

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 5** Labor Day-Church office closed
Sept 7 Wednesday Night activities resume
Sept 11 Deacons Meeting 2 p.m.
Sept 12 CareNet Support Group 11 a.m.
Sept 22 Shelf Indulgence Book Club 1 p.m.
Sept 26 CareNet Support Group 11 a.m.
Sept 30 Parent's Night Out 6-9 p.m.
Oct 9 Bridal Shower for Olivia Leapley 3 p.m.

Special Thank You

Thank you to our First Baptist Church Family,
We write this thank you note with very grateful hearts.
The prayers, phone calls, cards, texts and words of
encouragement in the loss of my brother. We feel We
feel so blessed to be a part of such a caring and loving
church family.

The love, kindness, and prayers of FBC will sustain us through
this difficult time.

Our Love,
Jerry and Brenda Cheek



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Bert's Benediction

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

First Baptist Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School for all ages Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Join Us for Worship, in person on Sundays at 11 a.m., or online!

Sunday Evenings 4:30-6:30 p.m. First Kids and Youth to resume on
Sept. 11th

Wednesday Night Activities Resume Wed., Sept. 7!

- 4:30 p.m.** Early Bird Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study
First Kids
Youth
Adult Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Where to find us: 510 D. Street, North Wilkesboro
(Corner of 6th & D. Streets)

Website: www.firstbaptistnw.org Click on the Worship Services Tab

YouTube: FBC of North Wilkesboro

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The Scope

Monthly newsletter, August 2022

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Ladies' Luncheon August 17, 2022

On Wednesday, August 17 at 12 noon, The Women of the Church held a ladies meet and greet and new member luncheon in the Wayland Fellowship Hall. Thirty-six ladies were present, and we had a lovely meal of spring mix and strawberry salad with feta cheese and almonds, along with choice of dressing. Also, a croissant with homemade "Mike Bullock" chicken salad, sweet tea, ice water and dessert. The choices were banana pudding, courtesy of Madelene Johnson, brownies by Debra Kilpatrick, pound cake by Sara McCall, or chocolate chip cookies by Tamarah Cornette.

Speakers were Tamarah Cornette for Women of the Church who gave a lovely prayer before our lunch and explained that each wonderful lady present at the luncheon was a member of this ministry. Martha Myers spoke on behalf the Pillowcase Ministry, with both humor and grace. Cheryl Church spoke about the Prayer Team, which will begin meeting back in September. Betty Kilby was unable to be present, but she provided us with a valuable handout on the meeting dates and book selections for the coming year, and Diane Swaim spoke on her behalf, about the "Shelf Indulgence" Book Club that meets once a month on Thursdays at 1 p.m. in The Gathering Place. Larisa Leapley invited interested musicians and vocalists to join The Chancel Choir and Adult Handbell Choir, as well as gave information about Children's and Youth music opportunities. Lynn Moree told us about the CareNet Counseling Support Group for Alzheimer's and Dementia caregivers that meets in the Wayland Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, which resumes in Sept. 2022. She also spoke about volunteers for women ushers, who serve at this time, on the last Sunday of months that have a fifth Sunday.

We had a chance to hear from newer members and visitors to our church. The consensus was the feeling of welcome and friendliness each felt, upon visiting First Baptist. We had folks eager to learn more and get involved with the many ministry opportunities here at our church.

By: Katie Rash

September 2022

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Church Group, Team & Committee Meetings

Book Club

Shelf Indulgence Book Club will meet on Thurs. Sept. 22 in The Gathering Place to discuss *Seven Perfect Things* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. If you would like to be a part of the book club, contact Betty Kilby, or just arrive, all are welcome!

First Baptist Diaconate

The deacons will meet in The Wayland Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Youth Happenings

Last Friday we had our weekly 'Fast Food Friday'. Sherry Brooks joined us on this little adventure! We took a short trip up 421 to Sonic for some awesome food! After our meal some of us enjoyed an extra treat of milk shakes!! Later we went back to the church and gathered in the Upper Room. We just hung out and enjoyed being together.

