



Pastor Bert's Benediction

Live Simply
Love Generously
Care Deeply
Speak Kindly
Forgive Freely
Pray Daily
And Leave the Rest to God



Upcoming Events

See Weekly Schedule for Regular activities— — — —>>>

Refer to Calendar for Monthly Meetings

Special Events

Tues., April 1	Women's Health Circle "Balance & Fall Prevention" Noon w/RSVP
Tues., April 8	Forever Young Relay for Life Game Day at Wilkesboro United Methodist Church from 10-2
Wed., April 16	No activities
Thurs., April 17	Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm (meal 5:30 pm) must RSVP
Fri., April 18	Good Friday Service at 11:30 am w/boxed lunch to follow w/RSVP
Sat., April 19	Kids Easter Celebration 10-Noon
Sun., April 20	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at The Commons/Pavilion 6:20 am Worship at 11 am (No 1st Kids/Youth)
Mon., April 21	Easter Monday, Church Office Closed
April 24-27	Youth Merlefest Parking Lot Fundraiser
Sun., May 4	Final First Kids & Youth before summer break
Sun., May 11	Children's Sunday on Mother's Day
Sun., May 18	Youth & Graduate Sunday
Wed., May 21	Final Wed. night before summer break
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
July 14-18	Youth to PASSPORT camp
Aug. 18-22	Forever Young Summerfest at Caswell

FBC Weekly Schedule

Regular Sunday Activities

9:15 a.m.	Library Open
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study all ages
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
4-6:00 p.m.	First Kids/Youth
<u>Regular Wednesday Activities</u>	
4:30 p.m.	Early Bird Bible Study/Adult Handbells
5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
6:00-7:00 p.m.	First Kids/Youth
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A graphic with the word "Easter" in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below it, the words "HE IS RISEN!" are written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is set against a background of soft, golden-yellow rays emanating from behind the text.

Faith. Friendship. Community.

*"There is a seat at the table
for everyone at First Baptist"*

DR. BERT YOUNG

First Baptist Ministerial Staff

Senior Pastor, Dr. Bert Young

Associate Pastor & Youth Leader, Rev. Patricia Turner

Music Director, Larisa Leapley

Children's Director, Jamie Higginbotham

Pianist & Organist, Tammy Prevette

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Church Group, Team & Committee Meetings

Finance Committee
Meeting Tues., April 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Executive Committee/First Baptist Diaconate
No meetings in April

Alzheimer/Dementia Caregivers' Support Group
The group meets on the 2nd/4th Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in The Gathering Place. This month they will meet on April 10 and 24.

Book Club
The *Shelf Indulgence Book Club* will meet on Thurs., April 24 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Orphan Sisters*, by Shirley Dickson.

St. Paul's Crisis Ministry Volunteers "Team B"
Meeting 9:30 a.m. on Thurs., April 24.

Library News

The library will be celebrating National Library Week Sunday April 6 and the whole month of April. Stop by to visit your library and check out our 3,000+ collection. We will have light refreshments and will highlight books for our Lenten/Easter season on display. Also, our Spring Book Club Selection is *Dawn of Grace: Mary Magdalene's Story* by Jill Eileen Smith. Four copies are available for checkout, so stop by and check out a copy! **Watch for FBC Library trivia questions in our Scope and updates.**

First question---What FBC member compiled "*Remembering Our Heroes: A Tribute to Veterans*"?

All correct answers will be entered to win a \$25 Amazon gift card at the end of April.

Look for the next trivia question in next week's update!

Little Free Pantry

The **Deacons In-House Mission Team** is busy planning ways to support our church missions and the needs of our church family.

Food Pantry update - Bins will be placed in locations for you to donate food to our Food Pantry. Please bring easy open items such as Pop-Tarts, Beanie Weenies, crackers, individual serving size foods. The deacons in-house team will be overseeing the placing of the food in the pantry box, (or you may continue to put food in the box also). Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Do you need transportation to worship?
Contact the church office and we would be glad to help with that, as well as help you with any needs you may have around the house.

Youth Corner

Merlefest April 24-27
Church Family, contact Patricia to volunteer to help FBC Youth park cars for Merlefest. This is a big fundraiser that helps our Youth attend PASSPORT, as well as fund ministry and missions through the year. If you haven't signed up for a slot yet, contact Patricia. Merlefest will be here before we know it!

Graduate Sunday
On Sunday, May 18, we will celebrate Graduate Sunday. If you will be graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please submit a photo and brief summary of your completed degree or courses, accomplishments, extracurricular activities, future goals, as well as parents/guardians, or grandparents names. We are so excited to honor you, and are praying for a wonderful future as you embark on your next adventure.

Scholarships
First Baptist offers four scholarships to aspiring college students. The Hubert C. Billings Scholarship, The Conrad and Lib Shaw Scholarship, The Dr. Hal Hawkins Scholarship, and The James Huffman Family Scholarship. Requirements for each are outlined in the application, which is available on the website or in your weekly email update. Scholarship applications must be received in the church office no later than **Fri., April 30th**.



SAVE THESE DATES FOR 2025:
April 24-27 MerleFest Parking Youth Fundraiser
May 4 Lunch and Fellowship at Eddie and Lou Pendry's Walk By Faith Christian Camp
May 18 Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition
July 14-18 Passport Missions Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA

Forever Young

There has been a slight change for Tues., April 8. Forever Young will attend Relay for Life Game Day at Wilkesboro United Methodist Church from 10am-2pm. The cost is \$15 for soup, sandwich and dessert. We would like to have at least one table, if not more. Let Patricia know if you can participate by 04/02.

