

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 8** First Kids Fun Day 9:30-3:30
June 22 Vespers at Fort Hamby, Ann Shelter 6:30 p.m.
June 23 Book Club meets 1 p.m.
June 24 Parent's Night Out 6-9 p.m.
June 29 First Kids Fun Day 9:30-3:30
July 4 Church Office Closed
July 10 Youth Commissioning to PASSPORT
July 11-16 Youth to PASSPORT Summer Camp
July 20 First Kids Fun Day 9-3:30
Vespers at Summit on Cross Mountain
July 24-28 Vacation Bible School
July 28 Book Club meets 1 p.m.
August 10 First Kids Fun Day 9:30-3:30
Vespers at Doughton Park
August 24 First Kids Fun Day 9:30-3:30

ON FRIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER:
MICKEY AND THE YOUTH WILL MEET FOR
"FAST FOOD FRIDAYS" AT 11:30 a.m.



**First Baptist Church
of North Wilkesboro**
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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*

With Thanks

Dear First Baptist Family:

The Bullock Family would like to express our gratitude for the many acts of LOVE during the recent passing of our Dad. As always, God's Love was poured over us by your thoughts, prayers, calls, cards, and visits to Milton were greatly appreciated. Even though many of you never met my Mom, she feels she is part of the First Baptist Congregation. She has been joining us for "online" worship since the pandemic began. Dianna and I hope that one day she can join us in person.

Thanks to all of you for being the wonderful, caring, Christians God calls us to be. We are blessed to have you in our lives.

—The Bullock Family

Welcome New Members to our Church Family!

We would like to welcome the following new members to our church family.

Mr. & Mrs. Hanion and Cheryl Johnson joined on Sun., May 15

407 W. Main St. Apt 106, Wilkesboro, NC 28697
Ph: 336-818-0833, 980-349-9249

Mr. David Brown also joined on Sun., May 15
7025 Hanesbrook Circle #304, Clemmons, NC 27012
336-413-5440

Ms. Landis Beddingfield joined on Sun., May 22
407 F. Street Suite 210, N. Wilkesboro, NC 28659
984-244-4446

The Scope

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Pastor's Corner

Dr. Bert Young

I was going to share the following poem on Graduate Sunday before I realized I had tried to say too much. It was mostly for the benefit of parents, and is written by Khalil Gibran, a Lebanese born immigrant to the United States (Boston, MA at age 2). His writings are deeply spiritual and prominently influenced by the Bible as his maternal grandfather was a Christian minister.

"Your children are not your children.

They are sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you.

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.

The Archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for gladness.

For even as God loves the arrow that flies, so God also loves the bow that is stable."

While this idea of our children not being our own may at first feel humbling and even offensive; however, once pondered, it brings great comfort. You see, as parents we provide essential nurture, care, wisdom, and support to our children, but ultimately, we are not responsible for who our children become. That sacred work is ultimately the responsibility of God and the child—yet, as parents, we are beckoned to play an integral role in our children's lives and development without inhibiting or skewing God's holy, creative work.

Welcome
June



"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him."

Psalm 28:7

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Book Club



Shelf Indulgence book club will meet on Thurs. June 23 at 1 p.m. in The Gathering Place (enter through the front office.) We will discuss "The Hunting Party" by Lucy Foley. If you would like to be a part of the book club, contact Betty Kilby, or just arrive, all are welcome.

Music Spotlight

Our Youth and high school seniors sang beautifully for graduate Sunday! Thank you, Anabelle, Lily Kate and Evan for your faithfulness to Youth and Youth Choir these last 4 years...we will MISS you! Our Chancel Choir will be singing through the month of June and will have our favorite guest soloist, Ahlivia McMillan singing with them on June 19. Mark your calendar!

Very Special Thanks

To my dear Church Family:

It is with a grateful heart that I write this thank you note. How could I have ever gotten through Art's illness and passing without my loving and caring Church Family. Your notes, cards and texts of encouraging words, sustained us through a difficult time. We appreciated the visits, delicious food and daily prayers and memorial gifts to honor his name.