We look forward to starting back for Youth time on Wednesday and Sunday evenings! Beginning September 7, The Youth will meet at 6:15 p.m. in the Youth Quad, and beginning Sunday, September 11, we will also meet from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Alzheimer/Dementia Caregivers' Support Group

The Support Group will resume meeting in September on the SECOND and FOURTH Mondays of the month. David will be joined by a new graduate student intern once the sessions begin again. If you know anyone who might be interested in attending these support groups, please have them call our church office or simply encourage them to attend the September 12 meeting at our church at 11 a.m.



If you would like to send a note of encouragement to one of First Baptist's college freshman, here is their contact information.

Lily Kate Young

Appalachian State University
PO Box 10163
Boone, NC 28608

Anabelle Higginbotham

Appalachian State University
PO Box 11786
Boone, NC 28608

Evan Zelensky (UNC-Charlotte)

9201 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28223



The Chancel Choir resumed choir rehearsal on August 16th and have returned to their regular schedule of singing for worship after their summer break. They enjoyed a fabulous choir retreat in Blowing Rock, August 26 & 27 as they started working on their CHRISTMAS CANTATA...FINALLY after 2 1/2 years!!! Beginning September 7th, chancel choir rehearsals will go back to Wednesday nights beginning at 7:15 in the sanctuary. **The Adult Handbell Choir** will reconvene after a long break on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:15 in the handbell practice room on the 3rd floor. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir or Handbell Choir, we would LOVE to have you! We work hard but have lots of fun, and also get serious from time to time. Both groups are like a family who love and support each other. We love singing and playing for Jesus! Please contact Larisa if you are interested or have any questions: larisafbc@gmail.com or 336-817-4837. Our **Children and Youth Choirs** will kick-off on Sunday, September 11th at 5:30 p.m. The children will be led by Mrs. Miranda Higginbotham!! The children will love Miranda as she will love them! Miranda will also be helping Mrs. Larisa with youth choir and we already have a new song for them to begin!



Dawn Gardner joined First Baptist on July 10.

441 Forest Drive, Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Cell: 770-823-0422 Home: 336-818-1770

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P.J. McFaddin joined First Baptist on August 21.

1006 Gateway Ave. C-101, Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Cell: 336-909-8370 Email: mcfaddinpj@yahoo.com

Two wonderful children were baptized and joined the congregation on August 21, as well:

Tyler James Norwood, and Ainsley Laurel Young

First Kids

Jamie is ecstatic for normal Wednesday and Sunday activities to resume starting September 7th. We will begin this new start with a new curriculum through Group Publishing, called Simply Loved. With many hands-on experiences and opportunities to put what they have learned into action, the Bible will come alive for our children. Don't let them miss out! These lessons will follow us through the week, on Wednesday nights, Sunday School, and Sunday nights from 4:30-6:30. Contact Jamie with any questions at 336-466-2974.



Ladies of the Church

Please join us for

A Bridal Shower

Honoring

*Olivia Leapley and
Geoffrey Edwards*

Sunday, October 9

3:00 p.m.

In the Wayland Fellowship Hall

Gift Registry:

www.zola.com/wedding/oliviaandgeoffrey



A Word from The Pastor Dr. Bert Young

The inspiration for this "Word from the Pastor" came to me on a rather circuitous path. It began on Wednesday when I was pleasantly surprised to get a phone call from Mike Queen. Mike retired about 10 years ago after serving as the Senior Pastor at FBC Wilmington. He is a wise leader, an engaging preacher, an attentive pastor, and a denominational servant extraordinaire. He is also a trusted mentor and friend to me. I was so glad to talk and catch up with him. Our conversation reminded me of a book Mike co-authored with Jayne Davis, the FBC-Wilm Minister of Spiritual Formations entitled, *Hopeful Imagination: Traditional Churches Finding God's Way in a Changing World*. The book chronicles their church's process of transformation from an inwardly focused (program) church to an outwardly focused (missional) church. The two words of the title stuck with me. *Hopeful and Imagination*. At this moment in our church's history we need to be full of and drawing on Hope and Imagination. Post Covid, the church will never be the same as it was, just as it was never the same after Luther's 95-Theses or World War II. It will be different, but it will most certainly BE. The church, the Body of Christ, is not going to disappear. We make regroup, we may shrink, we may grow, we may morph, we may mobilize, we may suffer, or we may succeed all expectations-- but we will not go away. Therefore, we must dream God's dreams, and envision God's visions, as we chart our path with hope. Two quotes I wish to share with you from the tremendous biblical scholar, Walter Brueggemann:

