



# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

## First Family

June 2023



## Our Careful Drivers for the Journey Forward

Understanding the Steering Committee's task and how we can support and encourage them

Our church recently elected a Steering Committee to chart a path forward for our church. So what will they be doing, and what can we all expect?

The world around us has changed radically over the last 50 years, and yet many churches are operating as if it's still the 1980s. And that works fine for the people who have been regularly attending all that time. But for the people we need most, asking them to travel back to the 1980s to meet Jesus is a sure way to fail at our mission from Jesus to make new disciples.

Our church's staffing and ministry strategy needs a "make-over" to get us ready to reach the world that is coming, rather than the one that used to be. But what does that look like? What strategy will help us better connect with people for whom following Jesus and being connected to a church is a totally new experience?

trying to reach, what ministry approach will best reach that group of people, and how we need to staff our church in order to carry out that ministry strategy. These are huge decisions, and what they present is likely to look very different from what we've been doing up to this point. Embrace it!

So how can we help them and encourage them in their work? Here are 5 ways to do just that:

1. Share your dreams for our church's future with members of the Steering Committee. They value every member of our church and want you to feel engaged in this journey.
2. Listen for their regular updates, and ask for clarification if anything is not clear. It will be easier to pray for them if you understand how they are leading us.
3. Evaluate their leadership, not by what we've always done, or by what's most comfortable, but by what Christ has called us to

accomplish for His kingdom.

4. Thank them for their hard work, even when it challenges you. This process, like any season of change, might stir up a little anxiety. Expect it, and handle it with grace and faith. God is still in charge.
5. Don't participate in any gossip about what is being planned or done. Some people can't control their mouths. Don't help them do their damage. If you have questions or concerns, go straight to a member of the Steering Committee and their reports... and insist that others to do the same.

God is about to do a lot of amazing work in and through this First Baptist Church family. A lot of people and families will be transformed by grace! As the church moves forward, I can stand in the road to hinder progress, or I can buckle up for a miraculous and exciting ride. I think I'd rather take the ride than get run over by the movement of God's Spirit!

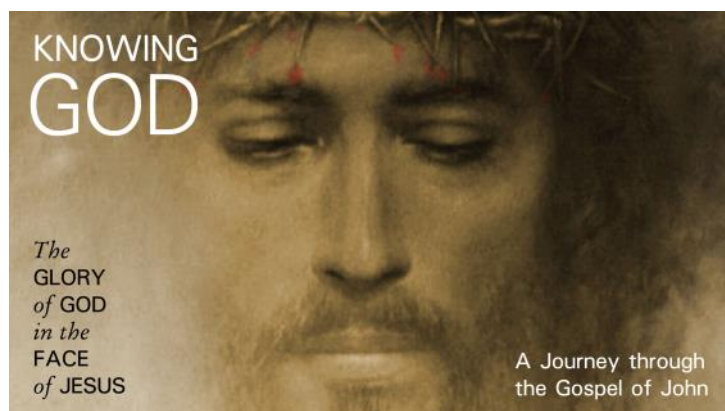
How about you?

## Worship

### John's Final Chapter and More!

You know how most movies kind of “wind down” at the end? The Gospel of John just keeps dishing out powerful, transforming truth to the very end. This month we finish our journey through John. But we also have some other exciting things happening in worship... especially our Volunteer-Led service on the first Sunday of June. Don't miss a single one!

**Note:** For the summer, to save money on our electric bill, we will have both the 9:00 and 11:00 worship gatherings in the Fellowship Hall. This was suggested by a few of our 11:00 worshipers, and is an easy way for us to be good stewards this summer.



**May 28 — Jacob Capps—Speaker**  
Combined worship @ 9:00 a.m.

**June 4 — Volunteer-Led Worship**  
Combined worship @ 9:30 a.m.

**June 11 — Guest Speaker: Penny Ross**  
John 21:1-14

**June 18 — When You've Blown It, Jesus Still Calls**  
John 21:15-22 (Pastor Al / Father's Day)

**June 25 — Well, You Warned Me Three Times!**  
Luke 15:3-7



**Men's Fall Retreat**  
September 22-24, 2023  
(Friday-Saturday)  
**Creeper Trail**  
**Damascus, VA**

Cost and Sign-ups  
to be announced soon!