Thank you to Bert for being there for us right to the very end. Thank you also for making it such a meaningful and memorable service through your amazing gift of telling the story of Art's life.

The joy and love of God in a Choir Director can only spill over into its choir. That's what makes us a choir family. Larisa has taught us to love one another, encourage one another and pray for one another. It was such a blessing to have our choir family come together and show their love and support through their beautiful music. Thank you, Larisa and Tammy, for making that happen. Many thanks, too for the beautiful selection of Gospel hymns, which were Art's favorites.

Many thanks, also to my Sunday School Class, The Empty Nesters, and all that they did, along with the choir, to make things easier for me and my family.

Last but not least, love and appreciation to Katie Rash, for the beautiful program used in the service. She always goes beyond the extra mile and what is required.

God is so good and He has blessed me and my family through your wonderful kindnesses.

My love,
Di Earp

Fast Food Fridays

Youth Fast Food Fridays are back! Youth will meet under the Portico at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays (unless otherwise noted on the calendar).



Father's Day Giveaway

Come enter your favorite dad in the FBC Library Father's Day giveaway. We are giving away the book, "Stand Strong: 365 Devotions for Men by Men." When pressure rises from the expectations of life, men need to know that they can stand strong in the power of the Lord. They need to know that they can accomplish what God has planned for their lives. An inspirational book for any father of any age. Stop by the library to enter the drawing to be given away on Father's Day.

Vespers at Fort Hamby

Ann Shelter

June 22
6:30 p.m.

We are so excited have Vespers again at the Fort Hamby Ann Picnic Shelter. Join us 6/22 at 6:30 p.m. for worship, music, food surrounded by God's beautiful scenery. Please bring a dish to share. Parking is \$5 per vehicle, so you may want to carpool. Can't wait to see you all there!

FIRST KIDS FUN DAYS

This summer, FBC will have 5 First Kids Fun Days. Each Fun Day will be full of fun, fellowship, and adventure! Our first FKFD will be on June 8 starting at 9:30 am. We will fill visitor baskets for the waiting rooms at Wilkes Medical Center/Atrium Health. We will have lunch at Chick-Fil-A, so please send lunch money. We will then come back to the church for a Bible lesson, a craft, and games. Please follow this link: <https://vbspro.events/p/fkfd4>, to register for this event no later than June 6th. We will be using the church van, so space is limited. If you have any questions, please call Jamie directly at 336-466-2974.



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

We met for the last time on Sundays today just for the Summer. During this time we will get together on Fridays for 'Fast Food Fridays'. On these days we meet at the church at 11:30, hop on the church van and head out for fast food. We then come back to the church and play games and just be together. Occasionally on another day we may go hiking, go to the lake, or take a picnic lunch somewhere. The main thing is we just keep getting together and supporting each other!

Congratulations to our 2022 Scholarship Recipients

The James Huffman Family and the Hubert Billings Scholarships were presented to Anabelle Higginbotham.

The Dr. Conrad & Elizabeth Shaw and the Hal B. Hawkins Scholarships were presented to Lily Kate Young.

SUMMERTIME MEANS VESPERS!!!

One of the favorite long-held traditions of First Baptist Church is its monthly Vespers Services through the summer. For our newest members, we gather at an outdoor site with tables and seating for a covered dish supper beginning at 6:30pm (the church provides drinks, napkins, cups, cutlery, etc.), which is followed by a song or two and a short devotional message by the pastor. Members often come early and/or stay late to allow for extra time to talk and catch up with one another. Following is a brief description of the Vespers Locations and Dates planned for this summer:

Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m., at Fort Hamby Park, Ann Picnic Shelter at the W. Kerr Scott Reservoir. The Ann Shelter is a sturdy and large shelter with scenic views of the lake and easy access to bathrooms. Those wishing to swim in the lake are welcome to bring bathing suits and do so. Because this is a state park, there is a \$5 charge per vehicle to enter. We will make driving directions available as the date gets closer.

Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m., we will gather for Vespers at **Summit on Cross Mountain** in West Jefferson (the beautiful wedding venue recently opened by Jo Ann Johnson, Larisa's mother). Not only does it offer excellent facilities and breathtaking views, it should also afford us cool mountain breezes to beat the summer heat. Once again, this will be a covered dish meal followed by a short devotional service. We will provide driving directions as the time draws near.

Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m., we will return to where it all began in **Doughton Park.** The church will provide tables, drinks, cups, napkins, cutlery, etc., but each person will need to bring a lawn chair or a blanket on which to sit. Though a little more rustic, this site does have accessible restrooms, stunning sunsets, and a trail for a short hike. As part of this Vespers Service we also will observe the Lord's Supper together. We will provide driving directions. There is no need to sign up for Vespers, just bring enough food for your family and a few more folks (we really like to eat!)

CREATING THE DEACON BALLOT

Church members who have been members more than one year have until Wednesday, June 15, to remove their names from the Deacon Ballot by either calling Katie Rash in the church office, emailing Katie at katie1fbc@gmail.com, or sending a letter to P.O. Box 458 in North Wilkesboro. It is my hope and prayer that most members will agree to leave their names on the ballot so that we have the strongest list of potential deacons from which to choose: however, I recognize that there are legitimate mitigating factors that prevent members from serving in this capacity. If you do not remove your name and you are elected, you will be expected to serve. Please be prayerful about this important decision.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDURING GIFTS

Weekly Report May 22, 2022

Designated Receipts	1,119.39
Budget Receipts	2,810.00
Weekly Budget Needed	9,616.23
Budget needed to Date	201,940.85
Budget Received to Date	187,341.55

Donations to Enduring Gifts/Rainy Day Fund

Memorials

In Memory of Robert Wyke

Given by Ala Sue Wyke

In Memory of Keith Wyke

Given by Ala Sue Wyke

In Memory of Marie Blevins

Given by Ala Sue Wyke, Hope Coffey

In Memory of Bishop Bullock

Given by Bertha Gene Elledge, Linda Bentley, David & Beth Reynolds

In Memory of David Braswell

Given by John T. Wayland SS Class, Linda Bentley, Laura & Jim Davenport, 2nd Tuesday Bridge Club, Celia Maddry, Jimmy & Beth Webb, Ala Sue Wyke, Barbara McKenzie, Rita Jennings, Mickey Bentley

In Memory of David Braswell (cont.)

Anderson, Nelson & Valerie Granade, Vivian Collins, Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Bentley, Tamara Johnson, Sue Hedrick, Leslie Aniya, Lib Shaw, Mark & Pam Coughenour, Gail Harris, Hope Coffey

In Memory Jeremy Barnes

Given by Linda Bentley, Hope Coffey

In Memory of Jim Bentley

Given by Lloyd & Kim Sharp, Gail Harris, Hope Coffey

In Memory of Madge Canter (Mother's Day)

Given by Marie Canter

In Memory of Bob & Lou Toliver

Given by Nelson & Valerie Granade, Hope Coffey

In Memory of Sylvia Cranor

Given by Ginger Edmiston

In Memory of Beverly Shew

Given by Bill & Martha Myers, Gail Harris, Lloyd & Kim Sharp, Hope Coffey

In Memory of Abigail Shew

Given by Hope Coffey

In Memory of Doris Moree

Given by David & Beth Reynolds

In Memory of Kenneth Goodman

Given by David & Beth Reynolds

In Memory of Kendal Baker (Debra's Niece), Gene Bell,

John Bentley, Art Earp, Thurman Horner, Gordon

Miller, Eugene Reavis, Rebecca Sharp, Mary Warren

Given by Hope Coffey

Honorariums

In Honor of Barbara McKenzie

Given by Ala Sue Wyke

In Honor of Bettie Braswell

Given by Ala Sue Wyke

In Honor of Bert Young (birthday May 10)

Given by Barbara McKenzie

In Honor of Pat Handy

Given by Barbara McKenzie

In Honor of Diane Swaim (birthday May 19)

Given by Philathea SS Class

In Honor of TLC

Given by Shirley Deal

In Honor of Bert Young

Given by Shirley Deal

In Honor of the FBC Choir

Given by Di Earp