our seniors can also partner with Sunbury City. We will be planning a trip up there in the coming months to work with this church, so join us to get the heads up on what type of work we might be involved in when we go. Pull out your best recipe, whip it up, grab a friend or two (or three!) and join us at 11:30 am on Tuesday, May 21.



We will be providing lunch for our local police officers on both Tuesdays, June 4 and 11. If you would like to volunteer to help us in this ministry, please let Dee know which of these days you would be available. We will decide on a menu among the volunteers helping on any particular day.



April 18th's Lunch, Movie & Ice Cream fun!

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I'm excited to announce that **our June trip will be to the Duke Lemur Center** in Durham!



The Duke Lemur Center is the world's largest and most diverse collection of lemurs – Earth's most threatened group of mammals – outside of Madagascar. The Duke Lemur Center advances science, scholarship, and biological conservation through interdisciplinary research, community-based conservation, and public outreach. By engaging scientists, students, and the public in new discoveries and global awareness, the Center promotes a deeper appreciation of biodiversity and an understanding of the power of scientific discovery. (taken from their website)



We will be leaving the church at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 6. We will begin by having lunch on your own surrounded by friends and delicious food. I will be contacting restaurants to see who can handle our group and will let you know where we will be eating in our June newsletter. Our tour of the Lemur center will begin at 12:30. These creatures are so very interesting with fun personalities. I hope you will join us to learn more about another one of God's creations. **This trip will involve a LOT of walking.** Please keep that in mind if you sign up.

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The cost for the trip is \$25 + your lunch expense. We will have sign ups beginning Monday, May 6 and running through Wednesday, May 15. Sign ups end when the office closes for lunch at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 15. **There are only 20 slots for this trip!** Don't miss this opportunity because you waited too long.



Music Ministry

SonShine Choir
May Tuesday Rehearsals
May 7 @ 10:30 AM
&
May 21 @ 1:30 PM

**No cancel choir practice
on Wednesday, May 15.**



Summer Movie Nights

The school year is coming to an end, which can mean one thing, Summer Movie Nights are back at FBC. This summer we will continue to have the movies in the fellowship hall where we will have hotdogs or burgers, popcorn, cotton candy, and drinks. Tell your friends and your neighbors. No, this event is not just for the kids, it is open to anyone and everyone. We will have a special door prize each movie night for all kids under the age of 11. Cant wait to see you all there!

Student Mission Trip

In the next couple of weeks, you will all get a chance to hear from our mission team that went to Sunbury, PA on April 22nd-27th. To start, I want to thank everyone who helped fund our student mission trip with our goal being blown out of the water with the total offering received.



Student Mission Trip Continued...

We took a total of 12 people, 8 students, on this trip and worked for three days. The work consisted of trimming bushes, redoing a whole flower bed, shoveling gravel, painting, and interior church cleaning.



Student Mission Trip to Sunbury, PA, April 22-27.

Students who attended: Claire Beth Bradshaw, Maggie Ray Bradshaw, Olivia Bradshaw, Kendell Cave, Drew Hendrickson, Dakota Stallings, Jackson Stampe, and Alexis Tiner.

Adult leaders who attended: Ashley Bradshaw, Tammy Patram, Patsy Spell, and Jacob Capps, First Baptist Church Associate Pastor for Youth and Children's Ministries.

To say that the kids worked hard is an understatement and I'm so proud of each one of them. I don't want to spill all the beans when it comes to how the trip went, so make sure you come to church to hear all about it. God is working in our students, but also through our students as they show what it means to put others first. Our goal is to continue to have the mindset that we need to be servants and not expect to always be served.



Scholarships



Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 19

We will recognize and celebrate the graduates who are active members in our congregation on Sunday, May 19 (Both services). The WMU Scholarships Awards are being given as well.

Please contact the church office no later than Monday, May 13, 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 309 shoeboxes! Our shoeboxes went to Zimbabwe and Hard-to-Reach Areas. For more information about these areas please check out our notebook on our table. 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.

Women of Joy



ANGELA THOMAS PHARR
SPEAKER



MAY 3-5, 2019
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
MYRTLE BEACH CONVENTION CENTER



SHEILA WALSH
SPEAKER



KATHERINE WOLF
SPEAKER



ANGIE SMITH
SPEAKER



KEN DAVIS
COMEDIAN



DANNY GOKEY
CONCERT ARTIST



CHARLES BILLINGSLEY
WORSHIP LEADER

Please pray for our ladies as they travel to the Women of Joy Conference in Myrtle Beach for this life changing weekend, May 3 - 5.

Child Dedication

Child Dedication Sunday, May 12

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 12 (which is Mother's Day).

Please contact the church office no later than Monday, May 6, 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 2019

Church Conference

Wednesday, May 8

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

The past year 2018 has brought many blessings to my family, my wife and myself. Especially that we have received, not only your appreciation, but your kindness, love and help because the events that came over us, and all our society.

In the present note we want to thank you very much for your presence in our lives. We did not know that people around us could feel the same that we did, and extend their hands to give more than they themselves could.