"Hope, on one hand, is an absurdity too embarrassing to speak about, for it flies in the face of all those claims we have been told are facts. Hope is the refusal to accept the reading of reality which is the majority opinion; and one does that only at great political and existential risk. On the other hand, hope is subversive, for it limits the grandiose pretension of the present, daring to announce that the present to which we have all made commitments is now called into question."

— Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*

"The prophet engages in futuring fantasy. The prophet does not ask if the vision can be implemented, for questions of implementation are of no consequence until the vision can be imagined. The imagination must come before the implementation. Our culture is competent to implement almost anything and to imagine almost nothing. The same royal consciousness that make it possible to implement anything and everything is the one that shrinks imagination because imagination is a danger. Thus every totalitarian regime is frightened of the artist. It is the vocation of the prophet to keep alive the ministry of imagination, to keep on conjuring and proposing futures alternative to the single one the king wants to urge as the only thinkable one."

— Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*

A seven-year old who was a visitor with his mother and brother last Sunday, answered Jamie's question in Children's Church, "What is faith?" with the following brilliant answer: "It's Bravery. Like it says on the wall at the YMCA, faith is believing in things you cannot see." I say, a future not conceived from hope in God and divine imagination is not worth having hope in. There are amazing new ways to be the church, to share the love of Christ, to testify to the Gospel, and to be God's people in an uncertain Covid stained world. The question is, are we ready to pursue and embrace them.

First Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study Series of the Fall

We will return to teachings of Bob Goff, the incredibly happy, funny, all-in Christian for our first DVD study of the new Wednesday Night Year. The title of the study is **UNDISTRACTED: Capture Your Purpose, Rediscover Your Joy**. His take is that the world has never been more distracting—yet, Joy has never been more possible! We live with a massive amount of distraction. Desperate headlines, smartphone scrolling, endless to-do lists, not to mention the nagging questions in our hearts, "Am I making the right decision? Am I in the right situation? Will my past mistakes keep me from my best future? Through the powerful and inspiring storytelling that has endeared him to millions, New York Times best-selling author Bob Goff invites us to laugh with more gusto, dream with more confidence, and love with more intention in this disarming call to live UNDISTRACTED. This study will not tell anyone what to think or do. It will, however, remind each of us who we are. We are each children of God who have permission to live with an unreasonable, unthinkable, totally absurd amount of purpose, joy, and fulfillment. Are we ready to stop filling our lines of sight with things that hardly matter, to stop repeating unhelpful patterns, and leave behind what is temporary in order to focus intensely on that which will last forever? Join us on Wednesday, September 7 in the Wayland Hall.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDURING GIFTS

Weekly Report August 21, 2022

Designated Receipts	2,344.04
Budget Receipts	8,408.00
Weekly Budget Needed	9,616.23
Budget needed to Date	326,951.85
Budget Received to Date	329,503.17

Donations to Enduring Gifts/Rainy Day Fund

Memorials

In Memory of Jim Bentley

Given by Jack & Sharon Adams

Given by Lillian Horner

In Memory of Dr. J. Hugh Sowder (1914-1979)

Given by John Sowder

In Memory of David Braswell

Given by Lillian Horner

Honorariums

In Honor of Cheryl & Scott Church

Given by Ida Maude Collins

In Honor of FBC Church Staff

Given by Lillian Horner

In Honor of FBC Church Family

Given by Lillian Horner

In Honor of Larisa Leapley

Given by Glenda Dimmette

Given by Linda Bentley

In Honor of Helen Elledge

Given by Glenda Dimmette

In Honor of Women of the Church Committee:

Given by Annette Battle