## Prayer Requests

### *Remember in Prayer:*

*Those in our community whom, God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Susan Adkins, Jennifer Bass, Sergeant Johnson C. Blanchard, Virgie Brinson, Charles Bristow, Vivian Brookshire, Clayton Bryant, Jr., Laura Calvallo, Jennifer Cashion, Finn Cusick, Nancy Giordano, Randy Futrell, Wesley Hairr, Dawn B. Hallman, Justin Hatcher, Johnnye Hilliard, Judy Jackson, Linwood Lewis, Gloria Morrison, Larry Ogden, Mike Pate, Pam Railey, John Reade, Pam Reade, Turner Rivenbark, Ruth Roderick, Bertha Mae Rogers, Kathy Shipman, Renee Stoppelbein, Betty Thompson, Stephen Thompson, Charles Williams, Ricky Wood, Dr. Keven Zibelin, the lost people in our community.*



### *Sympathy to the families of:*

*Chris Wilhoit*  
*Joseph F. Matthews*

**New Baby Boy:** Austin Gil Escobar  
5/15/2023 @ 7:36 p.m., 6 lbs., 4 oz.  
Parents: JoAnnah & Gil Escobar  
Grandparents: Mark & Michelle Stampe



## Thank You

*Dear First Baptist Church,*

*The entire Police Department sends their appreciation for the Village Subs lunch provided this week. It's gestures of gratitude such as this that brings smiles to the faces of our officers.*

*Thank you,*

*Captain David Morgan*  
*& The Wallace Police Department*

*Hello Church,*

*Thank you for being so faithful. I enjoy your Christian love so much. I feel His love through you. Thank you also to Alan & Sue Baker. I think of you as very special people and thank God for you.*

*Your Friend,*  
**2** *Stephen Swanson*



## Senior Adults

### Up Coming Events:



**Thursday, June 8:** We will load up and head off to the Country Doctor Museum @ 9:30 am. This informative and interesting museum is located in Bailey, NC and is dedicated to the history of rural doctors and medical practices. We will have a guided tour of the 3 buildings containing artifacts of medical history from the late 1800's through the mid-20th century. We will top off our tour with lunch at chick-fil-a. Sign ups for this trip is over, but keep your eyes on the newsletter and bulletin for future trips.

**Tuesday, July 11:** Covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall! Fried chicken and tea are provided by the church. You provide a friend (or more friends) and desserts/sides. We will have as our guest, Mark Grady. He is the owner of the new bookstore in town, Books and Friends. Mark grew up in the Carolina Beach and Wilmington areas. In addition to owning our local bookstore, he is an author, pilot, radio personality, producer, and so much more! Be sure to join us to meet him and to learn more about him and his interesting career! Mark you calendar! We look forward to seeing you and meeting any friends you bring along!



## Music Ministry

Our choirs are shutting down for a summer break. This year they have worked extra hard and learned all their music early, so we will discontinue our rehearsal schedule for the months of June and July. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for info on future rehearsals. I want to express my great and sincere appreciation for the people who show up Wednesday evenings and work hard to prepare for worship leadership. A lot of hard work goes into learning the music we use in worship services and the choir members deserve a lot of thanks for all they put into it. So when you see a choir member, please be sure to thank them for all they add to the 11:00 service.

**Chancel Choir!** We'll join together for a meal and fellowship on Tuesday evening, June 13 @ 6:15 in the fellowship hall. I look forward to seeing you there!

**SonShine Choir!** It has been a great year together! We will meet together to enjoy dinner at Mik's on Monday, June 5 @ 6:00. I can't wait to see you there!

## Retirement Party

Please Join First Baptist Church as we

RECOGNIZE and HONOR OUR  
LONG-SERVING MUSICIAN

*LaRue Faircloth*

on her Retirement

with a Reception in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
408 West Main Street  
Wallace, NC 28466





## Graduates

### 2023 Graduates First Baptist Church of Wallace High School Graduates

**Kendell Cave** - Northwood Temple Academy  
Attending Earlham College  
Studying Marine Biology & Playing Basketball  
*Son of Greg & Rhonda Cave*

**Allison Grace Higgins** - Wallace-Rose Hill High School  
Attending University of Mount Olive  
Studying Agriculture Communication & Leadership  
*Daughter of Matt & Jessica Higgins*

**Laura Elizabeth Russ** - Wallace-Rose Hill High School  
Attending University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
Studying Physical Therapy  
*Daughter of Jim Russ, Jr. & Hollie Harris*

**Jackson Stampe** - Wallace-Rose Hill High School  
Attending James Sprunt Community College &  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
Studying to become a Chiropractor  
*Son of Mark & the late Melinda Stampe,  
and stepmother Michelle Stampe*