If there is any way we could repay to all of you, only ask us how to do it. We are on the way to recovery, but cannot ignore what we have received from our neighbors, acquaintances, friends and family.

Thanks a lot to all and every one of you for your demonstrations of support to us. God will bless all of you in a great manner even more in your lives.

—Eduardo A. & Gloria A. Moreno,
Your friends in the love of Jesus Christ

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you all for the many calls, texts, cards, visits, and food that you have provided during my recent surgery.

It really means more than words can express. You have been the hands and feet of Jesus as you have attended to our needs and concerns.

Thank you for your continued prayers. I am looking forward to being back with you very soon.

—Sincerely,
Donna Marshburn



Kids Café



Our last Kids Café for the Summer is Tuesday, May 14. Kids Café will resume again in September. Thank you to all those who have volunteered this year!

Just for Laughs:



It was back in the pioneer days. Elias and Martha married later in life, and Martha moved with Elias to a homestead on the prairie.

As they got settled in their new home, Elias hung a bell on the front porch and explained to his new wife, "I'll be out in the fields most of the day. If there is an emergency, just ring this bell, and I'll get here as quick as I can."

About a week later, Elias was out plowing the fields when he heard the bell ring. Running as fast as he could, he arrived at the house out of breath. "What's wrong?" he asked.

Martha said, "I can't get lid off this jar."

"Dang it, Martha! That ain't no emergency!" Elias complained. "I left the mule out in the field and ran here for nothing! Don't ring that bell unless it's a real emergency!"

Elias went back out into the fields, but just a couple of hours later, the bell rang again. So again, he dropped everything and went sprinting back to the farm house. "What's wrong?" he asked between heavy breaths.

Martha replied, "I'm trying to air out the house, but I can't get this window open."

"Confound it to tarnation!" Elias said with his face turning red. "Martha, that ain't an emergency! When you ring that bell, there needs to be a real serious immediate problem. Got it?"

Martha nodded, and Elias went back into the fields.

At about 5:00 p.m., the bell rang again, over and over. Elias was skeptical, but he ran toward the farm house again. When he got there, the barn was on fire, the house was torn up, a band of Native Americans was riding away with some of their possessions, and Martha was slumped on the porch with an arrow sticking out of her shoulder.

Elias ran up to the house, looked at Martha and said, "Now Martha, that's more like it!"

Volunteers

May Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery

5/5-Help Needed, 5/12-Debbie Williams

5/19-Mary Hart Blackburn, 5/26-Meaghan Donnelly

10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

Emily Donnelly

11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery:

5/5-Donna Marshburn,

5/12-Kristy Bryan

5/19-Angie Gurganus,

5/26-Alexis Tiner &

Samantha Tucker



Tellers: Fay Hedgpeth &
Glonda Futral



June Newsletter Submission Deadline: May 15, 2018

Please email articles to
office.fbcw@gmail.com

Please make articles brief !

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On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups

| 3-24 | 3-31 | 4-7 | 4-14 | 4-21 |
|------|------|-----|------|------|
| 98 | 60 | 94 | 79 | 72 |

Worship

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| 170 | 162 | 161 | 182 | 202 |
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Budget and Receipts

2019 Budget \$444,390.00

Offering Receipts To Date 4-21-2019 **\$131,100.06**

May Birthdays

- 1 Matt Moore
- 3 Hazel Tucker
- 4 Robert McNally
- 4 Megan Evans
- 6 Betty Blanton
- 11 Felicia Dalton
- 12 Blair Davis
- 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 Clem Faircloth
- 24 Lillian Wood
- 24 Sharon Hall
- 25 Betty Price
- 29 Ethan Hall
- 31 Donna Jones



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

May 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|-------------|--|--|
|  |  | | 1 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir | 2 | 3 Women of Joy Fellowship Hall Reserved | 4 Women of Joy Fellowship Hall Reserved |
| 5 Women of Joy 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Wallace Students | 6 6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH | 7 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00 pm-Kids Café | 8 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Church Conference 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Mother's Day/Child Dedication Sunday 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship | 13 Ark Trip 6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH 6:30 pm-WMU V, The Gardens Rose Hill | 14 Ark Trip 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 3:00 pm-Last Kids Café | 15 Ark Trip Newsletter Deadline 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer | 16 Ark Trip | 17 Ark Trip WMU III @ Matthew 25 House | 18 4:30 pm-Meet at Church for 6:00 pm Kinston Wood Ducks VS. Winston Salem Dash game @ Grainger Stadium in Kinston. See flyer @ Church. |
| 19 Grad/Scholarships 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Wallace Students | 20 6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH | 21 11:30 am-Sr. Adult Lunch 1:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:30 pm-Staff Meeting 5:30 pm-EBA 2019 Sr. Adult Spring Rally @Poston 6:30 pm-Stewardship, WR | 22 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Worship Band 6:00 pm-Wallace Students | 27 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day 6:00 pm-CrossFit, FH | 28 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 7:20 pm-Missions, WR | 29 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir | 30 | 31 |  |