

## Upcoming Events

Please see weekly schedule for our regular activities, added events are listed below:

**\*\*CareNet Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Nov. 9th**

- Nov. 5** All Saints Day
- Nov. 8** Veterans Eat Free
- Nov. 14** 11:00 a.m. Sloan Circle/Women of the Church  
Thanksgiving baskets
- Nov. 16** 11:30 a.m. Forever Young GAMES-LUNCH-PLANNING 2024
- Nov. 17** Parents Night Out 6-9 p.m.
- Nov. 19** Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser after Worship Service
- Nov. 22** Count Your Blessings Service 6:30 p.m., meal 5:15 p.m.
- Nov. 23** Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 24** Office Closed
- Nov. 27-29** Decorating Committee to decorate
- Dec. 2** Jan Karon Museum trip "Christmas in Mitford"
- Dec. 3** Library Open House & Kids Café  
Lovefeast 7 p.m.
- Dec. 16** 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Cantata
- Dec. 17** 11:00 a.m. Cantata Worship Service,  
4:00 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner
- Dec. 20** Christmas Caroling (No Bible Studies or Meal)
- Dec. 24** 11 a.m. Christmas Eve Service, 11 p.m. evening service,  
with lighting of the Christ Candle  
No First Kids or Youth this evening.
- Dec. 25/26** Merry Christmas! Church Office closed.
- Dec. 31** No First Kids or Youth this evening.

## First Baptist Church Fall Schedule

You're welcome at First Baptist!

### Wednesdays at First Baptist

- 4:30 pm Early Bird Bible Study (Wayland Hall)
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal  
Children/Youth activities  
Adult Bible Study (Wayland Hall)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sundays

- 11:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Bible Study for ALL AGES  
Nursery available for ages birth to 3  
during both Worship and Bible Study
- 4:30-6:30 pm First Kids and Youth meet

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

**Website: [www.firstbaptistnw.org](http://www.firstbaptistnw.org)**

**YouTube: [FBC of North Wilkesboro](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFBCofNorthWilkesboro)**

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## Count Your Blessings Service

We invite you to a special service of Thanksgiving, Wed., November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Every person will have the opportunity to publicly express their gratitude to God for the blessings in their lives.

There are two ways of participating in this service:

You may choose to remain seated as you quietly reflect and give thanks in your own way.

Alternatively, you may come to the front of the church and share with your church family those things for which you are most grateful this Thanksgiving.

We will also worship through music and prayer. This service has become a beloved tradition in our church family. Please join us and bring your friends. We will have nursery care available for ages 3 and under.

We will not have Bible studies or music rehearsals this evening, but we will have a meal at 5:30 p.m., so please RSVP the church office to make your reservation. Thank you!

## Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Our Deacon Local Missions Team is hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, November 19 immediately following our 11:00 Worship Service in the Wayland Fellowship Hall.

For a donation (suggested amount being what you would spend on Sunday lunch), you will be able to sample many varieties of homemade chili and desserts. You will then vote for your favorite by placing money in the jar beside that pot of chili or dessert plate.

Drinks, bread, crackers, etc. will be provided.

All money raised will fund our participation in serving lunch at The Crisis Ministry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church one Thursday a month beginning in January 2024.

## Bert's Benediction

*Live Simply*

*Love Generously*

*Care Deeply*

*Speak Kindly*

*Forgive Freely*

*Pray Daily*

*And Leave the Rest to God*

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### Book Club

The *Shelf Indulgence Book Club* will meet on Thurs., Nov. 30 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Violin Conspiracy*, by Brendan Slocumb.

### Executive Committee/First Baptist Diaconate

The Executive Committee will meet **Tues. Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.** The Diaconate will meet Sun., Nov. 19 at 8:30 a.m.

### Alzheimer/Dementia

### Caregivers' Support Group

The group meets once in November, on Nov. 9th at 11 a.m. in the Wayland Hall

### FBC Yarn Lovers Knitting & Crochet Group

The Knitting and Crochet Group will meet on the Thurs., Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Place. All are welcome!