**Leila Thompson** - Heidi Trask High School  
Attending Johnson & Wales University  
Studying Baking & Pastry Arts  
and Food & Beverage Industry Management  
*Daughter of Lorelei & Michael Thompson*

### College Graduate

**Ashley Davis** -  
Duplin Early College  
Associate Degree  
&  
Sampson Community College  
EMT  
Studying to become a Paramedic  
*Daughter of Sallie Davis & Granddaughter of Dorothy Williams*



## Scholarship

### 2023 WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship

### First Baptist Church of Wallace Award Recipient

**Olivia Bradshaw**  
Campbell University: *Clinical Research*

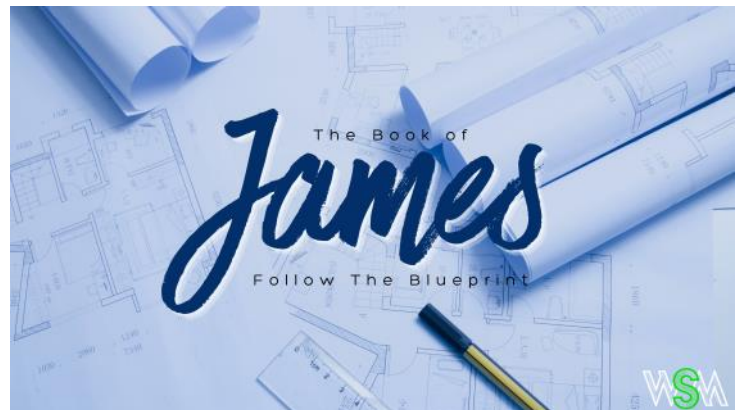
*The WMU Carolyn Powers Scholarship was established in 1962  
in memory of the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Powers.*



## Wallace Students



Summer is here, and for our students, that means the Beach Retreat is upon us. Our Wallace Students will head south to Garden City Chapel on July 17th-21st, 2023. We will leave the church that Monday morning and return Friday afternoon. The sign-up and deposit deadline for this trip is June 25th. The deposit for the trip is \$50, with the total cost of the trip being \$150 per student. For more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jacob. The sign-up sheet is located upstairs in the youth room, or you can contact Jacob for that as well.



Throughout the summer, our students will walk through the book of James on Sunday Nights as we dig into the instruction of what it means to live out the Christian Life! With warmer weather and the light lasting longer, be prepared for some highly messy games outside following our study time! Sunday Nights 6pm-8pm!





Whether it's with LEGO bricks, Minecraft, or Roblox, kids (and adults!) love to make things - and sometimes break them. In this four-week series from the very beginning of the Bible, we'll compare God's ability to make good things with our tendency to break them.

Through the stories of creation, the fall, Cain and Abel, and the Tower of Babel, we'll see that God makes good things, unbreaks what's been broken, and made us different on purpose, so we should honor God with the things we make.



It's time to suit up and get ready for a VBS Deep Sea Dive! We will have a 1 day VBS event on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from tentatively 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We need volunteers for all areas, so get ready to sign up and let's make this VBS a great outreach to our community kids. Remember, this may be the only time of year that some children come to church. Let's shower them with the love of Jesus while they're here.

We will need leaders to keep up with taking kids from area to area; teachers to share the message of the day; music leaders; recreation leaders; and kitchen leaders (the kitchen is a popular spot, but everyone can't be there). We will also need people to help with set-up and clean-up, and there will be other prep work as well. If you volunteer, we'll find a spot to plug you in!

Lastly, we need EVERYONE to be in prayer for this day and for the children that attend. VBS is a great opportunity to sow some seeds. Let's make sure that we do.

### Attention Wallace Kids Parents

The children will be performing one or two songs on Sunday, June 4, during our volunteer led worship service. The combined service is at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend. We want as many kids present as possible.

## OCC Shoeboxes



We are excited to announce that our Operation Christmas Child monthly collection is underway! As we prepare to spread joy and hope to children in need worldwide, we invite you to join us in this beautiful opportunity to make a difference.

Every month, we will collect items to fill shoeboxes for children in poverty-stricken areas. These shoeboxes will be filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other gifts to bring smiles to the faces of children who may not receive any other gifts during the holiday season.

Here is the collection schedule for the next few months

**June:** Reusable Water Bottles. These need to be able to fit inside a shoebox with other items.

**July:** WOW Items - A fun month to get toys, baby dolls, stuffed animals, legos, yo-yos, small balls, fun clothing items, or anything else that would make a kid scream "WOW". This is a month for you to get creative and involve your kids!

We encourage you to participate in any way you can, whether donating items, helping pack shoeboxes, or spreading the word about this initiative to others. Your generosity can help make a difference in the lives of children who may not have access to basic necessities.