Thurs., June 12: Trip to West Jefferson, details TBD	Thurs., Oct. 16: Leaf trip-Bluffs for breakfast, Mabry Mill, and lunch-Details TBD
July: No events.	
August: Yellow Deli & Lucas Mansion, details and date TBD. Also, Summerfest @Caswell Aug. 18-22	Tues., Nov. 18: Elf at the Barter Theater. If you know you want to go, let Patricia know ASAP, so tickets can be ordered.
Note change of date. Let Patricia know if you can go.	
Sept.: Amish Store, Little Kitchen Rest./Winery TBD	

Kids News

FULL BLOOM: A 4-Week Series from the Gospels on Easter **SERIES OVERVIEW:**
Spring is the season for new beginnings! Whether you're cleaning out parts of your home or watching the flowers bloom in your garden, it's a time for new life and growth. Like a good gardener, Jesus wanted to help cultivate the seeds of faith in his friends so they could all grow closer to God. In this 4-week series, kids will learn all about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as he sowed the seeds of new life in the world. Kids will discover that God sent Jesus to save us, Jesus understands when we're hurting, makes all things new, and connects us to God.

Important Dates for our First Kids:
April 17: Maundy Thursday Meal (5:30) and Service (6:30)
April 18: Good Friday Service 11:30am
April 19: Easter Celebration for our First Kids 10-12
April 20: Happy Easter - No First Kids or Youth in the evening
April 27: Parenting in the Pew
May 11: Children's Sunday
Children's Sunday is a big event for our children. They participate in almost all activities of our worship service. We would like all of our children to be a part of this exciting day. If you would like your child to be able to participate, please have them at church during First Kids on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. We are in continuous need of nursery volunteers. If you can assist our little humans of First Baptist, please click on the volunteer button on our website and sign up for the time and date that will work for you.

A Word from Pastor, Dr. Bert Young



The most significant week in all of history begins with Palm Sunday and concludes on Easter Sunday. Our church will have special services throughout the week to commemorate and mark the meaning of the events of these 8 days. Please mark your calendars and prioritize worship to get the most out of this holy season.

Palm Sunday (4/13) During Sunday morning worship we will wave palms, sing and shout "hosanna" as we remember the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER OR ACTIVITES (4/16)

Maundy Thursday (4/17) We will share a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 (reservations required) and then gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 to commemorate The Last Supper with Communion as well as Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet. Music and liturgy direct us to introspection and our betrayals of Jesus.

Good Friday (4/18) A brief service at 11:30 am in our sanctuary to mark the crucifixion and death of Jesus followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in the Wayland Hall. Everyone is encouraged to eat together, but to-go boxes will be available for those who need to get back to work. Reservations are requested.

Easter Egg Hunt for Children (4/19) 10:00am—Noon. Meet in the Wayland Hall. Egg Hunt, Movie, Hotdog Lunch, Easter Story

Community Easter Sunrise Service (4/20) We will gather at the Wilkes Communications Pavilion at The Commons on Easter morning at 6:20am to greet the rising sun and the Risen Son.

Easter Sunday Worship Service/Mini-Cantata (4/20) at the 11:00 hour we will be led by the Chancel Choir and our pastor in proclaiming and celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord.

FINANCIAL REPORT & DONATIONS TO ENDURING GIFTS

Weekly Report March 23, 2025
Designated Receipts: \$6,156.00
Budget Receipts: \$7,859.00
Weekly Budget Needed: \$11,328.87
Budget needed to Date: \$135,946.38
Budget received to Date: \$112,801.84
Budget Deficit: **\$23,144.54**

Donations to Enduring Gifts/Rainy Day Fund

Memorials
In Memory of Chad Walsh
Given by Bill & Martha Myers, Charles & Jo-Ann Wooten

In Memory of Suzy Myers
Given by Charles & JoAnn Wooten

In Memory of Mary Belle Greene
Given by Bill & Martha Myers, Patrick & Shari Smith, Shirley Deal, Barbara McKenzie, Linda Bentley, Dean & Linda Welborn

Honorariums
In Honor of Barbara McKenzie on her 91st birthday 3/11
Given by Jeff, Suzanne, McKenzie & Lexie Pell, The Rehoboth SS Class, Bill and Martha Myers

Welcome, New Members!
Mrs. Wilma Lovette and her grandson, Patrick Sazama joined the FBC Family on March 9.
Please join us in welcoming them to our church.
Address: 1001 Woodland Blvd., Wilkesboro, NC 28697
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Birthday: September 29
Patrick Email: pbsazama2013@gmail.com
Cell: 910-690-3254
Birthday: January 22



With Special Thanks
The Family of Mary Belle Greene wishes to thank the members and staff of First Baptist Church for their support and love during our loss. Mom dearly loved her church and the outpouring of love we received showed us how much you loved her. Your prayers were felt and most appreciated.
Eric Greene



In Honor of Tammy Prevette
Given by Bill & Martha Myers

In Honor of Stacy Dunn
Given by Linda Bentley

In Honor of Sara McCall, Pamela Call, Gary Newman & Myra Johnson
Given by The Chancel Choir

In Honor of Debra Kilpatrick
Given by Larisa Leapley

In Honor of Linda Bentley
Given by Bill & Martha Myers