### Sloan Circle (with Women of the Church)

The Sloan Circle will meet Tues., Nov. 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Wayland Hall to assemble fruit baskets for our homebound members.

### Finance/Budget Discussion

Wed., Nov. 8, between supper and 6:15 p.m. Bible Study, members will have a chance to discuss the proposed budget and ask questions.

### November 8, 2023

### Veterans Eat Free

Veterans, we salute you! Please come join us as we honor you for your service, with a free meal. Please call Katie to RSVP, if you will be attending supper.

## Missions

### Little Free Pantry

Our Deacons Local Missions Team has created a sign up link so that we can keep our Little Free Pantry stocked each week. It is clear that this important ministry is being utilized by the community, and we want to be sure there is food available if someone should have a need. You may sign up using this link. Thank you, church family, for your care and compassion.

<https://volunteersignup.org/XK7JT>

### FBCNW Luminary Sale

The Youth will sell luminaries which will be on display during the Lovefeast Sun., December 3, and the evening Cantata Service, Sat., Dec. 16. You may submit a Luminary Form online, which is located at the top of our website, in Honor or in Memory of your loved one(s). The cost is \$10 per name, and the deadline for submission is November 26th. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church with "Luminary" in the memo line.

The youth will also be at a table in the narthex and portico for orders to be placed on Sundays November 12, 19, 26 before and after the worship service.

Thank you for your support of the youth programs and ministries as well as honoring or memorializing these special people in your lives.

If you cannot fill out the form or see a youth on Sunday morning please let Patricia know and she will be willing to assist you.

## Forever Young News

Ten people attended the movie at the Two Rivers Cinema last Tuesday afternoon. Several went to eat afterwards so we are off to a great start rejuvenating Forever Young.

Here are the details for our next event:

**Tuesday, November 16 at 11:30 a.m.** in Wayland Hall- Lunch, Games and Looking forward to 2024

Join us for lunch where we'll provide the food! Please bring along any games you enjoy playing for our game time. Additionally, come prepared to brainstorm and share your ideas as we start planning for Forever Young 2024. RSVP Katie in the church office by Monday, November 6 if you plan to attend.

Let Hope Coffey, Kim Sharp, Sherry Brooks, Bobby Province or Patricia know if you have any questions. We look forward to our time together!!



### Women of the Church and The Sloan Circle

In November, we will provide fruit and other goodies for special Thanksgiving baskets for our homebound members. If you would like to provide snacks, or financial contributions for this, we will gladly accept those. We will assemble the baskets on Tues., November 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the Wayland Fellowship hall. Tamarah Cornette and Madelene Johnson will provide sign up sheets in Sunday School classes. If you do not attend Sunday School, please get in touch with Diane Swaim or Lou Pendry if you would like to help. Thank you, church, for your assistance in this vital ministry.



### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Donations

In the spirit of giving and sharing, we have a wonderful opportunity to bring the love of Christ to children who may have never heard the Good News. The deadline to drop off your shoeboxes is quickly approaching, with two options available - November 5 or November 8. By participating, you are playing a crucial role in sharing the joy of Christ with children in need. Let's come together and make this holiday season unforgettable for these young hearts. Thank you for your generosity and for being a part of this heartwarming initiative. We will pray over and bless the Christmas boxes on Wed., Nov. 8.