Thank you for being so supportive, and may God bless you abundantly as we work together to serve those in need and reach the ends of the earth!

## Just for Laughs: Father's Day Jokes!



I'm really worried about the wall calendar. Its days are numbered.

I enjoyed singing in the shower until I got shampoo in my mouth. Then it turned into a soap opera.

What does a tick have in common with the Eiffel Tower? They're both Paris sites.

What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie?"  
"Sofishticated."

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? A: Pilgrims.

I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator all along.

Employee: "Hey boss, it's hard for me to work because I have dry skin."

Boss: "Why don't you try applying a little elbow grease?"

Q: What do you call a factory that makes products that are just OK but not great? A: Satisfactory.



## Men's Retreat

### Men's Retreat, September 22-24

The scenic, fun Creeper Trail is a long, gentle downhill bike trail in Damascus, VA. All men are invited to be a part of this get-away for relaxation, recreation, and friendship. Our planning group is working on the cost, but it will be extremely affordable! Mark your calendar now, and watch for sign-ups.

## Church Staff

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## Office Hours

<b>Monday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>Friday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## Worship Services

### First Baptist Church Worship Services

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

### 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).



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

## Church Texts

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



## Volunteers

### June Volunteers

**9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery**  
 6/4-Janet Voisey, Hope Rich  
 6/11-Lindsey Blanchard, Deb Lloyd  
 6/18-Jessica Higgins, Allie Higgins  
 6/25-Deb Lloyd, Lindsey Blanchard

**9:30-11:00 a.m. Wallace Kids Pre-K (3-5 years)**  
 6/4-Donna Marshburn  
 6/11-Michelle Blanchard & Donna Marshburn  
 6/18-Bobbie King & Donna Marshburn  
 6/25-Vern & Virginia Edwards

**9:30-11:00 a.m. Wallace Kids (6 yrs-5th Gr), R203**  
 6/4-Crystal Stallings, Bobbie King  
 6/11-Michelle Blanchard & Donna Marshburn  
 6/18-Bobbie King & Donna Marshburn  
 6/25-Crystal Stallings

**10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery**  
 6/4-Susan Ayers  
 6/11-Angie Gurganus, Susan Bradshaw  
 6/18-Susan Ayers  
 6/25-Susan Bradshaw, Angie Gurganus

**11:00 a.m. Ushers:**  
 Connections Life Group

**Tellers:** Barney Nicol,  
 Sharon Teachey



## On the Record

### Attendance

#### Life Groups

5-7	5-14	5-21	5-28
84	54	71	91

#### Worship

5-7	5-14	5-21	5-28
139	146	156	133

### Budget and Receipts

2023 Budget	\$465,970.00
Offering Receipts To Date 5-30-2023	<b>\$190,076.02</b>

## June Birthdays

1 Laura Beth Russ  
 4 Maggie Casteen  
 5 Cathi Hale Bulla  
 8 Michael Pate  
 13 Cindy Hawes  
 14 Ricky Wood



15 Charles Williams  
 16 J. Herring  
 21 Whitney Boyette  
 21 Mason Stone  
 21 Britton Blanchard  
 23 Sue Baker



## Newsletter



**July Newsletter Submission  
 Deadline: June 15, 2023**  
 Please email articles to  
[office.fbcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.fbcw@gmail.com)  
 Please make articles brief !



# First Baptist Events

# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 pm-CrossFit	2	3 2:00-4:00 pm- LaRue Faircloth's Reception, FH 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene
4 Volunteer-Led Sunday 9:00 am-Breakfast 9:30 am-Combined Worship 10:00 am-Wallace Kids 10:30 am-Life Groups 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	5 6:00 pm-SonShine Choir Meal @ Mik's	6 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	7 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene	8 9:30 am-SAM Trip to A Country Doctor's Museum & Lunch 6:00 pm-CrossFit	9	10 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene
11 9:00 am-Life Café 9:30 am-Wallace Kids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 1:00-5:00 pm-FH Reserved 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	12 6:00 pm-Men's Fellowship Dinner @ Mi Finca	13 12:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir Meal in the FH	14 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm-CrossFit	16	17 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene
18 Happy Father's Day! 9:00 am-Life Café 9:30 am-Wallace Kids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	19	20 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band 6:30 pm-Stewardship	21 10:30 am-Community Bible Study @ Pizza Corner 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene	22 6:00 pm-CrossFit	23	24 7:00 pm-Cristo Viene
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