### Let's Do Something Amazing Together in Jesus' Name

One of the great challenges of doing mission work or any type of good in the world is finding a way to make a real, lasting impact in the world or in someone's life. We have the opportunity to do both. Most of you know Ahlivia McMillan or have at least heard her mesmerizing voice belting out heavenly solos in our choir. Many of you also know of the extreme challenges she has faced, endured, and overcome in her life since childhood. With the help (encouragement, guidance, and financial support) of Sara McCall and Jerry and Brenda Cheek, Ahlivia is well on her way to earning a college degree with a teaching certification from Lees-McCrae College while continuing to work part-time at Tyson. While most of her classes are online, Ahlivia does need to travel periodically to campus in Banner Elk as well as to student teaching sites. To this point she has been driving one of Sara's cars. By purchasing a car for Ahlivia, we will not only change her life, but we will also touch the lives of all the children who will be fortunate enough to have her as a teacher. According to her professors and the grades she is making, Ahlivia is going to be an outstanding educator to all her future students. The great news is that a member of our church family has agreed to match our gifts to purchase this (reliable, used) car up to \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000. Some money will also go for insurance, registration, fuel, etc. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this mission endeavor. Please know and trust, I understand that everyone cannot support every mission opportunity, and I graciously accept everyone's prayerful decision about whether to give or how much to give to opportunities such as this one. I also am extremely excited for how AWESOME this is going to be. Please make a notation of CAR in the memo line of your check if you do wish to make a gift to this endeavor. Thank you!

### Maybe THIS Is Your Thing...

With colder weather just around the corner, Central Wilkes Middle School is seeking donations of new sweatpants and leggings for students who do not have long pants. Russell, Champion, Walmart all have brands of sweats that will work. Adult sizes XS, S, M, L, and XL are needed. There will be a bin outside the Wayland Hall and in the Education Building entrance into the sanctuary where you may leave your donations. Thank you.

## KIDS NEWS Library News

### Parents Night Out-A Very Merry Christmas

Join us Fri., Nov. 17 from 6-9 pm, pick up and drop off at the Portico, parents enjoy a night off while the kiddos have a blast! RSVP >>>>



### November Series: On the Right Track

Racers, start your engines! In a race, you might need to navigate obstacles, pit stops, and tight turns in order to stay on the right track. As you're zooming through the track, there's so much to think about and it can be hard to stay focused on what's most important! In this four-week series, we'll learn some important stories from Joshua about how obstacles are no problem for God and courage comes from knowing God's words. No matter how long the race, God can use someone like you because with God, there is victory!

### FBC Library Holiday Book: "The Shoe Box" By: Francine Rivers

Everyone is mystified by the shoe box that six-year-old foster child Timmy carries with him every day. He won't reveal its contents, and he guards it with his life.

In this Christmas novella, author Francine Rivers explores the secrets we keep and how seemingly insignificant things can be more meaningful than we can imagine.

As a bonus, this book also includes Advent reflections and devotionals, the Christmas story from Matthew and Luke, and special recipes from the author, her family, and friends.

## FINANCIAL REPORT & DONATIONS TO ENDURING GIFTS

### Weekly Report October 22, 2023

Designated Receipts:	\$1,290.00
Budget Receipts:	\$8,688.07
Weekly Budget Needed:	\$10,302.94
Budget needed to Date:	\$443,026.57
Budget received to Date:	\$419,636.50

### Donations to Enduring Gifts/Rainy Day Fund

#### Memorials

#### In Memory of Mickey Bentley Anderson

Given by Dwayne & Tammy Prevette

#### In Memory of Dr. Keith Bentley

Given by Katie Rash, Rehoboth SS Class, Barbara McKenzie, Dr. & Mrs. Brad & Mel Shinaman, Larry & Diane Stone, Roger & Katherine McGrady, Annette Battle, Linda M. Absher, Patricia Alexander, Ida Maude Collins, Paul & Celia Canter, Anne & Chuck Beddingfield, Lloyd & Kim Sharp, Arnold & Rebecca Lakey, Charles & JoAnn Wooten, Robert & Mary Jean Greene, Gail Harris, Vivian Collins, Lois Bentley, Jim & Rita Jennings

#### In Memory of Joel Dimmette

Given by Glenda Dimmette

#### In Memory of James Huffman

Given by Dwayne & Tammy Prevette, Buford & Andrea Fox,

#### In Memory of Ella Rose Reavis

Given by Barbara McKenzie, Glenda Dimmette

#### In Memory of Mickey Bentley Anderson, Greg Edwards, Ella Rose Reavis, James Huffman

Given by Dr. & Mrs. Brad & Mel Shinaman

#### Honorariums

#### In Honor of Mike & Dianna Bullock

Given by Gail Harris